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"Pops" of the Question.

There are three officers of marriage in a new book called "Uncle John," which are certainly models in their way.

Myra and Lexley—"Mr. Lexley," she said, perfectly calm and composed, "am I to understand that you are asking me to be your wife?" "I know I might as well expect an angel to come down from heaven and marry me, but that is my dream, and I have not been consciously borrowing from the baptismal service his energetic affirmative. "I ought to give you a frank and hearty 'Yes,' I will, too, on certain conditions."

Annie Dennison and Percy Morrison—"If I thought it possible you could value anything I gave I would offer you all I have in the world, including myself. Miss Dennison, will you accept it?" "No," whispered Annie, rising from her seat to take his arm in a perfectly friendly manner and guide him back to the ball-room.

Horace Maxwell and Annie Dennison; the latter as a sister of mercy in carrying food, tea, etc., to the poor, and Horace is trying to induce her to let him carry the basket.—"Miss Dennison," he faltered, "my dear Annie, my darling, may I carry your basket all my life?" "If you'll put all your eggs in it," answered Annie boldly; and coming suddenly on a crossing sweep, the only living soul to be seen, a solemn silence intervened.

A Romance of Two Continents.

Fifty years ago a young English officer named Hendricks was traveling with his sister in Italy, where he met, wooed, won and run off with the charming daughter of a rich and proud nobleman. Even as the father of Desdemona discovered her, so the Italian count swore never again to acknowledge the recreant daughter. Nothing disturbed them, she accompanied her husband to the British dominions in North America, thence to New York, where, after giving birth to a daughter, she died. Hendricks, having thus lost his wife, gave her name to a daughter, but was so far from his mother's love, less infant as to marry a German woman who had taken a fancy to the child. The girl grew to maidenhood, receiving little education, for the family was poor, and when still young was married to Vincent, a young man of Ohio river name named Hiram Titus. They lived happily enough until Titus died, when she removed to Louisville, where she led a desolate life. Now the count, her grandfather, has yielded to heaven his vital trust, and as sole lineal heir she has gone to Italy to claim his title, but as her health is so feeble, she thus falls to her in variously estimated from \$200,000 to \$800,000.

Washington's Proclamation, 1789.

The following is the first Thanksgiving proclamation issued by Washington: "Whereas, It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor; and whereas, both Houses of Congress have, by their Joint Committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts, the many and signal mercies of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity of peaceably establishing a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November, next, to be a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by the people of these States to the service of the great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that, and that will be.

That we then all unite in rendering thanks to His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to its becoming a nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His Providence, in the course and decision of the late war; for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one more lately instituted; for civil and religious liberty which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge, and in general for all the great and various mercies which He has been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and individual transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and national duties properly and prudently; to render our national government a blessing to all people, constantly being a government of wisdom, just, and consistent laws; to unite us all in the most faithful and obedient; to protect and defend all our rights and liberties; to bestow wisdom and grace upon our rulers, and wisdom and grace upon all those who are called upon to perform any public or private duties; to prosper our agriculture and commerce; to increase the wisdom and intelligence among us; and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Looking for Himself.
The ludicrous spectacle of a man looking for himself and suffering the keenest chagrin at failing to find himself, was exhibited on the Union Pacific Railroad, not long ago. An Eastern-bound immigrant train stopped at Rock Creek station for breakfast. One emigrant strayed away, and the first section of the train started without him.

How to Make Mischief.
Keep your eye upon your neighbors. Take care of them. Do not let them stir without watching. They may do something wrong if you do. To be sure, you never knew them to do anything wrong, but you may see your account that they have not. Perhaps it had not been for your kind care, they might have disgraced themselves a long time ago. Therefore, do not relax any effort to keep them where they ought to be. Never mind your own passing on the path of duty, let every one else what you see, and be particular to see a great many. It is a good way to circulate things, though it may not benefit yourself particularly. Do keep something going—silence is a dreadful thing; though it is said there is silence between the hands of half an hour, do not let any such thing occur on earth, it would be too much for this mundane sphere.

Persistence Among Indians.
When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in 1620, they found comparatively few Indians in their neighborhood. They learned that the large proportion of the Aborigines had been swept away by a pestilence a few years before. A writer in a California paper says that when he visited the Valley of the Sacramento, in 1826, it was nearly peopled with Indians. In 1833 he again passed over the ground and found very few living inhabitants, but no end of corpses. A kind of remittent fever had swept the red men away. He adds: "From the head of the Sacramento Valley until we reached the mouth of King's river, not exceeding five or six leagues, were seen and here we found encamped a village of Indians, among whom the destroying angel was sating his greed of human victims by a ghastly carnage. During the one night more than a score of victims were added to the hosts upon which he had been feeding. The walling of that stricken village during that night was atrocious and most horrible."

Grave Robbing in Indiana.

A case of body-snatching was developed in Seymour, Ind., recently. A young lady of respectable family, very popular with her friends, and much beloved in that city, died of consumption and was buried in the cemetery near that city. The day after her interment a near relative, went to the cemetery for the purpose of decorating her grave. But what was their alarm and horror on finding strong indications that the grave had been tampered with—such marks as to lead at once to the suspicion that the body had been removed. As quickly as possible the family caused the earth to be removed, and on opening the coffin, their suspicions were verified. The body of the girl had been stolen.

The friends and relatives of the deceased, in a vain search for the thief, and endeavored if possible to arrest him. A man got on the eastward bound train at Hardensburg, Mass., Ohio and Mississippi railroad, and had his baggage—a rather small-sized traveling trunk—checked for Cincinnati. As soon as the trunk was put on board the train some relatives of the family, who were on the train watching for suspicious characters, went for the baggage car, and, discovering an unpleasant odor arising from the trunk, they opened it, and found the body of the young lady closely wedged within it. To get the corpse into so small a space it was necessary to cram it in a manner which indicated that much violent force had been used. She was lying on her side, with her knees doubled up, her head and her hands violently forced over to one side in a corner of the trunk.

The man having charge of the trunk was immediately arrested, and when the train reached North Vernon was taken off with the trunk and its ghastly contents, to await the arrival of the westward bound train to take him back to Seymour. When the news reached that place the greatest indignation was felt among the people, and opinions were freely expressed that the body-snatcher would be lynched on his return there.

Immediately after his arrest the body-snatcher confessed the deed, and said he had been engaged in the business for two years, getting his subjects from along the line of the Cincinnati and Mississippi railroad and other roads running into Cincinnati. The price he said he was paid was \$20 a subject. He seemed to be so terribly frightened that he could give no intelligible account of himself or his confederates.

Strange Matches.
It is an historical fact that Frederick of Prussia formed the idea of compelling unions between the tallest of the two sexes in his dominions, in the hope of having more giants. The reader will, in all probability, recollect the following ludicrous incident: It so happened that, during a long ride, the king passed a particularly tall young woman, an utter stranger. He alighted from his horse, and insisted upon her delivering a letter to the commandant officer of his crack regiment. The letter contained the mandate that the bearer was instantly to be married to the tallest unmarried man in the service.

The young woman was somewhat terrified, and, not understanding the connection, gave an old woman a letter, which was conveyed to the commanding officer, and this old woman was, in a short time, married to the handsomest and finest man in the crack regiment. It is not necessary to say that the man, who received the letter, particularly so to the old woman. In this connection comes another anecdote. A rich saddler directed in his will that his only child, a daughter, should be deprived of the whole of the fortune unless she married a saddler. A young girl, in order to win the estate, actually served an apprenticeship of seven years to a saddler, and afterward bound himself to the rich saddler's daughter for life. But the union was anything but a happy one; the bride, neither by birth nor breeding, was a laughing-stock, and the credit on her bridegroom's choice; and repeated quarrels were followed by separation. So it is with all unequal matches; gold and brass won't unite.

Novels tell us the felicity following the union of Lord Fitzgerald and Mary Ann Jones, quite ignoring that they had a predisposition to red knuckles and unshapely feet, which peculiarities finally make my lord's life burdensome. Novels are amusing, but not to be relied on in "matters of the heart," as a rule. Common sense says: "Young folk, marry within the boundary of your social and religious circle."

A Suicide's Confession.
At least one man knew that he had become a bore on his kindred of the fact he killed himself. This was a young spendthrift named Butenof, the scapgrace son of a San Francisco banker. Before his suicide he wrote a letter in which he said, "That the public should not suspect that the deed was done in a fit of duality. I state that after month's reflection, I take leave of this world in the full possession of all my senses, and that I am calm and collected, but I am driven to this by extreme despair, nervous excitement, etc. I have gone to the dogs. For years I have deplored myself, and I state in this world, but during the last few weeks I found that I would have to become involved in debt and live upon the charity of others. Even now I find that I have overstepped the bounds, and can no longer obtain my credit worth a cent. For weeks I have offered my services for my board, but they have not been accepted. It would take too long for me to regain my former status. I have almost begged of those who through me made hundreds of dollars, and they turned from me with their hands in their pockets. Some did help me at first, but their manner was such that to approach them a second time for a favor became impossible. My innermost thanks to [here follow the names of a dozen persons] who have this day that I take poison, refused me credit."

Lived on the Sea.

Three mariners appeared at the Portland, Me., Custom House, the other day, with a register and a letter from their shipowner changed so to hail from Portland. On being informed that it could not be done, as from their papers they belonged in Gloucester, Mass., they stoutly declared they did not know anywhere, except on the high seas, that they had registered their schooner changed so to hail from Portland. On being informed that it could not be done, as from their papers they belonged in Gloucester, Mass., they stoutly declared they did not know anywhere, except on the high seas, that they had registered their schooner changed so to hail from Portland. On being informed that it could not be done, as from their papers they belonged in Gloucester, Mass., they stoutly declared they did not know anywhere, except on the high seas, that they had registered their schooner changed so to hail from Portland. 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