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Artistic Errors.

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Odd Use for Seashell.

One South Salem radio enthusiast has a loud speaker which he made from a large seashell. The shell, which is in itself a valuable possession and has been in the man's family for years, has been connected simply with a bit of rubber tape and some wires. It is a most satisfactory, as well as attractive loud speaker. — Boston Globe.

How to Make a Poem.

We should manage our thoughts in composing a poem as shepherds do their flowers in making a garland; first select the choicest, and then dispose them in the proper places, where they give a luster to each other; like the feathers in Indian crowns, which are so managed that every one reflects a part of its color and gloss on the next. — Pope.

The Cycle.

Presentation, conversation, fascination, osculation, declaration, jubilation, preparation, solemnization, collation, habitation, installation, visitation, disputation, irritation, detestation, consultation, litigation, separation. — Boston Transcript.

Not Explained.

It is not revealed whether the Boston financier who left \$1,000 to educate his son's fiancée in cookery was a victim of his own wife's biscuits or just the monotonous diet of codfish and Boston baked. — Louisville Courier-Journal.

French Tricolor.

The tricolor was chosen as the national emblem of France because it combines the colors of the nation and its capital. Red and blue are the colors of Paris, while white is the color of France.

Gave Name to University.

Brown university, founded in 1764, at Providence, Rhode Island, was known as Rhode Island college until 1804, when its name was changed in honor of Nicholas Brown, American merchant, who had given it \$100,000.

The Fruits.

"I have thought, and thought, and come to some very ridiculous conclusions. — E. W. Howe's Monthly.

Erased!

A letter inclosing sixpence in stamps, received by a Romford (Eng.) tradesman, read: "When a child I stole a piece of india rubber from your shop. Please accept inclosed as restitution."

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COLLAPSE OF BILLIE BUTTONS

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WILLIAM BURTON, to his intimates Billie Burton, or oftener Billie Buttons, was the adored son of his mother. It was she who had created the myth of his feeble health, thus withholding him from the practice of law; though there were those of his friends who held that Billie had become a barrister merely by way of passing two more pleasant years at the university. He was a good boy, his mother would say, with the innocent conviction that Billie's goodness gilded his ineffectuality. But with it all he was no fool, when he was not giving a representation of Sousa's band on a mouth-harp, Billie could discuss, with enthusiasm, some dry-as-bones essay in a British review.

Being a good boy, he did not pine for riotous companions, but all of the force of his sweet, shallow nature spent itself in adoration of whatever girl happened to be at hand. She need not necessarily be a pretty girl, Billie Buttons was an idealist who could read beauty into anything of the feminine shape. How he had escaped captivity was a mystery, for Billie was lovable as well as loving; but by a sort of guileless guilefulness he always managed to elude matrimony. With their modest income, the maintenance of a third party would have been an inconvenience to both Billie and his mother.

I first met the pair, mother and son, at the beach, where, to the murmur of moon-kissed waves, Billie was warbling love songs to a winsome debutante. It was unethical in Billie's eyes to make love to two girls at once, but he continually felt the need of another girl to whom he might chant the praises of his lady when the lady herself was unavailable; hence his reputation as a flirt, it being difficult for the public to differentiate between what Billie termed a "rare friendship" and a love affair. But I, who have played second fiddle to Billie through many summers, can testify to his single-heartedness.

Last June, as I traveled toward a secluded valley of the Blue Ridge, I thought, with a lonely pang, of Billie, his arduous had so become a part of my vacation. Upon arriving at the little mountain inn, however, I was rejoiced by the sight of a pair of lovers lounging in the shadow of a patriarchal fir. The devoted pose was unmistakable. Billie Buttons again held the center of my stage.

The leading lady this time was a fascinating little Creole, who had fled from the heat of her Louisiana plantation.

"She has an unpronounceable little French name, so I call her Mollie—my Mollie Bawn," said Billie, when it was time for me to be confided in. "I've made a little verse about her:

In the golden summertime,
Mollie stole my heart from me
Now she glories in the crime,
Calls it petty larceny.

"Oh, Billie, Billie! what a fit artist you are. You cribbed that out of an old magazine. I know the woman who wrote it."

"Really, you are unkind," protested Billie. "If I read it, it was longer ago than I can remember. I thought I'd written it myself."

"But, as for your Mollie Bawn, why don't you marry her? She is irresistible."

"And she has a sugar plantation," supplemented Billie, contentedly.

"It's time you were settling down; you are almost forty, aren't you, Billie?"

"Almost forty, and a worse spoiled boy than I was at twenty," his tone was bitter. "I've gray hairs and I've crow's feet, and still I am nothing but Billie Buttons."

"Soon to be Mr. William Burton, the sugar king."

Billie, grinning foolishly, dropped the sore subject of his ineffectuality.

To one who had followed the intricacies of Billie's love-makings through the seasons, the difference in this case was significant. He was humbled, unsure of himself. The little heiress' plantation made marriage with her possible, yet it was not for her money that Billie would marry her, he was genuinely and seriously in love. As his devotion increased so did his self-depreciation, until his chivalrous notion that he should protect her against himself made it doubtful whether he would ever ask her to marry him.

Despite his qualms he was deliriously happy. But just as the tide leading on to fortune was at its flow, it received a terrific check.

The rural deliveryman had handed out his letters, for Billie a single letter in a determined hand. At sight of the writing he paled, after reading it he was white to the lips, with a look of fright in his round childlike eyes. Presently he disappeared down the rhododendron walk.

"I'm afraid Mr. Burton has had bad news," murmured the little Creole, troubled, wistful to share his sorrow with him.

Night had fallen before Billie reappeared to beckon me out to the shadow of the fir: "Partner, I'm in the deuce of a fix."

Explanation was long in coming, finally: "You remember my mother was so ill in the spring? We had a trained nurse for her, a Miss Mallada

Evans. She was capable, and er—strong-minded. She looked like a horse."

"But horses are beautiful, Billie."

"Not when they are gaunt and raw-boned," miserably.

"Then how did you happen—"

"She saved my mother's life," with despairing finality. "Poor little mother had nervous prostration, and was so set on dying that I was out of my wits with anxiety. Then Miss Evans came to boss her into getting well."

"Still, I don't quite understand your obligation."

"I was so eternally grateful, I held her she was an angel. I—held her hand oftener than was prudent. I was so upset, see?"

"But that was weeks ago."

"I told her if she was ever near to send for me. She's sent."

"Where is she?"

"Over in Asheville nursing a 'bug.'"

"Nursing what?"

"A tubercular patient. She will be whiter and starchier than ever, and smell of antiseptics." Every fiber in his being cringed.

"Billie, she is a designing old maid, she shan't have you!" I cried, in passionate protest. "You've wiggled out of worse scrapes than this. Surely you aren't going?"

"I was never up against a Miss Evans before. I'm afraid I am going."

There was a deadly suffocating quality in his misery, before which argument shriveled in despair. The woman must have hypnotized him.

The next morning Billie was gone without a word of farewell.

A few weeks later a suspiciously heavy white envelope came to me. From its steel-clad contents, I learned of the marriage at the Battery Park of Miss Mallada Evans and Mr. William Burton.

Poor Billie Buttons!

Rare Animal Specimen

Added to London "Zoo"

A very rare animal has recently arrived at the London Zoological gardens in the form of a pangolin, or scaly antelope.

With the exception of a solitary specimen which survived only two or three days, this extraordinary beast has not been extra-ordinarily in the collection for half a century.

It is difficult to believe that the pangolin is really a mammal, for, save on the underparts, it is covered with overlapping bony scales, arranged in diamond-shaped scales, and looks more like a reptile or a miniature of some prehistoric monster.

The animal is destitute of teeth, and is in the habit of licking up ants and termites with a long and worm-like tongue.

Owing to the enormous number of these insects required to satisfy the appetite of a pangolin, the zoo specimen, which comes from Hongkong, will have to content itself with mock meals, composed of mashed meat and milk flavored with the dried pupae of ants familiarly known as "ants' eggs."

Burke Given Credit

for "Fourth Estate"

In this country there is really but one "estate." Legally, at least, no one citizen has a greater voice than another in public affairs. In Great Britain the "estates of the realm" are three in number—the lords spiritual, or the noblemen, the lords temporal, or the churchmen, and the commons. The term "fourth estate," as applied to the newspaper press in reference to its political influence, is said to have originated with Edmund Burke, while speaking in the house of commons. Or at least Carlyle credited it to him, though it does not appear in Burke's published works.

"Burke said there were three estates in parliament," wrote Carlyle in "Hero Worship," gallery five, "but in the reporters' gallery yonder there sat a fourth estate, more important far than they all."

Tesla's Opinion of Women

Women will soon be the dominant sex, with men relegated to the ornamental but useful position of drones, predicts Nikola Tesla, famous inventor. Seeing a trim, efficient young woman coolly filling a position of trust and responsibility with a big firm and watching a drug-store sheik strut by with wide-bottomed trousers and a multi-colored vest, makes one think Mr. Tesla may know what he is talking about. Anyway, women are the predominant sex in many countries since the World war. — Capper's Weekly.

Warnings Made Vivid

A gruesome poster has been issued by the Johannesburg department of health, warning the people against plague. "Death," armed with a sickle and surrounded by rays of the dying sun, is printed on a sheet of white paper, and underneath, in English and Dutch, is the warning to kill rats and mice. Instructions are given how to deal with dead rats found in the yard, how to lay poison, and how to make barns and storerooms rat-proof. People are told that they must report the finding of a dead rat to the police or nearest official.

Apocryphic

The rumor spread about that a woman of uncertain age, whose chances of matrimony were rather remote, was going to be married. Meeting a friend, she was asked what it really true.

"Well, not exactly," she replied, "but thank heaven for the rumor!" — Tit Bits.

DAIRY FACTS

PROTEINS NEEDED FOR DAIRY COWS

Many dairymen overlook the fact that summer pastures supply an insufficient amount of proteins to enable a dairy cow to give her best production, according to the National Dairy Council in advocating that some grain rations be used at all times to supplement grasses, even if alfalfa, clover, soy beans or other legume crops are being pastured.

Prof. W. J. Fraser of the University of Illinois has made an interesting statement to emphasize this fact to dairymen. He referred to a pasture experiment made during two weeks of mid-summer by the Illinois experiment station, and summarizes the results thus:

"It would have required 30 acres of pasture to support an ordinary cow. If the cow is to graze over this area every week, she would have to travel 30 miles a day and have a muzzle two feet wide."

Prof. J. J. Hooper of the Kentucky experiment station made a similar observation, to determine how much grass a dairy cow required. He clipped some grass with a pair of shears and was surprised at the area required to yield 100 pounds, the amount needed by a milk a day.

"I had to clip 800 square feet of blue grass," states Professor Hooper, "the heads of which stood 15 inches high. All the blades were not this high, but the seed heads were. I clipped as close as a cow would graze, and the grass was good and thick."

By cramming the grass into gunny sacks, Professor Hooper used three sacks, showing how much grass a cow must eat each day to produce even a minimum amount of milk.

Dairymen should not overlook the value of feeding their cheaper grains for increased efficiency, according to the National Dairy Council. A surplus of corn during the winter has made this a desirable feed for dairy cows if supplemented by protein feeds, while the prices paid for dairy products have been maintained by an increasing demand for milk, butter, ice cream and cheese. Not only does the dairy farmer make a profit by thus marketing corn products, but he is paid regularly throughout the year, and in addition still has valuable fertilizer with which to maintain the fertility of his land.

Type and Equipment of

Model Farm Milk House

Years of study have resulted in the development of a type of farm milk house and equipment for the production of clean and wholesome milk on the farm. This building, with its cooler, storage tank, wash sink, and steamer, is one of the essentials in the production of a wholesome food product through the "milk route." At the request of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., a miniature of a model farm milk house will be placed on exhibition there, where it will form a part of the mammoth display of various other factors affecting the food and the health of the nation. Preliminary plans for the model have been drawn by the bureau of dairying of the United States Department of Agriculture. It will be constructed and put in place by the department's office of exhibits.

Feeding Grain to Cows

Is Profitable Practice

"Does it pay to feed grain to my cows?" is a question which many farmers will be asking themselves. Results have been obtained in Kansas cow test association work clearly proving that it does, even in a season of high feed prices. Under favorable conditions it is possible to produce an average of 150 pounds of fat yearly on a ration of good roughage such as alfalfa, hay and silage. But with cows capable of producing more than this it is very questionable if it is economical to limit the feed. Like a manufacturing plant, the dairy cow is only operating on the most economical basis when being run to her normal capacity.

Remove Horns From Cattle

Unless dairy animals are to be used for show purposes their horns should be removed. Cows with horns endanger each other and even their attendants. Many a good udder has been partially or totally spoiled by a gouge from a sharp horn. Bulls are much more easily and safely handled when dehorned. The easiest way to remove horns is with caustic potash on the week-old calf. Clip the hair around the horn button and rub the spot about the size of a penny with the stick of caustic until blood appears.

Regularity With Cows

Feeding, watering, milking and turning the cows out for exercise should be done as regularly as possible every day. The time between feeding and milking mornings and nights should be divided as evenly as possible. Milking should be done as rapidly as possible without being rough, and it is important that the cows should be milked dry, because milk remaining in the udder after the cows have been milked acts as a positive check upon future secretion.

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Average Fleece Weight.
The bureau of animal industry says that the average fleece weight for the United States is approximately seven and one half pounds. There is a great difference between the Southdown and the Rambouillet breeds, the wool production varying in Southdowns from six to seven pounds; in well-bred and well-fed Rambouillets, from twelve to fifteen pounds.

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Great Statesman Exiled.
Rivadavia, the great Argentine statesman, who is considered by many as second in both Americas only to Washington, after serving his country in many important positions, spent the last years of his life in exile in Spain.

Unbridled Tongues.
Many a publicist in the course of his career learns that free speech may be costly.

Too Much Saucy.
"Don't get saucy with me, big boy!" cried the woman as her husband threw a jar of apple-butter her way.—Denton Flamingo.

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Barrister (at Shoreditch County court, after a long speech by a woman)—It is true, then, that there is an end to all things.—London Tit-Bits.

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