

BEHIND THE SCENES.

CHATTS ABOUT MEN.

Joe Craig, of Bourbon county, Ky., is 7 feet 5 1/2 inches in height.

Blamark is a great student of Shakespeare. He quotes the best Englishman frequently.

Baton Hirsch, the wealthy banker and friend of the Prince of Wales, is just sixty-one years old.

The houses occupied by three Connecticut governors—Richard D. Hubbard, Phineas LeBaron and Morgan G. Bulkeley—stand in a row in one street in Hartford.

Professor A. C. Reese, of Carrollton, Ga., has been teaching school fifty-six years. He says he has taught nearly 5,000 pupils and never has had two to die in school time.

Ex-Governor Moody Carrier, of Manchester, N. H., has for forty-four years been either cashier or president of the Amoskeag bank of that city, but now resigns the latter office.

Many years ago Dr. Alfred Brilhardt, of Hinton, W. Va., helped an unknown beggar. The man turned out to be a nobleman in distress, and recently he sent the doctor a diamond worth \$8,000.

Dr. Andrew Wilson, the well known scientist and man of letters, lives a very busy life, lecturing, writing and editing a medical journal to boot. His home is in Edinburgh, but he is constantly in London.

London Tit-Bits not long ago offered a cash prize for the best definition of "wit," and it was won by a Mr. Adams, of Aberdeen, who wrote: "Wit is the power to say what everybody else was just going to have said, if he had happened to think of it."

Lord Roberts, of Candahar, is an Irishman by birth, and his native town of Waterford is commemorated in his title. His father is an architect, who married the daughter of a French refugee, and General Roberts has been the architect of his own fortune in rising from a humble position in the queen's Indian service.

WHISPERS ABOUT WOMEN.

Mary C. Robbins, of Brooklyn, who died recently, left \$2,000,000 to various charitable institutions.

The wives of the German ambassador at St. Petersburg, the Wurtemberg minister there and the British chargé d'affaires there are all American girls.

The poor and the unfortunate have no warmer friend than the wife of Senator Stanford, and she makes a special study of looking after the welfare of the colored race, with whom she is a great favorite.

Mrs. Harrison is reported to have made great progress in her art studies, to which she has devoted much time during all her occupancy of the White House. She has become especially skillful in water color work.

The magnificent gifts of Mrs. Hotchkiss, the widow of the inventor of the machine gun, to Yale college include a building fund of \$150,000 and an endowment of \$200,000 for the establishment of a preparatory school.

Mrs. John Weaver, of Chicago, is the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, William Warrington, who during the greater part of the war was on the personal staff of General Washington. She was born in 1805, the offspring of her father's third marriage.

FASHION'S DECRIES.

Colored crystals are now freely mingled with jewels, especially in bracelets. Matte colored crystals are preferred.

Black silk dresses for evening wear are coming in. Ribbed satin stripes, bold artistic designs, moire effects in black, indicate this as they appear in the new silks.

A novelty in Paris is the Crispin belt. It is a ribbon of heavy ribbed silk, often ten inches wide, passed through a tall buckle of chased silver. These buckles are often eleven inches in height, and are slightly curved, so that they can be adapted to the form.

Fur is as much used on evening dresses as in midwinter, and especially on the new changeable velvets. A hem of fur borders the skirt and defines the neck and sleeves. Chinchilla, otter, blue fox and black fox are the furs used. Neither flowers nor ribbons may be worn, but a bertha of lace frequently falls below the fur.

Black silks of lighter weight, with narrow stripes of pink, mauve, green, blue and yellow are worn for demitose. They are made with a corded and a group of some soft silk the color of the stripe, or with a coat effect, and wide revers faced with velvet of the tint of the stripe. All laces used with such toilets should be black.

RAILROAD JOTTINGS.

The average weight of the locomotive engines now on standard gauge roads is from twenty-five to thirty-five tons.

The Chicago and Alton will put in interlocking crossings at all the intersections of its Chicago and St. Louis lines.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company made a record for itself last year by planting flowers and trees around its stations on the desert.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal company has acquired full control of the Adirondack railway which has been operated in connection with the Delaware and Hudson system for some time.

The Baltimore and Ohio management announces that hereafter when an accident occurs on the road in which any person is injured or killed, full particulars, without any coloring, will be sent to terminal points and the press be given the facts.

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Angustin Daly has accepted a play by Justin McCarthy.

London has gone stark mad over the refrain of a music hall song called "Te-ra-ra-boom-de-ay."

M. Jean de Reszke, the noted opera singer, every morning undergoes a massage treatment by a Swedish expert.

Miss Gale contemplates adding the part of Lady Teazle in "The School for Scandal" to her repertory next season.

Masseton has great confidence in his new opera, "Warrior," composed in 1884. He is writing another opera in five acts, called "Thois."

Masseton's "Esclarande" is a great success in St. Petersburg. Sibyl Sanderson was called out after the first performance thirty-five times.

Charles Frohman has purchased and produced "Clums," a one act play by Thomas Frost, which received honorable mention in the New York Herald prize play contest.

J. K. Emmet, the young comedian, is an ardent sportsman, and is never happier than when tramping with gun over shoulder or with rod in hand casting rod flies on the waters of his favorite streams.

Pomart the German tragedian, isn't coming to America next season, after all. He was to have made a tour under Stuart Robson's direction, but now he is a director in the Vienna Court theater and can't come.

Miss Marie Wainwright and her manager, Julian Magnus, have already received over sixty plays in response to their announcement that they were ready to consider the work of native dramatists. At least one American play will be produced by Miss Wainwright next season.

TURF TOPICS.

May Day, the New England brood mare that has two in the 2:15 list, is to be bred to the pacer Direct.

One hundred and twenty-five horses by the Belle Meade sire won over 450 races on the American turf in 1891.

As Fausta has a trotting record of 2:40 as well as a pacing record of 2:23 1/2, she is the fastest double-gaited yearling ever foaled.

The Prince of Wales has leased all his race horses in training to Lord M. Bessford, and the royal colors will not be seen during the forthcoming season.

A well known turf writer says that a great horse is like a great man—he will make opportunities, and in spite of adverse circumstances make himself famous.

Anteo is the youngest horse in the world to have a producing son and daughter. They are respectively Anteo Jr., sire of Hailstorm, 2:30, and Ramona, dam of W. W. Wood, 2:28 1/2.

Little Reb, on the 25th of February, 1881, won three races in one afternoon at New Orleans—a mile and an eighth, mile heats, and a mile and a half. This feat stands alone in the history of wonderful speed and endurance in the past twenty-five years.

The \$20,000 stallion lot announced for the August meeting in Grand Rapids is off on account of the lack of entries. A \$10,000 lot with a 3 per cent. entrance will be substituted, and the promoters hope to have Axtell, Delmar, Nelson and Pat Downing in.

THE LATEST NOVELTIES.

The incased clocks are novelties recently placed on the market.

Two pairs of glasses are frequently concealed in the same lognette.

A new face for a hanging clock is in imitation of the top of an outspread umbrella.

A brooch in imitation of a chrysanthemum has innumerable separate leaves of gold.

A new design on a match box represents a man sawing wood. "Say nothing" is the inscription above.

Loving cups of standard patterns appropriate to various sports are now kept in stock ready to be engraved.

A natural effect is produced by the use of emeralds and diamonds to represent the water line of a miniature steam yacht of gold forming a brooch.

Inclined planes are used as the bases for cylindrical clocks which are apparently rolling down the incline. Acrobatic figures standing on the tops of the cylinders add to the illusion.

A pair of silver hair curlers are not provided with the usual double handle. The tongs are hinged at the base of the single handle and have small projecting arms adapted to be operated by pressure from the fingers.—Jewelers' Weekly.

THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.

Fish, flies and caterpillars may be frozen and still retain life.

A horse always gets up fore parts first and a cow directly the opposite.

Chinese male quail are being imported into California in large quantities for fighting purposes.

It was long supposed that bees collected the wax direct from flowers. Now it is known that they are kept from plants and fed on sugar only they will form wax.

A horse has forty teeth, a mare only thirty-six (wanting the tusks or so called wolf teeth). The ox and sheep tribes have only thirty-two, wanting the eight incisors in the upper jaw.

The skeleton of a whale over 100 feet long has been discovered buried in the sands on the shore of Baranoff island, off Alaska, far above the high tide mark. It is supposed to have been there hundreds of years.

A big owl tried to carry away a dog at a lumber camp on the Machius river, Maine, but was captured by one of the logging crew after a lively fight. The owl was a warrior, its head being full of porcupine quills, indicating a recent battle.

THE COLLAPSE OF A ROTTEN TENEMENT.

With crumbling foundation and shaky, bulging walls, it looked for some time as if a catastrophe was impending, and the tenement was a menace to the neighborhood.

Electric Medicines.

Dr. Danion, of Paris, claims to have discovered a method of introducing medicines into the body through the mucous membrane by means of electricity.—New York Journal.

STATE TREASURER'S SECOND NOTICE.

State of Oregon, Treasury Department.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand sufficient to pay all outstanding state warrants endorsed "presented," and not paid for want of funds prior to, and including, January 5, 1892, and that all such warrants will be paid on presentation at this office. Interest on these warrants will not be allowed after the date of this notice.

PHIL METCHAN, State Treasurer.

IN THE SOUTH DURING THE WAR.

Trials That Meet Many a Family Which Had to Eat and Be Clothed.

To most people Virginia cooking has been a synonym for a delightfully prepared meal. And no doubt this universal opinion is a correct one. But Virginia cooking, is quite a different matter from what it is with a pantry to which the whole country supplies every delicacy in and out of season.

Those upon whom devolved the care of thearder during the days of the civil war tell a pitiful but ludicrous tale of the straits to which dire want and necessity often reduced them. The country was of course then torn up by excitement, and the marching troops foraging kept it pretty well clear of everything in the edible line. Of course the northern soldiers appropriated all they could get for themselves and their horses, and the southerners expected nothing but liberality at the hands of those for whom they fought. Occasionally a woman who was hard pressed for money (Confederate bank notes being almost worthless) would concoct rare dishes and sell them to the passing Union troops at exorbitant prices.

A lady who is famed for her shrewd and keen business wit, told a funny story of some such dealings. She found some old Norway raisins and mixed with them some stale, dusty honey that had been kept for years for poison mixing purposes. These ingredients she compounded into pies, and though she failed to taste them herself she sold every one of these pies to the passing troops. Uncle Sam had many foes to face, but it is safe to say none ever had a deadlier foe than those same pies.

Coffee, being an imported article, was impossible to obtain. Tea, mustard and a thousand other seeming necessities grew to be strangers at southern tables. Sometimes sweet potatoes were roasted, cut into several pieces and boiled as coffee, but rye was the usual substitute.

Corn bread was of course the usual dish, and chicken or turkey often served as meat when the soldiers left any such dainties. Salt was a scarce article, and a famine was staring the people in the face when salt water was started in West Virginia. Pork was the usual meat, and such vegetables as the dangerous times enabled the slaves who staid at the farms to raise, were the principal fare. Cattle were driven off by soldiers of either army, so beef was scarce. "Hard tack" biscuit were often the only bread to be gotten, and many poor soldiers lived on it for days at a time. "Hard tack," which is about as difficult to chew as a piece of marble tumbledown, was soaked in water overnight, then fried in milk in the morning.

In the matter of clothing, too, the south was nearly as bad off as it was for food. Most of the mills for making goods were at the north, so Miss Dixie found herself hard pushed to get the goods and ribbons for her frills and furberlows. Still fashion reigned in spite of war's alarms, and the rough homespun and cheap calico dresses were turned and made over and looked upon with truly feminine pride. When Confederate money had so much depreciated, fabulous prices were paid for the simplest things—calico selling at \$10 per yard, soap at \$6 per pound, lawn \$30 a yard, and a barrel of flour being worth \$100 in greenbacks. Of course their value in gold was only the selling price at the north, but southern paper was almost worthless. Yet in spite of the depressions in the pantry, the scarcity of raiment in the wardrobe and the terrors of the raging war the Dixie girls amused themselves much in the manner of today.—New York Advertiser.

Wild Dogs in the North.

In the Lake of the Woods country, which may be described as a wilderness of forest, rock and brushwood, a race of wild dogs have established themselves and are increasing in numbers so rapidly that fears are entertained that the animals will yet become troublesome. When the Canadian Pacific railway was under construction the camps of the workmen had of course to be frequently moved, and dogs were often left behind, and eventually, like wolves and foxes, found means of sustaining themselves.

The animals are large, lean, short haired and generally red or red and white in color. They are exceeding wild and fly on the first approach of man. In winter they live by catching rabbits that abound in the wilderness of brushwood; in summer the wild dogs catch fish that crowd the smaller streams that connect inland lakes. The Indians detest the wild dogs, as they pursue game and take the bait from traps and are a general nuisance. Sometimes a wild dog is taken in a trap that has been set for other animals, but the beasts are exceedingly cunning, swift and watchful.—Pilot Mount Sentinel.

A Bird That Is Feared.

The elater (pica candata) is a bird that is respected and feared throughout south Germany. It belongs to the raven tribe and is about the size of a dove, with black and white feathers and long pointed tail. It builds its nest in orchards and its life is sacred. If it is seen three times in succession on the same house, in a place remote from its home, it is believed to be a sure sign of death in that house. If it flies over a house where any one is ill and gives its peculiar cry the sick person is sure to die, but if it does not scream the patient may recover. It is better for the sick person if the bird does not come near.

No one could be hired to bother these birds for fear they might seek revenge, and if by chance one of them should die, it is a sign of bad luck to the owner of the property where it was found. The bird is a valuable insect destroyer, and in this way probably more than compensates for the fear it occasions among the farmers.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Irish Wit.

I must admit that Irish wit is often of the most mordant and even sardonic kind. Was there ever a more sardonic stroke of description than that O'Connell gave of Peel's bloodlessness? "His smile was like the silver plate on a coffin." Of another and lower quality, but good of its kind, is the following fishwife's sarcasm: A friend of mine was waiting his turn to be served in a fishshop, while a little weazened old gentleman priced every fish in the shop. "How much is this"—and this—and this—and this?—etc., till the exasperated shopwoman exclaimed: "Ah! Go out at that wild eye! It isn't fish ye want, but information!"—Richard A. King in Belgravia.

This He Did Not Believe.

I know from observation that frogs are cannibals. I once rescued an unfortunate specimen from the jaws of death, and later I demonstrated the fact that a frog can live under water only about ten minutes. But I have never believed the story of a fisherman catching bullheads, which he threw on the grass upon the bank, that he was victimized by a frog which took pity on the fish and adroitly rolled them back into the water.—General Bruce in Forest and Stream.

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