

Did His Work Too Well.

While it is no easy matter for a violin maker to rival the famous Stradivarius instruments, an American maker once did this, and did it in so effective a manner that experts pronounced his violin a genuine Stradivarius. The successful man was George Smunder, who died some years ago.

Moon Blindness.

A naval correspondent had written from Port of Spain, Trinidad, stating that in his travels he had come across many cases of moon blindness, caused by men sleeping with the moon shining on them, such cases occurring principally in the tropics and the Mediterranean. Strange to say, adds the Trinidad correspondent, men so affected can see in daylight, but cannot do so when the sun sets in. Mr. Eggle further quotes from a communication made by a New Zealand correspondent to a weekly scientific journal.

A Theodore Thomas Retort.

A characteristic story is told of one of the first rehearsals of the college choir of the Cincinnati College of Music, at which Theodore Thomas had commanded some of the sopranos sharply for inattention. "He treats us as if we were members of his orchestra," exclaimed an indignant singer to the next neighbor. Thomas overheard the remark and let it pass for the moment, but at the close of the rehearsal, the performers were leaving the stage, he passed the lady in question and, turning to her, said very quietly, "With that biting sarcasm which those who knew him did not care to cite, 'Madam, you will have to sing a great deal better than you do now before I shall treat you as I treat the members of my orchestra'."—Memoirs Theodore Thomas.

Close Relationship.

The Duke of Norfolk once gave a great dinner party to a number of his neighbors. The duke was at the head of the table, and a man seated near him called out to one of his neighbors the other end of the table: "Mr. Howard, will you drink a glass of wine with me? There was a connection between our families." "With a great deal of pleasure," replied Mr. Howard, "though I don't know exactly what the connection is, it in this county there have been several marriages between neighbors." "Why, sir," resumed the gentleman, "our ancestor, Lord William Howard, being twenty-three out of twenty-seven of my family, and you must own that was a tie."—Kansas City Star.

Right to the Point.

To do even the most humble work worthily and well something more than mechanical service must be given. A young mistress once asked her cook about a certain recipe. "Just how much flour do you put in, Mary?" "Law, mum, you don't follow any rule; you just use your judgment!" "But suppose you don't have any judgment?" returned the puzzled mistress. "Then don't cook," was the reply, succinct and to the point.

Depraved.

"What is your idea of classical music?" "Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "I don't profess to know much about it, but it always seems to me that when a man writes classical music he simply keeps a tune and sees how much he can mussy it up."—Washington Star.

An Invitation.

"What's the difference between a haunted house and a handsome man out to kiss you?" asked the coyly. "I give it up," he murmured, growing interested. "Why, you can't let a haunted house."—Princeton Tiger.

Mother.

Most of all the other beautiful things of life come by twos and threes, by tens and hundreds! Plenty of roses, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, sons and cousins, but only one mother in all the wide world—ate Douglas Wiggle.

His Pleasures.

Latelywed—Guess I'll run out for a shave and hair cut. Mrs. Latelywed—My darling, you promised never to leave me. Latelywed—But, dearest, I just have some pleasure.

Lame.

Samso—Why didn't you come last night, as you promised? Sammie—I sprained my ankle. Samso—That is a lame excuse.

Carlyle Corrected.

At a Royal academy dinner in London on one occasion several artists were expressing their enthusiasm about Titian. Carlyle and Thackeray were among the guests. "His glorious coloring is a fact about Titian," said one man, striking the table to give emphasis to the remark. "And his glorious drawing is another fact about Titian!" cried another artist. And so they went on until Carlyle, who had been listening in silence to their rhapsodies, interrupted them by saying, with a slow deliberation which had its own impressive emphasis: "And here I sit, a man made in the image of God, who knows nothing about Titian and cares nothing about Titian, and that's another fact about Titian."

Washington Monument.

The cornerstone of the Washington monument was laid on its fine site, which overlooks Washington, Georgetown, Arlington and Mount Vernon, by President Folk July 4, 1848. Its marble shaft rises in all the dignity of unadorned simplicity to the height of 555 feet. The base of the shaft is fifty-five feet square, and it gradually tapers until at the 500 foot point it has diminished to less than thirty-five feet. This monument is said to contain 18,000 blocks of marble, each two feet thick. They were lifted on an elevator run by steam, suspended in an inner framework of iron, which was built up at intervals, thirty or forty feet at a time, in advance of the surrounding masonry. The aluminum capstone, nine inches high, was set in position Dec. 6, 1884, thirty-six years and a half after the cornerstone was laid.

The Actor's Clothes.

Our principal actor of whisms was Mr. Mansfield, as has been made known variously. One whim of his is related by Fritz Schoultz, the costumer. When it came to the staging of "The First Violin" Mansfield was keen to get garments with "character" in them and found that of all places Schoultz's was the one that could supply him with redingotes. He was delighted with them, introduced them and at the end of the Chicago engagement absolutely declined to return them. The matter of getting stage clothes with character is interesting in itself. Secondhand shops supply the most, although on occasions an actor has been known to approach a laborer on the street and make him an offer for his weather beaten coat.—Chicago Post.

Gladstone's Speech For Irving.

Gladstone was a great admirer of Sir Henry Irving, and this admiration was shown one day in the house of commons. Irving was under the gallery in the house when suddenly, with out apparent reason, Gladstone leaped to his feet and delivered an impassioned speech, set off with all the expression and dramatic gesture for which he was so famous. The house seemed surprised. Members looked at one another and murmured, "What is the old man now up to?" They thought it was some deep political game. But a week or two later a friend of Irving's, encountering Mr. Gladstone, mentioned the actor's visit to the house, and Gladstone eagerly inquired: "What did he think of my speech? I made it for him."

Name For the Species.

A Texas statesman, who knows as much about poker as he does about politics and as much about politics as he does about poker, sat in a little game in New York one evening and became extremely annoyed, not to say peeved, by the lamentations of a man who was losing. Finally one of the other players, also irritated by the constant wail, told the loser: "You are one of the greatest monologists I ever listened to outside of a theater." "He's not a monologist," said the Texan tartly. "He's a monologist."—Popular Magazine.

The Snail.

The slowest creatures in creation are snails and certain small beetles. Some of them habitually move only a foot or two in an hour, but this slowness is partly due to the fact that they remain motionless at intervals. By measuring the distances covered by snails when they were kept going constantly it has been found that the maximum speed of a good healthy snail is five and a half feet an hour.

Plenty of Exercise.

Physician (at watering place to patient's husband)—And, after all, the great thing for your wife is exercise. Does she take any? Patient Husband—Take any? I should say she did. Why, doctor, she changes her dress at least six times a day.—London Mail.

Doubtful.

New York Man (in Boston restaurant)—Waiter, bring me some of what that man has over there. Waiter—I don't think there will be any left, sir, when he gets through.—Fun.

Stunned Him.

"Oh, Edie, your new gown and hat are stunning!" "Yes, Alfred hasn't recovered yet from the shock the bill gave him."—Exchange.

Broken Pledges.

He—Madam, you promised to obey me. Do you do it? She—Sir, you promised me your worldly goods. Do I get 'em?—Baltimore American.

Legend of the Death of Kenith.

The death of Kenith, the half mythical king of Scotland, was one of the most remarkable in all history—that is, if it can consistently be called a historical fact. According to the story, Kenith had killed a son and brother of the warlike Fennella. She for revenge caused Wiltus, the most ingenious artist of the time, to fashion an automatic death dealing machine, a wonderful statue filled with hidden springs, levers, etc. When finished and set up this "brazen image" was an admirable work of art. In its right hand it held a basin and in the left an apple of pure gold, both set with diamonds and other precious stones. To touch this apple was to dare death, it being so arranged that one guilty of such vandalism would be immediately riddled by poisoned arrows shot from loopholes in the body of the statue. Kenith was invited to come and inspect the wonder, and, kinglike and just as Fennella had hoped, he tried to pluck the precious imitation fruit. The moment his hand touched the incriminated jewel he was filled with poisoned arrows, dying where he fell.

When Folks Feared Gas.

In the early days of the last century, when illuminating gas was first used in London, timorous people talked of the dangers of suffocation and of explosions to which the gas, which was still imperfectly purified, exposed the citizens. Scientists confirmed these assertions, and the first gasometers erected in London by Samuel Clegg so terrified the people that no workman would venture to light the gas jets which had been placed on Westminster bridge. But Clegg soon overcame this difficulty by lighting a torch and applying it to the burners with his own hands. On another occasion before a committee of the Royal society of London he bored a hole in the gas holder and put a lighted candle to it, to the great alarm of the spectators, but without causing the slightest accident. Gradually the eyes even of the most prejudiced were opened to the truth.

What She Overlooked.

"That's queer," said the landlord. "What's the matter?" "I've just collected the rent for that house." "What's queer about it? Didn't the lady ask you to paper the parlor?" "Oh, yes, and the dining room and the bedrooms, and she also asked me to paint the front and back porches and build another outdoor sleeping apartment on the rear." "And she threatened to move, of course, if you refused?" "Yes." "Well, I don't see anything queer about that." "You don't? Well, she didn't impress upon my mind what good tenants they have always been and advise me that I couldn't afford to lose them. I can't see how she overlooked that speech."—Detroit Free Press.

Remarkable Luck.

In Gold Hill, Nev., in 1871, one of the mining bosses—Tole by name—had trouble with some of the laborers in his mine. One night three of them attacked him in a barroom. Two of them pinned him down, while a third stood over him with a revolver. The muzzle almost touched his stomach. Once, twice, thrice, a fourth and a fifth time the weapon snapped. Tole closed his eyes. Each moment he expected to be his last. The disgusted ruffian threw his disappointing weapon on the floor with an oath and, joined by his side, left the place. Tole wiped the cold sweat from his brow, mechanically picked up the discarded weapon, went to the door and fired off every charge, remarking that it was just his luck.

Odd Marriage Ceremony.

Polynesia is probably the only place in the world where the marriage feast takes place without the presence of the bridegroom. For some unexplained reason the young man is "sent into the bush" when negotiations are opened with the family of his bride, and he remains there during the subsequent festivities. It is only when the guests have departed and the girl is left alone with his parents that messengers are dispatched for him.

Needed Them All.

A well known authoress was once talking with a dissipated bachelor, who retained little but his conceit. "It is time now," he said pompously, "for me to settle down as a married man, but I want so much. I want youth, health, wealth, of course; beauty, grace." "Yes," said his fair listener sympathetically, "you poor man, you do want them all."

Slowly Mending.

She—And how is your bachelor friend? He—When I saw him last he was mending very slowly. She—Indeed! I didn't know he'd been ill. He—He hasn't been. He was sewing fresh buttons on his underwear!

Too Far.

The fresh young man seated himself beside a handsome girl on the train. "Going far?" he inquired. "Too far, sir; much too far," was the chilling retort.—Boston Transcript.

Trouble and Worry.

Wait till trouble comes before worrying about it. If you worry before it comes it may never come at all and you will have lost health and spirits over a phantom.

Duty puts a clear sky over every man, into which the skylark of happiness always goes singing.—Prentice.

BOTTLE GOODS.

Table listing various bottled goods and their prices, including items like Pebbleford, Clarke's Pure Rye, Echo Spring, Old Crow, Hermitage, etc.

Special Prices for Family Trade.

Table listing special prices for family trade, including items like Keg Beer, Local bottle Beer, etc.

Domestic Beers.

Table listing domestic beers and their prices, including items like Budwiser Beer, Old styler Lauger Beer, etc.

WINES.

Table listing various wines and their prices, including items like White Port, Port Wine, Sherry, etc.

WHISKEYS.

Table listing various whiskeys and their prices, including items like Monogram, White Corn Whiskey, etc.

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