



TOO POSITIVE.

She thought the bag was here until she looked inside.

The other day an omnibus full of passengers drove up to its suburban terminus. Side by side sat a commercial traveler and a lady temperance lecturer. The traveler seized his bag and made a move to get out. The lady made a snatch after him, and he halted.

"I beg your pardon," she said, "but you have my bag."

"You are certainly mistaken madam," the traveler said courteously, but firmly. "This bag is mine."

"No, sir," the lady replied firmly; "it is mine. I should know it among a thousand. You must not take it."

But the traveler persisted, and the lady insisted, and they came very near quarreling.

Presently one of the passengers pointed to a twin bag in the omnibus and said: "Whose is that?"

"It isn't mine," said the traveler. "It is just like it, but this is mine."

"And it isn't mine," said the lady. "He has mine, and I want it, and I'll have it. It's a pity if a lady can't travel alone in this country without being robbed of her property in broad daylight."

Finally the traveler said he would open the bag to prove his property.

The lady objected at first, saying she did not want her bag opened in the presence of a crowd of strangers.

But as there were no other means of settling the dispute she at length consented.

The traveler took out a key, opened the bag, and the curious crowd bent forward to see.

On the top of everything lay a big, flat flask half full of whisky, a pack of cards, a meerschaum, a quarter of a pound of tobacco and a snuffbox.

The traveler was the first to recover his self possession and speech.

"Madam," he said, "you are right. The bag is yours. I owe you a thousand apologies."

But the lady had fainted, and the traveler unlocked his bag, with a quiet smile.

Early in the afternoon a sign painter received a note in a feminine hand asking him to come to a certain house to mark a black leather bag in white letters a foot and a half long.—London Telegraph.

Hard to Answer.

Colonel Sumpter McBride of Austin has been spending several weeks in New York. A few days ago, being in need of some money, he applied to a Broadway bank to cash a draft.

"What is your name?" asked the paying teller.

"Colonel Sumpter McBride, sir, of Austin, Travis county, Tex."

"You will have to be identified, colonel."

This was something that the colonel had not taken into consideration. He knew of nobody who could identify him and was about to leave the bank when a happy thought occurred to him. He reached into his breast pocket and brought out a photograph of himself, and holding it under the nose of the bank clerk said, "There, sir; I guess that settles it."

"Of course that's your photograph, but how does that identify you?"

"Well, sir, will you please tell me how I could have my photograph taken if I wasn't myself?"—Texas Sittings.

The Servant Was Willing.

A lady, whose Christian name was Jane and who had a little daughter named for her, was engaging a housemaid whose name also proved to be Jane.

Knowing that the preponderance of the one name in the household would occasion confusion, she said to the maid—a tall, angular spinster, with high cheek bones and angular features:

"I believe that it would be better for us all if I called you by your last name, if you do not object."

"Shure and I have no objections, mum. You can call me by my last name."

"But you have not told me your last name yet."

"Shure and my last name is Darling."

—New York Herald.

Time to Intrude.

Mother—Is Mr. Kismet in the parlor yet?

Little Son—Yes.

"What are they doing?"

"They are sitting a good ways apart and talking, but sister has taken off her Elizabeth ruff."

"Very well. I'll go down at once."—New York Weekly.

Signs of It.

"Well, old fellow, how goes it? Do you expect to win your lawsuit?"

"Oh, certainly. I consider it a foregone conclusion, at least judging by appearances. My lawyer is building a new wing to his house."—Tit-Bits.

Racing Terms.

"They're off in a bunch."

—Puck.

Romantic Dilemma.

"I'm afraid I should be awfully unhappy if I didn't marry Charley."

"Marry him, then."

"I know I should be unhappy."

—Chicago Record.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

1377—The commons elected their first speaker, Peter de la Mare.

1397—The sto thing (congress) of Norway declared a union with Sweden, afterward nullified.

1413—The members of the English parliament obliged to reside at the places they represented.

1439—Forty shilling freeholders only were permitted to elect members.

1501—Acts of parliament first printed; regularly after 1509.

1509—The journal of the house of lords was first regularly kept.

1521—Famous diet at Worms by which Martin Luther was proscribed.

1523—Great diet of the empire at Nuremberg. Ecclesiastical reforms and a general council demanded.

1529—Celebrated diet at Spire. The Protestants and their doctrines condemned.

1530—Diet of Augsburg summoned by Emperor Charles V to settle the religious discussions of Germany.

1532—Diet of Nuremberg secured religious liberty to those of the Protestant faith.

1542—The Ferraris case. Members of parliament forbidden from arrest.

1547—Journals of the house of commons begun. Regularly printed after this date.

1549—The first peer elected to the house of commons—Francis Russell, son of Earl Bedford.

1603—The house of commons allowed to decide privileges and qualifications of its members.

1614—The added parliament dissolved by James I.

1614—Last meeting of the French states general previous to the great revolution.

1614—The long parliament assembled. Bishops refused a vote.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

TURF TOPICS.

Jockey Shums won 161 races last season.

Director's get have won \$104,769.25 on the turf.

Jockey Martin rode 120 winners out of 361 mounts.

Ranchmen in Wyoming are complaining that they can get no money for bronchos.

Walter E. 2:10, is the fastest trotter, and Laura T. 2:00, is the fastest pacer in Missouri.

The next show of the Philadelphia Horse Show association will be held May 29 to June 2.

"As fast as a big winner appears I shall buy the dam and breed her to Director," A. H. Moore remarked recently.

Mr. C. J. Hamlin has decided not to campaign Princess Royal, 2:30, next season and to breed her to Mambino King.

The American trotting stallion Flash is one of 37 entries in Russia for the St. Petersburg purse to be trotted March 8.

The plans for the grand stand at the new track in Detroit show that it will be 500 feet long. It will seat 7,500 people.

Robert J. pacing record 2:03, was put up at auction at Philadelphia Tattersalls a little over a year ago and sold for \$235.

Director's get won 38 races during the season of 1893; Happy Medium's, 26, and Guy Wilkes', 22.

The Cossack horse of the Don, preferred for light cavalry use in the Russian army, strongly resembles the American Indian pony.

SILVER NOVELTIES.

The editorial blue pencil is silver mounted.

Yacht compasses neatly incased in leather are among things new.

Silver crochet needles are still provided for old fashioned workwomen.

Feather dusters mounted in perforated silver or in curled silver wire are always salable.

Why does not some silversmith invent a combination candlestick, matchbox and tray? There are such things in England.

Silver and leather are a strong combination in bag tags, umbrella straps, dog collars and leathers and railroad ticket cases.

The holly in chrysoprase and diamond and the mistletoe in semiprecious stones, with jewels, have been prominent during the holidays.

One of the most amusing things seen was an architect's rule mounted in silver, to which was affixed a spray of forget-me-nots. How the man who got that in his stocking must have sworn!—Jewellers' Circular.

EMERGENCY NOTES.

If choked, get upon all fours and cough.

If in the water, float on the back, with the nose and mouth projecting.

For apoplexy, raise the head and body. For fainting, lay the person flat.

If an artery is cut, compress above the wound; if a vein is cut, compress below.

In case of poisoning, excite vomiting by tickling the throat or by warm water and mustard.

For slight burns, dip the part in cold water. If the skin is destroyed, cover with vasoline.

Smother fire with carpets, etc. Water will often spread burning oil and increase danger.

Remove matter from the ear with tepid water. Never put a hard instrument into the ear.

Suck poisoned wounds unless your mouth is sore. Enlarge the wound, or better, cut out the part without delay.

Hold the wounded part as long as can be borne to a hot coal or end of a cigar.



PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell is writing a biography of her famous mother.

Minnie Cleghorn, a schoolteacher at Wellington, O., is a second cousin of ex-Queen Lilinokalani.

Two granddaughters of Balfo, the composer of "The Bohemian Girl," are said to be living in poverty at Jersey City.

Louis Cyr, "the modern Samson," can lift 484 pounds with one finger. He also holds a 102 pound dumb bell at arm's length with perfect ease.

Miss Mary Powell of New Castle, Ind., has attended school for nine years without being absent or tardy, walking nearly a mile to the schoolhouse.

Professor James of Harvard college has been elected president of the American Psychological association, and Professor Cattell of Columbia college has been made secretary.

Congressman Crain of Texas says that the people of Texas regard the pie family as Caesar regarded Gaul—divided into three kinds, "the kivered, the unkivered and the cross barred."

One of the most spacious and elegant homes in Brooklyn, but in an old fashioned locality—Union street—is that belonging to Mrs. Stranahan, who recently gave a reception to Mrs. Potter Palmer.

Ex-Senator Edmunds practices before the United States courts, chiefly the supreme court, utilizing in this way perhaps six months in the year. For the benefit of his daughter's health he spends a large part of each winter in Florida.

Signor Sonnino, who has been called to grapple with the perplexing problem of improving the Italian financial situation, is known among his countrymen as "the Englishman," on account of his manner and habits. As a matter of fact, however, he was born in Egypt, where his parents were resident at the time, 1849.

STAGE GLINTS.

R. D. MacLean, it is said, will return to the stage next fall.

George Thatcher has bought Rich and Harris' interest in "Africa."

Elaine Morgan has joined the J. C. Duff Opera company as principal soprano.

E. J. Henley, who is temporarily blind, will probably lose partly the sight of his left eye.

Clyde Fitch is under contract to write an original play for the New York Lyceum stock company.

Paul Potter is writing a play for A. M. Palmer. He calls it "Mission Dolores." The scene is laid in California.

Marguerite Merington is devoting all her time to playmaking. She is averse, however, to staging her plays.

Patti Rosa will next season try the experiment of a triple bill after the Vokes style, using plays that will show her versatility.

May Yohe is traveling through the south of France. She will return to London shortly to appear in "Little Christopher Columbus."

David Garrick Longworth, remembered in this country as an actor, conducts The Sphinx, an up to date paper printed in English at Cairo, Egypt.

George H. Adams, who is starring in "A Country Terror," with which he will continue this season, has signed to go with "Fantasma" next year.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Petunia continues to be a very popular color, the pinkish rather than the purple tone of the flower being favored.

The gypsy shoe is of dark red kid handsomely jetted. This is for evening wear, as is likewise the Spanish shoe of pale yellow suede kid nearly covered with jet embroidery.

Very effective and very fashionable are evening toilets of black or dark green satin, the bodice trimmed with full epanlets and neck garnitures of cream colored honiton lace.

The small, snug Russian toque is highly favored this winter, and it is worn alike with utility and rich "dress" costumes, according to the materials and garnitures which compose it.

In ballrooms surprising color combinations are constantly presented. Pale blue, dark green and pink or yellow are seen in conjunction on one toilet, also green, violet, black and rose color.

Skirts of dove colored coating, gored on the front and sides, are worn under the long covert coats of dark wine color, Russian blue, deep green or dove gray cloth that are made with large topped sleeves and velvet cape collar edged with fur.—New York Post.

THE COST OF WARS.

United States war in 1861-6 cost \$8,700,000,000.

France and Mexico's war in 1866 cost \$75,000,000.

The civil war in Europe in 1848 cost \$50,000,000.

Russia and Turkey's war in 1876-7 cost \$850,000,000.

Prussia and Austria's war in 1866 cost \$100,000,000.

France and Austria's war in 1859 cost \$225,000,000.

France and Algeria's war in 1830-47 cost \$190,000,000.

Brazil and Paraguay's war in 1864-70 cost \$340,000,000.

France and Germany's war in 1870-1 cost \$1,580,000,000.

The war between Great Britain, France and Russia, 1854-6, cost \$1,535,000,000.—Mullhall's Statistics.

The Wisdom of Years.

Father—Your income is small, and that girl hasn't a penny in her own right.

Son—That's true, but she has lots of rich relatives who are sure to remember her.

Father—That's the trouble. They will visit you by the dozen, eat you out of house and home and outlive you both in the end.—New York Weekly.

The Tallow Tree.

Our foreign consuls quite frequently send home curious and interesting accounts of the things which come under their observation while in line of duty.

These articles, valuable from several points of view, are never seen by one in each 10,000 of our population, because the documents in which they appear, being classed with other "government publications," are seldom consulted.

In this way much that is interesting and valuable to the scientist and general reader is overlooked. For an instance, the descriptions of the curious vegetation of China, especially the "tallow tree."

This tree is the Stillingia sebifera of the botanist, the root of which produces oil, the bark the famous "rice paper" and the berries tallow. The greasy berries are of a light scarlet and resemble those of the coffee of commerce, both in size and color.

In preparing the tallow the beans or berries are first steamed and then pounded in order to separate the mesocarp from the kernels.

This pulp is then placed in a bamboo seine and the meaty portions separated from the hulls, the tallow substance having the oil expressed from it in large, primitive wooden presses, while the chaff or hulls are converted into fuel. The oil thus obtained is used for oil stoves, lighting purposes, etc. The whole tree from root to leaf is saturated with oleaginous matter, and broken limbs and abrasions in the bark have been known to exude pure oil for days in succession.—St. Louis Republic.

A Fatalist, but Cautious.

Most men who profess a belief in destiny and an indifference to fate, when brought face to face with a danger or placed in a desperate situation, seek to avoid rather than embrace the inevitable result of the event regarding which they have held such philosophical opinions.

A case in point is related by a traveler returning from the south and hinges upon the experiences of a minister of the forerunning school of belief on a Mississippi steamer in the good old fashioned days of river racing, when a negro sat on the safety valve and the furniture and woodwork of the boat fed the fire.

The captain, seeing a rival boat half a mile ahead, began to curse in true old time style and ordered rat pine knots, naval stores, bacon, etc., to be thrown in to kindle the fire as hot as possible.

As the steam got higher and higher and the old boat trembled and groaned under the pressure, the preacher drew nearer and nearer to the stern.

Noticing this, and never losing an opportunity to crack a joke, the bluff captain tapped the fatalist on the shoulder and said: "Hello, Brother Blank, what's ailing you? I thought you was one of them fellows what believes what is to happen will happen no how."

"So I do," replied the clergyman, drawing himself up. "So I do, but I want to be as near the stern as possible when it does happen."—New York Herald.

Theory and Practice.

Mrs. Tawker—I was at the theater last evening. It was an awfully bad play, about a man being thrown out of work and his family dying from starvation. I couldn't keep from crying to save my life. I don't know when I have been so affected.

Enter Servant—Mum, there's a woman at the door as wants some cold victuals. She do say her children haven't had bit nor sup for two days.

Mrs. Tawker—Tell her to go away; that we don't give anything to boggars.

As I was saying, Mrs. Brown, it was a very sad play. Mr. Tawker says I ought not to witness such performances, they take hold of me so. He says that I am all heart.—Boston Transcript.



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While in this condition I was advised to try your NEW HEART CURE, and I gave it a trial, and I feel like I have been born again. I have taken a bottle of your NEW HEART CURE, and I feel like I have been born again. I have taken a bottle of your NEW HEART CURE, and I feel like I have been born again.

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Wilkie Collins' Fat Villain.

Here is a story lately told by Hall Caine concerning Wilkie Collins:

"The most successful character in 'The Woman in White' was not a woman, but a man—Fosco, the fat villain. When the book was produced, everybody was talking about the fat villain. While the author was staying with his mother a visitor came. The lady said to Collins:

"You seem to have made a great success with your villain in 'The Woman in White.' I have read the book. I have studied this villain, but he is not half a villain; you don't know a real villain, and the next time you want to do a villain come to me. I am very close to one. I have got one constantly in my eye—in fact, it is my own husband!"

"Wilkie Collins often told this story, but withheld the name of the lady. It was the wife of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton."—Chicago Post.

An Ice Floe Flashing Light.

A remarkable phenomenon was witnessed on the Thames during the evening of Friday. A number of pedestrians on Vauxhall bridge were startled by noticing that one of the large masses of ice which were floating with the tide was emitting flashes of light at intervals of about six seconds. Not only was this curious and unusual sight seen from Vauxhall bridge, but one gentleman who had noticed it at Chelsea bridge followed it along the Thames embankment for some distance.

The area of the mass was several square yards, and this was the only one of the many hundreds which were passing the bridge at the time that presented any unusual appearance. Conjectures were numerous at the time as to the cause of the flashes, but no satisfactory explanation was arrived at.—Pall Mall Gazette.

VIGOR OF MEN

Weakness, Nervousness, Debility, and all the train of evils which attend the loss of vitality, the result of overwork, lack of sleep, and other causes, can be cured by the use of Dr. Gunn's Syrup.

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