

BREVITIES

THE HALL OF FAME.

Henry Graham Thompson, one of the founders of the Union League club of New York, died recently at his home in Milford, Conn.

Felix Weingartner, the composer and conductor, has announced his engagement to the Baroness Feodora von Dreyfus of Munich.

The breaking of the engagement of Jules Bois and Emma Calvo has had the effect of driving the well known psychologist to a monastery.

Lieutenant Governor Guild of Massachusetts has been elected honorary president of the recently organized Lecturers' association of Boston.

Quartermaster J. F. Rice of the United States army states that he has found Indians in Alaska entirely ignorant of the existence of horses.

President Diaz of Mexico has inaugurated the work upon the Pantheon which is intended to be a monument to the illustrious men of his country.

Professor George H. Ashley, professor of biology and geology in the College of Charleston, has resigned to enter the service of the United States geological survey.

The threatened extinction of the old line of Josiah Quincy of Boston has been averted by the birth in Florence, Italy, of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Quincy. The son has been named Josiah.

Clarkson Henry Tredgold, who has come to the front of South African politics as the newly appointed attorney general of southern Rhodesia, was formerly solicitor general at Bulawayo. He has been a lawyer for fourteen years.

The widow of Hector Macdonald and her son have received from the British government the maximum allowance in the case of the widow and child of an officer. In addition, an appeal has been issued for funds to enable the boy to continue his education.

James E. Burke, recently chosen mayor of Burlington, Vt., is a blacksmith. When notified that the supreme court had decided his election legal—it had been contested—he was in his shop shoeing a horse. He finished his job before making any reply to the congratulations of his friends.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Wide silk laces for low shoes are finished with silk tassels.

The latest thing in hairdressing is a curled bang under the pompadour roll.

This is a green season almost as pronouncedly as it is a white season. All shades of the clear color are worn.

Tiny circular shaped fans are to be had to slip into opera bags. The prettiest of them are of white gauze spangled with gold or silver.

Elbow sleeves, mitts and bracelets go together naturally. The jewelry stores are showing flexible gold bracelets in great variety, many of them beautiful in design and finish.

Some new patent leather belts are perforated invisibly in the back to admit of ventilation, which is very desirable, especially when the belts are worn with golf or other outing dress.

The sailor hat has put in an appearance again this summer. The most attractive have medium wide brims with low, square crowns and are evolved from coarse whole wheat straw plaited perfectly flat.—New York Post.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

In Serbia these days it is difficult to tell vitch is vitch.—Utica Observer.

Don't form your opinion of the Manchurian situation from the foreign dispatches. Watch the mule market.—Atlanta Constitution.

France is not going to stop automobile racing because it does not like the sport, but because it hasn't any population to spare.—Denver Republican.

There does not seem to be any flaw in New Jersey's title to fame. Mosquitoes held up a trolley car in New Brunswick a few days ago. This keeps the record straight.—Philadelphia North American.

The proposal that New York waiters strike for higher wages is met by the fact that wages do not cut much figure with the New York waiter. As for striking for higher tips—well, there are ways.—New York World.

PEOPLE TO AVOID.

The young man who claims to be a cynic.

The woman who keeps "private boarders."

The young wife who refers to herself as "the bride."

The father who has taught his baby to speak a piece.

The girl who says nobody understands her nature.

The mother whose boy is having trouble with his teacher.—Dubuque Telegraph-Herald.

VACATION POINTERS.

Remember that before it is all over you will be glad to sing "Home, Sweet Home."

You can get as much sunburn in the park as at the seaside if that is all you are looking for.

Resorts do not of necessity increase in desirability in proportion to the distance from home.

Remember that the author of a railway guidebook is of close kin to the writer of a gold mine prospectus.—Chicago Journal.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

The shooting of firecrackers is not American; it is Chinese.

One factory has marketed 60,000 electrical flatirons this season.

There are 22,400 more females than males in Cranwall, England.

The Johannesburg Public library is now open on Sunday afternoons.

The Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris is now lighted by electricity.

Three times as much freight passed the "Soo" last year as passed through the Suez canal.

It is estimated that the population of British Somaliland is about 250,000. Its area is about 68,000 square miles.

Atlantic City possesses a police motor car which is used solely for the conveyance of intoxicated prisoners.

During the last three years twenty-two millionaires have died in England. Their average age was seventy-five years.

Within five years wages for all classes of mechanical occupations have increased from 20 to 25 per cent in Hamilton, Canada.

Two Russian papers asked their readers to name the ten greatest men, and in both cases Tolstol came out at the top of the poll.

The largest tree in the world lies broken and petrified at the end of a defile in northwestern Nevada. It is said to be 606 feet long.

It is stated that on Jan. 1, 1903, there were 1,124 bituminous coal mines in operation in Pennsylvania as compared with 948 on Dec. 31, 1900.

There are more than 17,000 machine tending operatives in Lowell, Mass., caring for 838,000 spindles and earning over \$500,000 a month in wages.

Wages of the working people of the United Kingdom, according to official statistics, showed a decrease of \$7,920,000 last year compared with the preceding year.

It is claimed by Boston that it makes the finest quality of Egyptian cigarettes, produces the choicest Italian macaroni and has altogether the best brand of the Irishman in politics.

The English post office gives 20 per cent better speed in delivering parcels than the private carriers and at a cost of 6 cents for a pound, 8 cents for two pounds and 24 cents for eleven pounds.

French drivers and firemen and even French fuel will be imported for the trial in England of the De Glehn giant locomotive engine which is being built in France for the Great Western railway.

Two submarines made a sham attack on the French squadron at La Rochelle recently in the evening, and so smartly were they handled that it is said in actual warfare the whole division would have been annihilated.

Bequerel has shown that radium emits cathode rays moving at a velocity of over 120,000 miles a second. A particle traveling with this velocity and starting from the earth would reach the moon in two seconds.

A man in Cincinnati applied to the courts for an injunction to restrain the tongues of the gossips of the neighborhood. He learned from judicial sources that there are some things beyond the control of the highest human power.

Russell square, London, beloved of readers of "Vanity Fair," seems to be fast disappearing. Half of the east side has been torn down to make room for a mammoth hotel, and now the west side is beginning to yield to blocks of flats.

High license went into effect in New York city May 1, and as a result 718 hotel and saloon keepers went out of business. Under the new law licenses were advanced from \$600 to \$900 in Brooklyn and from \$800 to \$1,200 in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Since the introduction of the Bertillon system in France 20,000 persons who have committed crimes and who were concealing their identity have by means of the system been identified and brought to justice, and among all these not one mistake is known to have been made.

The restriction of emigration from the continent to London is now agitated as an urgent public question. The census of the metropolis shows 38,147 Russians, 27,427 Germans, 13,420 Poles, 11,204 French and 10,889 Italians. New York city can digest that number of foreigners every year.

The number of theological students in Germany has diminished gradually from 4,267 in 1830 to 2,140, or less than half, although the population has doubled since 1830. The insufficiency in the number of candidates for the ministry is discussed as a matter of exceeding gravity by German theologians.

The town of White Pigeon, Mich., claims to be run as cheaply as any town in this country. Last year it cost the 800 inhabitants \$1,325 for expenses. The health department spent \$225 in addition to the health officer's salary of \$20. The police department appropriation was 50 cents, the fire department \$90.

It will be a surprise to many to know that the authoress of that well known hymn, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," is still alive. Mrs. Van Alstyne, the lady in question, has just entered upon her eighty-fifth year. In her day she is said to have produced no fewer than 2,000 hymns, many of which have secured worldwide recognition.

The Line of Least Resistance.
"Well, I see that famous authoress married, after all."

"Yes, it proved easier to find an affinity than a publisher, I fancy."—Detroit Free Press.

No Mere Figure of Speech.
"Time flies!" exclaimed the man who had been up late the night before as he threw the alarm clock through the window.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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THE RIDICULOUS WOMAN.

How She Is Viewed by a Guest at a Summer Hotel.

"Of all the funny guests in a summer hotel none is more ridiculous than the woman who has left all her best clothes at home," remarked the thoughtful girl to her best friend. "Why she should make it a point to leave behind her all her swell gowns and pack only her ordinary ones is never quite clear. She never can explain it satisfactorily. In fact, she says, 'I don't know what I was thinking of not to bring the best part of my wardrobe.' The rest of the guests at the table wink slyly at one another and encourage the poor woman to talk about the finery she has left behind her. 'Yes, indeed,' she says; 'I had the sweetest little shirt waiting for morning wear that I meant to put in. My dressmaker made it just before I came away, and it's so provoking of me to forget it.'

"In the evening she appears in a pretty dimity gown and at once says apologetically: 'Dear me, I simply had to put on this rag of a gown because I neglected to pack my silk mull. It's a beauty, too, hand embroidered and very becoming, they tell me.'

"The number of things that this woman has left at home is wonderful. If she had brought them all, six trunks would have been filled to the brim. There are shirt waisted suits, myriads of elegant hose, walking suits, bathing suits, rain coats, muslins, organdies, brilliantines, white flannel suits, automobile gowns, chiffon hats, alpine hats and flower hats. Then there are feather boas, all kinds of gloves, slippers and enough jewelry to start a jewelry shop. To hear her talk one would imagine that she was a multimillionaire.

"She always makes these remarks about her left behind toilet in a lofty way, as if it were the height of bad taste for anyone to have nice gowns at this particular hotel. She says: 'I wish I had brought my nice things, but there is hardly the opportunity to wear such things here. I like to see a woman dressed appropriately, don't you know?'

"Yes, my dear, I am talking from experience, for one of these creatures is staying at this very hotel, and half the time she amuses me and half the time she irritates me. I wish you'd brought down your swell gowns just to show her a thing or two."—New York Times.

Indian Territory Capitals.
The educators of the Indian Territory should endeavor to educate the various schoolbook publishing companies in regard to the capitals of the Indian country," recently said Tams Bixby, chairman of the Dawes commission. "Every geography published has Tablequah as the capital of the Indian Territory. The maps of the territory in these geographies show scarcely any other towns. But Tablequah is always placed up in heavy black letters, with the star representing the capital. It is about time that authors of geographies knew something of the geography of the Indian country, and the educators here ought to draw their attention to the inaccuracies of the textbooks on geography.

As a matter of fact the Indian Territory proper has no capital, as it is not a regularly organized territory. It is simply the Indian Territory.

The seat of government is Muskogee. Each of the five civilized tribes, however, has a capital. Tablequah is the capital of the Cherokee nation, Okmulgee of the Creek nation, Tishomingo of the Chickasaw nation, Wewoka of the Seminole nation and Tuskahoma of the Choctaw nation.

Knew Him.
Miss Brightlie—Oh, Mr. Search, there's a young lady here tonight I know you will like!

Mr. Search—I feel extremely flattered to find that you have made such a close study of my tastes. Please describe her.

Miss Brightlie—She's worth a million.—New York Weekly.

Explained.
Willie (who has attended three rainy Sunday school excursions)—Mamma, why does it rain every day?

Mamma—Well, Willie, I think that all the farmers must have prayed for rain and God has been answering each prayer separately.—New York Times.

Unappreciated.
"Do you believe," said the lady with the sear and yellow, "that the good die young?"

"How could I?" exclaimed the father—"how could I, and you so good-er—that is!"—

"Sir!"—Baltimore News.

The Reason.
Coddies—Whenever I see you, you are reading a novel. You don't mean to say you remember all of them? Short—Dear me, no! It's because I don't remember them I like to read them.—Boston Transcript.

No Demand For It.
"Susie hasn't put up her hammock this year."

"No. That new young man of hers is too lazy to swing it, and it makes him sick to sit in it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Highest Ambition.
Caller—Are you sure your mistress is not in?

Bridge—Oh, am not, but she comes to be, so 'tis not for the likes of me to doubt it.—Philadelphia Press.