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LATEST FROM THE SPHINX.

Across the desert's sandy sea
Though sorely battered brows I rear,
Still with my stony eyes I see,
Still with my stony ears I hear.

Thousands of years this resting place
Betwixt the Pyramids I hold,
And still their daily shadow trace,
Broadening o'er me, blue and cold.

And many wonders have I known,
And many a race and rule of men.
Since first upon the desert's zone
I fixed my calm, unwinking ken.

'Neath these same orbs that still revolve
Above my granite brows sedate,
I forged the riddles, which to solve
Was fame, wherein to fail was fate.

But darker riddle never yet
I framed for Œdibus the wise,
Than those that to the world I set,
Touching these things before my eyes.

What of this piercing of the sands?
What of this union of the seas?
This grasp of unfamiliar hands,
This blending of strange litanies?

Ayes and Allah-hu's that flow
From ulemas and monsignors—
These *feridjees* and *robes-fourreau*,
These eunuchs and ambassadors—

This *pot-pourri* of East and West,
Pillau and *potage a la bisque;*—
Circassian belles whom Worth has drest,
And Parisiennes *a l'odalisque!*

Riddles that need no Sphinx to put,
But more than Œdipus to read—
What good or ill from Lesseps' cut
Eastward and Westward shall proceed?

Whose loss or profit? War or peace?
Sores healed, or old wounds oped anew?
Upon the loosing of the seas,
Strife's bitter waters let loose too?

The Eastern question raised, at last?
The Eastern question laid for aye?
Russian ambition fettered fast?
Or feathered but for freer play?

The shattering of the Sultan's throne?
Or the Khedive's rise, to fall?
England and France, like hawks let flown?
Or *Aigle* on perch and Bull in stall?

Answer in vain the Sphinx invites;
A darkling veil the future hides:
We know what seas the work unites,
Who knows what sovreigns it divides?

ETIQUETTE.

How to Begin the Day.—Rise with the lark, but not *for* one. Be very careful to attire yourself neatly; ourselves, like our salads, are always the better for a good dressing. Shave unmistakably before you descend from your room; chins, like oysters, should have their beards taken off before being permitted to go down. Start with determination to be agreeable and good-tempered, and that like an overwhelming fire nothing shall put you out. Should the tea not be hot, take it coolly; should the ham be salt, emulate the philosophic Bacon, and having made a few pleasant observations about the milk of human kindness, the sugar of domestic felicity, the cup of happiness being full, and the butter resembling an actor in a fresh part because it appears in a new roll, conclude with the appropriate ballad of "*Let the Toast Pass*," cracking fresh eggs and stale jokes simultaneously.

How to Act Afterwards.—If in a country-house, after breakfast is a somewhat dull time, and the really amiable person should do his very utmost to enliven the general gloom. Nobody but a brute writes letters. The exception may be made in favor of *one* letter written to the bore who *will* send you a batch "to be forwarded" from town. You may send *him* a stinger by all means. Agree to anything proposed by anybody. If it's billiards, say you are in cue for it; if it's walking, put your leg foremost; if it's croquet, throw over all for mallet-y; if it's cricket, stir your stumps; if it's shopping, say "Buy all means;" if it's a ramble in the woods, admit you are "good for anything or nutting."

How to Act at Luncheon.—Luncheon is a jolly meal. With the exception of breakfast, dinner, tea, and supper, it is perhaps the jolliest meal of the day. It is breakfast arrived at years of discretion; dinner with all the charming error and heartiness of youth. Never despise luncheon. Eat a good luncheon. It is natural, and is etiquette. Besides, luncheon is a sort of half-way house in the day's journey, and by the time we used to reach that stage our coach companions and ourselves had generally become quite friendly and pleasant. Always eat pastry at luncheon—none but maniacs touch it in the evening. Don't attempt to be clever, save all your small wit for seven o'clock, it looks like the real thing by candle-light. Gas, too, gives a brilliancy to a Brummagen bon-mot, which would stand forth as paste pure and simple in the mid-day light of luncheon.

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EARLY GENIUS.

Xenophon wrote his famous "Encyclopædia Britannica" at six years old. Humboldt insisted upon remaining in the cradle until he had finished his "Kosmos," a work of much labor and extensive research. Fra Angelico was still in frocks when he painted his most celebrated pictures. The gentleman who invented printing gave proofs of his future greatness in the nursery; these proofs he subsequently corrected for the press.

What great events spring from small causes! It was an unwearied Phœnician who first discovered fire by rubbing two pieces of stick for a fortnight. The discovery has proved invaluable to many people.

Charlemagne introduced chess into Germany. Pawn tickets were of a later date.

The invention of going to bed when you're tired has been attributed to the historian Josephus. But, as is now believed, erroneously.

Apropos of the above, sleep *was* known to the ancients.

The Romans as a people were very fond of spectacles. Their emperors used to give them as many as possible. This has been considered a short-sighted policy.

Puns were not unknown to the ancients. Cicero sat up all night with a wet towel round his head making one, and then he couldn't do it. This was at Christmas time.

Themistocles was betrayed by his friends, and persecuted by his enemies. So, altogether, he hadn't a very pleasant time of it.

HOW A WISCONSIN WIFE COULDN'T GET "ENNY BILL."

A legal correspondent in Wisconsin sends the following verbatim copy of a letter from a client, who desired to prevent his wife from getting a bill of divorce against him. On its receipt, the correspondent adds, "we abandoned the case, and she couldn't 'get enny bill on this:'"—

JUNE 18, 1869:—Mr steel I heard my wife came to you for a bill of divorse you probly herd her story and I will tell you mine and I will tell you the truth I hacrd Id did not provide nuff to cat god noes I hade nuff of flower pork potatoes and made ower one barril buter and always had huney in the hous I got her tea shoger dried frut I always thought good deal of her and I would get evry thing I cold to please her I herd she sed I was lasy if I was I had nuff to cat and drink she caut say but what I got close for her she had 4 good dresses when she left I got her fore new pare of shoes whin one year that was last year the first pare I pade 3 dollars the secont 2·25 and third 2·50 and 4 forth 3 dollars this was all got with in one year and I was wilin to get them for her and I got things Just that way for her and I am wilin to do it again for her I though my eyes of her she would get evry thing she ask for if it lade in my power to git her this is Just as true as god in in heaven and I can't see she can get enny bill on this. Mr steel I wish you wold talk whith her and get her to come back and live with me and live a happy life together
please answer this — post office co Wis and I will satisfy you for it this from your friend
JOHN ——

I ceap beas and have lots of huney I wish you wold advise her to come and live with me I am a lonsom man you ever saw I cant sleep or eat much it wares on me my mind on her all the time when I am awake and asleep if you answer this write plain so I can read it for I can't read tell me what she ses about it.

HISTORICAL FACTS.

Art was not unknown to the Greeks. Apelles made a portrait so like somebody that he was obliged to quit the city.

The celebrated poet Tasso obtained his reputation entirely by poems. I mention this as an example of application.

What milk is to the moderns, it was, though perhaps in a less degree, to the ancients. Cows were found in Italy as early as B. C. M. Also in Carthage, introduced by Ha-Milcar.

The Greeks were a Martial nation. Martial himself, however, was a Roman.

Modern surnames are in most instances derived from Greek originals. Jones is evidently Ion. I can't think of any more instances.

The uncle of the present Emperor of the French was not the first Napoleon. There were a lot of them before him. Think over this if it has never occurred to you before; and *don't let it occur again.*

Caps were invented early in English history. There were first worn by fools.

The greatest men are invariably the most simple-minded. It is difficult to mention any one single case in point.

TO A BEE WORKING ON A SUNDAY.

Dear Bee, your industry unique
Provokes me to admire you;
I scarcely work one day a week,
How seven days' work must tire you!

Beware! for while you thus extract
Your gold from Flora's diggin's,
You might provoke by such an act
The rancor of a Stiggins.

You wouldn't wish to propagate
Such sad immoral teaching,
And make each naughty reprobate
Deride our solemn teaching?

'Twere better far to stay at home
And give to leisure one day:
To feast within your straw-built dome,
And work again on Monday.

Go, quaff from waxen cups thy fill,
Industrious flower-inspector!
No grudging Sunday Liquor Bill
Can rob you of your nectar.

MONEY MARKET AND CITY INTELLIGENCE.

In miscellaneous securities, Atlantic cables, we may say, have touched the bottom, and, therefore, cannot go lower. The end of these is all paid up.

With regard to articles of merchandise, we find that iron is firm, but india-rubber is a little yielding.

Chloroform is still a drug in the market, and millstones are difficult to move.

Oysters yesterday were opened quietly, and ultimately went down still lower.

Lead is rather heavy, but tin is eagerly sought for.

A prospectus has been issued for a new Aquarium Company, but the tendency is to throw cold water upon it.

The Tobacco Loan still remains popular, borrowers of cigars being easily found.

AN OBJECTION OVERCOME.

Though Commerce is said to be in a bad way, Trade must be looking up, to judge from this advertisement, clipped from a provincial paper:—

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How's That, Umpire?

What is the difference between the "habitual criminal" and an indifferent Base-Baller? One is "run in," the other "run out."

A GENEROUS BOY.

Amiable Mother.—"Here, Tommy, is some nice castor oil, with orange in it."

Doctor.—"Now, remember, don't give it all to Tommy; leave some for me."

Tommy (who has been there before).—"Doctor's a nice man, ma; give it all to Doctor."

AN ERROR OF THE PRESS.

"Father Hyacinthe ate a beefsteak last Friday. The Catholics are much insensed."

This must be wrong, for a very long time has yet to elapse before the Catholics will be sufficiently "insensed" to eat beefsteaks on Friday.

During the First Year of Their Marriage.
(Subsequently other Arrangements were made.)

Pretty Little Prodigal—"You're a dear, good, kind Hubby, that you are, to want to take me out; but I can't possibly go."

Hubby Aforesaid—"? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?"

P. L. P. (when he has quite finished)—"Oh, I know all that. I've lots of dresses; but I've worn them all *once* already!"

A Capital Treat.

"Papa," said Mr. Brown's youngest son the other day, "can I go to the circus?"

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