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**Edison's First Marriage.**

The story of Edison's first marriage shows how completely he is dominated by the experimenting fever. He had never thought of getting married, but when some of his friends urged upon him the advisability of taking a wife he assented and said that if they would find a nice girl he would marry her. He finally picked out a pleasant faced girl from his factory and asked her to marry him. She consented, and Edison agreed to leave his beloved laboratory for a day's wedding trip. On the way from the chapel in which they were married to the railway station the carriage passed the laboratory.

The temptation was too much. Edison stopped the carriage and, telling the bride that he would follow her to the station in time to catch the train, he plunged into some experiment that had occurred to him during the church services. Hour after hour passed. The poor bride waited all the afternoon in the station and was then driven back to the house. It was 11 o'clock at night before his assistants could tear Edison away from his laboratory and get him home.

When he is at work Edison loses all count of time. He will keep the whole establishment on a rush for hours at a stretch, and seems astonished when any one hints that it might be well to get something to eat. He is capable of working all day and night without showing fatigue.—Chicago Journal.

**Speed and Form in Ships.**

The primary condition for high speed is fineness of form, so that the water at the bow of the vessel may be separated and thrown to one side and brought to rest again at the stern and behind the vessel with the least possible disturbance, and the measure of efficiency of form for the maximum speed intended is inversely at the height of the waves of disturbance.

A ship that has been designed to attain a speed of fifteen knots will, when moving at twelve knots, show a very slight disturbance indeed, and in one designed for eighteen knots, when moving at this lower speed, it will be scarcely observable; but however fine the lines of a ship may be, she must at every speed produce some disturbance, although it may be very slight, as the water displaced by her must be raised above the normal level and replaced at the normal level; hence, at or near the bow of a ship there is always the crest of a wave, and at or near the stern the hollow of one.

When a vessel is going at its maximum speed, and is properly designed for that speed, the wave should not be very high, nor should it extend beyond the immediate neighborhood of the bow; likewise the wave of replacement should be the same at or near the stern of a ship, and the "wake" or disturbance of water left behind in the track of the ship should be narrow.—A. E. Seaton in Scribner's.

**The Russians Good Linguists.**

Charles Emory Smith, United States minister to Russia, speaking of incidents of his residence abroad, said: "I should say that the Russians were a contented people, and I may add, from what I saw, the stories of the nihilistic societies are greatly exaggerated. Of course, it must be remembered that I am judging only from cities like St. Petersburg, whose population is 1,000,000, and Moscow, whose population is 800,000, while the total population of the country is something over 100,000,000."

"Did you find any difficulty with the language?" he was asked.

"I did not have to try," said Mr. Smith with a smile. "Russian children generally have a German nurse, an English governess, and French tutor, so that by the time that they appear in society they are masters of these languages. The czar himself speaks English remarkably well."—Philadelphia Times.

**A Cat That Plays the Piano.**

Milton Moshier, of Shelton, Conn., heard sounds from his piano the other morning, and knowing that no one was in the room he began to be a believer in spirits. On investigation he found his cat prancing up and down on the keyboard, seemingly delighted at the sounds produced. After that she was watched, and whenever the piano is left open she will play upon it to the best of her ability.—Cor. New York Sun.

**Mr. Brookmeyer Cut It Short.**

When Lieutenant Governor Norman J. Colman was about to close his career as president of the state senate he deemed it an appropriate occasion on which to define his political platform and to discuss the theories of government. He arose to speak at 11:30 o'clock. His successor, the Hon. H. C. Brookmeyer, occupied an anteroom, ready to be inaugurated when summoned by the senate. He was also primed with a speech that was to be the effort of his life.

Governor Colman had just finished his "thanks" at 11:45 o'clock. At noon he was saying, "And, in the second place, fellow citizens," Mr. Brookmeyer grew more and more nervous. He paced up and down the narrow confines of the anteroom, and sent out messengers to ascertain when Mr. Colman would quit. At 12:15 o'clock Mr. Colman was beginning to classify his subject into subdivisions, and at 12:30 he had plunged into the tariff with all the enthusiasm of his ardent democratic nature.

Mr. Brookmeyer was furious. His opportunity was gone, and his remarks were unfit for publication. At 12:45 Mr. Colman closed, with an eloquent peroration, and then sent a committee to escort Mr. Brookmeyer to the senate chamber. Mr. Colman's face was wreathed in smiles as he introduced "the lieutenant governor of Missouri," but the lieutenant governor wore a savage look which boded no good. After the brief ceremonies of swearing in, Mr. Brookmeyer frowned at Mr. Colman, glared at his audience, and said sharply: "Senators, I hope to have the forbearance and assistance of this distinguished body in the administration of its affairs. The senate will stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock."

Rap! Rap! Rap!

And the shortest inaugural speech on record had passed into the official report of the senate's proceedings.—St. Louis Republic.

**Costs in Theaters.**

What ought one to do with one's coat, hat and umbrella on entering a restaurant or other place of entertainment? What one ought not to do is to hang them on the nearest peg. However invitingly these conveniences may offer themselves, it is at your own risk that you intrust your property to their keeping. You have no remedy if (as will sometimes happen even in the best regulated restaurants) somebody makes off with them, leaving a very inferior assortment of articles behind. If, however, a polite waiter offers to help one off with one's coat, all is well. If he takes your property and hangs it up for you he does so as an agent of his employers, and you can recover from them if it disappears.

This principle has been asserted for theatrical cloak rooms by a decision against Mr. Augustus Harris in the Westminster county court. A gentleman had left his coat and hat with Mr. Harris—that is, in Mr. Harris' cloak room—on the occasion of one of the fancy dress balls at Covent Garden. They disappeared. He had to leave without his property, and has only lately and partially got some of it back. His honor said (we are glad to see) it was monstrous to say that merely nominal damages were sufficient.—Pall Mall Budget.

**Why Called "Omnibus."**

The father of the popular name "omnibus," according to Richard Kaufmann's story of "The Omnibus in Paris," was a certain M. Baudry, of Nantes, at the beginning of our century. The Pascal coaches, which obtained a monopoly from the king in 1663 for carrying his subjects at five sous a head, along three different routes in Paris, were first used by the bourgeoisie. But after a few years gentlemen and ladies of high birth and courtly breeding ruled that it was not vulgar to ride in a Pascal chariot or "five sous coach."

The use of these public conveyances by the "quality" was noted as an important event in the journals of the time; but it resulted in the exclusion of the common people from them, and the virtual appropriation of these privileged coaches by the aristocrats. The favor of "the classes" ruined the monopoly, however, which only paid so long as its coaches were crowded by the masses, or "omnes." So the Pascal chariot disappeared from the streets of Paris because it had ceased to be omnibus, or a democratic vehicle.—Pall Mall Gazette.

**Only One Boss.**

Feddler—Is the boss of the house in? Bridget—She is, an' yer talking to her. "But I mean the other boss." "Sure, they only keep one girl here."—Yonkers Statesman.

**THE HOUSEHOLDER'S DIFFICULTY.**

**A Comparison of the Old Way and the New Way of Buying and Selling.**

Any householder, whose happiness it is to pay for the supplies of a family must be aware of the extreme difficulty of getting with any certainty a steadily good article of almost any sort. It is easier in the case of luxuries, for the reason that for those the demand is more limited, the number of purchasers smaller, the number of producers correspondingly small and the chance of tracking bad work or untruthful statements greater. But for the things which every one must have, and which most must have as cheap as may be, buying is a lottery with a miserable prevalence of blanks.

You can get virtuous butter for a dollar a pound, but the search for eatable butter at forty cents a pound is a weary and depressing pursuit. It is the same with the innumerable articles of clothing and materials of clothing. From the hat that grows gray in a month's service to the shoe soles that will not stand a day's rough tramping, the things that are turned out in large quantities for "the million" are not trustworthy.

I think the chief reason is that in our complex and widely ramified system of exchanges the producer and the consumer rarely come into direct relation with each other. The former rarely knows, and still more rarely cares, for the opinion the latter may have of him, of his methods, his character and his goods. The seller deals today with one set of buyers, tomorrow with another, and so on, and the buyers change their places of purchase with the greatest frequency.

The relation indicated by the old-fashioned words "custom" and "customer" is dying out, and with it the possibility of accountability and the hope of profitable honesty. The type of modern retail dealing is that most abominable device the "bargain counter," where cheapness, real or imagined, is the main thing considered.—Scribner's.

**A Blissful Ignorance.**

Nature has evidently done wisely in hiding tomorrow behind an impenetrable night. What a dismal plight it would be for Flora to foresee Reginald's angry impatience and possible profanity in the sudden May day shower, and so for an incident which has not yet occurred to feel that she must give him the mitten! We can hear the poor girl sobbing, "Reginald, I love thee, but never more be author of mine." But why, in the summer moonlight, as they loiter by the sea and breathe the lover's vow, should they listen for the laugh of fate? Why, because of that unfallen shower of May upon furniture yet unstuffed, should they lose the hour which, whatever befalls, will be theirs forever? Why should Flora know Reginald except as time gradually reveals him?

Would you have her see today the thin white hair on the shining dome that shall tomorrow replace this brown luxuriance of curls? Would you have her grieve untimely at that ponderous form which shall hereafter supersede this slight and elastic figure? Would it be better for her or for him if she could hear the sharp, impatient word that from those tender lips she never yet has heard!

Who knows? Perhaps that she has never suspected the possibility of that sharp word may make it impossible. Who knows? Perhaps when May day moving comes there may be no sudden shower.—George William Curtis in Harper's.

**A Huge Turtle.**

About two miles below the junction, in this county, can be found a deep hole of water in Current river, in which a large turtle, measuring about four feet across the back, has been seen at different times for the last fifty years. Various plans have been devised and put into execution to capture the tortoise, but up to the present time to no avail, as he seems to be proof against spikes, spears, gigs, gunpowder and dynamite.

A few days since a hunter residing in that neighborhood, while passing along near the river bank, espied his turtleship basking in the sunshine on the root of a large oak. Quickly bringing his Winchester to his shoulder (a 48-caliber) he fired, the ball striking the monster fairly between the eyes. But judge of his chagrin and surprise when the turtle, instead of tumbling over dead, quietly let go his hold and swam away as placidly and unconcerned as if he had been thumped by a gravel.

Upon examination the hunter found that the ball, after striking the turtle, had glanced upward and imbedded itself in the body of the oak to a depth of six inches. It is supposed that the monster shellfish made his way up from the Mississippi river in the great freshet in the spring of 1841.—Eminence (Mo.) Current Wave.

**How Hair Is Bleached.**

It will be observed that, if the papilla is obstructed or incrustated with deposits from the sweat glands, such as sodium chloride or organic salts, the sebaceous secretion not being able to reach the papilla the hair is deprived of its coloring material. This we believe to be one of the most common causes of blanching of the hair. The skin eliminates a small quantity of salts, a little carbonic acid and a large quantity of water. The average amount of solids, according to Foster, in the fluid perspiration or sweat, is about 1.81 per cent., consisting of common salt and organic salts generally.—Hyland C. Kirk in New York Times.

**Taking Out Summer Stains.**

Now that the children are ruining their pretty frocks with fruit stains, the following easy method of taking the unsightly blotches out of white material may be found useful. Moisten the spot and hold it under a burning match and the sulphurous gas will cause the stain to disappear. This will not do, however, for colored goods, as it will take out the color. But if, while the stain is fresh, you put it over a cup and pour boiling water through it, it will almost always take out the spot if it is done before washing. Soap almost invariably fixes any stain.

It is well, too, to remember at this season of the year that you can prevent your pretty new gingham from fading if you let them lie for several hours in water in which has been dissolved a goodly quantity of salt. Half a pint of salt to a quart of boiling water is the rule. Put the dress in it while it is hot, and after several hours wring it out dry and wash as usual.—New York Tribune.

**She Held the First Salon.**

The late Mrs. Coventry Waddell was said to be the first New York lady who ever held a salon. By birth, position and fortune she was eminently fitted for the place she held in society before her husband's loss of fortune. Every one of note in fashionable, artistic or literary circles might be met at her receptions. Of late years, since her husband's death, Mrs. Waddell had gone into society a little and had entertained quietly at her home in Fifteenth street. She was generous to a fault, and in spite of her reduced circumstances gave largely to benevolent objects.—Harper's Bazar.

**Girls and Reciprocity.**

The aim of all true friends of Rochester is to make it a manly college. We have quite enough little girls and women here already; hence we do not want any more. Again, this is not a matrimonial agency. We have several married men within our walls, and could you but hear them as they pour their woes into our sympathetic ear, you would surely have pity on us and withdraw your marshaled forces.

Finally, sisters, we believe in reciprocity. Admit us to Vassar and Wellesley, let us prepare for college in Livingston Park seminary and Miss Doolittle's, and we, with open arms, will say come and welcome.—Rochester Campus.

**White Hair Turning Black.**

A most singular freak of nature has manifested itself here. Mrs. Mary Francis, when she was young and also while she was in the prime of life, had very black eyes and a beautiful head of very black hair. She is about seventy years old now, is in good health and a rich widow. When she was about fifty her hair began to turn as white as snow, and so remained until about a year ago, when it began to turn black again, and has now, without the use of any artificial means and purely as a freak of nature, almost wholly returned to its original dark color, and is as long and silky as when she was a young woman.—Saratoga Cor. Albany Journal.

**Salt Water Good for Cleaning.**

Rattan and willow chairs should be cleaned, like straw matting, with salt and water. First thoroughly remove the dust; then wring a clean cloth out of salt and water, rubbing chair or matting dry with the other hand as you go on, or at any rate, as quickly as you can, so that it may retain none of the moisture.—New York Journal.

**A Horn Diplomat.**

"Did you give your schoolmaster anything during the holidays?" "Yes," said the bad little boy, "I gave him a bottle of lotion to soften his hands."—New York Epoch.

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