

DANCES FOR THE PARENTS

Hurdy-Gurdies With Old Peasant Tunes Cause Delight in New York's East Side.

Not long ago a picturesque experiment was made by a number of men and women who are interested in the welfare of the lower east side.

Of course the records had first to be made, but this was done and a number of the hurdy-gurdies equipped in this manner were started on a triumphant career.

And were they successful? Well, it wasn't a question as to that. With the first sound of the well known strains the men, women and children of the east side came tripping out of their houses mad with delight.

ALL COURTEOUS AND HONEST

High Praise of the Character of Eskimos and Icelanders Given By Explorers.

If we should ever learn to appreciate the finer lines of human nature the results would certainly be damaging to our self esteem.

Lure of Colonial Mirror.

Gazed there ever a man in the face of an old mirror the life of which dates back to Colonial days, without seeing therein some thoughts of powdered wigs, silk brocades, charming couples dancing the minuet and bowls of punch?

Troubles With Sun Dials.

Sun dials are picturesque objects, but when exactitude is required, that is, scientific exactitude, they are difficult things to adjust.

Princeton's Wonder.

In Princeton they have a sun dial that is a reproduction of an ancient one of an English university whose trustees presented the Gothic column to Old Nassau.

PROFANITY TO QUIET PANICS

Colonel Bright Used It Effectively to Restore Order at Theater and Conventions.

Col. Dick Bright, who has attended every Democratic national convention within the memory of man, was once caught in a theater panic.

In 1884 at the Democratic convention in Chicago the colonel was in charge of preserving order in the hall.

"I don't want any members of the church," he explained, "and I want men who have strong bass voices."

His request having been granted, he visited the various fire engine houses and picked up the twelve classiest profanity vendors he could find.

"Now," he told his swell brigade, "if there is any sign of a panic in this hall, leap on a chair and cut loose with that line of talk you gave me behind the fire house this morning."

There was no sign of a panic in that convention, but the colonel still maintains that his system is the best ever invented for keeping people from rushing to the exits.

NEW MIKADO IS DEMOCRATIC

Simple in His Habits and Opposed to Ostentatious Display When Land is Poor.

Yoshihito, the new mikado of Japan, is a personality almost unknown to the western world. He is educated and able and no one has suggested that in administrative affairs his hands are tied or that he is in any way lacking in forcefulness.

It is related that he does not take very kindly to the oriental idea of being ever surrounded by bowing, humble courtiers and attendants, and that when on a drive from the palace through the streets of Tokyo he was so annoyed to see that the royal cavalcade was fenced by a saluting crowd and that traffic was entirely blocked that he ordered that in the future his drive should be along the less crowded streets.

When verging on manhood he went hunting and shot a deer. The cries of other deer, which he believed to be the children of the one he had killed, sickened him, and in his grief he wrote a poem regretting his act and has since declined to hunt.

He is democratic and is even said to have stolen away from the palace disguised as a workman and associated with his fellow toilers on terms of absolute equality.

His Rest.

Pierre Loti, the famous French author, praised American energy at the Hotel Marie Antoinette in New York.

"A gentleman called at the office of an indefatigable millionaire financier. It was four o'clock in the afternoon, and the financier lay back in his revolving chair with his feet on his desk, and a picture magazine in his hand."

"I've worked mighty hard for the last ten years without a day's vacation," he explained. "I feel all run down, and I'm now going to take a long rest."

"And a well-earned rest it will be, too," said the visitor, heartily.

"The visitor departed, expecting that the millionaire would set out at once for Europe or California, but the next morning he saw him presiding as busily as ever at an important directors' meeting."

"Why, how about that long rest?" he asked.

"The millionaire frowned in amazement. "Didn't I take it yesterday afternoon?" he said."

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States.

LAST OF A RACE OF KINGS

Michael, Prince of Cyprus, Jerusalem and Syria, Died Recently in Charity Hospital.

In the charity ward of a hospital in St. Petersburg there died of cancer a few days ago the last of a dynasty of famous kings.

Prince Michael was the only son of Louis de Lusignan, who was driven from the throne of Cyprus by the Turks in 1821.

Napoleon III. took up Prince Louis' cause and Count Debussy made a formal contract to supply him with the necessary means.

In 1884 Prince Louis died, leaving his only son nothing but aspirations and a royal name.

The monoliths of Egypt were as a rule of comparatively moderate size, and most of the building blocks were such as would generally be used today.

Most of the great columns, says the National magazine, are built up in courses, and those of Luxor are not solid, two-thirds of the diameter being filled in with a yellow concrete or cement which has now lost its adhesiveness.

At Karnak the columns of the main hall measure 55 feet in the shaft, with lotus flower capitals of 10 feet additional; their largest diameter is 11 feet 8 inches.

The arch, while not unknown to the Egyptians, was for some reason seldom used in the great temples.

The oldest museum in the world may be found in the city of Nara, the former capital of Japan.

Queen's Apt Rebuke. Queen Victoria, who hated unpunctuality, once administered an apt rebuke to a certain mistress of the robes:

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