

Miss Veronica Williams, who keeps a news stand in a New York hotel, was much surprised to have Pedro Pineri, just returned from Mexico City, give her a 50-peso Carranza note for an evening paper. While she was trying to figure out how much change to give back, Mr. Pineri, thinking the note might not be enough, handed her another one and told her to keep the change if there was any.

The Tyranny of a Quirk.

A genius, of course, has no use for a quirk and is, easily enough, in a position to disregard it. A person with a real talent may tolerate a quirk as something that might almost have been a talent. A person who has neither genius nor talent and can not even boast of a quirk may be inclined to envy the others. It is only the one who is possessed of and by a quirk who has not the slightest idea as to what he should do with it or let it do with him. A quirk is, to be sure, useful in an uncertain sort of way, but it is not to be relied upon. It is interesting now and then but is concealed beyond its worth and is forever insisting upon its recognition and claiming credit beyond its deserts. It may be a painting quirk, a political quirk, a social quirk, a writing quirk or almost any other kind of quirk. Certainly it is never anything more nor anything else than a quirk.

A painting quirk may be content with doing over the furniture or decorating the china, but often leads to sad results in oils or water colors on the living room walls of friends and relatives. It is usually a source of disappointment to persistent hopes but its effects are rarely felt outside a small circle of friends and relatives. Political and social quirks are frequent nuisances and are kept busy getting people into and out of trouble. As for the writing quirk, it is, of all quirks, the most common, the most overworked and the most irritating. When a person discovers that he is possessed of or by a writing quirk he is vastly pleased with himself and it. He delights in it and boasts of it. Alas, it soon gets the better of him. He thinks that he is going to run that quirk to suit himself, make something very clever out of it, and then take all the credit. It is the quirk that takes the credit and a quirk would not be a quirk if it allowed anybody to run it. A quirk may or may not mean anything by what it says, but it has a more or less delightful way of flirting with thoughts and style. No other kind of quirk is so easily recognizable as a writing quirk.

An editor, any editor, can see a quirk as quickly as he can read. "There is," he will say, "a pleasant little quirk about your style that appeals to me very much." Or, it may be a "clever little quirk" or an "original little quirk." It is always little and it is always a quirk. You may desire some of the credit yourself, and may come to feel very resentful toward the quirk. You may, indeed, have very good ideas and may dress them up in the most proper kind of expressions. The quirk always gets in somehow, and there is always a letter from the editor suggesting that if it had not been for the quirk you would have got no consideration of any sort from him. The only possible way one can get even with such a quirk is by not writing at all and indeed it is a poor kind of quirk that would permit one that privilege.

A distinguished British scientist has decided that there is some form of radiation from chalk and granite cliffs, possibly electrical, which causes climatic differences in places near together.

GRESHAM PEOPLE AND HAPPENINGS

Miss Pearl Durst has been suffering from the prevailing malady for the past few days, but is much improved. She has gone today to Fairview, where she has charge of the library for the day. Miss Nellie Paris is assisting in the Gresham library.

Adolf Tietz, formerly owner of the Sanitary Market, now of Lents, was a Gresham visitor today.

Mrs. C. M. Oliphant entertained on New Year's day her son Roy White and family of Portland, Miss Vera White and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Russell.

Dr. S. P. Bittner returned yesterday from California, where he spent the holidays with his wife. He found Mrs. Bittner in excellent health, apparently cured. She will remain in the south during the winter. Dr. Emily F. Balcom attended to Dr. Bittner's practice during his absence.

Mrs. J. N. Clananah has been laid up for the past week or more with a lameness in her foot, the result of what appeared to be a slight bruise. The injured member is returning to a normal condition and Mrs. Clananah expects to be about again in a few days.

Paul Hoetzel, former proprietor of the Gresham City bakery, was a visitor here today. He has sold his bakery business at Raymond and is now living at Lents with his family.

A beautiful baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Perry on December 19, which lived only a few hours. On December 21 another baby boy, only a few hours old, was brought to Mr. and Mrs. Perry from Portland by the attending physician, Dr. H. H. Hughes, which will become their legal son. The baby will be known as Herbert Marston Perry. Mrs. Perry was formerly Miss Olive Marston.

Among those who attended the educational meetings in Portland last week from Gresham were Principal Elmer F. Goodwin of Union High School No. 2, Principal E. S. McCormick of the Gresham grade school, Miss Emma Fuller, Miss Vaughn McCormick, Mrs. E. A. Pomeroy, Miss Stella Roper and Miss Berenice Calway.

Miss Noma Fultz, who spent the vacation at her home in Salem, has returned to her studies here. Miss Hazel Fultz has returned to her home in Salem, after spending several months in a Portland hospital and with her sister, Mrs. Claude Smith.

Miss Cora Giese, of Cedarville, entertained at dinner on New Year's day, her brother, Percy Giese and wife of Filbert Hill.

Ralph Davidson of Independence, Oregon, who has spent the holidays with his brother, Ellis Davidson and family, returned to his home today. He was accompanied by Glen Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wright spent Christmas in Portland, the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Calaghan.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Samuel and little son, Cecil, left Saturday for their home in Castle Rock, Washington, after having spent the holidays with Mrs. Samuel's mother, Mrs. Mary Shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cathey had as New Year's day guests Mr. and Mrs. Will Ogden and family, F. W. Reed and son Harry and Miss Mary Cathey.

Mrs. Ellis Davidson has been laid up with the prevailing sickness for the past few days, but is recovering.

Chase St. Clair spent Sunday and Monday visiting with friends in the capitol city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Jones have returned to their home on Highland Farm, after several weeks spent at Seaside. They entertained at New Year's dinner. The party included Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cathey, W. G. Cathey, Miss Henrietta Wiles, Miss Florence Fieldhouse, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Akin and son Russell, Jackson, Guy and Hallie Jones.

Keith Lyman returned today to his studies at Willamette University.

H. L. St. Clair, who has been ill with a severe attack of grip for the past week, is able to be around again. He was a patient for several days at Mrs. Waitman's sanitarium.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson and wife are home from Washington, D. C., and are making frequent visits to their Springerest farm.

Dan Franklin is seriously ill at his home with kidney and heart trouble.

Harold Kern left this morning for Burley, Idaho, where he will resume work in the garage of his brother-in-law, W. J. Hollenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kern entertained on New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson. The event also celebrated Mrs. Johnson's birthday anniversary.

The Baptist Missionary society will meet on Thursday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Hutchinson, of Portland, were over Sunday and New Year's day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Miss Irene Douglass, who is teaching at Heppner, spent the holidays in and around Portland. She returned to Heppner yesterday.

Mrs. P. A. Gould, who has been sick for the past month, is considerably improved and expects to go in a day or two to the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Ball near Pleasant Home. Mrs. Ball is here caring for her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kessler spent New Year's day in Portland, the guests of Dr. O. O. Fletcher and family.

A dinner party was given Saturday evening by Miss Anna Brugger. The guests were Miss Laura Davis, Miss Margaret Burke, Miss Bonnell, Miss Marguerite Volbrecht, Miss Eckford Cameron, Miss Della Hughes and Miss Marguerite Barton.

Mary Berry was the well-known name of an English author. She and her sister were devoted friends of Horace Walpole, who remembered them in his will, and whose literary works were collected and edited by the authors in 1798.

Designed to carry packages weighing up to 250 pounds, a bicycle has been built with a frame that distributes the load when carried in a basket in such a manner that the balance is not disturbed.

British women are taking up the culture of herbs.

New Jersey factories employ 232,000 operatives.

From Emeric to America.

The transformations that take place in a name, as it passes through different languages, can only be accounted for by carelessness in transmission. One would scarcely expect the name of Emeric, the name of a pious Hungarian prince of the eleventh century, who was made a saint, to take the form of Amerigo in Italian, and of Armory and Emery in English. The name in German, but little changed from the original, is Emmerich. This obscure Hungarian saint has been a person of consequence in this world, for from his name has come that of this great continent. In the fifteenth century, in the Italian form of Amerigo, it was bestowed upon an Italian navigator surnamed Vespucci, and this continent by a still further mutilation of the name, came to be known as America. When King Stephen of Hungary was choosing a name for his son, he could scarcely have imagined that the name chosen was to be the parent of the word America, and that poor old Christopher Columbus was thereby to be despoiled of a recognition that far from being compensated for by the term Columbia. November 4, is St. Emeric's feast day.

Rubber Eyes.

Artificial eyes made of rubber instead of glass are described in the London Times as more comfortable and as advantageous in other ways. Two French workers, MM. Lemaitre and Teuilleres, it says, have evolved this new method of replacing lost eyes. They aimed at producing a substance of sufficient elasticity and softness to respond to the changes in the eye socket and at the same time of sufficient hardness to present a smooth natural effect between the eyelids. Experiment led them to take careful casts of the socket in plaster and to make from these casts the body of an artificial eye which should exactly fit the socket. They solved the difficulty of consistence by making the front of the new eye of hard caoutchouc, vulcanized and enameled to represent the natural appearance, and the back of the eye of soft caoutchouc, hollowed out in the form of a ball and filled with air. These hollow eyes are said to answer the purpose very well. They are soft and elastic; they respond in a remarkable manner to the ocular movements; they do not irritate the socket; and they have the great additional advantage of being unbreakable.

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If unable to be present please designate some other stockholder as your proxy, in order that there may be a majority of stock represented. Gresham, Ore., Dec. 29, 1916.
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