

THE AUDIENCE.

Proved a Fine Ad. For... an Italian review... They were touring... Liszt set with a grand overture...

When the guests separated... the whole town had turned out... chance of an invitation to...

PATAGONIAN INDIANS.

Customs of the Remnants of a Once Powerful Tribe. Normally the Tehuelches, as the Patagonian Indians are called, are a peaceable and kindly people...

When Magellan first passed through... the smallest pension. The main's pension system is as...

Earth's Sense of Smell. He not failed to do perfumes... one major poet—Wordsworth...

Bearded the Beards. Great of Russia levied a... Finding that his subjects...

Suspicious. Ident—What's the matter? President—I was just thinking...

Seizing the Opportunity. If you insist on this now... have to get it on credit...

Man Are Beacens. Every man is the center of perpetual radiation like a luminous body...

SANDY'S SCRUPLES.

They Almost Kept the Tourists From Getting the Boat.

A couple of tourists staying at a village which is in close proximity to a well known Scottish loch had a fancy one fine Sunday to go for a row on the loch. They accordingly sallied forth...

CROWNED HIMSELF.

An Impromptu Ceremony in Which King George IV. Figured.

That was a curious sort of impromptu coronation in which his majesty King William IV. of England figured. Things did not go very well with Earl Grey's government after the second reading of the first reformed bill...

The king ought not properly to have worn the crown, never having been crowned, but when he was in the robing room he said to Lord Hastings: "Lord Hastings, I wear the crown. Where is it?"

Serving Soup. If anybody were asked to suggest why the soup plate was made broad and shallow the almost certain answer would be that such an arrangement facilitates the cooling of the soup to a temperature comfortable to the mouth.

Stage Scenery. Walter Pritchard Eaton, the dramatic critic, believes modern dramas are too elaborately staged. In "The Question of Scenery" in the American Magazine he says: "After all, it was not the Elizabethans who were stupid because they could enjoy the drama on a bare stage..."

Ruined by Jestings. The Antiochenes themselves brought about the ruin of the beautiful city of Antioch, the ancient capital of the Greek kings of Syria. These people were famous for their biting and scurrilous wit...

Would Do His Own Biting. The British gentleman new to our shores stepped up to the cigar counter and requested of the "clerk" a cigar. "What will you have, a bit cigar?" asked the "clerk."

Man Are Beacens. Every man is the center of perpetual radiation like a luminous body. He is, as it were, a beacon which entices a ship upon the rocks if it does not guide it into port.—Amiel.

WASHING AWAY THE LAND.

Erosion of the Drainage Basins of the United States.

Investigations by the United States geological survey of the erosion of numerous drainage basins of the United States show that the surface of the country is being removed at the average rate of about an inch in 760 years. Though this amount seems trivial when spread over the surface of the country, it becomes stupendous when considered as a total or even in separate drainage basins.

The rivers of the United States carry to tide-ward every year 270,000,000 tons of dissolved matter and 513,000,000 tons of suspended matter. This total of 783,000,000 tons represents more than 350,000,000 cubic yards of rock or 610,000,000 cubic yards of surface soil.

A FAMOUS DWARF.

Boruiwaski, the Pole, Was Handsome, Scholarly and Witty.

A notable dwarf, who had a long lease of life over parts of two centuries—he was born in 1739 and died in 1837—was Boruiwaski, the Pole, of whose debut an interesting tale is told. As a boy of fifteen, when he was just one inch higher than a two foot rule, Boruiwaski was presented to the Empress Maria Theresa, who was so charmed by his good looks and grace that she seated him on her lap and gave him a hearty kiss.

He became a special favorite of Stanislaus II., who took him to England and introduced him to George III., and for more than half a century Boruiwaski made his home at the English court. This dwarf, who at his tallest was a yard and three inches, had a sister whose head just reached her big brother's shoulders.

A Dark Smoke.

Funny thing about smoking! If a man were compelled to puff a good cigar with his eyes shut the operation would lose its zest. A man who had undergone a slight operation upon one of his eyes had to stay in a darkened room for a week with his optics bandaged. After a few days his doctor told him he could take a gentle smoke if he liked. He jumped at the chance and to his amazement found it afforded not the slightest pleasure. To be sure, men often smoke in the dark, but there's always the rosy glow of the lighted end to be seen and the faint outline of the cloud of smoke in the air.

Universal Language.

He spoke his love in German—she answered not a word. In French he tried to woo her—the maiden never heard. He tried his luck in English. In Irish—all in vain; in Turkish, Greek and Latin, and in the tongue of Spain. And then an inspiration came to the anguished youth. "The universal language," he cried. "I'll try, forsooth!" He kissed the demure maiden and pressed her to his breast. She understood that language, and you can guess the rest.—Pearson's.

Thorough Mourning.

Mandy, who had just become a sorrowing widow, was sorting out several suits of black underclothes. Her friend asked in great astonishment: "Mandy, what for you done got them black underbgs'ments?" "Cause when Ah mourns Ah mourns."—Everybody's Magazine.

Both Curious.

Collector—Look here, the firm I represent wants to know when you're going to settle this bill. Debtor—Could I get a job with the concern you work for? My curiosity and theirs seem to coincide.—Toledo Blade.

Grammar and Greed.

Mrs. Fearish says that if she could have another chance she would rather marry a man who splits his infinitives than one who hates to break a dime.—Galveston News.

Solilo.

"Do you believe in a hereafter?" "You bet. I have several enemies who are too strong for me to punish myself."—Chicago Record-Herald.

One has to spend so many years learning how to be happy.—Bliss.



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