

Brevities

THE HALL OF FAME.

Mme. Melba is said to have received \$50,000 and Tamagno \$15,000 for singing before a gramophone.

Henry S. Gere, editor of the Hampshire Gazette of Northampton, Mass., has been in active newspaper work for sixty years, and the paper he now edits is 121 years old.

A cane over 100 years old is owned by N. B. Davenport of Chelsea, Vt. It was brought from Palestine by his great-uncle, who obtained it on the Mount of Olives.

Although eighty-two years of age, Warren H. Drake of Pine Meadow, Conn., works ten hours daily in a plane factory. He has been in the employ of one company fifty-eight years.

Prince Nashimoto, a cousin of the emperor of Japan, has just finished a period of training in the Thirty-ninth regiment of French infantry and has entered the war college in Paris.

Rev. Dr. James Park of the First Presbyterian church of Knoxville, Tenn., has celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday. He has been preaching since 1847 and lives in the house in which he was born.

Oscar Hammerstein plans to build a chain of opera houses in cities west of New York and has purchased a site in Philadelphia, where he proposes to have the first of the new buildings completed in a little more than a year.

Harry B. Clow, who succeeds Fred G. McNally as president of the Rand, McNally & Co. publishing house, is a son-in-law of the late Andrew McNally, founder of the big printing company. Mr. Clow is thirty-nine years old.

Samuel Sloan was the last of the pioneer railway men of the world. Dying at ninety recently, he had seen the beginning and development of the railways and had been prominent in construction and operation in this country.

A. H. Smith, the general superintendent of the New York Central, has been appointed vice president and general manager of the Boston and Albany railroad. He is one of the best railroad men in the country and is very popular with his employees.

There has just entered the School of Commerce and Finance of New York university Mr. Enki Ri, the son of one of the three wealthiest families in Japan, who is preparing thus to take charge of his father's and his grandfather's great tea and oil interests.

TALES THEY TELL.

A letter posted thirty-two years ago by a lady accepting his offer of marriage has just been received by Mr. O'Houghen of Mexico.

A man in Port Scott, Kan., answering an advertisement for a cook, wrote that he was willing to wear women's clothes and take a female name in order to get the job.

A St. Louis policeman gave as an excuse for staying in a saloon, "The barkeeper broke two eggs in a glass of sherry and wanted me to find out if the eggs were fresh."

At the slaughter house of Swift & Co. in St. Louis a goat is used to decoy the sheep to the slaughter room. It is described as a fearless animal that chews tobacco and can do a cakewalk.

Miss Cora McKen became so excited when she was married at Cincinnati to John L. Reynolds that she kissed everybody in the room, even the magistrate who held out his hand for his fee and the clerk who asked for the marriage certificate.

GERMAN GLEANINGS.

Germany's list of newspapers is the largest in Europe.

In Germany there are several families who pay no taxes at all.

The authorities at Eidenbroden punished a merchant for selling adulterated wine by pouring it into the basin of a dried up stream. The inhabitants of the little town rushed to the wine river with pitchers and jars and soon emptied it.

Sunday rest in Germany is to be enforced in future much more strictly than hitherto in pursuance of orders from the minister of the interior, who is determined that no labor, unless absolutely necessary, shall be done on the Sabbath day.

An advertisement appears in the Cologne Gazette in which rich men or their sons are asked to furnish \$175,000 to assist in establishing a National Liberal newspaper in a certain German state. The contributor is assured that he will be rewarded with the title of baron.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

What has become of denatured alcohol? Wasn't it expected to set a lot of machinery in motion?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

About the only commodities that have not increased in price to the consumer recently are postage stamps and champagne.—Providence Journal.

When the currency is colored slate, brown, green, blue, yellow, pink and white many a man who now takes so much pride in flashing his roll of one dollar notes will be a miserable being.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Texas prophet asserts that within ten years there will be 5,000 millionaires in that state. Nonsense! The state may produce that many millionaires, but they won't be found in Texas. They'll be in New York.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Not His Place to Laugh.

Milly is a sweet young lady, usually very sedate and self possessed. But today she was suffering under the stress of suppressed emotion.

"Calm yourself, my dear," urged a sympathetic friend, "and tell me all about it."

"Well, you see," began Milly, wiping her eyes, "papa caught a wicked cold, and mother persuaded him to coddle himself to get rid of it. So he sat, dressed in pajamas, on his folding bed in front of a blazing fire in his bedroom. He had a steaming bowl of gruel on his knee, and his feet were in a pair of mustard and water."

"Presently we heard a terrific noise overhead, and we all rushed upstairs to see what had happened to poor papa. We found that the folding bed had collapsed in the middle, and there he was stuck in the angle, scalding gruel in his lap and pouring all over him, while ma was sitting in a pool of mustard and water on the floor, laughing herself into hysterics. And, oh, the things he said because she didn't go and pull him out! That's why I'm overcome, my dear!"—London Answers.

A Bundle of Blunders.

Don't say that "cleanliness is next to godliness," a statement which would be untrue if it were not unmeaning. If you must gauge the value of this excellent quality quote the original correctly and say that cleanliness is next to godliness, meaning thereby that, where this is lacking, a clean and well kept person has an attraction and a comeliness only second to actual beauty.

Never talk of "the worst coming to the worst," an impossible occurrence, since it is already there. The worse may come to the worst, as, alas, it often does, but when the worst has come there is no more to be said.

Please do not speak of your "mutual friend." If A is a friend of B and C, A is not a mutual but a common friend.

But, above all, if you would be blameless never talk of "common sense," as though it were or could be an exceptional or rare possession of a favored few. Common sense is the sense common to all, which long may we all enjoy.

Shakespeare Versus Burns.

At the close of a lecture to the members of a certain literary society the following dialogue between a Scotchman and the lecturer was overheard:

"Ye think a fine lot o' Shakespeare, doctor?"

"I do, sir," was the emphatic reply. "An' ye think he was mair clever than Robbie Burns?"

"Why, there's no comparison between them!"

"Maybe no, but ye tell us the night it was Shakespeare who wrote 'Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.' Now, Robbie would never have written sic nonsense as that."

"Nonsense, sir!" thundered the indignant doctor.

"Aye, just nonsense. Robbie would hae kent fine that a king, or a queen either, disna gang to bed wi the crown on his head. They hang it over the back o' a chair." The doctor's face dropped, for he realized that his lecture had been given in vain.—Scottish Nights.

Gold Is Everywhere.

Gold can most profitably be extracted from certain mines where the ore is rich and not too difficult to work, but should these deposits ever peter out there is no fear that the world would suffer for lack of a gold supply, for there are many other sources which are as yet untouched, but for working which profitable methods would be devised if need were. Granite, for example, contains an appreciable quantity of gold, and if it were not under present conditions too expensive a matter to extract it we should find Scotland and Cornwall rivaling the Transvaal and the Klondike. The sea also contains gold in solution, and the man who invents a cheap method of getting it out will make himself richer than all the millionaires that ever lived. Gold is also constantly falling all over the surface of the world, blown to us in minute quantities along with cosmic dust, which comes from interstellar space.—Black and White.

Easily Stated.

A committee having in charge a local entertainment went to a noted editor to request him to take part in it.

"What do you want me to do, gentlemen?" he asked.

"We would like to have you give us a talk on spelling reform," they replied.

"Well," he rejoined, "I can give you my idea of spelling reform in one sentence. Just leave 'me' off the 'programme.'"

A Working Majority.

"You can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time. But"—

"Why go further?" interrupted Senator Sulphur. "The two classes you have named constitute a safe working majority."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Deeps Are Dumb.

The greatest golfers seldom talk about their golf any more than the greatest cricketers talk about their cricket. It is the enthusiastic duffer who enjoys conversing about "his game."—London Truth.

Scholarship.

Genial Clergyman (visiting the village school)—Well, my little man, what do you do in school all day? The Most Promising Pup—I wait till it's time to get out, sir.—London Opinion.

It is better to fight for the good than to rail at the ill.—Tennyson.

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Hints for the Household

Nearly every woman, city or country, makes some attempt at floriculture, and incidentally she includes at least one of the fine varieties of begonias in her collection. With the first settled warm days of Spring these plants should be set out of doors in the window box or garden, given a bed of two-thirds loam and one-third sand and fertilizer, then plenty of water, never allowing them to get dry. Water the entire plant, leaves and all, except in case the leaves suddenly show a tendency to drop off, as frequently happens, when less water should be used.

Begonias grown from seeds are hardier and in every way more successful than from slips. In planting the seed scatter them lightly in the loose earth and barely cover with sand.

Remember that a lamp if burned with only a little oil in it generates a gas which is liable at any moment to explode. Keep the wick turned high enough to burn freely. Many persons turn down the wick to save oil, but the room is quickly poisoned by the evil smell of the gas thus formed. If necessary, as in a sick room, to have a little light, put the lamp in the hall or another room, rather than turn it down.

Not every woman knows that allowing cut glass to stand in water, no matter how clean, ruins the luster. It should be washed separately and in perfectly clean water. In the event of there being anything sticky inside wash with blood-warm soda water, or in the case of a water bottle, shake thoroughly.

There is a wide choice for planting a hanging basket. Geraniums, petunias, verbenas, begonias, daisies, scarlet sage, snap dragons all do well in a basket. For hanging over the sides use on edges alyssum, parlor ivy, v.neas, tradescantias, nasturtium and morning glories. Hanging baskets should be suspended where they get plenty of light. As they are so exposed to the air on all sides, they require more water than the same flowers would under ordinary conditions. Use a good, rich soil mixed with one-third well-decayed manure.

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The First Prize

The literary editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger has been offering prizes for detected errors in English, the contest open to readers of the paper. Last week he gave the readers a selection from the life of "Hans Breitmann," in which occurred: "But his character was marked by several phenomenon." A reader not thinking the above sized up to the requirements of grammatical exactitude submitted the following:

Der "Ledtcher" gife a gontest
To find outd some mishdake;
Und I look, und look, und look,
Till my headd is choost vun ache;
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Vhen it shoofit be in der blural yet,
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And it's cawffee time, it's cawffee time.

'Tain't sun-up yet, but the sky is red,
Beans are hot and the table spread,
If it wa'n't for your snore I'd think you were dead;

Hi, up my men, for it's cawffee time.
Wake up, my hearties of Murphy's crew,
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