

**Democratic Watchman.**

Bellefonte, Pa., January 18, 1907.

**An Art Anecdote.**

Edward Rosewater, founder and editor of the Omaha Bee, had a sincere love of art. He hated pictures that indicated scamped work, so called impressionistic pictures that were merely rough and hurried sketches and so called portraits that bore no likeness to their originals. A young painter showed Mr. Rosewater one day a portrait of a mutual friend.

"That a portrait of Smith?" the editor exclaimed. "I'd never have known it."

"Oh," the artist exclaimed, "I didn't try for a likeness, you know. I tried for an effect—an effect in grays."

"I know a man in New York," said Mr. Rosewater, "who had his portrait painted last year. It cost him \$4,000, and he was very proud of it. When it came home he showed it to his cook."

"Well, Mary," he said, "how do you like this portrait?"

"Sure, sir," said the cook, "it's lovely. It's beautiful. It's divine."

"And of course," said my friend, "you know who it is?"

"Oh, of course I do, sir," said the cook. "Of course, of course." As she spoke she kept drawing nearer to the picture, studying it more and more closely.

"Of course, sir," she said. "It's you or the mistress."—Buffalo Enquirer.

**The Sultan's Rebuke.**

An ambassador of a well known European monarch was riding in the streets of Constantinople when one of the sultan's carriages rolled by. Seeing it was guarded, his curiosity got the better of him, and when the carriage reached him he was daring enough to peep in at the passenger. He was surprised and pained to receive a blow in the face from an attendant in charge. Mad with rage, he demanded audience of the sultan. The sultan listened attentively and for a moment appeared lost in thought. At last he spoke: "My dear —, I have gone carefully into the case and see exactly how it stands. You are, of course, a gentleman. Therefore you would never have committed such a breach of good manners as you allege to have taken place. Therefore no attendant could possibly have struck you. The whole affair seems to be a product of your fancy. Let us dismiss it."

**His Constancy.**

A story is told of General Sir Alfred Horsford, who believed in a celibate army. A soldier once sought his permission to marry, saying he had two good conduct badges and \$25 in the savings bank. "Well, go away," said Sir Alfred, "and if you come back this day year in the same mind you shall marry. I'll keep the vacancy." On the anniversary the soldier repeated his request. "But do you really, after a year, want to marry?" "Yes, sir, very much." "Sergeant major, take his name down. Yes, you may marry. I never believed there was so much constancy in man or woman. Right face. Quick march!" As the man left the room, turning his head, he said: "Thank you, sir. It isn't the same woman."

**Chinese Gambler's Penance.**

A Chinese cook named Chin Kan had been engaged by a wealthy Chinese in Ho In street in Canton. All the money he earned had been lost in gambling. On one occasion his master paid him some money for the provisions he supplied. The cook lost all the money at one stake. Finding that his debts were accumulating day by day, on the twenty-fourth day he went into the kitchen and chopped off the forefinger of his left hand as a self punishment and warning in order to relinquish this evil habit of gambling in the future. He became unconscious through the pain, but was brought round again in a few minutes.—Singapore Times.

**"Naming" a Member.**

It is an ancient belief that a man's name has some mysterious sympathy with his nature, whence arise such stories as that of Rumpelstiltskin, whose power over a human being vanishes the moment that his name is pronounced aloud. It has been suggested with some show of reason that the modern practice of "naming" a refractory member of the British house of commons is merely a survival of this belief, which the Norsemen brought into England.

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**Marriages in Bible Times.**

From the Bible accounts of the marriages of Jacob with Leah and Rebecca and from other narratives of marriages in Jewish history it seems that marriage was not held to be a sacrament or religious rite in the times of the patriarchs. In those days the head of the family, the father, was priest and ruler of the family and the only priest or ruler whose authority it recognized. As far as we learn from the Bible narrative in the case of Jacob's marriages, the simple giving of his daughters by Isaac constituted the marriage, there being no religious or other ceremony whatever. Of course, however, marriages made in this way were just as sacred and just as binding as those performed in the most ceremonious manner. In these days in Protestant countries the marriage laws do not look upon marriage as a sacrament, but only as a civil contract, though most people prefer to give it a certain religious sanction by having it performed by a church minister.—St. Louis Republic.

**David Hume and His Wine.**

A jocular bequest of David Hume to his friend John Home was curious. Home liked claret and disliked port, calling it poison, and the two friends had many discussions on the subject. They also used to have disputes as to which of them took the proper way of spelling their common family name. The philosopher, about a fortnight before his death, wrote with his own hand the following codicil to his will: "I leave to my friend, Mr. John Home of Kilduff, ten dozen of my old claret at his choice and one single bottle of that liquor called port. I also leave him six dozen of port provided that he attests under his hand, signed John Hume, that he himself alone finished that bottle at two sittings. By this concession he will at once terminate the only two differences that ever arose between us concerning temporal matters."—New York Tribune.

**Ringling in the Ears.**

"Ringling" in the ears is a most peculiar condition. It is interesting to learn that, though the brain so distinctly receives an impression of sound, there is really no sound at all. The sensation is produced by derangement of the nerves of the ear, caused by poor circulation or such pressure and interference as come from hardened, excessive wax, bolts, etc. Some one oddly remarked that when the ears were ringling they were "insane." Truly, they carry wrong impressions to the brain. They record things that do not happen.

**A Weather Stone.**

A writer tells of a curious stone that is to be found in Finland. It is a natural barometer and actually foretells probable changes in the weather. It is called a semskuir, and its peculiarity is that it turns black before approaching rain, while in fine weather it is mottled with spots of white. Investigation has shown the stone to be a sort of fossil, mixed with clay, rock salt and niter. When the air is moist, the salt turns black; when the air is dry, the salt shows in white spots on the surface of the stone.

**A Stroke Face.**

"Facial expression," said the thoughtful looking man, "is not confined to human beings by any means. For instance, some time ago I went to call on a friend of mine, who was not at home. However, a dog of his was there. I looked at the dog a moment, and he returned my look. Then something in that dog's face seemed to take hold of me and simply root me to the spot. It was his teeth!"—Chicago News.

**The Clever Nurse.**

Grandmother—Why, nurse, whatever are you thinking of to bring so young an infant into the open air on so cold and windy a day as this? Nurse—But you surely do not think that so small a child understands differences in temperature?—Il Mondo Umoristico.

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7 39 7 09	Hahlersburg	8 52 4 40
7 43 7 13	Snydertown	8 50 4 40
7 45 7 15	Huron	8 49 4 35
7 47 7 17	Nittany	8 48 4 30
7 48 7 18	Huron	8 47 4 30
7 51 7 21	Lamar	8 46 4 28
7 53 7 23	Clintonville	8 45 4 28
7 55 7 25	Clintonville	8 44 4 28
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3 12	10 23	8 37	12 37
3 17	10 17	8 35	12 35
3 21	10 14	8 31	12 31
3 26	10 08	8 28	12 28
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