

Spoiled Their Waltzing. In her memoirs Mme. de Boigne gives some interesting glimpses of English social life. For instance, she writes:

"In 1816 no young English lady ventured to waltz. The Duke of Devonshire returned from a tour in Germany and observed one evening at a large ball that a woman was never seen to better advantage than when waltzing. I do not know whether he was anxious to play a trick, but he repeated this assertion several times. It was passed from mouth to mouth, and at the next ball all the young ladies were waltzing. The duke admired them greatly, said that it was delightful and gave proper animation to a ball. He then added carelessly that he, at any rate, had decided never to marry a lady who waltzed. It was to the Duchess of Richmond and at Carlton House that he saw it to make this revelation. The poor duchess, the most clumsy of matchmaking mammas, nearly fell off her chair with horror. She repeated the statement to her neighbors, who passed it on, and consternation spread from seat to seat. The young ladies continued to waltz with clear consciences. The old ladies were furious, but the unfortunate dance was concluded. Before the end of the evening the good Duchess of Richmond was able to announce that her daughters felt an objection to waltzing which no persuasion of hers could ever overcome. Some few girls of more independence continued to waltz, but the majority gave it up."

After the Honeymoon.

"Pa," inquired a small boy on the Oakland boat, "what's a simoon?" "Huh!" grunted the man without looking from his paper. "Simoon's sand storm on the desert, dreaded by travelers." "And, pa, what's a honeymoon?" "Honeymoon's rice storm on a train, enjoyed by travelers." "Then a honeymoon's something like a simoon, ain't it, pa?" "Guess so. Keep quiet. Don't ask so many fool questions. Look at the sea gulls." "But ain't they a good deal alike, pa—simoons and honeymoons?" "Ugh, huh, both full of hot air! Most honeymoons become simoons in a few years. When the honey's gone the sigh's left." "Pa, were you ever on a honeymoon?" "Percy, if you don't stop pestering me with questions I'll never bring you over to the city again."

Life Saving and Law.

The Roumanians are as curious in some things as the Chinese. A girl who fell into the river and was swept down by the current finally seized a bush on the bank and drew herself to shore. The owner of the land on which the bush grew immediately claimed a reward of 4 shillings because his bush was there and had saved her. Her father refused to pay, and there was a lawsuit. What the law has to decide is whether drowning people can make use of bushes on the bank without paying for the same or whether the assistance of the said bush is worth a certain sum of money. In China if a person falls into the water no one must help him out, but at the same time a spectator can be imprisoned for not advising the victim to stay on dry land.

The Navel Orange.

For a product of nature a California navel orange as it graces the breakfast table or the push cart is about the most artificial thing in the world. It is also a very striking illustration of the fact that while beauty may be only skin deep it counts for a whole lot. To begin with, the navel orange of California is an exotic, reaching its present habitat after devious wanderings. And, be it ever so sweet tasting, if its skin has had its beauty marred it scarcely ever gets farther than the orchard where it grew. Not only that, but even the most comely ones before they are boxed and shipped are brushed by machinery and polished and otherwise fussed with to give them a beauty which mere nature never would have provided.—William R. Stewart in Technical World.

RILEY'S FIRST HIT.

Wrote a Poem "by Poe" and Palméd It on the Public.

James Whitcomb Riley began his career in a newspaper office in Anderson, Ind., by writing humorous rhymes as "advertising locals"—"doggerel" he called them. At the same time he wrote many rhymes with the serious intention of having them, if possible, recognized as poems. But he could not get them published. Even compositions whose worth he had tested—those that "would please people when I'd stand up and read 'em to them"—would be returned promptly by every magazine to which he offered them for publication. The Hoosier dialect was too "low down" for the average magazine editor.

Finally in a freak of boyish indignation, to prove that what editors really wanted was not originality, but imitation, he devised the scheme of writing a poem in imitation of Poe and of palming it off on the public as a real poem of Poe's recently discovered. The scheme was very skillfully planned and very deftly executed and successful beyond anything the clever devisor of it had ever dreamed. From one end of the country to the other "Leonides" was hailed as a veritable "find," a bit of genius' most genuine ore. Riley had his revenge. He had some trouble, however, in proving that he was not an intentional forger.

He lost his newspaper position, but he immediately got another and better one on the Indianapolis Journal. "Come and get pay for your work," said Judge Martindale, the editor. "The turn in the tide had come."

The Alternative.

A Frenchman applied to a local official for a passport to visit Klatterwingschen, in Switzerland. The functionary, who was not a fellow of any geographical society, studied in vain with the spelling of the place's name. "Then, unwilling to confess his difficulty, he blandly asked, "Would you as lief visit some other town?"

Hopeful Glean.

Mrs. Becky—Dear, oh, dear, my cold's getting worse and worse! I'm getting so I can't talk. I wonder what I'd better do? Mr. Becky (absently)—For goodness' sake, don't do anything—Cleveland Leader.

Some men dress quietly and others lose their collar buttons.—Dallas News.

A More Painting.

She—Why, no. The stolen Gainsborough was not a hat—it was a picture. Her Husband—Oh, I thought from the value that it was a hat.—Town and Country.

Strike from mankind the principle of faith and men would have no more history than a flock of sheep.—Lyton.

Never was good work done without much trouble.—Chinese Proverb.

The Judge's Advantage.

"There is one advantage which a judge always has in his profession." "What is that?" "Whether he succeeds in a given case or not, he can always try it."—Kansas City Independent.

Many a man too late remembers that the unspoken word never starts a quarrel.—Washington Star.

Two Enigmas.

"Why don't we see men like the novelists describe?" "I give it up. Why don't we see girls like the illustrators draw?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Have you ever tried to fly a kite? If not, watch some little chap before you begin. You will get some pointers about the matter that will stand you in good stead, not only in the business of flying kites, but also in the more serious affairs of life. The kite is done. The tail is finished with bits of paper or cloth to give it the proper balance. The lad is out on some high point of land, watching. Waiting? For what? Listen! "Here she comes! Get ready for it!"

Down there in the valley you hear a rushing sound. The trees bend before the wind. In a moment it will be here. Get ready. And the lad does get ready. Before the breeze strikes the knoll his kite is face to the wind. Every nerve is tense with desire. Just at the right time he gives it a toss and away the beautiful thing soars to meet the sky. He was ready when the wind blew.

Many failures in this world come from trying to fly kites after the wind has reached its height and begun to die down. The man that tries that way may get his kite up half way then see it drop helplessly to the earth. Discouraging, isn't it? Out West there are a good many land boomers. Who are the men that make money out of them? Not the men who come late and buy land when the boom has reached the crest and begun to go down on the other side. Oh, no. It was the man who was on the spot early and was ready to sell when the price had climbed to the top and the late comer put in an appearance.

One time to fly kites is when the wind blows. What is your particular line of business? Be ready for the breeze. Put up your kite and see it sail to the sunshine. Takes a smart man to know just when to do that. It certainly does; but it is the smart men that win in this world. All the rest are sitting under the awning wondering why luck did not stand by them, as well as by the other fellow. Half the victories of this life come from knowing when to strike. How can a man get the gift of hitting the spot at the precise moment? Isn't it, after all, a gift, and not something everyone may have? The secret of it is in this plain truth. No bound ever caught a fox unless he kept his eyes open, his ears open, his mouth open and his legs on the keen soot.—New York Commercial.

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