

REFLECTED GLORY.

It is Just as Much Fun and Less Trouble Than Real Glory.

It is a profound truth that reflected glory is far better worth having than real glory, as far as the actual fun of the thing is concerned.

THE ISLAND OF FIRE.

Java's Geological Eccentricity the Lake of Boiling Mud.

The greatest natural wonder in Java, if not in the entire world, is the justly celebrated Gheko Kamdha Gumko or "home of the hot devils," known to the world as the "island of fire."

The "island" is about two miles in circumference and is situated at a distance of almost exactly fifty miles from Solo. Near the center of this geological freak immense columns of soft hot mud may be seen continually rising and falling like great timbers thrust through the boiling substratum by giant hands and then quickly withdrawn.

Every Feb. 11 is celebrated in Japan the great annual festival of Kigenetsu, the anniversary of the foundation of the empire by the first emperor, Jimmu-tenno, B. C. 600.

Nicolas, Chevalier d'Assas, a French captain in the Auvergne regiment, born at Vigan, in the Languedoc, while making a reconnaissance during the night of Oct. 15, 1790, at Klosterkamp, in Westphalia, met a column of the enemy which was advancing in silence to surprise the French army.

"Most any of us," remarked Uncle Gilderoy Skite, "kin reach fur enough to touch the hem of the mantle of fame. Abraham Lincoln used to spill rats fur a man that a cousin of mine only twist removed on the mother's side afterward stole a dog often."

A lady complained to the Willenden magistrates the other day that her husband "wiped his feet on her and walked over her." It is a case of incompatibility of temperament.

"I am afraid, darling, you will very soon forget me."

Beggar—Kind sir, give me 2 sous for my three children. Kind Sir—That isn't dear, certainly, but I don't think I'll take them. I have four already at home.—Nos Loisirs.

However exalted our position, we should not despise the powers of the humble.—Phaedrus.

WOMEN OF HOLLAND.

Such Feminine Costumes Are Too Complex For Words.

The women's costume is a trifle too complex for verbal description, as feminine belongings usually are, but the white lace cap which covers the head from eyebrows to nape of neck and from ear to ear, curving out in rounded wings on each side of her cheeks, is always a conspicuous and inevitable portion of a woman's attire.

The ladies assure us there is a vast difference in the quality of the net and the amount of handwork employed, but the lens made no special note of that. In shape and outline the camera finds great distinction between these caps and those of Katwyk or Marken or Bols le Duc, but between Sunday and Monday caps in Volendam it records none whatever.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

No small noise sounds as bad as that made by squeaky shoes.

Lift any little woman's thumb and you will find a man under it.

How few people are as polite to their friends as they are to strangers!

People seem to begrudge a preacher everything he gets except his vacation.

The child that is ruled by love and the child that has its own way live at the same house.

If you were a mind reader you would learn a lot of unpleasant things which now you can only surmise.

The man who prides himself on being a "great observer of little things" can usually be relied upon for a few unpleasant remarks.

Soon after a boy ceases to credit his father with being the smartest man on earth he imagines his father should consult him on all doubtful issues.—Atchison Globe.

The wife of an army officer at a western post recently had occasion to visit a small neighboring town to do some shopping at what is called the general store. She was much entertained by the variety and antiquity of the stock of goods, and as she passed out her eyes were attracted by a pile of mottoes, elaborately lettered and ornately framed, the upper one being the Scriptural passage, "Walk in love."

As she paused the clerk, a dapper young man of more affability than advantages, stepped forward with the remark: "Them are the latest things in mottoes. This top one is swell to put over a young lady's door—'Walk in love.'"—Lippincott's.

Let the boy learn to hit the bright spot with a rifle, and if war comes he can hit the button on the coat of an enemy the first shot and does not have to be taught to shoot over again after he kills. If he is familiar with guns, boats, water and the wild woods, he will be handy anywhere, and you can't lose him. Any boy who has got a father who won't do the right thing by him and give him a chance to love the woods and the water and the free, clean air that God serves free, when you get far enough away from man's city can come along with me some time, and I will show him how to have the time of his life.—Oster's Book.

Tommy Rattles was turned down when he asked Elsie's father for his consent. The old man said that Tommy was a good boy, but lacked persistence.

He goes to the old man and asks him for his daughter three evenings every week.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Yes," said the reformed cannibal chief, "I used to eat every missionary that came out here."

"That was before you got religion, eh?" queried the new missionary.

"No; before I got indigestion."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Soker—I won \$50 from Bings last night playing poker.

Joker—Why, does Bings know how to play poker?

Soker—Not yet.—Lippincott's Magazine.

THE THIRD HOUSE.

Legislative Annex of the Special Interests in Congress.

The third house, as the lobby is sometimes called, is the legislative annex of the special interests. It is the house of special representatives, and its membership is a curious study in the widely different.

Its meeting place is the lobby and committee rooms of the nation's capitol, the hotel rotunda, the lawyer's office, the street, the banquet room, the little back room, the bar, the road house, the home, the brothel—anywhere the legislator may be found and personally approached.

If legislators were perfect, there would be no lobby. If they were perfectly wise, there would be no occasion for the lobbyist who desires "to inform" them; if perfectly honest, there would be no occasion for the lobbyist who desires to "make it worth while." If perfectly patriotic, there would be no occasion for the lobbyist who desires for himself "a little personal favor"—at the people's expense.

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In the mathematics class one day at Williams college Professor S., who was rarely made the subject of college jests, was excessively annoyed by some man "sneaking" a small rubber bladder.

Hollis, do you know who is making that unbearable noise?"

Hollis, who had been the guilty person all along, assumed an air of stoical bravery and said calmly, "I know, sir, but I prefer not to tell."

One of the best preserved historic country houses in all England is John Milton's cottage at Chalfont St. Giles, to which the blind and aging poet fled when the great plague swooped down on London. That was in July, 1665, and Milton had just finished "Paradise Lost" and received a five pound note for it, with a promise of three more five pound notes if the poem sold four editions of 1,300 copies each.

"Zephyr, cipher and zero." "Zephyr" and "cipher" and "zero" are words that come to the English from the Arabic "sifr," which meant literally "empty" and so "nothing" and the figure that represents nothing.

"And is this to be your last tour of America?" asked the reporter.

"But it's advertised as a 'farewell.'" "Yes, a mere farewell. It's not a farewell farewell, you may notice."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Her "Alter Ego." First Gossip—I could tell you a pretty tale about Frau Weber, but one ought not to speak evil of the absent.



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