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African Sandstorms.

The sandstorms of African deserts are caused by the great power of the sun's rays, the extreme dryness of the air and the small conducting power of the sand. The superficial layers of sand in the deserts of Africa and Arabia often become heated to 200 degs. Fahrenheit to a depth of several inches. The air rising on this hot sand becomes also greatly heated, thus causing ascending currents. As a result of these air flows in from all sides, and different currents meeting cyclones are formed, which are swept onward by the wind prevailing at the time. Since the temperature of the air, originally high, is still further raised by the heated grains of sand with which it is loaded it rapidly increases to a most intolerable degree. In the shade it has been known to reach 126 degs. It is to the parching dryness of this wind, its glowing heat and its choking dust, and not as is sometimes supposed, to any poisonous qualities it possesses that its destructive effects on animal life are to be ascribed. The effects of sand storms are most terrible, large caravans being frequently overwhelmed and destroyed by them. It was by their agency that the armies of Cambyses and Sennacherib were annihilated.—Brooklyn Eagle.



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MASCULINE INCONSISTENCY.

The Fastidiousness of the Average Man Vanishes at the Free Lunch Counter.

To the student of human nature the free lunch counter offers a fruitful field for observation and cogitation. The average New Yorker, who has money enough to command a fair share of the comforts of life, prides himself on being rather fastidious about his victuals. He insists on cleanliness above all things. He becomes very indignant if at a restaurant a plate is set before him that bears the imprint of dirty fingers. His knife and fork must bear no trace of the service they have done for the guest who last used them. His cup and saucer must be immaculate or there will be trouble for somebody. And if he should discover in any way that the food set before him was something which had been previously handled and rejected by other patrons of the restaurant—why, he would take a fit right off, and when he recovered he would bring suit against the proprietor, confident in the assurance that any jury which wasn't tampered with would award him heavy damages.

But when he confronts a free lunch counter all his fastidiousness vanishes. He sees dozens of hands pawing over the contents of various dishes which are all supposed to be more or less provocative of ardent thirst, without any sensations of squeamishness becoming apparent in his interior department. He calmly helps himself to a piece of ham or a scrap of cheese and proceeds to consume it without being in the slightest degree disturbed by the reflection that the particular morsel he chose for the gratification of his appetite had been touched by many fingers—some probably greatly in need of washing—before he secured it.

If he uses a fork to help himself to beans or potato salad or a mussel or two, it isn't a clean fork that he employs. It is a fork that he picks out of a jar of dirty water, into which the man who last used it dropped it. That makes not the slightest difference to him, however, in a saloon, although in a restaurant it would justify him in "raising Cain." But when he goes to get his drink there will be the deuce to pay if he detects the decocter mixing him a cocktail in a glass that is not perfectly clean.

All this, the philosopher would say, tends to show that the average man is more a creature of habit than of reason, and that what fastidiousness he manifests is simply based on custom.—New York Herald.

A Bus Driver's Grievance.

"No, sir, I don't like ladies riding outside my bus," was the seemingly ungalant observation which a bus driver made to us the other day. We got near the box seat and asked him why. "Well, sir," he continued, "I should not mind the ladies—bless 'em—riding outside if they would keep their umbrellas off me. When ever a lady wants to stop the bus, she always prods me in the back, not with the dainty, silver topped handle of her umbrella, but with the dirty end of it. Look at this coat. It was new on Bank holiday.

"At the end of the day my wife counted twenty dirty marks upon the back, all from umbrellas. It's rather hard on a chap to spend a quid on a new coat and then to have it treated in this way. In winter of course, just when we put on any sort of an old coat, all the ladies want to ride inside. It is only in summer when the ladies go outside, and then after dragging their umbrellas over the streets they plant the dirty end in the middle of my back. I like the summer and the ladies, too, but I shall be glad when the one is over and the other goes inside."—Million.

His Wish for Her Future.

Old Lady (to driver of growler)—Now, driver, I want you to go very carefully. "Certainly, mum." "And not go racing with other gals." "No, mum." "And not go round the corners quickly."

"After the job, old lady handing him a shilling, said: "You have driven me very carefully and well, and here is a shilling for you. Have you driven a cab all your life?" "No, mum. I used to drive a hearse, and best if I don't go back to that. It's a better game than this. I hope I'll drive yer again, mum."—London Tit-Bits.

Know How to Keep a Hotel.

Guest—Id soon start here. Proprietor (country hotel)—There's plenty to eat. "Perhaps so, but those waiter girls of yours don't attend to me." "They don't. Well, that's easily fixed. Here's some wax." "What good is that?" "Put it on your mustache of course, and curl the ends. You've got too much of a married look."—New York Weekly.

A Well-Ordered Household.

Gentleman—Good evening, my little dear. As your papa at home? Little Dear—I don't know; I'll see. Mamma is at home, and when she's around I never can tell whether papa is here or not, he's so quiet.—Good News.

The Sculptor in Greece.

The sculptors in Greece are celebrated, but a "sculptor in Greece" is something of a novelty in the art world. Nevertheless Washington possesses such a phenomenal artist, who finds scope for the exhibition of his genius not in classic marble or plastic clay, but in bas-relief models in lard and busts in butterine. His name is B. C. Ford, and his studio is at the west of Center market.

The way Mr. Ford entered upon his artistic career was entirely by accident. It is his custom to pile fifty or sixty pounds of lard upon his counter, and one day he carelessly picked up a knife and carved a bas-relief portrait in the side. It was merely an ideal head, drawn at random, but possessed such merit as to attract considerable attention and custom from the marketeers. Senator Manderson, who happened along, was particularly struck with the portrait, which he declared to be a remarkable likeness of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Since then Mr. Ford has continued his experiments and developed considerable skill in manipulating his novel material for modeling. His tools are ordinary carving knives, with which he chisels out in rough some ideal face. The features are afterward molded and smoothed by the fingers, the warmth of which renders the lard plastic. When this has been done to the artist's satisfaction he dips his fingers in ice water, which chills and fixes the features, at the same time imparting a marblelike gloss to the bust and showing almost translucent in the electric light.—Washington Post.

A Puzzled English Visitor.

When Lady Somerset first came to America she was particularly anxious to become acquainted with all the American customs and to take part in everything American. Her appreciation of America was intense.

"Now will you tell me," she said one day to a friend, "why the chestnut has been selected as a national tree and why it is so dear to the hearts of every one? I notice that all, be they old or young, boy or girl, man or woman, speak of the chestnut frequently and always pleasantly and affectionately.

"Today, as I was seated in one of your horse cars, a little boy began telling another one some short anecdote, when suddenly the other little boy sprang to his feet and shouted, 'Oh, chestnuts!' Later in the day I saw one man whisper something in the ear of a friend, to which the friend only replied, 'Oh, what a chestnut!'

"How pleasant to have something of which every one is so fond. But explain the cause of the liking. Why was that particular nut selected? Why not the almond or the pecan? Is it that the chestnut grows more freely here?"—New York World.

When the Reporter is Working.

When you see a reporter engaged in writing in a railway carriage, don't imagine that it is his innate cussedness or his love of hard work that forms his motive power. Nothing of the kind. I have seen a reporter writing in a railway carriage, and driven almost to desperation by stress of time and illegibility of notes and want of lucidity in the speaker, worried by questions about his shorthand and the rate of speed at which he can write it, by inconsiderate passengers, who then show their gratitude in practical fashion by letting down the windows and blowing away the notes he has been so painfully transcribing.

On other occasions I have heard passengers enter into a violent political debate, with frequent appeals to the reporter, varied by whistling and singing. At the same time a writer in a railway carriage cannot expect everybody to be silent just to please him, and therefore he would do well to cultivate concentration of mind.—London Tit-Bits.

Modernizing the Mother of Cities.

The Mother of Cities is in some respects the newest of them all. One-half of Rome is as new as a backwoods settlement, and strenuous efforts are being made to refurbish up the other half. But with the latest innovation in Rome there is not much need to quarrel. The city is now lighted by electricity, generated by the cascade of the Tivoli. Such things, in such connection, sound appallingly modern; but nothing of that kind is too strange not to be true, now that we seem likely before long to hear the cry of "Change here for Damascus!"—San Francisco Argonaut.

American Progress.

Disgusted American (on a dusty road)—Well, here we are riding behind a pair of horses and taking their dust just because our grandfathers did.

Friend—What's the matter now?

"The horses ought to be hitched at the rear end of the carriage. Quick, as I have ten minutes to spare. I'll invent some way."—New York Weekly.

His Great Ambition.

Willie had been watching the demolition of a house near his home with great interest. Then he said: "Papa, I think I'll be an unbuilder when I grow up. Tearing down houses must be lots of fun."—Harper's Basar.

The Legend of Chocorua.

Chocorua, which can be seen from the poet's home, is a tall mountain perfectly bare on top and bereft of all vegetation. There is a native legend in connection with it, as with all old Indian localities, that is very interesting.

Chocorua was the chief of a great tribe who dwelt on the borders of what Whittier calls "his broad Lake Ossipee." For years the tribe and their mighty chief were supreme, but one day the white man came. The strange visitors had conquered all the other Indians, but Chocorua was bound not to submit. For days and days the battle raged until the chief alone was left, and he fled from the conquerors. The white men followed him on and on, pressing close behind, until the chief sped up the rugged mountain side and left his conquerors below.

Then he raised his hands aloft and prayed to the Great Spirit to grant his final wish, and he cursed the mountain on which he stood, and ordered nothing to grow upon the summit while the white man held the land. Long and hard was his curse upon the mountain top, and when he had finished night had come and the chief leaped into the darkness and vanished from sight forevermore; and runs the legend, from that time forth the mountain was called Chocorua, and the curse of the old Indian was fulfilled, for today it is bare and bleak.

Such was the story told one summer's night beneath the shadow of the mountain just as the moon outlined it against the sky.—Harper's Young People.

The Size of Families.

The decrease in the size of families is a subject which causes some alarm. Taking the United States as a whole, it is found by the census figures that in 1850 the average family consisted of 5.55 persons. There has been a gradual decrease, it being in 1860 5.23, in 1870 5.09, in 1880 5.04 and in 1890 4.84. Looking at the different geographical divisions, it is found that this rule holds true except in the western division, where the average size of the family has risen from 4.18 in 1850 to 4.88 in 1890, the increase having been steady through the intermediate decades.

This result would have been expected, of course, on account of the settlement of the west in the last few years, the population having increased rapidly and being more and more brought to the family basis instead of that of single individuals or young families settling in western territories. The small average size of the family in Oklahoma shows the influence of new settlements upon the size of the family.

In Oklahoma the size of the family will increase until population becomes fairly dense, when it will follow the rule of older communities and decrease. When population becomes more or less urban in character the maximum is reached, and after that a constantly receding average will probably be shown at each succeeding census.—Carroll D. Wright in Popular Science Monthly.

Figures About Nebulae.

We know of some 3,000 nebulae which represent milky ways like ours. Let us count 2,000 of them as being of the size of our milky way (our milky way holds about 20,191,000 stars), then 2,000 by 20,191,000 equals 40,382,000,000 suns, or 2,019,100,000,000 heavenly bodies. Suppose these heavenly bodies parading before our mental eye one per minute, it would require 3,840,000 years to finish the march, in all of which time we would have to look upon them unceasingly. Suppose a human being migrating from globe to globe and spending fifty years on each, he would require 100,955,000,000,000 years for the round. If he staid only one hour he would save much time, but still need 230,000,000 years for the task.

Yet these nebulae are only a part of the universe! Outside the nebula limits we know of other nebulae not resolvable into stars. They appear to be primitive nebulae, pure unused world stuff—matter for new creations. Some of them occupy a space as large as the orbit of Uranus. Some are still larger. The one in "Orion" is estimated to be 2,200,000,000,000,000 times larger than our sun.—Copenhagen Norstjerne.

Date of His Downfall.

Anxious Wife—I am appalled at my dear husband's growing disregard for the truth.

Sympathetic Visitor—And he was always so truthful! When did this terrible change take place?

Anxious Wife—Since he spent two weeks fishing for tarpon.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Slightly Improbable.

Judge Duffy—You say you are innocent. What, then, were you doing with the watch if you didn't intend to steal it!

Sam Johnson—I just wanted ter wind it up for him. Dat's de solemn troof. I can't tell a lie if I was ter try for a week.—Texas Sittings.

The last words of the Empress Josephine were:

"I shall die regretted. I have always desired the happiness of France. I did all in my power to contribute to it. I can say with truth that the first wife of Napoleon never caused a tear to flow."—

BREVETTES.

CHATS ABOUT MEN.

Mr. Balfour, M. P., when addressing public meetings, speaks at the rate of 100 words per minute.

A. Londen Snowden, the new minister to Spain, is a cousin of General Snowdon of the Pennsylvania militia.

Henry Mosler, whose artistic successes have lately won him the decoration of the Legion of Honor in France, is an American by birth. He was born in Cincinnati.

Professor the Right Hon. Sir Lyon Playfair, who has been given a peerage, is noted in the scientific world for his attainments in chemistry and other scientific branches.

John I. Blair, the railroad magnate, whose first sale was a muskrat skin, and who now is a very many millionaire, celebrated his ninetieth birthday at his home in Blairstown.

J. F. Le Maistre, who recently celebrated the 108th anniversary of his birth at Brighton, Vt., is one of the oldest men in New England. He is a native of the Isle of Jersey, and is still quite vigorous.

The MacDermot, Mr. Gladstone's attorney general for Ireland, is one of the few Irishmen who retain the old titles of chieftaincy. He is the head of the ancient MacDermot family, formerly princes of Moyburg.

Dr. Tanner, the Irish M. P., suffers from deafness, the result of being hit upon the side of the head by a well directed sod thrown by somebody in a crowd of patriots who objected to his speech upon the hustings.

General S. W. Crawford, commander of the Pennsylvania reserves, has presented to the Redwood library, of Newport, a facsimile of the notable letter written by Christopher Columbus in 1493, giving a brief account of his voyage for the discovery of America.

THE LATEST NOVELTIES.

Cut glass cracker jars have plain silver covers.

A flood of enameled bowknots of every hue are in the market.

A turtle brooch has a pearl back surrounded by olivines and a diamond head.

Coiled silver snakes, oxidized with colored heads, are of every sort for scarfpins.

The large new postal cards are already provided with charming receptacles of pierced silver.

A new lamp is a silver pitcher with handles on both sides, and a globe covered with a perforated silver shade.

The branching silver candlesticks uniting in a common stem crossed with perforated trellis work are a novelty.

Coffee and ice cream spoons, with shell tips and shell mountings carried half way down the gilt bowls, are pretty.

Harlequin sets of coffee spoons are made with different flower handles. The pussy, rose, forget-me-not, pea and the rest of the garden, with greenish tinted foliage, come in sets.

Silver buckles are in the largest demand at the present moment, whether accompanied or not by the silver belt. Those in medallions or flexible wire are preferred to the solid elaborate raised work belts.—Jewelers' Circular.

RAILROAD JOTTINGS.

George Gould is credited with an attempt at securing Washash proxies for the purpose of ousting President Ashley at the coming annual meeting.

A 16-inch cylinder locomotive on the International and Great Northern hauled 128 cars, almost all of them loaded, from Galveston to Houston.

The Union Pacific intends putting on a daily steamship service between San Francisco and Portland. This action is one result of the transcontinental rate war.

Over 100 miles will be added to the Soo extension from Valley City, N. D., to the Canadian boundary this season. There will remain less than 100 miles to be built in order to complete the line.

Chief Engineer Todd, of the Pennsylvania, is in Chicago arranging for the World's fair improvements in the Union depot there. The work will cost about \$200,000, and will be completed by next February.

It is two years since the trains known as the southwest limited were put on to run between St. Louis and New York, and between Cincinnati and New York over the Big Four and the Vanderbilt lines, and what at first was looked upon as an experiment has proven a great success.

AROUND THE THRONES.

The palace of the king of Siam is enclosed in high white walls which are a mile in circumference.

The crown princess of Sweden and Norway is an enthusiastic amateur photographer, and has taken over 3,000 views during her journey in Egypt.

The sultan of Turkey, Abdul Hamid, is said to be an excellent pianist, and part of his daily routine consists in giving a couple of hours' instruction to his daughters.

FACTS GROUND DOWN.

The Isle of Guernsey exacts a tax from all aliens.

The world in 1891 consumed 11,803,000 bales of cotton.

The 23,000 newspapers in America employ 200,000 men.

The drying of one piece of linen requires eighteen distinct processes.

The first carpet factory in Europe was established in Beauvais, France, 1664.



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"I'M A DAISY."

which we propose to send you, transportation paid. The little darling rests against a pillow, and is in the act of drawing off its pink sock, the mate of which has been pulled off and flung aside with a triumphant cry. The flash lights are perfect, and the eyes follow you, no matter how you stand. The exquisite reproductions of this greatest painting of Ida Waugh (the most celebrated of modern painters of baby life) are to be given to those who subscribe to Demorest's Family Magazine for 1893. The reproductions cannot be sold from the original, which cost \$200, and are the same size (11x22 inches). The baby is life size, and absolutely lifelike. We have also in preparation, to present to our subscribers during 1893, other great pictures by the world's greatest artists, and you will see what our promises mean.

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