STRANGE PHENOMENON.

The Surf of the Atlantic Heard at a Distance of Seventy Miles.

There is a story that Mr. Eliot Glover, of Portland, formerly of this city, related apropos of sounds out of the still sky. I was in Farmington, said he, visiting my uncle. On Christmas night I attended the Christmas festival with my relatives, and it was a clear starlit night, for I remember at the close of the Christmas tree festival they sent a fire balloon into the air, and it went straight up and seemed to hang over us quite stationary. Then it took a course in another direction and seemed to float over toward Lewiston. The next day was Sunday, and after breakfast I walked out with my uncle. It was a very still day, without a breeze, apparently, from any quarter. Smoke rolled up straight into the sky. We were walking silently along when my uncle stopped and said: "What do you hear?" I listened. "It sounds like the roar of the sea," I said. It did sound like it—the low monotone of the surf on the shore, the ceaseless roar of the ocean in a storm. "But," I added, "of course it is not the sea. It must be the wind." "The wind?" asked my uncle; "where do you see it? Look at those trees. They are motionless. Look at the smoke. Look at the grove of pines over there. They would sing if any trees were singing, and they are quiet. "Sure enough it wasn't the wind, and if not the wind what was it? It must be the ocean. We listened to it for five minutes. It boomed and roared sullenly. I was convinced that it was the sea. In the afternoon I met a well-known Farmington gentleman out walking and asked him if he had heard any sound odd or strange. He said that he heard the wind in the trees. I asked him if he could see any trees in motion, and he said no. I told him I thought it was the sea. He poohed at first, but subsequently I heard him telling a friend that he had heard the sea roaring. That night we looked at the map, and found that the nearest points at which the sea came were Boothbay and Harpswell, and they are from seventy to eighty miles as the birds fly. The next day the newspapers brought reports of a fearful storm along the coast, with high seas and damaging surf along the shore. I have not hesitated to believe that we heard the surf at Boothbay that Sunday in Farmington. What current of upper air brought it that seventy miles? The day was as calm as the calm of the ocean at rest. *Lewiston (Me.) Journal.*

TECHNICAL TRAINING.

The Need of Educating Young Men for the Profession of Railroading.

In no field is more room afforded for the application of such skill and knowledge as technical training gives, than in the management and operation of railroads. Railroading has, in fact, become a profession, fully as exacting and requiring as high degrees of professional skill and intellectual attainments as the liberal professions. Yet Dr. Barnard has failed to find that "any of our railway managers have a proper appreciation of the situation, or that there has been any well-digested effort in the direction of educating railway officials or employes upon systematic lines, such as, for example, produce at West Point and Annapolis corps of young men whose basic education and training, with a little experience, fit them for any position of responsibility and trust in our military and naval service. Unquestionably there must be in many of our large railway organizations those who have long recognized the need of, and would warmly welcome, this educational factor in railway management, and doubtless many of them are, from previous education and long experience, peculiarly qualified for making a forcible presentation of the advantages of—and in view of the great changes that scientific discoveries are making in methods of production and transportation, and the new industries that are continually springing up, I may say the absolute necessity for—a combination of scientific and technical education for the operatives of the transportation service of the country. But, unfortunately, men of this type are, as a rule with few exceptions, overtasked with responsibilities and harassed with anxieties that leave few opportunities and little inclination for expressing their views on any subject foreign to their specific duties."—*Popular Science Monthly.*

Dust Baths for Fowls, Etc.

A dust bath is to the hen what a water bath is to mankind, a means of cleaning the skin from impurities, and especially from vermin. It should always be placed where it may keep dry, and where it may always be handy. The dust must not only be dry, but it must be in the shape of an impalpable powder. Fine loam, or humas clay is the best. To this may be added one-half of fine-sifted coal ashes. Wood ashes should never be used. But if an ounce of carbolic acid be put in water enough to dissolve it, and this is sprinkled on two bushels of dry dust and the whole thoroughly mixed, it will assist the fowls in ridding themselves of vermin. The dust bath should be placed where it can receive the full rays of the sun. The hotter it thus gets the better the fowls like it. The box in which the material is placed should be large, not less than 4x4 feet if possible, and the dust therein may be to a depth of three or four inches.—*Farm, Field and Stockman.*

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Lady Dufferin is paying the expenses of several persons studying in America for mission work in India.

—Christine Nilsson began under Sig. Merelli for $200 a month. A few years later the Signor had to pay the Swedish nightingale $1,400 a night.

—A London beggar has on the card he wears plastered to his chest the words: "Please bestow a glance and a copper on one who can bestow neither."

—Mrs. Polk, widow of James K. Polk, still resides in the old homestead at Nashville. She is over eighty years of age, but is in good health, and possesses a memory of unimpaired vigor.

SATIRICAL REPARTEE.

A Conversational Art Coveted by Many, But Possessed by Few.

As iron sharpeneth iron, so a sharp tongue irritateth the wit's friends. Though many laugh at other people's expense, no one willingly serves as a butt. We fight shy of a man or woman ready in repartee, for the most courteous retort is seldom free from satire. Even in vindicating himself, the wit seldom refrains from censuring others. An ancient sage, who lived when it was common to erect statues to obscure persons, being condoled with that no such honor had been conferred upon him, replied with wit, but also with satire: "I prefer to hear it asked why I have no statue, rather than why I had one."

The satire is sometimes deserved. A French maid of honor, at the court of Louis XIII., asked a certain Marshal to marry her.

"You are the silliest man at court," she said on his refusal.

"Excuse me," was the witty but bitter reply, "I think I have just proved the contrary."

A celebrated French artist, in the days of Louis XIII., disliked painting the portraits of the ladies at the court. If he represented them as they were, they accused him of not producing a good likeness; and if he flattered them, then the critics asserted the absence of a resemblance. A countess, whose handsome features were disfigured by the application of rouge, persuaded the artist, much against his will, to paint her portrait.

"Monsieur," said she, petulently, after two or three sittings, "your colors are not brilliant enough for my complexion. Where did you buy them?"

"Madame," answered the artist, "I think they came from the same shop where you buy your own."

A would-be wit of Paris, with more assurance than brains, offered to introduce a young nobleman of the provinces to a lady of high rank.

"Allow me, madame," said he, "to present to you the Marquis de Tierceville, who is not such a fool as he looks."

"Madame," replied the Marquis, "that is precisely the difference between my friend and me."

A countryman, walking through a city street in which there were many brokers' offices, was surprised at the absence of merchandise in the windows.

"Monsieur, what do you sell?" he asked, stepping into an office.

"Asses' heads," answered the broker, snappishly.

"Monsieur must be doing a large trade," rejoined the peasant, laughing heartily, "for I see that he has but one left."

Slovens should be made to feel that neither their position nor their brains justify their disagreeable eccentricity. Mahoney, the Irish wit, known as "Father Prout," once called on a literary lady, whom he found conversing with a gentleman whose manners indicated his familiarity with good society, but whose apparel betrayed his slovenliness.

"Did you not see his well-bred ease and courtly tone?" asked the lady of Mahoney, after the gentleman had left the room.

"Yes," growled the cynical wit; "your friend can well afford to put some polish in his manner, for he keeps none for his boots."—*Youth's Companion.*

RECKLESS BETTING.

An Evil Which Frequently Mars the Engagement of Amateur Races.

But can betting on the university races be stopped? That is not to be expected; but it can be enormously diminished, and that by no one else than by the crews themselves. If they will dispense with all disguises and subterfuges, and let themselves be known for just what they are, neither more nor less, then betting will lose nine-tenths of its impetus. Nor will the pleasurable elements of legitimate uncertainty as to the result ever be absent; for, however apparent it may seem that one of the crews is superior to the other, there are a dozen possibilities that this anticipation may be defeated when the race actually comes to be rowed. One man may overtrain; another may catch a crab; the stroke may turn out more effective than it looked, or the crew that had never done itself justice in practice may awaken under the spur of actual competition, and surprise its friends and strike aghast its enemies. No race is ever won until it has been rowed. And even if the prophets prove correct, defeat will be no worse, nor victory any less sweet, if it has been expected beforehand. It is a rare privilege, too—the opportunity to do one's utmost for no other reward than the parsley crown. It is a privilege which comes seldom in after life as these young gentlemen will discover in due time.—*Julian Hawthorn, in Century.*

—A young woman of Denver was married not long ago to a soldier stationed at Fort Union, N. M. After the marriage he returned to his post and she resumed her duties as a domestic in a Denver family. A few nights ago she, while sitting in the kitchen, was startled by several distinct raps upon the window. Looking up she saw the face of her husband peering at her. Running to the door, opening it, and calling, she found no one on the outside; and then she fainted. The sequel is that she has received a telegram stating that her husband had died at Union just about the hour when she saw his face at the window.—*Chicago Herald.*

PITH AND POINT.

—Formerly the foolish virgins had no oil; now the foolish virgins are too free with the kerosene.—*Hackensack Republican.*

—The author who wrote "There is beauty in extreme old age," probably never tackled an over-nursed egg.—*Chicago Merchant Traveler.*

—There are very few brass bands in a military parade that can play as many airs as the drum-major puts on.—*Shoe and Leather Reporter.*

—True happiness, my son, consists in finding that you have paid $3 for an article exactly like that for which your friend had to pay three and a quarter the day before.

STARING AT CLEVELAND.

One Thing of Which the Washingtonians Never Seem to Tire.

It is a curious fact that the President's carriage, even in Washington, where it is seen almost every day, and has been for so long a common sight, is still an object of curiosity. Let it drive down the avenue and every head is turned. Let it stand in front of some swell establishment on the avenue and a crowd gathers immediately. Let it whirl around the corner and draw up in front of the church where the President attends regularly, and it finds a crowd there waiting to get a look at the President and his wife. Let them take to the road and plunge into the labyrinth of roads, and woods, and hills and valleys that surround Washington, and yet they find themselves still the object of constant interest. So long as they are in sight of any body they are the subject of attention. "Albert," a big, black, honest, well-fed driver who sits on the box and has sat there ever since Grant's arrival at the White House, eighteen years ago, is known to every body. The seal browns are not much less noted and recognized. So the average observer recognizes the turnout even before he sees the President and his wife. But this fact does not lessen his chances of seeing them. On the contrary, he merely takes the appearance of Albert and the seal browns as a notice to brace up and and prepare to take a good look at the President and his wife as they come along. Formerly it was a source of no small annoyance to them to be stared at, for "stared" is the word in every case, but they have become accustomed to it, and no longer permit it to worry them. The persistency with which this staring process is indulged in by every body, irrespective of rank, color or previous condition of good breeding, is something wonderful. On the road every head is turned and every neck craned when the President's team comes in sight. As it passes, the occupants of the carriage are targets for every pair of eyes. After it passes heads are turned and necks are twisted to a danger of dislocation for the privilege of seeing Mrs. Cleveland's back hair or the President's white flaring collar which threatens his ears from behind. The President not long ago, in riding out with a friend, called attention to this as one of the embarrassments of the position.

"Every body does it," he said; "no matter who it is, it is just the same. You can see them fixing for it as they come along the road. The moment they see the driver and team they begin to settle themselves to a good look as they pass by."

The President does not begrudge the people this privilege. No matter how annoying it may be to him, he recognizes the interest the average man or woman has in seeing a live President. So he quietly submits to be stared at and to have his hand shaken by thousands and thousands of people whom he never heard of and will never hear of again.

There are plenty of horses in the President's stables, but the "seal browns" are the favorites. About nine times out of ten that he is out, it is behind them. Albert, the black, honest-faced fellow, who came here with Grant, and has driven for every President since that time, always drives. The President has a variety of carriages—a Victoria, a coupe and a landau. Sometimes the Victoria is used, for that is really the most popular carriage on the road now, but generally the landau, with the top down. The President, who wears a black Prince Albert coat and a white hat, leans well back in the carriage with the air of a tired man seeking rest. Mrs. Cleveland, who sits beside him, usually wears a pretty gray road suit and carries a black and white striped parasol. She sits more erect than the President, and notes every thing that goes on about her with much interest.—*Washington Letter.*

Social Posers Answered.

Rodolphus (Hackensack) says: (1) Will you suggest an easy and graceful mode of acknowledging an introduction to a young lady. Something not conventional or formal? (2) How much ought I to pay for supper for myself and lady friend after the theater? (3) Would you advise me to marry on eight dollars a week?" (1) "Ah, there!" (2) The girl will settle that for you. Any suggestions on our part would be superfluous. (3) No, Rodolphus, we would not, but you'll do it—mark our words, you'll do it; we see it in every line of your beautifully written letter. You'll do it; and oh, Rodolphus, how sorry you'll be for it! The day will come when you'll wish you had followed our advice, but just now you don't feel that way. We are sorry for you, Rodolphus, real sorry, and that's about all we can say.—*Tid-Bits.*

Deserves to be Sick.

Doctor—Have you taken your pills regularly?

Patient—Every two hours as directed.

Doctor—Did you eat nothing except what I told you?

Patient—Nothing.

Doctor (enthusiastically shaking his patient's hand)—My dear sir, you are a model patient. You deserve to be sick, you do.—*Texas Siftings.*

—Only a couple of copper cents and a few pieces of brick were found in the stomach of an ostrich recently dissected at the Philadelphia Zoo. The dissectors expected to find rings, gold watches, jack-knives, nails, etc., and were accordingly much disappointed.

—England is the only country in Europe where the military forces are recruited by voluntary enlistment. Therefore her industries benefit enormously by the comparatively small number of young men withdrawn from them and saddled upon the national earnings.—*Chicago Times.*

—A woodcutter in the forests near Bangor, Me., was the victim of a singular illness a few days ago. His provisions ran short and he was compelled to eat cracked corn to save himself from starving. He drank a great deal of water and the corn swelled, and but for the timely arrival of a doctor he would have died.

A St. John county (Fla.) farmer heard his two-year-old daughter shrieking in the yard and ran out to find the little girl prostrate on the ground while a rooster stood on her breast crowing triumphantly. The enraged fowl had picked one of the child's eyes out and had scratched her face horribly with his claws.

USEFUL AND HURTFUL MEDICINES.

There is a certain class of remedies for constipation absolutely useless. These are boluses and potions made in great part of podophyllin, aloes, rhubarb, gamboge, and other worthless ingredients. The damage they do to the stomachs of those who use them is incalculable. They evacuate the bowels, it is true, but always do so violently and profusely, and besides gripe the bowels. Their effect is to weaken both them and the stomach. Better far to use the agreeable and salutary aperient, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the laxative effect of which is never preceded by pain, or accompanied by a convulsive, violent action of the bowels. On the contrary, it invigorates those organs, the stomach and the entire system. As a means of curing and preventing malarial fevers, no medicine can compare with it, and it remedies nervous debility, rheumatism, kidney and bladder inactivity, and other inorganic ailments.

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—A span of colts ran away in Portland, Ore., the other day, and coming to a railroad bridge ran out fully fifty feet on the ties before either stepped through. Then both went down in a heap and were afterward pulled out, with hardly a scratch.—*N. Y. Sun.*

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