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GARGOYLES OF NOTRE DAME.

These Grotesque Forms Were Cut by
Frampton, an Englishman.

Perhaps few cathedrals at home or abroad possess on their exterior so many curious grotesques as does Notre Dame, and scarcely any visitor to Paris leaves that fair city without being more or less impressed by them.

Probably the majority, if they have a thought at all upon the subject, put these down as part and parcel of the original fabric, which dates from 1163. But such is not really the case. The majority are comparatively modern and, curiously enough, were not carved by French craftsmen at all, but by an Englishman named Frampton, a clever artificer who has long since gone to his rest.

About the middle of the last century a then well known London contractor named George Myers obtained the commission to build a large mansion near Paris for a member of the Rothschild family. In its erection he employed on the spot a large number of English workers, whom he sent from London for that purpose. Frampton was one of them.

About the same time that prince of continental architects, the late Viollet le Duc, was engaged on the renovation of the exterior of Notre Dame. When the Rothschild work was completed the architect in question, whose attention had already been attracted by Frampton's skill, offered the latter a position among the cathedral staff then at work there.

This perhaps was the more readily accepted, for during his sojourn in that country Frampton had taken to himself a French wife. Almost the first thing he did in the employ was to produce a new grotesque in place of a mutilated old gargoyle, and Viollet le Duc was so pleased with the spirit thrown into it that he kept Frampton upon that particular kind of work.—Harry Sterns in the Guardian.

Changed His Taste.

The Empress Eugenie, whom Napoleon III. chose to share his throne, had a ready wit. A distinguished senator on being asked what he thought of the speech in which Napoleon had declared his marriage intention to the deputies, replied:

"A fine speech—excellent! But I prefer the sauce to the fish," meaning that Napoleon's words were better than his choosing of a bride.

Some weeks later, at a dinner given at the Tuileries, this senator was seated next to the empress, who, observing that after having been helped to the turbot he declined the sauce, said to him, smiling roguishly:

"Monsieur, I thought it was the sauce you liked and not the fish."

With rare presence of mind the senator hesitated but a moment.

"A mistake, madame," he said, "for which I am now trying to make amends."

The Microscope.

There is good reason to believe that the magnifying power of transparent media with convex surfaces was very early known. A convex lens of rock crystal was found by Lazard among the ruins of the palace of Nimrod. And it is pretty certain that after the invention of glass hollow spheres blown of that material were commonly used as magnifiers. The perfection of gem cutting shown in ancient gems, especially in those of very minute size, could not have been attained without the use of such aids to the eye, and there can be little doubt that the artificers who could execute those wonderful works could also shape and polish the magnifiers best suited for their own or others' use.

Unappetizing.

A war veteran went back to the small town home of his boyhood to attend a banquet given by the old boys. The diners were all men he had known as youngsters. He expected them to talk over old times. Instead, one talked incessantly about his bad liver, another discoursed on his weak heart, a third had a lot to say about his kidney trouble, and so it went. When the veteran returned to his home he was asked how he enjoyed the banquet. "Banquet!" he replied, showing vexation. "It wasn't a banquet; it was an organ recital."—Buffalo Commercial.

A Possibility.

Old Nancy Doane was noted for the striking originality of some of her expressions. One day she was talking about the utter inanity of another old woman in the neighborhood, and she said:

"I never see her beat! She'll lop down in a cheer, an' there she'll set an' set an' set, doin' absolutely nothin' fer hours an' hours, day after day. 'Tou my soul, I sh'd think she'd milder!"

LEXINGTON ITEMS.

Joe Pickett is back in Lexington after a trip to Central Oregon.

Miss Vesta Cutsforth came in on Xmas night and visited her sister Mrs. Maude Painter a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Doak of Stanfield returned to their home after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Doak over Christmas.

Mr. Dunn and sister who have been visiting Mrs. Joseph Burgoyne over Christmas returned on Saturday morning to their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and family arrived on Sunday night's train. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are the new proprietors of the former Gould ranch.

Among those who were Portland visitors for Xmas were Mr. and Mrs. George White, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burchell, Mr. and Mrs. Galy Johnson and Miss Nettie Davis.

What kind of a winter are we going to have? Some prophesy a cold winter and others think this snow a sign of a mild winter. This question seems to be the argument now days.

On December 31, at the hall a series of short plays was given, games indulged in until the passing of the old year and then all welcomed the New Year. Here's wishing all a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

The Christmas exercises at both churches were very good and greatly appreciated by everyone present. Old Santa at the Methodist church greeted the children kindly and promised to see them all again next year.

Miss Bissel, one of our public school teachers left Wednesday morning for California to visit her parents. As school was not closed for the holidays until Wednesday night, Mr. Stephen Doak had charge of Miss Bissel's room during the day.

Miss Clara Masen accompanied by her parents, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Burchell for the holidays. The Masens have been in Lexington before and made many friends and these friends wish that they may find time and call on them before their return to their home in Portland.

IRRIGON.

Carrie McCoy spent Christmas in Umatilla.

Mr. Graybeal and Mr. Baucum went to Umatilla Monday to haul coal.

Rev. C. M. Steves, of Goldendale, Wash held revival meetings in the church last week.

Mrs. Harvey Walpole and Frances Walpole took a short business trip to Pendleton last week.

Miss Bertha Mock has returned to her home in Dayton after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Johnson.

The Christmas entertainment at the church was a big success and it was well attended. Santa Claus did his part well for the little folks.

Mr. Kicker butchered a big beef last Saturday. The supply of stock is rapidly diminishing under the ruthless knife of the butcher.

Miss Hill spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Haver. There is an air about her that we can't quite fathom the meaning of, since she came back.

There was a fine dance enjoyed by the young people of the town at the E. & W. hall Christmas night. That it was the best dance of the season is reported by those who attended.

Earl Rand will leave for Corvallis next Saturday to continue his studies at the O. A. C. Earl is a very interested student at the college and says that he intends to finish the four year course there.

Mr. L. M. Davis has brought up a couple of trances from Castle Rock. The boys seem to find considerable pleasure in trying to outdo the next one in holding on while the process of breaking is going on.

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Long Creek Ranger:—Word was received here yesterday that Mrs. W. W. the of Monument fell off of the side walk Tuesday and broke her left leg just above the knee. This will probably prove to be a very serious fracture as Mrs. White was already a cripple and she will be very fortunate if she is ever able to use that limb as the fracture was on her afflicted side.

A letter received by the G. T. this week announces that Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Quaid, of Portland, are at present visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Katie Hofen in Oakland, Calif. They expect to go on to Southern California a little later to spend the remainder of the winter.

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