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An Experience the Composer Had in a Country Inn.

On one occasion Rousseau composed an opera, which was performed before King Louis XV. and met with the royal approval. The king sent for him, and if he had put in an appearance he would probably have obtained a pension. He was, however, of a retiring disposition and could not bring himself to face the court. To his friends he gave as a reason his republican opinions, but his real reason was his shyness.

Accordingly he fled from the court and sought the privacy of a country inn. While he was there a man came in who began telling the company that he was the celebrated Rousseau and proceeded to give an account of the opera, which, he said, had been performed before the king with great success.

Most men in Rousseau's position would have felt nothing but contempt for the impostor, but this extraordinary man felt only pity and shame. "I trembled and blushed so," he tells us in his "Confessions," "for fear the man should be found out that it might have been thought that I was the impostor." He was afraid that somebody might come in who knew him and expose the pretender. At last he could bear it no longer and slipped out unobserved.

Very few people would treat an impostor like that.—Westminster Gazette.

PENGUINS.

The Comical Way These Queer Birds of the Antarctic Act.

The resemblance of penguins to human beings is always noticed," says Lieutenant E. H. Shackleton in his book, "The Heart of the Antarctic." "This is partly due to the habit of walking erect. But there are truly a great many human traits about them. They are the civilized natives of these regions, and their civilization, if much simpler than ours, is in some respects higher and more worthy of the name." Of two of the photographs that appear in the book the following remarks are made:

"An emperor penguin, meeting an emperor or men or dogs, bows gravely till his beak is almost touching his breast. Keeping his head bowed, he makes a long speech in a muttering manner, short sounds following in groups of four or five. Having finished the speech, the head is kept bowed a few seconds for politeness sake. Then it is raised, and he describes with his bill as large a circle as the points of his neck will allow. If you have not comprehended he tries again. Meantime his followers are apt to get impatient. They are sure he is acting incorrectly. Then another male will waddle forward, elbow the first aside and repeat the ceremony. Both emperors and adelines move, when the surface is suitable, by tobogganing."

Wild British Cattle.

The wild cattle of Great Britain have become one of the curiosities of the bovine race in England. There are very few herds of them remaining, and most of these are diminishing from a very natural cause. Of course they are confined in parks and are jealously guarded from any admixture of alien blood. They are as wild as buffaloes and are treated in the same way as deer. In color they are white, with red ears, and historians assert that they had a large share in the evolution of the Shorthorn as it is known today. It is certain that the color mentioned very often crops up quite unexpectedly in our pedigree herds. They will probably become extinct in a few years owing to the extreme difficulty of procuring sires unrelated to the herds and yet of the same breed.—Farm and Home.

The Scented Court.

The rage for perfumes reached its height during the reign of Louis XV. Throughout the continent his court was known as the "scented court." It was then the custom when giving a large entertainment for the hostess to inform her guests what particular odor she would use for perfuming her rooms, and each guest would use that odor in making her toilet. At court a different perfume was used for each day of the week. Much more attention was paid to the use of the perfume than to soap and water, and cleanliness was not numbered among the virtues of that age.

How She Escaped.

Pauline, who had been attending school for almost two weeks, was telling of the misbehavior of some of her little classmates. At her mother's question as to whether it had ever been necessary for the teacher to speak to her Pauline answered quickly, "Oh, no, mamma." Then, "She had to speak to all the class but me this afternoon." "Why, what did she say?" "Oh, she said, 'Now, children, we'll all wait until Pauline is in order.'"—Delineator.

Lost Opportunity.

"And you didn't hear of it?" inquired Mrs. Gabbie.

"Not one word."

"Why, I've known it for a week, so I supposed everybody heard of it."

Even Up.

She (sternly)—I heard a noise very late. He (facetiously)—Was it the night falling? She—No, it wasn't. It was the day breaking.—Baltimore American.

Cautious.

Thompson—Suppose a man should call you a liar. What would you do? Jones (hesitatingly)—What sized man?—Jewish Ledger.

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A CHINESE STRATAGEM.

Legend of How a Projected Invasion Was Averted.

Rajah Suran, who was one of the earliest rulers of India, overran the entire east with the exception of China, killed innumerable suitors with his own hand and married all their daughters. It is said that when the Chinese heard of his triumphant progress and learned that he had reached their frontier they became much alarmed. The emperor called a council of his generals and mandarins, and upon the advice of a crafty old mandarin the following stratagem was carried out:

A large ship was loaded with rusty nails, trees were planted on the deck, the vessel was manned by a numerous crew of old men and dispatched to the rajah's capital. When it arrived—the most wonderful part of the story is that it did arrive—the rajah sent an officer to ask how long it had taken the vessel to make the trip from China. The Chinaman answered that they had all been young men when they set sail and that on the voyage they had planted the seeds from which the great trees had grown. In corroboration of their story they pointed to the rusty nails which, they said, had been stout iron bars as thick as a man's arm when they started. "You can see," they concluded, "that China must be a very long distance away."

The rajah was so much impressed by these plausible arguments that he concluded he would not live long enough to reach China and abandoned his projected invasion.

SNEEZING.

It Must Have Been a Violent Operation Before Jacob's Time.

We frequently hear the expression "God bless you!" uttered after someone has sneezed. The expression, if we can believe Giod in his "Childhood of the World," dates back to the time of Jacob. We are told in Jewish literature that previous to his time men sneezed but once in a lifetime and that was the end of them, for the shock slew them. Jacob prevailed in prayer and had the fatality set aside on the condition that among all the nations a sneeze should be followed by the words "God bless you!" In the "Jataka," one of the books of the Buddhist Scriptures, we read that the expression was, "May the blessed Lord allow you to live!"

Buddha on one occasion while preaching to his disciples happened to sneeze. The priests gave vent to the exclamation, and Buddha lectured them for interrupting his discourse. "If when a person sneezes," he asked, "and you say, 'May he live,' will he live the longer?" "Certainly not!" cried the priests. "And if you do not say it will he die any the sooner?" "Certainly not!" was the reply. "Then," said Buddha, "from this time forth if any one sneeze and a priest says 'May you live' he shall be guilty of a transgression."—London Spectator.

The Kind Caddie.

"Once in a game," said the golfer, "I had the good fortune to be six holes up on my opponent by the time the eighth hole was reached. At the eighth green something went wrong with our reckoning of the strokes, and I claimed that I had won that hole, too, while my opponent claimed that it was halved. After a mild dispute I yielded.

"But as I moved on with my caddie I couldn't help grumbling: 'Well, you know, Joseph, I gave in. But I still think I won that hole after all.'"

"The boy, with a frown, turned shocked and reproving eyes on me. Disgusted with my greed for holes, he whispered hurriedly, so that my opponent should not overhear: 'Shut up, can't you? Do you want to break the man's heart?'—Exchange.

Laughter.

Overindulgence in laughter is reproached by Emerson. Explosions of it, he says, should be under strict control, and he quotes approvingly the saying of Lord Chesterfield, "I am sure that since I had the use of my reason no human being has ever heard me laugh." But Emerson is not altogether consistent in this matter, for, whereas in one passage he refers to laughter as a "contemptible squeal of joy," in another it becomes a "pleasant spasm," and he is gratefully acknowledges "the rest and refreshment we get from the shaking of the sides." Moreover, he admits that "to see a man in a high wild run after his hat is always droll." Presumably if the man is bald and the road is muddy even Chesterfield might be led to emit a contemptible squeal.—London Chronicle.

Invisible Dogs.

The coat of a dog setter normally stands out fairly clear against the heather of the ordinary hue. When, however, it gets soaked with rain it darkens very much and blends very closely with the heather. The Gordon setters are perhaps the worst in this regard of assimilating with the color of heather and so being liable to get a charge of shot.—Country Life.

His Practical Mind.

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