

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Dive me of every language first my vigorous English.

Stored with imported wealth, rich in its natural riches.

Grand in its rhythmic cadence, simple for household employment.

Worthy the poet's song, fit for the speech of man.

Thou hast the sharp, clean edge and the downright blow of the Saxon.

Thou the majestic march and the stately pomp of the Latin.

Thou the euphonious swell, the rhythmical roll of the Greek.

Thine is the elegant suavity caught from sonorous Italian.

Thine the chivalric obedience, the courteous grace of the Norman.

Thine the Teutonic German's inborn guttural strength.

Now clear, pure, hard, bright and one by one, like words fall from his lips as fast as the first of a shower.

Now and a twofold column—spondee, lamb and trochee.

Unbroke, firmest, advance, retreat, tramping along.

Now with a sprightly springiness bounding in triple rhythmic syllables.

Dance the elastic dactyls in musical cadences on.

Now their voluminous coil intertangling like long anacrostics.

Roll overwhelmingly onward the sesquipedalian words.

Therefore it is that I praise thee, and never can cease from rejoicing.

Thinking that good stout English is mine and mine ancestor's tongue.

Give me thy varying music, the flow of its free modulation.

I will not covet the full roll of the glorious Greek.

Luscious and feeble Italian, Latin so formal and stately.

French with its nasal lisp, nor German inverted and harsh.

Not while our organ can speak with its many and wonderful voices.

Play on the soft lute of love, blow the loud trumpet of war.

Sing with the high sesquialter, or drawing its full diapason.

Shake all the air with the grand storm of its pedals and stops.

—William Wetmore Story.

Helping Matters Along.

The young man had been courting the small boy's sister for a long time.

but could get no definite answers to his proposals, and the s. b. thought it was high time for matters to come to a climax.

One evening the young man had urged his suit more ardently than ever and had again been discouraged.

The small boy, hidden behind the screen, could stand it no longer, and as the lover asked for the hundredth time, "Mary, dear, will you marry me?" the boy called out in exact imitation of his sister's voice:

OUR VICE PRESIDENTS.

Marble Busts of Vice Presidents For the Senate Chamber.

In 1886 the United States senate adopted a resolution to the effect that marble busts of the vice presidents of the United States should be placed in the vacant niches in the senate chamber from time to time.

Mr. Edward Clark, the architect of the capitol, was directed to carry out the provisions of this resolution, subject to the approval of the senate committee on library.

This committee decided that \$800 ought to purchase a good bust, and Mr. Clark received instructions to secure first the busts of living vice presidents and afterward take up the list chronologically.

Five busts were deemed by the committee sufficient for one order. It was also thought proper that the work should be given to sculptors from the states which furnished the vice presidents.

Mr. Clark has followed his instructions to the letter. No sculptor has received more than \$800 for a single bust of a vice president. The selections have been made from sample plaster casts.

In the case of Chester A. Arthur there was some embarrassment, owing to the selection of the sculptor St. Gaudens.

Mr. St. Gaudens does not turn out busts for \$800, and he would not make an exception in this case. Finally an arrangement was effected by which the friends of Mr. Arthur agreed to take a replica.

Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson has already arranged to sit to a sculptor, so he will not be one of those left out. There are, it should be said, 15 vice presidents yet to be provided for, and with only 12 niches remaining the architect of the capitol will be puzzled with a serious mathematical problem.

The eight busts which are already in place represent John Adams, the first vice president Thomas Jefferson, who succeeded him; Daniel Tompkins, who served from 1817 to 1825; Hannibal Hamlin, the associate of Lincoln from 1861 to 1865; William A. Wheeler, vice president from 1877 to 1881; Chester A. Arthur, vice president and president, 1881 to 1885; Thomas A. Hendricks and Levi P. Morton.—Boston Globe.

One Legged Senators.

Say what they will, the associates of Senator Berry of Arkansas cannot persuade him to try a cork leg.

On one time there were four one legged senators. Three of them had concealed the loss with artificial substitutes. They used to get together in the cloakroom and tell each other how much more comfortable they felt, but they never convinced Senator Berry.

He clings to his crutches, notwithstanding they have failed him more than once and sent him headforemost down stairs almost to his death.

There are funny things about this one legged veteran, Henderson of Iowa, the Dubuque veteran, manages so well that people form his acquaintance and see him around for weeks without learning that he is part cork.

Once in awhile the stump becomes sensitive, and Mr. Henderson leaves the artificial leg at home for a few days to rest himself, while he hobbles about the house of representatives on crutches, to the amazement of those who have not known him long.

A senator who manages an artificial leg without awkwardness is Butler of South Carolina. He carries a cane and moves with some deliberation, but not one person in 100 passing him on the street detects any stiffness in the gait.—Washington Letter.

Perished on the Desert.

A few days ago Loreto Villa, in charge of the cattle herds of the Allison brothers, along the Cocopah mountains, left Black Butte for Campo, Cal.

Later, his mule returned to camp without him. A search was instituted, which resulted in the finding of his saddle hanging on a bush about a mile from camp.

The Cocopah Indians followed the mule's tracks back to Desert Springs, about half way between Signal mountains and Coyote Wells, where Villa's tracks showed that he had got off his mule to water him at the spring, when the mule, which was a bad one, got away and ran home, a distance of 40 miles.

Villa tried to follow, and when he had gone about half way wandered off into the sand hills, where he threw away his shoes and where his tracks were obliterated by the winds.

The tracks of two other men were also found in the same sand hills. They are supposed to be those of two prospectors named Ross and Williams. These add three more names to the desert's dead, and these perished in sight of the spot where the Breedloves were found dead more than a year ago.

Cost of Finishing a Girl.

It costs \$600 a year to finish a girl's education in the fashionable schools of New York. This is for English, etiquette, good form, lectures, drawing room association and French conversation, the language of the house.

Music and the other fine arts and modern dress languages are extra. The students dress for dinner every evening. Twice a week they are at home, and with the parents' consent they may receive gentlemen. Formerly girls were taught to become ladies. The term has been so abused that it is ignored, and the student's ambition is to become a gentlewoman.—Exchange.

Reducing the Strain.

"Mr. Pennerby," said the city editor to the reporter, "did you write this sentence—the congressman stood speechless with amazement?"

"Yes, is there anything wrong with it?"

"Well, I don't know. Unless you are very sure of your facts, we'd better change it to 'the congressman was amazed.'"—Washington Star.

A Suffering Country.

Mrs. Snarl—"The papers say that russet shoes are going out of fashion."

Mr. Snarl (who has two pairs on hand)—"Huh! That's the way things go in this country. I'll bet the Italian bootblackening monopoly has subsidized the press."

A Bonnet He Appreciated.

"Have you noticed my wife's new bonnet?" said Bloomburper to Dossil.

"Yes. It's a stunner."

"That's what it is. Now, she has had a great many bonnets and gowns since we were married, but nothing that she has worn has given me greater satisfaction in all that time."

"Like it, do you?"

"That's what I do. It cost \$32."

"Is that the reason you like it?" gasped Dossil.

"Yes, sir. Hitherto she has never worn one which cost over \$30."

"Never worn one which cost over \$30, and now you appreciate so highly this one which cost nearly twice as much?"

"That's it, Dossil."

"But I don't understand it. Married men don't usually get so much enjoyment out of buying an expensive bonnet for their wives."

"That's just it, Dossil, exactly. You see her father sent her the money for it."—New York Press.

Easy Enough.

Judge—How do you explain your being found inside Major Brown's chicken coop last night?

Prisoner—Judge, dar was chickens inside de coop, sah.—Brooklyn Life.

Made Him Sad.

"You look a trifle doleful tonight," said one of a group of gentlemen to another, while all were sitting one Saturday evening before the fire in one of the clubs.

"Well," said the gentleman addressed, "I have as good a right to look doleful tonight as any man I know of."

"What's up?" asked the other members of the group in chorus.

"It was this way: You know that I am an ardent bicyclist, and I have a boy who has the same passion. This evening just after dark, as I was coming down the street to the club, walking along thinking of nothing in particular, I was hit in the back by what seemed to be a locomotive and knocked sprawling into the ditch. It was muddy there, and when I had collected my scattered senses I was all covered with dirt and also very wet. I looked around to see what hit me, thinking perhaps in my abstraction I had walked onto a railway line somewhere, and found a young man and a safety bicycle on the pavement all tangled up. I was mad, as I said before, and without stopping to think what I did I took that young man by the coat collar and kicked him off the pavement. Then I jumped on the bicycle, stamped all the spokes out of the wheels and generally disfigured it."

Here the gentleman stopped. And one of the audience said:

"Well, why should that make you feel as you do? You did just the right thing."

"I suppose I hadn't ought to feel so," said the speaker, "but you see, it was my boy and my bicycle."—Tit-Bits.

A Great Convenience.

"Dah's new peep libbin in de house 'cross de road fun 'um?"

"Deed dey is. An dey's quality folks too."

"How kin yo' tell?"

"Case dey hab de signs. Dey shows dey hab 'sideration fo' dey're fellow man."

"How?"

"Dey done lock de chickens in de woodshed."—Exchange.

None Too Large.

A good appetite is sometimes a help to clear vision and effective statement.

"Tommy," said Mr. Waters, "isn't that a pretty big buckwheat cake for a boy of your size?"

"It looks big," said Tommy, "but really it isn't. It's got lots of porousses in it."—Youth's Companion.

His Apt Reply.

Countess—, who is an American by birth and a delegate to the Columbian exposition from a foreign country, applied for a complimentary card of admission not long ago.

The official to whom she spoke of the matter explained to her that it would be impossible for him to issue a card, because if it were lost he had no way of tracing it.

"A photographic pass is much better," he said, "as it can be readily traced. Such passes," he added, "are used by all members of the board of lady managers."

The countess objected to having her picture taken for a photographic pass on the ground that she was a titled personage, and it would not be in conformity with etiquette.

"Well," replied the official, by way of persuasion, "my mother is a member of the board of lady managers, and when she comes to Chicago next week she will have her picture taken just like the other members."

"But you see," said the lady, "I am a countess."

"Yes, I know," retorted the official, "and my mother is a queen."

The countess stamped her foot and without another word turned and left the office.—Youth's Companion.

President Arthur's Amiability.

Julian Ralph relates the following as an instance of the late President Arthur's amiability. The incident occurred at the Thousand Islands.

"On that occasion I had sent off my dispatch and returned to the hotel at 2 o'clock in the morning, to find all the doors locked and all the lights, except those in the president's suit of rooms, gone out like the Israelites from Egypt. Captain R. F. Coffin, now part of a treasured memory, and Mr. Madona were with me, and we battered at a side door to wake the servants.

"In the time the door was opened by the president of the United States. Knowing him only as a journalist must know all men, without too much awe of place or power, we yet were chagrined at having disturbed and brought to the door a president, and particularly one of so charming a personality as his, and we begged his pardon.

"Why, that's all right," he said. "You wouldn't have got in till morning if I had not come. No one is up in the house but me. I could have sent my colored boy, but he had fallen asleep, and I hated to wake him."

It Made His Mouth Water.

Pedestrianizing Pat (reading novel)—I wish I had 'er eyes of this gal wot I'm readin about.

Perambulating Pete—Why so? Pedestrianizing Pat—About every other page it says sumthin about her eyes being liquid.—Truth.

He Looked That Way.

Jinks—By Jove, Hinks, I've been wanting to see you like the deuce.

Hinks (slightly under)—Wellsh, you camesh just ze ri timesh. Don'tah I loo' like the deush?—Syracuse Journal.

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