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London Punch.

Poor Picking.

"What's the matter?" asked the first flea. "You looked starved."
"They are making these toy dogs so natural," explained the other flea, "that I arranged to summer on one of them by mistake."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Good, No Matter What.

The Officer (after a complaint)—This tea's all right. What's the complaint?
Tommy—It ain't tea, sir; it's stoo! The Officer—And very nice stoo!—London Sketch.

Optical Astonishments.

"Seeing is believing," said the ready-made philosopher.
"Not always, when you are looking at the movies."—Washington Star.

Falling in Line.

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If the Boy in Blue Is Disabled

By LAURA JEAN LIBBEY

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Then they shall know their friends though much Will have been lost—the help in strife, The thousand sweet, still joys of such As, hand in hand, face earthy life.

Among the many letters which come to me is one which has touched my heart deeply. It is from one of our boys in blue, a soldier, and is in part as follows: "I am in sore distress of mind and am writing to you for not only consolation, but advice. While connected with the army at—I met and loved a beautiful girl, our commander's daughter. She returned my affection, and it was settled that we should wed. I was called upon for active duty across the border and that event has changed the course of my life, I believe. In several skirmishes I fared worse than my companions, being wounded twice. When I bade good-bye to my sweetheart I was a stalwart fellow, as good to look upon as the general run of young men, ambitious to a fault, anxious to rise to the very height of what an army man may obtain as to position.



"One of the wounds is in the ankle which will leave me crippled for life. The other—an explosion—has so seamed and scarred my face that I am repulsive to look upon. The question is, should I hold the girl I love better than my life to marry me—if I am destined to return—or write her dissolving the bonds? I cannot bear the thought that she might look upon me with repugnance—that would be a living death to me. You are a woman and understand the hearts of women better than almost any one else.

Will you tell me what I should do for her happiness and mine?"

There are few sadder cases of the blasting of love's young dream, but from one end of the world to the other there exists at the present moment many thousands of such cases which disabled soldiers are trying to fight out on their cots of pain. Unfortunately they do not understand the hearts or nobility of women under such circumstances. With but few exceptions, when a young girl gives her heart to her lover it is not because of his manly beauty in face or form, his ambition to forge ahead. It is his winning personality, that wondrous, inexplicable attraction and influence which draws hearts intended for each other. Sorrow and misfortune make the object of a true woman's affection doubly dear to her. A love that veers when so tested is not the grand, true kind upon which man can build the hopes and trust of a lifetime.

Before harboring the thought of parting, a man should throw himself upon the mercy and wishes of his sweetheart, leaving it with her to decide.

Of the thousands of maimed soldiers abroad who have put this question up to their waiting sweethearts whom they left behind, I am glad, nay, proud, to say it has been vouched for that not one of the wounded heroes had cause to repent giving the strong, enduring love of his heart to the tender-hearted girl who in each instance quickly wrote him that he need have no fear her heart could ever change, and that she would stand by her hero unto death.

Such letters are life elixirs to the boys in blue facing the enemy's shot and shell to guard their country's honor. The dear loves at home nerve the soldier to do his best. What joy to know that whatever woe betides him there are wide-stretched arms waiting to clasp him, a heart that is true as the stars of heaven. The love of a true woman cannot alter.

STAR OF FILMDOM



BLANCHE SWEET.

Actress produced by the movies, who never has spoken before an audience, but is a familiar figure to millions.

Fashion's Decrees

Gaberdine grows in favor and use, wearing as well as serge.

Some of the new velvets are edged with jet spangles, irregularly worked. Fancy metal bands are coming in for millinery purposes.

The nose veil is very smart and may be seen all winter.

Colored linens are much used for children's wash dresses.

The cartridge plait is retained in the new French costume.

Black net robes for evening are bordered with colored silk.

Broad bands of fur will be seen on the tunics of fall gresses.

Gold brocaded silk makes the prettiest of evening slippers.

Castles and gray are the best colors after black—for shoes.

Broad-brimmed high-crowned hats are in vogue for two colors.

The vogue for gray shoes has increased the demand for gray gloves.

Cyclamen-colored satin velvet with royal blue net is a new combination.

Coatees of white serge are made to be worn with navy taffeta dresses.

The modified circular skirt with belt is in high favor for tailored suits.

Clever Salt Shaker. Recently a cleverly devised salt shaker was made, the makers of which claim that it will loosen clogged salt. It is of clear glass with a noncorrosive white metal top. A spiral loop of wire which occupies the center of the shaker is turned by a twist of the knob above the lid. The coil of wire when turned reaches every part of the interior of the shaker, thus breaking up the salt.

SOME DON'TS For the Poultry Raiser

Don't overcrowd your chicks.

Don't fail to remember that fresh air and plenty of it is vitally necessary to all animal and bird life, chickens included.

Don't fail to supply your fowls with dry quarters.

Don't fail to keep the chicks and layers active, clean and happy.

Don't use inferior, musty or waste-product foods for your poultry.

Don't expect record egg yields from old hens.

Don't fail to keep your poultry and all equipment in a sanitary condition.

Don't get lax when things are going well.

Don't expect profitable winter egg yields unless you enforce exercise and supply animal and green food in proper form and quantities.

Don't expect to continue in the poultry business without being able to hatch and rear your chicks.

Don't expect livable chicks without vigorous breeding stock.

Don't forget to cull. Kill every weakling in sight. Take no chances in this matter.

Don't use or rely on poor tools with which to work.

Don't fail to follow instructions in running your own incubator.

Don't put eggs into the incubator when it is first started.

Don't expect strong chicks from poor eggs.

Don't handle the eggs or the incubator roughly.

Don't fail to have the brooder ready.

Don't pamper the chicks.

Don't feed too much. Little at a time and often is a better rule.

Don't fail to provide sun and shade.

Ivy Benefits Walls.

German experts, after tests, have decided that ivy benefits rather than injures stone or brick walls on which it grows, by drawing superfluous moisture from them.

A Touch of Handwork.

The business woman can embellish a simple white blouse with her own clever fingers and impart to it the distinction of handwork. Collar and cuffs on a white georgette blouse can be finished at the edge with an embroidery running stitch in black floss, with tiny jet beads set at regular intervals. A black bow, drawn through button-holed slashes above the waistline, intensifies the black-and-white note. Buttonhole motifs are especially smart. Draw oblongs on the wrong side with a pencil and pad them with white darning cotton, then put the running stitch with black floss around the edge of the padded oblong.

"ONE OF THE OLDEN TIME"

Lord Strathcona a Gentleman Who Hardly Fitted Into the Present Busy Age.

It was characteristic of Lord Strathcona that he adhered all his life to old-fashioned politeness in letter writing. He long shrank from the use of an amanuensis or a typewriter, as being a breach of courtesy. He patterned the openings and subscriptions of his letters on the old Hudson's Bay model. Even the longest or most official letter he persisted in writing by hand at an almost incredible cost in time and patience. On one occasion, which Mr. Beckles Willson notes in his "Life of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal," at least considerable physical suffering was involved. He had had the misfortune while in Scotland to fracture one of the bones of his right wrist. His arm was put in splints, and while chafing under the restraint he seized the occasion to make a voyage to Canada by the way of New York. In transit his arm became worse, the inflammation spread, and he became unable to leave his berth. On arriving at New York he was met by Sir William Van Horne, who found him in a very feverish and distressed state. Nevertheless, he insisted on accompanying his friend immediately to Montreal, where he was induced to put himself in the care of a surgeon. What preyed upon his mind most was that he had a number of letters to answer. "But," urged his friend, "you can employ an amanuensis."

"I've never done such a thing," Lord Strathcona declared emphatically. "It would give great offense, I assure you. I have always written my letters myself, and I must do so now."

But after considerable argument he consented to try the experiment.

"At least I must sign the letters," was his stipulation. "Put the pen between my fingers, and, although it will perhaps be a little difficult and painful, I must certainly sign the letters myself."

So the letters were dictated, and when the sheets were brought to him the invalid begged to be left alone to consider them and affix his signature. A pen was fastened between two of his disengaged fingers and a bottle of ink placed on the table.

When, a couple of hours later, the secretary entered to dispatch the correspondence, he found that to every letter Lord Strathcona had added a postscript, scrawled slowly and painfully, explaining how and why the writer had been forced to depart from his lifelong practice of writing his own letters and apologizing for doing so.

"And in every case," concludes the narrator of the anecdote, "the postscript was longer than the body of the letter!"—Youth's Companion.

From Stevenson Letters.

To a young person afflicted with discontent, R. L. Stevenson wrote:

"I gather that your home is depressing. Everyone's home is depressing, I believe. It is your difficult duty to make it less so."

A lady who had been a close friend for many years told him that she had decided what her future work would be. He replied:

"So, at last you are going into mission work, where I think your heart always was. You will like it in a way, but remember it is dreary long. Do you know the story of the American tramp who was offered a meal and a day's wage to chop with the back of an ax on a fallen trunk? 'Damned if I can go on chopping when I can't see the chips fly!' You will never see the chips fly in mission work, never; and be sure you know it beforehand. The work is one long, dull disappointment, varied by acute rejections."

Tack Philosophy.

A thing is tragic or humorous according to the point of view. The man who sits on a tack does not share the onlookers' amusement. In fact he is not only pained at his own misfortune, but he is pained because he occasioned someone else to find a degree of pleasure in his unseemly plight.

Now it is perfectly safe to make this positive statement in this connection: The person who witnessed the other's unfortunate encounter with the tack never deliberately sits on the same tack himself; in fact, he is particularly cautious about sitting down anywhere soon thereafter without looking for a tack.

Nor is this an indictment of tacks. Tacks serve a very real and useful purpose in this world, but they have their place, which is not in localities where they may be sat upon.—William C. Lengel in the Hoggson Magazine.

In the Good Old Days.

How thankful we should be to every discoverer for every "discovery," for, were it not for discoveries, we might be doing the same kind of day's work as I describe in this record from the diary of one Abigail Foot of a certain Connecticut town. I lately had access to the diary and this describes one day's work in 1775: "Fixed gown for mother; mended Mary's riding hood; spun short thread; fixed two gowns for William's girls; carded tow; spun linen; worked on cheese basket; hatched flax with Hannah, together we did fifty-one pounds; plaited and ironed father's stock; read a sermon of Doddridge's; milked three cows; spun linen, did fifty knots; made a broom of guinea wheat straw; bleached thread and set a red dye; carded two pounds of wool; dipped candles, and scoured the pewter!"—Good Housekeeping.

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"A Pike county mother once left her little one seated outside the shack and pulling on a full milk bottle when a blacksnake came gliding up.

"The snake nestled close to the child, drew the rubber nipple from its mouth and proceeded to drink the milk; but at the same time the snake did not forget to slip the end of its tail gently between the infant's lips by way of a comforter."

Rub It In Thoroughly.

A sprain or strain should have immediate attention to check the swelling. Rub on, and rub in thoroughly Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh and you should have quick relief. Always have a bottle on hand for accidents. Adv.

He Asked For It.

More stories are told about Sir Herbert Tree than about almost any other public man in England. Here is a good one, exemplifying the ready answer for which he is so justly famed.

One day when he was coming out of the Garrick club a man, whom he did not know from Adam, approached, and, with a sweeping bow, said in a Yankee twang:

"Excuse me, sir, but they tell me some pretty well-known folk belong to this club. Are you anyone of importance?"

Sir Herbert Tree looked the questioner coldly up and down. "I don't really think I can be, or I wouldn't be seen talking to you," he said icily. —Pearson's Weekly.

Plain Enough.

"How do you like America, count?" "Quite much, but your figures of speech are somewhat hard to understand. Now, when it dawns upon you"

"You begin to see daylight!" explained the other man.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Wisdom.

During a lesson on elementary composition a little girl read the following as her effort:

"Once a Penny and a Shilling met in a man's pocket. The Shilling turned up its nose at the Penny, and said, scornfully:

"Why, I am worth a dozen of you." "Yes," said the Penny, "but even at that I am a good bit better than you are. I go every Sunday to church, and you never do."—London Tit-Bits.

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Same Line.

"When I was a boy," said the gray-haired physician, who happened to be in a reminiscent mood, "I wanted to be a soldier; but my parents persuaded me to study medicine."

"Oh, well," rejoined the sympathetic druggist, "such is life. Many a man with wholesale aspirations has to content himself with a retail business."—London Tit-Bits.

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For calks use Hanford's Balsam. Adv.

Innuendo.

"Wombat says he tries to put as good a face on things as possible."

"He's the man to paint your portrait, old top."—Kansas City Journal.

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"Oh, I don't know. Just sit down and watch my wife spend it, I suppose."—London Answers.

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"Petrol, my man," he replied, with a condescending smile.

"Ear that, Tom?" said the inquirer to his friend, who had just appeared on the scene. "Petrol shoves 'er along."

"Ah!" was the reply, "that ain't nothin' noo. Petrol shoved our Mary Ann through the back door 'er sent 'er flying slap bang agin the barn. 'Er 'ad bin tryin' to light the fire with it."—London Tit-Bits.

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No Alibi.

"The war is doing me a good turn, anyhow."

"In what way?"

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The Fan's Favorite.

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