

SLIPS OF THE TONGUE

THINGS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAID DIFFERENTLY.

Errors Into Which Clergymen and Others Are Sometimes Led by Rashness or Absent-Mindedness, or a Little of Both.

Mainly About People has collected the following curious slips of the tongue: A fashionable congregation was once startled by hearing the reverend gentleman announce that they were about to sing "Hymn No. 358—From Iceland's Greasy Mountains." After this they listened with equanimity when they were reminded that they were about to sing "Hymn No. 358—From Iceland's Greasy Mountains." Preaching before a "varsity congregation on the Queen's diamond jubilee, he remarked, impressively: "Now, my brethren, you have a queer dean, a very queer dean, a very queer dean indeed." As it was widely known that he had recently a serious difference with the dean of his college, the slip was intensely enjoyed. The same reverend gentleman once assured his hearers that they all knew what it was to have "a half-warmed fish" within them. "A half-warmed fish" he meant. On another occasion he referred to "Bon the Baptist." Feeling dimly that there was something wrong, he tried to correct matters: "No, no; I mean the Baptist Bon!"

Another dear old college gentleman had occasion to reprimand an undergraduate who had wasted two consecutive terms in youthful follies. After lecturing the delinquent severely in his queerly high-pitched voice, the dean finished by saying: "I am sorry to have to speak so severely to you, but I am credibly informed that you have broken many rules of the college; you have been incorrigibly lazy, and, to cap it all, you have deliberately tasted two worms!"

"Are you fond of music, Mr. —?" "Yes," was the divine's answer, "but I don't know very much about it. I don't think I have a very good ear; in fact, the only two times I really know are 'God Save the Weasel' and 'Pop Goes the Queen!'"

And this reminds one of a dinner tale. The stage was desert. Hostess—"What will you have, Mr. Jones? There are nuts, oranges, figs." Mr. Jones—"Figs, dears!"

At the licensing session held in a certain west-country town recently the chairman, dealing with the statutory limit of bona fide travelers and getting his expressions a little mixed, referred to it as being "three miles as the 'flow cries.'" A limb of the law who was engaged in the case ventured to correct his worship. With a deferential smile, this exponent tried to amend the phrase: "Your worship means as the 'fly crows'—or rather," he added hastily, "as the 'cry flows.'" No one was sufficiently rash to make a further attempt.

It would not be a fair to mention the name of the modern Mrs. Malaprop, who recently made the quaintest faux pas. The conversation turned on a forthcoming fancy dress ball, to which all the house party was going. She was asked what dress she proposed to wear. "I'm having a dress copied from an old French print. It's the period of the revolution. The picture is one of Marat being murdered in his bath by Charlotte Bronte!" It would have been most impolite to correct her, and no one ever knew whether it was mere ignorance, confusion of ideas, or absence of mind.

TRANSMITTED BY MOSQUITOES.

London Royal Medical Society Asserts Manson's Theory to Be Correct. One of the most important works undertaken by the Royal Medical Society during the past year was assigned to Major Ross, the well-known English army surgeon, who was designated to



EXAMINING THE MOSQUITOES.

make investigations with respect to Dr. Patrick Manson's theory that the mosquito is the main means of transmitting the malarial microbe, which has created such a dire havoc within the ranks of the English army. Major Ross went to India to study the conditions least in their natural state, taking with him machines of the greatest delicacy with which to pursue his investigations.

As a result of his labors he has developed that the mosquito, or a certain species of mosquito, the anopheles, is unquestionably the agent, if not the direct cause, of the wide spread of malaria through all the tropical countries. Major Ross' report says: "We have found (a) that local species of mosquitoes carry malaria. (b) That these species breed in a few stagnant puddles. "For many scientific reasons we have come to the conclusion that the truly malarial fever is caused solely by the mosquito—probably entirely by the anopheles species. We estimate, then,

that most of the malarial fever can be got rid of at almost no cost, except of a little energy."

In the course of his investigation he has studied the mosquito most thoroughly. His treatment of the insect is quite remarkable. The most striking machine which he uses to facilitate his research is a guillotine, which cuts the insect into sixty distinct and separate sections so small that every minute detail can be studied under the microscope.

In order to do this the body of the insect is hardened by successive treatments with various kinds of acids and spirits. It is then plunged in melted wax. When this wax cools it sets hard around him and enables the keen blade of the guillotine to cut him into the most minute shavings, each of which can be mounted and then examined under the microscope.

In this way the minute stomach of the insect is studied carefully, and the deadly microbe which he keeps there discovered and examined.

THREE OLD BROTHERS.

Combined Ages of Three Russians Are Said to Amount to 350 Years.

It is not popularly supposed that the conditions which surround the lives of the peasants of Russia are conducive to good health or longevity, yet the Russian papers have recently printed pictures of three peasants—brothers—who are, beyond doubt, the three oldest members of a single family alive. The family name of the three remarkable old men is Kovalenko. Michael, the eldest, is 129 years old, the same age as was Moses at his "passing." The second brother is only two years younger, having already celebrated his 118th birthday. The youngest of this remarkable family has seen 112 summers and winters. The venerable brothers are still strong and healthy, and have lived in the same place all



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their lives. There is no question of doubt about the correctness of the ages given, for every Russian must have his "papers," in which the date of his birth is officially entered, and without which he cannot live in any part of the empire.

VELOCITY OF FALLING.

In a Vacuum All Fall Alike—Not So in the Atmosphere.

The old-time query as to which of the two, a pound of lead or a pound of feathers, dropped from the same height at the same time, would first reach the ground, seems ever new. Some one propounded it to the wise man of the Scientific American last week, using instead of lead and feathers an ounce and a tone of iron. And this is how the wise man responded:

"This matter was put to the test of experiment by Galileo at the Leaning Tower of Pisa in the seventeenth century, with two balls of lead, weighing one and ten pounds respectively. The followers of Aristotle had taught for centuries that the balls would fall in proportion to their weights, the heavier one falling the faster. Galileo pointed out the fact that the lighter one would reach the ground first because the air would resist the fall of the larger one more than it would that of the smaller. He had previously demonstrated the law of falling bodies that the velocity under the action of gravity is independent of the mass of the body. Experiment confirmed his position. The small ball reached the earth first. In a vacuum all bodies fall with the same velocity through any distance. As a practical statement, it may be taken as true that small dense bodies will conform to the theoretical laws falling any distance less than 200 feet in the atmosphere. But with an ounce and a ton there would be a perceptible difference. The ounce ball would fall the faster. Facts like this are now adays demonstrated by even elementary students in almost every class in physics in the country."

Exclusiveness of De Reszke.

Jean de Reszke is the only one of the grand opera singers whom it is impossible to hire for private musicals. He will sing an entire evening at the house of a fellow artist, but becomes positively angry when singing in private houses for money is suggested. He once visited the house of the Rothschilds in Paris, and delighted his host by singing a number of songs. The baron, who had tried to get him to sing at private entertainments a number of times, but never succeeded, now resolved to reward the singer in what he considered the proper way. At the close of the evening he presented De Reszke with a blank check, signed, asking him to fill it up for any amount he wished. De Reszke took the check and as he tore it to pieces said: "My friend, I am your guest. If I took your check I should deserve to be kicked from your door. I sang only for pleasure."

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The Waiter Knew 'Em. A downtown restaurant was in the turmoil of the busy dinner hour. Careworn business men rushed in and swallowed a lunch as though millions depended on their haste. Waiters balanced steaming platters on the tips of their little fingers with the ease of Japanese jugglers, and everything seemed confusion. Yet there was a certain degree of discipline among the waiters and they seemed to know their customers and their usual choice of dishes. For instance, when a pair of lantern-jawed actors without an engagement entered, the waiter that listened to the order yelled to the cook: "Two soups and a Ham-omelet!"—Detroit Free Press.

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