Superstition of a Speculator.

"It's very curious," remarked a speculator, the other day, "what a strong influence little things exert over some men. Now, there is Charlie ——, of the board of trade, one of the sharpest traders on the floor; a man who sells by the hundred thousand, and buys in the same extravagant quantity. I know for a fact that for years past he has made it a rule to sell short on wheat every spring, and sell big, too. But he never changes from the bear to the bull side until he sees a certain lilac bush out on the west side burst into bloom. The very first day he sees a flower out on that particular bush he goes onto the floor and sells right and left, and keeps it up. This he has done so regularly for some years past that it is a common remark on 'change at these times that 'Charlie's lilac bush is in bloom.' What is more curious, too, is that he hasn't made a mistake for years past. It's been a perfect mascot for him. No, I won't tell you where the bush is, but he passes by it every day on his way down town, and I tell you he watches it closely, too. Lots of the boys have tried to find out where it is located, but there are hundreds of lilac bushes along the street, and he isn't fool enough to give it away.

"And I know of another queer case, too," continued the speculator. "My typewriter, a woman of about 40 years of age, has some particular thing that she watches on her way down town in the morning, and, as a curious matter of fact, that woman will walk into the office, sit down at her desk, write out a prediction of the course of the day's markets, and then put it away. It comes true, too—that's the curious part of it. She will not tell how she does it, but for weeks past she named the market's erratic course accurately. Do I ever trade on her prediction? Well, not often. You know I don't believe in those things. But it's mighty curious, to say the least, isn't it?"—Chicago Herald.

Grit as Well as Pluck.

It is desirable that we should have grit as well as pluck—a power to endure, resist, take the blows and still persist and press forward. Pluck is the quality of pitching in; grit is the quality of not backing out. Now, we do not expect every one to have both grit and pluck; but every one ought to have one or the other; and so the community, or the society, or, as we have a habit of saying, the commonwealth, shall have both. I am inclined to think that, personally, I am decidedly lacking in pluck. I am a natural coward. I have the pluck simply to own up my pucklessness. When you set before me a new enterprise, I am always afraid to embark in it. But once in, I have grit. I can stick to a job of work; and when I fight I always intend to win. But I wish I were also plucky. Do we not generally admire what we have not, and rather depreciate what we have?

I admire pluck, and don't know whether I admire grit or not. I have a little friend who is a little over four feet tall, and he has a little head and little features, but he bristles up at a touch, or a word, or an imagination. If he fancies a slight, in a moment he snarls, and jumps, and shows he isn't afraid of all creation. So he is not. He is brimful of pluck. But he lacks grit. He pitches in and then sneaks out. Of two generals you will be sure to find one good at an assault, the other good at a siege. Sometimes one is most useful, sometimes the other.—M. Maurice, M. D., in Globe-Democrat.

The Pension Commissioner's Troubles.

One woman in the best faith addresses the commissioner and asks that he see that the school house in her neighborhood be established in the center of the district. Another informs him that her husband has long been absent. She has wandered over the face of the country in search of him, and she would now like to have him take up the search. Many such cases occur. Letters containing souvenirs dear to the senders, but utterly valueless to any one else, are received; letters of advice detailing whole pension schemes to be substituted for the present system of laws; letters of extravagant commendation, of censure, of anger, of contempt, of wrath, of unmitigable hostility; letters of insane writers threatening vileness and violence; letters excited by the granting of pensions and asking benisons upon the heads of all concerned; letters of bitterest reproach for pensions denied, calling down the wrath of God and men upon those who have been trying to do their simple duty—all these and multitudes of others, fantastic, sober, rational and wild, pour by the hundreds and thousands into the mail of the bureau; and from the charity and patience which forbears to respond, and the sense of duty which compels the neglect of idle inquiries, arise many of the complaints and denunciations of the office for its alleged neglect.—Pension Commissioner's Report.

The Wells of Andalusia.

In Andalusia the norias or Moorish wells are sure to catch your eye. They are worth examining by the curious in such matters; the construction is very simple, but they do effective work. A broad wheel is turned round by an old mule, who is past other work, and attached to this wheel are earthen jars; as it revolves the empty jars pass into the water and come up full, then as they turn over they empty their contents into a reservoir, whence a trough or aqueduct of some simple kind provides for household use, conveys the rest of the water into the fruit or vegetable garden and irrigates it by means of channels dug in rows in the earth. For drinking purposes the water is generally caught from the jars, for the Spaniards, though they like their fish "high" and their oil and bacon rancid, are very particular about the quality of their water, and are willing to buy it from the carriers who often fetch it from long distances if that near at hand has an evil reputation.—Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

A Failure for Bismarck.

Score one failure for Bismarck. The establishment of colonies, apropos of which he displayed such enthusiasm a few years ago, and for which he nearly precipitated a war with Spain, is acknowledged by his official organs to be an utter failure. Prince Bismarck's purpose was to divert the stream of emigrants from the United States to some land or lands where they would continue to be German in speech, tastes and habits, instead of becoming speedily unrecognizable as of German origin. This he proposed to do by means of his "agricultural colonies" in Africa and his "plantation colonies" in the South Pacific Islands. For all the money expended in the effort not a kreutzer has been received in profit, and the colony craze is to be abandoned.—Once a Week.

—The man who does every thing "on his own hook" is likely to get caught one of these days.—*Lowell Citizen.*

—It isn't true that a mother can not see a fault in her own baby. She can, but she won't.—*Journal of Education.*

—Malaria is a malady that a doctor says you have got when he doesn't know what's the matter with you.—*Puck.*

—The voice of conscience is so delicate that it is easy to stifle it, but it is also so clear that it is impossible to mistake it.—*Mme. de Stael.*

—It is the man who can not write who makes his mark in this world. But life is full of crosses to him if he has to sign his name often.—*Boston Courier.*

THE NAMES OF JEWS.

Why Some Have Chosen Gentile Surnames. English Forms—Changes.

Lord Coleridge touched upon an interesting theme the other day when he inquired of certain Jewish witnesses how it was that they had adopted the names of Mordaunt and Saville in lieu of their native patronymics of Moses and Samuel. It is not quite correct to say that Jews ever change their original names. In the synagogues they bear throughout their lives the Hebrew names—in the traditional Oriental form of So-and-so, son of So-and-so—given to them shortly after their birth. The instability of the names by which they are known to the world is due to the fact that originally, like all Oriental peoples, they had no family names, and that wherever they have congregated very closely together the secular use of the traditional genealogical forms has been tenaciously preserved. In some countries, such as Germany and Austria, special legislation has been found necessary to compel them to adopt fixed surnames. As, at different times, they have come into closer contact with the Gentile world, they have themselves seen the necessity of surnames, and it is not surprising if, under these circumstances, some of them should have chosen the most sonorous and distinguished they could find.

An examination of the lists of seat holders in the twelve principal synagogues of London shows that less than 5 per cent. of the names—such as Beddington, Clifford, Coburn, Curtis, Graham, Halford, Hamilton, Hardinge, Hardy, Herbert, Howard, Lumley, Manville, Marsden, Merton, Montagu, Morley, Morton, Neville, Norman, Russell, Sydney, Walford, etc.—are accounted for on this hypothesis.

The foreign surnames and place names preserved by the Jews of England form a small epitome of the history of the Israelitish dispersion. Side by side with the Hebrew Abrahams, the Egyptian Moses, and the English Mordaunt, we have the Greek Alexander and Margolies, the Latin Marcus, and the Arabic Mocatta. Those derived from mediæval house signs are Rothschild, Adler, Ganz, Schiff, Strauss, Silberkron, etc. Some of the occupation names are interesting. Rophe is Hebrew for physician, and Rappoport is a corruption of Rophe d'Oporto; Jalfon is Hebrew for money changer, and Mocatta is Arabic for mason.

More strictly Anglo-Jewish are the natural assimilations of Hebrew and Jewish names to English forms. Thus, Coleman is a corruption of Kalman, which is an abbreviation of Kalonymos, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Shem Tob (Good Name). Bonny is derived, through Bondi, from a Latin translation of Yom Tob (Good Day). Phillips comes from the Hebrew Uri or Meier, both meaning "light," through the Greek equivalent Phœbos and its German-Polish diminutive Pheibul. Saville is a more natural corruption of Samuel than is generally imagined, seeing that in Germany the Scriptural name has been shortened into Sanvel, and in England we have the authority of Mr. Weller, senior, to spell it with a "we." Freeman is from the German Friedmann, a translation and apocopation of Shalom ben Menachem. Haymen is derived through Hyman and Hyan from the Hebrew Haim (life). Jessel is from Echeskel, the Hebrew pronunciation of Ezekiel. Yates is from Goetz, an abbreviation of Gottschalk, which in Low German means "God's servant," and is a literal translation of Eljakim. Among simpler changes are Cowan—Cohen, Lewin—Levi, Victor—Avigdor, Archet—Asher, Jessop—Joseph, and Soman and Slowman—Solomon. Curious instances of misdirected translations are afforded by the names Marchant and Chapman, both of which are Anglicizations of the German Kaufmann or Handelsmann. Originally, however, neither of these names meant "merchant" among the Teutonic Jews. Kaufmann is a corruption of Koppelman, of which the first two syllables are a German diminutive of Jacob and the third an abbreviation of Menachem, the whole being a contraction of Jacob ben Menachem. Handelsmann has a similar history, being derived from Elchanon ben Menachem, through Handl, a recognized German diminutive of Elchanon. In the same way Seligman is a contraction of Selig ben Menachem, and Felberman a corrupted contraction of Phœbus (Uri) ben Menachem.

One of the most curious instances of an erroneous etymology is the name Jaffe, which figures among the landed gentry of county Down. It is the Hebrew word for "beautiful," and is a direct translation of the German "Schon." As a Jewish surname, however, Schon or Schen has no meaning. It is simply an acrostic of the Hebrew Schliach Neemon (faithful messenger). These acrostic names are peculiarly Jewish, and many of them are found among English Jews. For example, Katz, which one of these days will perhaps be Anglicized into Cat, is derived from the initials of Kohen Tzedek (priest of righteousness); Schatz, which in Hungary has actually been translated into Kincz, the Magyar for "treasure," is from Schliach Tzibur (messenger of the congregation); Bahad is from Ben Ab Beth Din (Son of the President of the House of Judgment); Sack is from Sera Kadosh (holy posterity), and when the name of a town beginning with s is added—as, for example, Sera Kadosh Speyer (holy posterity of Speyer)—it becomes Saks or Sachs, which has been frequently mistaken for an abbreviation of Sachsen (Saxony); Braw is from Ben Rabbi Moses; Bran (corrupted into Braun, and translated into Brown) from Ben Rabbi Nachman; Bard, from Ben Rabbi David; Bersal, from Ben Rabbi Solomon the Levite, and Bril from Ben Rabbi Judah the Levite.

The exegetical names are also peculiarly Jewish. They consist of equivalents for Hebrew names, derived from collocations in biblical tests. Thus the comparisons in Jacob's blessing furnish equivalents for Benjamin in Wolf, for Judah in Lion and for Naphtali in Hart. Fisher is an equivalent for Ephraim, because it was foretold (Gen. xlviii, 16) that he should multiply exceedingly, and the fish is a symbol of fruitfulness. It is also sometimes a substitute for Moses, because Pharaoh's daughter, in giving him his name, said (Exodus ii, 10) "For I drew him out of the water."—St. James' Gazette.

—A wise man says: "He who would acquire fame must not show himself afraid of censure." And he who would acquire wealth must hold on to every cent, sure.—*Texas Siftings.*

—This world was made for poor men; and therefore the greatest part of it was left out-of-doors, where every body could enjoy it.—*Beecher.*

—He that loves not his wife and children feeds a lioness at home and broods a nest of sorrows, and blessing itself can not make him happy.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

DR. TANNER'S IDEAS.

HE TALKS OF PREMATURE BURIAL AND SUSPENDED ANIMATION.

The Dead in This Country Are Buried in Criminal Haste—The Subtle Principle of Life—The Doctor Convinced That Man Can Hibernate.

Eight years have gone since Dr. H. S. Tanner performed his wonderful feat of fasting forty days and nights in Clarendon hall, in New York city. For sixteen days he touched neither water nor food. After the sixteenth day he began to drink water, and subsisted on this alone during the remaining twenty-four days of his fast. The public has not heard much of the plucky little doctor for the last few years, but not long ago he turned up in Chicago, bright and chipper, a splendid specimen of a man in perfect health, and with a rotundity of form indicative rather of the bon vivant than of a man who eats only two meals a day in summer and only one in winter.

"Where have you been keeping yourself, doctor?" asked a reporter, after friendly greetings had been exchanged.

"I have just returned from New Mexico, where I have been for nearly four years, pursuing certain investigations of a scientific nature. I am much interested in the subject of suspended animation or counterfeit death. I am convinced that a far greater percentage of people are buried alive than even those who have ever given the matter much thought would be willing to believe. In no country in the world are the dead buried with such criminal haste, I may say, as in the United States. I have been looking into this subject more or less for the last twenty-five years, and the evidence I have accumulated is startling. I tell you, it is murder, horrible murder, and it is high time some agitation was started for the purpose of securing needed legislation on the subject of the burial of the dead.

THE MOVEMENT IN EUROPE.

"The principle of life is so subtle," continued the doctor, "that man with all his science knows nothing about it; and the only safeguard against the awful crime of burying alive those we love lies in the precautions that are taken against committing their bodies to the tomb before decomposition has set in. That is the only unmistakable sign that death has finally taken place. The people of Holland were among the first to awaken to the importance of this subject, and in 1764 a society was organized in Amsterdam for the purpose of looking into cases where death seemed counterfeit rather than real. In less than four years they had resuscitated—saved from entombment alive—no less than 150 persons. In 1768 the authorities at Milan and Venice, and those at Hamburg, followed the example set by Holland, and a little later similar societies were formed at London, Paris and Glasgow. As a result of the work and investigations of these societies, among the members of which were some of the foremost scientists of the times, it has been proved that in a great number of cases where every known test had been applied and preparations made for the burial the subjects had recovered. These experiences led Professor Morine, of the University of Rome, to offer a prize of 1,500 francs for the best essay on apparent death; and the Marquis d'Ouche left 20,000 francs to be used in discovering the best means that could be applied in detecting the counterfeit of death. And so in all countries statistics collated on this subject are startling, as revealing the danger of premature burial."

"Now don't you think," asked the doctor, "that this is a subject that people should discuss, should be waked up about?"

"What remedy have you to offer, doctor?"

"Simply this: I hold—and it certainly cannot be successfully contradicted—that the setting in of decomposition is the only certain sign of death. In the absence of this burial should be delayed weeks and months, if necessary, for so long as there is no decay life may hang by a feeble thread, and, by that subtleness of which I have already spoken, the recovery be spontaneous.

THE DOCTOR WILL HIBERNATE.

"Another discovery that I have made," said the doctor, "is that hibernating animals do not use their lungs during the period of hibernation. For several years I have been studying the habits of this class of animals, and, do you know, I am about convinced that man can hibernate"——

Here the reporter must have looked the incredulity he felt, for the doctor hastened to explain: "Take the bear for example; its organs of respiration are the same as man's, and it hibernates for months with out food or drink. I have also been studying the philosophy of the adepts who used to be able to go into the death trance at will. Their preparation for this was long fasting, and the trance condition following was, in my opinion, a season of hibernation. I am studying now with a view of making some experiments in this line, and the time may come when I will permit myself to be sealed up in an air tight coffin and laid away until such time as I shall designate for it to be opened."

"But, doctor, you will not expect to come out of a test like that alive, will you?"

"Yes, indeed," was the earnest reply. "I have twice been near the portals of the tomb in my studies of this subject of life principle and of suspended animation, and I firmly believe I can go still nearer—that I can to all outward appearances be dead, and, remaining that way for a length of time, can still come back a living witness of the truth of my theories and investigations."

Speaking of his fast, he said: "The fact is, with most people the body rules the mind, while the reverse should be the case—the mind should control the body. Appetite, and it may be a depraved one, clamors for this or that desired article, and people rush off to gratify it. When I began my forty days' fasting I said to my stomach: 'Here, old fellow, I have a job for you. I want you to take a good long rest, and I want no grumbling about it.' That settled it. At 10 o'clock of the last day of my fast, when I had only two hours to go, a little child that was in the room where I was thrust a ripe peach under my nose. If Adam was tempted as I was then I do not wonder that he fell. I had so little longer to go without eating that I relaxed my will power, and truly my greatest sufferings were during the last two hours of my fast."—Chicago Tribune.

Not a Success.

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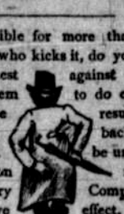

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