

Bellefonte, Pa., November 29, 1907.

### THE GREATEST WEDDING.

Over Twenty Thousand Persons Were

Married by One Ceremony. The biggest wedding ever known to history was when Alexander the Great and over 10,000 of his soldiers took part in a wedding in the court of Darius, king of Persia, after the latter's conquest by Alexander. Twenty thousand two hundred and two persons were made husbands and wives in one

ceremony. The facts are these: After conquering King Darius, Alexander determined to wed Statiro, daughter of the conquered king, and issued a decree that on that occasion 100 of his chief officers should marry 100 women from the noblest Persian and Medean families. He further stipulated that 10,000 of his Greek soldiers should take to

wife 10,000 Asiatic women. For this purpose a vast pavilion was erected, the pillars being sixty feet high. One hundred gorgeous chambers adjoined this for the 100 noble bridegrooms, while for the 10,000 soldiers an outer court was inclosed. Outside of this tables were spread for the multitude.

Each pair had seats and ranged themselves in a semicircle round the royal throne. As it would have taken several weeks for the few priests to have married this vast number of couples had the ceremony been performed in the ordinary way, Alexander invented a simple way out of the difficulty. He gave his hand to Statiro and kissed her, and all the remaining bridegrooms did the same to the women beside them, and thus ended the ceremony that united the greatest number of people at one time ever known.

Then occurred a five days' festival which for grandeur and magnificence never has since been equaled.

# MAN AND HIS HORSE.

The Way to Show Approval That the Animal Will Appreciate.

Caress plays no small part in developing the best in any horse, but this is never to be by word of mouth. You may as well curse as bless for all your horse knows or cares. The caress of the hand addressed to the part with which the animal has just performed some feat is always appreciated-the expression shows that-and one loves to see a good man as he lands safe over a big place just reach back and give the clever horse a loving pat or two on that swelling muscular loin which has been the chief agent in negotiating the obstruction.

Do not pat neck or shoulder or any part not actively engaged in the under taking. Caress may do no good, but it is pleasant to believe that it does, and we are quite positive that the voice simply diverts attention. The former mode of address is at least worthy of trial if only as a mark of appreciation between two gentlemen. The threatening tones appear sometimes serviceable, but this is so only when horses have been abused and associate punishment with the stern voice. The wild horse is as indifferent to the voice of affection as to that of rage.-From "Schooling the Hunter," by Frank M. Ware in Outing Magazine.

Drowned Manuscript.

James Russell Lowell, the first editor of the Atlantic, was walking across Cambridge bridge when his hat blew off and fell into the Charles with half a it was freighted and which he was re it.-New York Press. turning to the Boston office. A boatman recovered the hat, but the scattered manuscripts perished in those waves of oblivion. "If they had been accepted articles, it wouldn't have been quite so bad, for," said he, "we might with some grace ask the writen for fresh copies. But how can you tell a self respecting contributor that his manuscript has been not only rejected, but sent to a watery grave?"-J. T Trowbridge in Atlantic.

Moles as Mesmerists.

Like the squirrel and some other animals, the mole lays up a store of food during the autumn months. A curious and interesting feature in relation to this storage is that the mole does not kill the worms it collects, but stupefies them in such a manner that they do not attempt to escape. - Country

### KEATS ON MARRIAGE.

Barrier Against Matrimony In Which the Post Rejoiced.

Notwithstanding your happiness and your recommendation, I hope I shall never marry. Though the most beautiful creature were waiting for me at the end of a journey or a walk, though the carpet were of silk, the curtains of the morning clouds, the chairs and sofa stuffed with cygnets' down, the food manna, the wine beyond claret, the window opening on Winander mere, I should not feel, or, rather, my happiness would not be so fine, as my solitude is sublime. Then, instead of what I have described, there is a sublimity to welcome me home. The roaring of the wind is my wife, and the stars through the window pane are my children. The mighty abstract idea I have of beauty in all things stifles the more divided and minute domestic happiness-an amiable wife and sweet children I contemplate as a part of that beauty, but I must have a thousand of those beautiful particles to fill up my heart.

I feel more and more every day as my imagination strengthens that I do not live in this world alone, but in a thousand worlds. No sooner am I alone than shapes of epic greatness are stationed around me and serve my spirit the office which is equivalent to a king's bodyguard-then "tragedy with sceptered pall comes sweeping by." According to my state of mind I am with Achilles shouting in the trenches or with Theocritus in the vales of Sicily, or I throw my whole being into Troilus, and, repeating those lines, "I wander like a lost soul upon the Stygian banks, staying for waftage," I melt into the air with a voluptuousness so delicate that I am content to be alone. These things, combined with the opinion I have of the generality of women, who appear to me as children to whom I would rather give a sugar plum than my time, form a barrier against matrimony which I rejoice in. -"Poems of John Keats," by Walter Raleigh.

Troubles of an Amateur. "I thought you had gone to raising bees," said the man from the city. "I don't see any sign of them around

here. "I had half a dozen colonies of the finest bees I could get," answered the suburbanite, "and a whole library of literature on bee raising, but they swarmed one day, and while I was looking through my books to find out what was the proper thing to do when bees swarmed the blamed things flew away, and I've never seen 'em since." -Chicago Tribune.

In Nameless Graves.

Not far from Hamburg, on the island of Westerland, is a small graveyard to which pathetic interest attaches. Here the bodies of those washed up by the sea-bodies unrecognized and unclaimed-are buried. The cemetery was dedicated to this use in 1855, and from then up to now over sixty nameles ones have found their rest. In 1888 a stone was raised bearing the dedication "The Home of the Homeless," and each little mound is further marked by a simple black cross.

Like the Parrot.

"Thumper occasionally says things that are wonderfully apropos," said one statesman.

"Yes," answered the other; "he's like our parrot at home. It doesn't know much, but what it does know it keeps repeating until some circumstance arises that makes the remark seem marvelously apt."

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## DECAY OF STONE.

Even the Densest Siliceous Rocks Succumb to Time.

Whoever expects to find a stone that wil. stand from century to century, deriding alike the frigid rains and scorching solar rays, without need of reparation will indeed search for "the philosopher's stone." There is scarcely a posed to the action of the atmosphere for a considerable time does not exhibit proofs of weathering. It may even be observed on the most densely compacted siliceous rocks. The fullest extent of this inquiry can only be to elucidate relative duration and comparative labor of appropriation to useful or ornamental purposes. By examining the various produc-

tions of nature we find evident proofs of her industry in all ages. Changes have been going on from the remotest antiquity to the present time on every substance that comes within our observation. All the actual combinations of matter have had a former existence in some other state. Nothing exists in nature but what is likely to change its condition and manner of being. No such a degree of impenetrability and so ting the onions on as hot as they can close a union of the parts which compose them as to be exempted from ultimate dissolution.

Even in the great globe which we inhabit nothing is more evident to geolotions. There can be discovered no fresh cold being taken .- McCall's. vestige of a beginning, no prospect of an end. In some bodies these changes are not so frequent and remarkable as in others, though equally certain at a more distant period. The venerable remains of Egyptian splendor, many of them executed in the hardest granite between 3,000 and 4,000 years since, exhibit large portions of exfoliation and gradual decay, thereby following the primitive, immutable and universal order of causes and effects-namely, that all objects possess the materials of which they are composed only for a limited time, during which some powerful agent effects their decomposition and sets the elementary particles at liberty again to form other equally perfect combinations. Thus by divine and unerring laws order is restored amid

apparent confusion .- Exchange. The Origin of the Holy Stone. At the reformation, when the Church of St. Nicholas at Yarmouth was despoiled, the carved stones of many of the monuments, both in the church and outside in the graveyard, were shipped off, some to Newcastle to be turned into grindstones and some on board the ships of the royal navy of the day to be used in scouring the decks, whence, it is interesting to know, the seamen's term "holystoning the deck" takes its origin.-London Standard.

The Kniser's Press Cutting Agency.

The German Emperor's interest in every thing that goes on in the world is well kown, but not every one is aware of the trouble be takes to keep in touch with ourrent affairs. According to a Munich news-paper the Kaiser reads at least three papers every day, changing the list several times a week in order to become fully acquainted with the ideas of all political parties in the state. But this by no means exhausts his substance which after having been ex- appetite for information. Every day the nister of Foreign Affairs, as well as that of the Interior, has to provide newspaper cuttings, properly named and dated and pasted on slips ready for the Emperor's pe rusal. These he carefully reads, making marginal notes as he goes along, and they are then sorupulously classified and aside ready for immediate reference. Often too, the Emperor, whose catholicity of interest and insistence on method would prove invaluable to many a journalist asks for cuttings relating to the particular technical subjects in which, for the time, he is specially interested.

#### Earache in Children.

Onions are an old-fashioned but useful remedy for relieving earache where it is merely atalgia, proceeding probably from cold. Get a Spanish or large common onion, put it in the oven, or cut it in balf and roast (holding on a toasting fork) bematerial is so durable as always to re- fore the fire. When quite hot place on the tain its present appearance, for the most solid and compact bodies have not flannel or cotton. Continue to apply, put borne, till the pain is relieved or gone. As hot onions will tend to melt the wax in the ear, it should be seen afterward whether the ear is quite clean; if not, syringe very gently with lukewarm water. A little lint or cotton wool may be placed in the gists than a perpetual series of altera. ear after the onions are removed to avoid

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