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22nd Overcoming Matter.
Those who have a bright conversational gift should use it generously, bearing in mind how effectively it counteracts depression, differences, lapses of tact and other drawbacks to enjoyment.
The anecdote of a famous and brilliant Frenchwoman who gave dinners at which there was little to eat is worth remembering.
Her butler once whispered to her, "One more story, madame, and the guests will not notice that there is no toast."—Youth's Companion.



HE TIPS THE SCALE AT NINETY-FIVE.—Harper's Bazar.

Why He Wished to Marry.
The fellow hustled up to the desk of the marriage license clerk, and without any formality or preliminaries he began:
"Give me a marriage license," he said, "and give it to me quick."
"Who for?" asked the ungrammatical clerk.
"For myself of course."
The clerk gave a long whistle of surprise.
"How old are you?" he inquired, opening up his book.
"Seventy-five,"
"Ever been married before?"
"No, this is my first offense."
"What the mischief does a man of your age want to marry for?"
"Because he can."
"It isn't such a difficult thing to marry, is it?"
"Maybe not for some folks," said the aged applicant hurriedly, "but it seems so for me. I made my first attempt when I was twenty, and for fifty-five years I've kept steadily at it, but I never could get a woman to say yes! Not last night, and I'll be swigged if I know how this one happened to, and I don't care. It's enough if she did, and she did, and now I want to get that license and have her clinched before she backs out. I've got her outside in my wagon, with a policeman watching her, and I want you to hustle with the license. The preacher's waiting, and if there's no preventing Providence you bet I'll not fill a bachelor's grave. Here's your money. Goodby," and the happy man grabbed his license and ran for the wagon.—Detroit Free Press.

It Made a Difference.
"No, Mr. Dearborn," said Miss Eastlake, and there was a world of sympathy for the young man who was rejecting it, the tones of her voice and in the expression of her face as she spoke—"no, Mr. Dearborn, it cannot be. As a man I respect you, but I feel that we are utterly unsuited to each other. I do not wish to pain you, and I trust I have helped to make your disappointment easy to bear. We can always be friends, I trust—so bear up and be content."
"I can't say that it is much of a disappointment, Miss Eastlake," the young man replied frankly. "The fact is that Miss Ethel Chapman, exercising her leap year privilege, has asked me to marry her. I didn't like to refuse her. So I begged for a week in which to consider it, hoping that in that time I might—"
"Say no more, Mr. Dearborn," interrupted the maiden as a deep expression of scorn overspread her lovely features. "If Ethel Chapman thinks she can snap you up right under my very nose she's decidedly off, let me tell you. Willie, love, I am yours."—Exchange.

Proving His Position.
Professor Potterby—Mr. Freshon, I observe that you use the phrase "Single handed and alone" in your thesis. Do you not think that the idea may as well be expressed with the omission of the last two words?
Freshon—No, sir, I do not. For instance, I have often driven a horse single handed, but I wasn't alone. No, sir, not by an armful.—Indianapolis Journal.

Equal to the Occasion.
Young Tutter—I have bought you a bunch of violets, Miss Elderly. There are 225—one for every day in the year.
Miss Elderly—Oh, how kind of you. But, my dear Mr. Tutter, you have made a slight error. There are 366 days in this year.
Tutter—True, my dear Miss Elderly, but I didn't suppose you wanted your birthday counted in.—New York Herald.

An Indefinite Variety.
Pencil—Pretty picture, by Jove, old man. Who was the model?
Gamboge—Well, I got the right leg at Long Branch and the left one at Bar Harbor. The arms and bust I got at the Van Rensselaer reception. The head is that of a pretty cousin of mine and the rest of the figure is from some old studies.—Life.

Not an Original Phrase.
"Your sweetheart is a poetess, I believe."
"Yes."
"Does she possess much originality?"
"I don't know. I'm afraid not."
"Why?"
"When I asked her to marry me she said, 'This is so sudden.'—New York Press.

Used Them All Up.
Wife—My dear, you haven't seen anything of all those summer neckties of mine, have you?
Husband—Yes. I tied them together and used them to do up your hotel bills with.—Chick Revue.



CHATS ABOUT MEN.

Governor Tillman has but one eye. Hamilton Fish is the only living ex-governor of New York who held office prior to 1879.

W. K. Vanderbilt has recovered from his sunken yacht Alva \$1,000 in money and \$3,000 worth of diamonds.

The latest complimentary name for George W. Childs is the "Abon Ben Adhem of the Nineteenth century."

A Mr. Goodsmoke, of London, bet that he could smoke eighty-six cigars down to an inch less than twelve hours. He did it with forty-two minutes to spare.

To the list of peers in business may be added the name of Lord Rowton, who is starting as the keeper of a common lodging house near the Vauxhall railway station.

Dr. Buttz, president of Drew Theological seminary, who has been chosen editor of The Methodist Review, is a Princeton graduate, a fine preacher and a gentleman of wide culture.

Comte Dillon, who was condemned by the high court of justice at the same time as the late General Boulanger and M. Henri Rochefort, divides his time between Alsace and Luxembourg.

Lord Inchiquin, on whom the ribbon and badge of the Order of St. Patrick has just been conferred, is a member of the O'Brien family, and claims descent from Brian Borohme, one of the ancient monarchs of Ireland.

The largest man in Kentucky is Ross Skaggs, of Lawrence county, who weighs 321 pounds and is 6 feet 8 inches tall. His arms measure two feet in circumference and his thighs three feet. He is thirty-one years of age.

The organ which Edward J. Searles is to give Grace church in San Francisco as a memorial to his wife, Mrs. Hopkins, is intended to be the finest in the country. It will be built with special care and will cost about \$37,000.

Baron Hampartzoum Garabedian, of Armenia, now a resident of Washington, has been appointed a member of the Psychological Science advisory council from Asia, and will be a delegate to the Theosophical congress at Chicago next year.

Prince Roland Bonaparte, whose wife's immense dowry was a part of the revenue from the gambling house of Monte Carlo, will not marry again, it is believed. The prince now enjoys the benefit of this wealth, but is sensitive about the source from which it was derived.

FAIR SEX FASHIONS.

Dancing gowns will be nearly, without exception, all empire style this season. Slashed sleeves are again in favor, and are as handsome as velvet and brocade can be.

Feather ruffles now take the place of the stiff linen and lace ones, and are extremely pretty and becoming.

Black hosiery will probably never go out of fashion, but for evening wear and for home wear, too, colored hose will be affected this year by many people.

Silk skirts have become so much the fashion and have taken hold on the popular fancy that white ones are rarely seen and may be said to be out of date.

Velvet jackets to go with different gowns are now the fashion, and when lined with satin of a gay tint and embroidered in braid or gold thread are exceedingly stylish.

The pretty recamier effect—that of a loose fold of tulle from the shoulders across the bust, terminating in a bunch of flowers in the middle of the corsage—will be much worn for evening gowns.—New York Advertiser.

AROUND THE THRONES.

Kaiser William is only thirty-three years old, though already the father of seven children.

The empress of Austria was married at sixteen, became a mother at seventeen and a grandmother at thirty-six.

The ex-empress Eugenie of France recently sold at auction her summer home at Biarritz, known as the "Villa Eugenie."

The empress of Austria is the owner of the handsomest black pearls that exist. She used formerly to exhibit them in her hair on all state occasions.

The czar as a family man is an example for other European monarchs. He passes his evenings with his family, and often reads to his wife while she embroiders. His love for his wife is very great.

The "waxfitter" in Queen Victoria's household arranges the candles on the dinner table, for which he draws sixty pounds a year, but he does not light them. The duty is performed by two lamp-lighters, drawing a salary of £100 each.

THE NEWEST NOVELTIES.

The rose bowls are more glittering and desirable than ever.
Round glass salt cellars on gilded legs and glass spoons with gilded handles are noticed.
The finest pitcher ever seen in glass by this observer was very large, and the upper part of the body and lip were cut in broken parallel bars in imitation of old English work.
Small silver individual dishes for entrées are prominent. The new gilt lined scallop shells are very pretty, and likewise interesting are the quaint little covered dishes shaped like old fashioned skillets.
Some superb new forms are introduced in glass. The chrysanthemum is a new design introduced in the centers of bowls and berry dishes. It resembles the fine old work of our grandmothers' glass.—Jeweler's Circular.

HOW ROBINS NEST.

They Have a Front and Back Door and Are Very Careful About Their Use.

Although many interesting points in relation to the nesting habits of our friends, the birds, have appeared, I have yet to see anything concerning the position which the prospective parent assumes while incubating. The subject has been of much interest to me, and in the past years many observations have been made, which plainly indicate that the proprietors of nearly all nests "have their exits and their entrances."

Many there are, as the kingfishers, woodpeckers and other species, which reach their eggs by a single opening or burrow, and these of necessity must emerge from the same source, but all seem to have a well defined position in sitting.

All can remember the attitude of the domestic hen, turkey or goose, and how rarely this position is changed, and with the wild bird the tendency to a shift is even less, for with barnyard fowls we can alter their posture by placing a board in a variety of positions about the nest, but with the inhabitants of the wood any interference generally results in desertion.

The robin when building her nest often tries how her brooding breast is to fit the growing structure, and this, too, when a bare, flat platform gives no indication of the elevated sides to follow. Later the male sits in the forming cup and speculates probably on the outcome of his efforts, and views the outlook from the crotch. During the four days of egg laying the female is not on, or rather in, the structure to any extent, unless the weather is cold or wet, and she assumes almost any position. It is only after the duties of incubation begin, a period which lasts fourteen days to a dot, that the robins adopt a standard, shared in by each of the pair.

The male, who shares in the duties of sitting, when going to take his trick almost invariably flies toward his mate in the same path, and arriving at the back door, just as his feet are about to touch the edge, the female is seen to dart forward between the branches which comprise the front door. This front door, as I prefer to call it, is then really the exit, and toward it the incubating bird always points her bill. It never directs toward the tree trunk and generally points toward an open space in the foliage when a thick leaved tree or bush.—Science.

AMERICAN OPALS.

An opal, found and cut as a gem in this country, was sold by a jeweler in this city the other day for \$500. It was obtained from a newly discovered mine in the state of Washington, near the Idaho line. At that place, which has been called Gem City, the volcanic rocks are honey-combed with cavities that contain small nodules of this precious variety of hydrated quartz. Many of them are of great beauty and value.

Speaking of this discovery of American opals, Mr. George F. Kunz, the expert in gems employed by Tiffany & Co., exhibited to the reporter the great Hope opal, one of the most celebrated in the world. It formerly belonged to Henry Philip Hope, the Dutch banker, who owned the finest collection of precious stones ever got together. He liquidated the national debt of Brazil and took his pay in diamonds from that country, which originally inspired him with his hobby. Among the well known gems possessed by him was the Hope diamond, a blue-white stone of forty-four carats, valued at \$100,000; likewise the largest existing pearl, drop shaped, which weighed over three ounces, surmounted in the setting by a coronet of diamonds.

The opal referred to, though of Mexican origin, is said to have been among the ornaments of a Persian shrine in the Seventeenth century. It represents the sun with a full face carved on its surface, the rays being supplied by the antique gold setting. As is very common with Mexican opals, it is badly flawed—in fact, so cracked that it would probably fall to pieces if the setting were removed. It is oval in shape and its longest diameter is about an inch.—New York Sun.

THE LOQUACIOUS BARBER.

The loquacity of a barber gives the satirical Persian the opportunity of many witty proverbs, and all at the barber's expense. The Hindoo has as much dread of his tattling propensities as the European, but it is currently believed their gossip saved many a life during the terrible year 1857-8. The chatter of the bazaar the barber has on his tongue tip, and the slightest encouragement to loosen the bag wherein he stores his tales is gladly seized.

The injustice of the petty native judges, the exacting demands of the cantonment magistrate, the monetary embarrassments of some young sub in one of the regiments, the flirtation of a married belle are duly narrated, and even the contents of the letters which pass between the pair can be astute questioning become the common property of an entire station.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A Royal Dish.

Of course every one knows how the favorite English dish of beef came to be called "sirlon." It is not, however, equally well known that at Chingford, Essex, is a place called "Friday Hill House," in one of the rooms of which is an oak table, with a brass plate let into it, inscribed with these words, "All lovers of roast beef will like to know that on this table a lion was knighted by King James I on his return from hunting in Epping forest."—Million.

CRIMINALS HAVE AS MANY GRADUS OF RESPECTABILITY AMONG THEMSELVES AS HAS THE MORAL PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

They, too, have their Four Hundred, their upper ten, their middle grade lawbreakers, and then the very dregs of the thieving class. And way down in the scale, beneath the contempt of even the humble burglar, the lowly pickpocket, and the contemptible hatrack snail, stands, lone and forsaken by all evildoers, the "funeral thief."

The "funeral thief" is the petroon of the criminal classes. Little conscience as most thieves possess, he possesses the least. He shrinks from no desecration. No superstition causes him to recoil. He robs the living as they weep over the dead. Few criminals would stoop to so low a crime; consequently there are not many funeral thieves. But what few there are are active.

Their method of work is extremely simple. Usually they go in pairs; sometimes there are three or four together. Early in the morning they scan the death columns of the newspapers. From the announcements of funerals for the day they make up a visiting list. They select those where the victims of the grim reaper were men of about their own age. They visit the home where the partly open cask is resting while friends gaze at the features of the departed. Their right to be present is never questioned; they are taken, as a matter of course, for friends of the dead. They pass the coffin, pausing for a few moments in pretended contemplation of the cold features, and in the slight jam that is sure to follow such a pause—and while many mourners are in tears—the thieves abstract the pocketbooks of all within their reach. Women are their subjects, and if tears are not plentiful the thieves will themselves pretend to weep. This is sure to prove effectual.

Thus do these "funeral thieves" work. It does not take them long to go through the pockets of half a dozen persons, and then they are off to the next house on the list, where the mode of operation is repeated. No wonder other thieves regard them with contempt.—Chicago Tribune.

CAUGHT A SAWFISH AND HIS PILOTS.

Some men were hauling a seine in the gulf, and when they were inside the second bar they noticed a large fish in the haul. In shallow water the fish was found to be a sawfish, and a large one at that. The seine was dragged to the beach and the fish secured. On its back were six pilot fish, which held on as if they were part of the prize. With difficulty they were detached and four of them saved. The sawfish measured 18 1/2 feet in length and 4 1/2 feet in breadth, and weighed 630 pounds.

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FASHIONED FANGLES.

The very latest fangles for elegant evening wear are square cut and not pointed.

The newest style of umbrella skirt is cut with five gores at the back, two on each side and one in the center.

White English serge coats, with blouses and bell skirt of the same, will be worn until it is cold enough to make them look unseasonable.

The Eton and other fancy short jackets remain a feature of new waists that open over shirred or plaited vests, the fronts very full and girdled.

Black silk velvet capes lined either with black or changeable silk, brilliant red or pale yellow surah, will be worn during the autumn and early winter by the tall, slender women whom they "compliment."

Some of the very new French dress skirts show a row of thin frills alternating with very narrow bands of velvet or yellow. This trimming, instead of being confined to the extreme edge, is carried from the hem to the depth of from one-half to three-quarters of a yard up the length of the skirt.

The Parisian fancy for gay plaids has reached America, and plaid silk blouses are becoming quite the fashion. Upon those they suit they are very becoming. They are worn with dark or black silk or lace skirts, and many add a black sash tied in front in a rosette bow.—New York Evening Post.

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