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**Oldtime Wedding Cake Finds Stout Defender**

Whatever the moderns may think of the news that the wedding cake is abandoning its Gothic complexities of decoration, it is certain that one rather famous cook would have been horrified at the change. Readers of "Penny" will remember that when M. Alcide Mirobolant wished to signify his undecorated passion for Blanche Amory, he sent up to her a special dinner, the dishes of which were designed from beginning to end to symbolize her maidenly virtues and his own admiration for them. He wound up with "an ice of plombers and cherries . . . in the form of two hearts united with an arrow, on which I had laid, before it entered, a bridal veil in cut paper, surmounted by a wreath of virginial orange flowers." If Monsieur Mirobolant could do so much with a mere ice, to what heights would his symbolism have soared in the architecture of a wedding cake? It is clear that he would have had no sympathy with a cake which depended on a classical severity of line for its effect.—Manchester Guardian.

**The Calm, Clear Mind**  
 The more wheels there are in a watch, the more trouble they are to take care of. The movements of exaltation which belong to genius are egotistic by their very nature. A calm, clear mind, not subject to the spasms and crises which are so often met with in creative or intensely perceptive natures, is the best basis for love or friendship. Observe, I am talking about minds. I won't say the more intellect, the less capacity for loving; for that would do wrong to the understanding and reason; but, on the other hand, that the brain often runs away with the heart's best blood, which gives the world a few pages of wisdom or sentiment or poetry, instead of making one other heart happy, I have no question.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

**Sultan Evidently Had, Well, Just a Little!**

Mulai Hafid, sultan of Morocco, was a born gambler. While he was still sultan the French resident-general in Morocco gave a party in his honor and, knowing the monarch's passion for gambling, organized a baccarat game. While Mulai Hafid was winning, a British newspaper man named Loris who was losing, said: "You do wrong to take that money. It's against the teachings of the Koran." That so worried the sultan that he was on the point of giving back his winnings, when he saw nearby the French chief justice, a recognized authority on Mussulman law. "Tell me," said the sultan, "whether it is against the Koran to take this money." The justice remained silent a moment before replying. "Your majesty, if you have played a straight game, you cannot touch this money because it is mere hazard that made you win and it is forbidden by the Koran to take advantage of hazard. But if you—how shall I say?—forced your luck—mean, cheated a little—you may put the money in your pocket because you won it by your skill and cleverness." The sultan smiled. "Thou art the greatest and most learned judge I have ever met," and he pocketed the money.

**Apple Tree Honored by Canadian Farmers**

A monument in honor of an apple tree stands in Dundas county, in Canada. It is made of marble and stands on or near the spot where the original McIntosh apple tree grew. It is nearly 130 years since John McIntosh emigrated from Scotland to Canada and settled in Matilda township. That was the day of the pioneer, and "honest John" had to clear his own land. In this process he is said to have come across a number of apple trees, which he spared. One of these produced a bright-colored apple which he called the "McIntosh Red," and it soon became famous. His son, Allan McIntosh, propagated it, so that now it is grown in many parts of the North American continent. The original tree was injured by fire in 1896, but it continued to bear its bright red fruit until 1908, when it failed entirely. To mark their appreciation of a tree that had been so profitable to them, the farmers of the country raised a monument to it.

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**Every Man a Genius**

Doctor Spearman, who has taken many "ability tests" tells the British Association for the Advancement of Science, that every man is a genius at something and a dunce at something else. He believes the habitually unemployed and the misfits in industry could every one of them do something that would make him a treasure. If we only knew what it was. It is up to science to find a means of putting round pegs, instead of square ones, into round holes.—Capper's Weekly.

**Not Working Under Cover**

Grandma found little Alice, aged three, amusing herself one Sunday afternoon by ironing her doll's clothes with her toy iron and board. "Oh, Alice!" she exclaimed, "don't you know it is wrong to iron on the Sabbath?" Raising her bright eyes to her grandmother's face, she answered with surprise in her voice, "Why, grandma, don't you suppose Dad knows this little iron isn't hot?"

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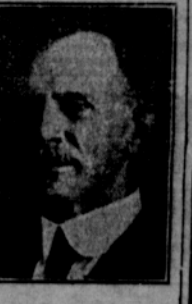
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