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### THE TWO ROMEOS.

Mrs. Siddons' Opinion of David Garrick

and Spranger Barry. David Garrick and Spranger Barry were both playing Romeo at the same time in London. Barry played it at Drury Lane on the Monday, and Garrick played it the next night at Covent Garden, and the town was divided as to which was the greater Romeo-in fact, there was quite a great excitement about it, and they acted it upon such different lines and with such marvelously different conceptions that the people argued the case as to which Shakespeare intended. The fact is that Shakespeare intended it to be acted well, and if one man's temperament suited it best to act in that way it would do for another temperament the

other way. So they asked Mrs. Siddons, who was the Juliet alternately with the same Romeo, which she considered better of the two, and she said:

"It is difficult to say. They are both wonderfully great, but I will tell you how they impress me in the balcony scene. In the balcony scene Garrick seems so eager, so intense and so full of fire and spirit that I'm afraid he'll jump up in the balcony to me, and Barry is so lovable and fascinating that I'm afraid I shall have to jump down from the balcony to him."

### The Relationship.

"You say, madam," said the bespectacled lawyer to the woman in the witness box, "that the defendant is a sort of relation of yours. Will you please explain what you mean by that -just how you are related to the de-

fendant?" The witness beamed upon the court and replied:

"Well, it's just like this. His first wife's cousin and my second husband's first wife's aunt married brothers named Jones, and they were cousins to my mother's aunt. Then, again, his grandfather on his mother's side and my grandfather on my mother's side were second cousins, and his stepmother married my husband's stepfather after his father and my mother died, and his brother Joe and my husband's brother Harry married twin sisters. I ain't never figgered out just how close related we are, but I've always looked on 'im as a sort of

cousin "Quite so," answered the lawyer. "Your explanations are perfectly satisfactory."

### Forgetful.

An eminent painter was once asked if he thought art students did well to go to Europe to study. He said that undoubtedly the atmosphere was more artistic in Europe than anywhere else, but that Paris as a city to study and work in was overrated.

To illustrate his meaning he said that a certain rich man's son after three years in Paris wrote home to his fa-

"Dear Father-I have made up my mind to set to work. Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether it was painting, architecture or music I came to Paris to study."

## Humility.

It is a curious fact of human nature that humility draws forth from the world almost as much admiration as courage. As in the case of courage, it is almost impossible wholly to condemn a character in which we see it, and without it the greatest virtues leave us cold. If every good word which the Pharisee said of himself were proved true we should still dislike him. We even dislike his modern and far less offensive descendant, the prig.-London Spectator.

A Straight Tip. Customer-Quick shave, please. Barber-Close, sir? Customer-See here. what business is it of yours whether I'm close or not? I'll tell you one thing. young man-I don't tip, if that's what you want to know.-Puck.

His Fears Realized. "My heart is in my mouth. I am

afraid to hear you answer." "You may well be, Mr. Dollboy," retorted Ethel. "I never could marry a man whose heart was not in the right

If a man is worth knowing at all he is worth knowing well. - Alexander

Lived Up to His Belief. Hobo-No, madam, I am neither a

Socialist nor an anarchist. I am a passive altruist. Housekeeper-And what in the name of common sense is that? Hobo-I believe in being helped all I can.-Boston Transcript.

Cautious. Prospective Best Man-Got the marriage license yet? Prospective Bridegroom-No; I'm not going to get that

The Modern Husband. Mrs. Knicker-We are to have a thousand foot skyscraper. Mrs. Bocker-I suppose that means that Henry will be detained at the office 500 feet later .-Harper's Weekly.

until the last thing. She may go back

on me.-Chicago Tribune.

Economy. Howell-How many meals a day do you have? Powell—Two. We have breakfast and then it takes my wife until dinner time to decide what to have for luncheon.-New York Press.

The only serious and formidable thing in nature is will.-Emerson.

### STUPID SHEEP.

They Are About the Most Senseless of All Animals.

A Colorado ranchman declares that no animal that walks is as big a fool as a sheep.

"We have to watch them every min ute, and if vigilance is relaxed for an instant the entire flock is likely to practically commit suicide. In handling most animals some degree of self help or intelligence can be relied on to aid the owner in saving their lives, but sheep seem to set deliberately to work to kill themselves.

"If caught in a storm on the plains they will drift before the wind and die of cold and exposure rather than move a hundred yards to windward to obtain shelter in their corral. To drive sheep against the wind is absolutely impossible. I once lost over 1,000 head because I could not drive them to a corral not 200 feet away.

"In the corral they are still more foolish. If a storm comes up they all move 'down wind' until stopped by the fence. Then commences the proceeding so much dreaded by sheepmen known as 'piling.' The sheep will climb over each other's backs until they are heaped up ten feet high. Of course all those at the bottom are smothered. Not one has sense enough to seek shelter under the lee of the fence, as a horse or dog would do.

"Again, if a sheep gets into a quicksand its fate teaches nothing to those that come immediately after, but the whole flock will follow its leader to destruction. No more exasperatingly stupid animal than a sheep walks."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

# A CHINESE STORY.

The Noted Liar Who Had a Fairly

Competent Spouse. A noted liar once told a friend that he had at home three precious thingsa bullock which could run 500 miles a day, a fowl which crowed at the beginning of each watch, day and night, and a dog that could read books. The friend intimated that he would lose no time in seeing these marveis with his own eyes. The man did not expect this, as his house was somewhat distant, so he went home and told his wife that he had got caught at last and that tomorrow the man would arrive and he

would be disgraced. "Never mind," said the spouse. "Leave that to me. It will be all right, only you must keep out of sight." Next morning the visitor arrived and, being met by the mistress, asked where

her husband was. "He has gone to Pekin," she replied.

"When will he be back?"

"In eight or nine days." "Why, how can he be so quick?" "He has gone off on our fast bullock

and so can do it easily." "I hear you have also a wonderful fowl," said the visitor. And, behold, as

he was speaking a small cock crew. "That's it," said the wife. "He crows at the beginning of each watch and o when a visitor arrives

"I would also like to see the learned dog," he said.

"Ah," said she, "I am sorry; but, you see, we are very poor, and so he keeps a school in the city."-Scrap Book.

Left Him In Doubt. A certain young artist in New York who is on terms of comparative intimacy with the janitor of the apartment house wherein he maintains his studio is in some doubt whether the said janitor is a cynic or something of

an art critic, or both. "One day while doing a bit of repair work in the studio," says the painter. "Mike scrutinized a bit of my work with ominous solemnity. When I indicated a portrait of myself the blow

fell. Said I: "The paint on this is badly cracked which spoils the likeness.'

"With no more expression in his countenance than is to be seen in the face of a representative of Buddha Mike replied: "'Not at all, sir.'"

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Jaded. The Lady-Little boy, don't you know smoking will shorten your life? The Kid-Shucks! Wot do I care? I've seen everyt'ing dere is.-Boston Trav-

What maintains one vice would bring up two children. - Benjamin

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