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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, As folk dancing has proved so popular with the children of the foreign residents of the city, as shown by the eagerness with which they have taken up the dancing lessons given in the public schools, the interested men and women decided that their parents might also be pleased with the opportunity of joining in some of the peasant dances with which they were familiar in their youth in the fatherland. With this idea in mind, a number of hurdy-gurdy players were persuaded to put into their machines records of the old native dance tunes to which the residents of the east side had been accustomed to dance

at home. 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 and breaking into their native steps the minute they reached the sidewalk.

"It was the greatest success in the world," declared one of the promoters of the project. "The only trouble was that it was too successful. They blocked the streets and the sidewalks and impeded traffic so that the policemen had difficulty in getting things started again. It was perfectly idyllic in theory, but, after all, Grand street isn't a village green and it didn't really do-it wasn't possible.

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 values of human nature the results would certainly be damaging to our self esteem. Mr. Stefansson, whose reports of Eskimo life have received so much attention, tells us much of the extraordinary courtesy and virtue of these people, and so confirms the testimony to the same effect by Captain Amundsen. Stefansson not only received the finest hospitality, but he tells us that his hosts suppressed every sign of curiosity as to his instruments and memoranda. They explained to him that these things were none of their business. They always sang when they approached his hut in the morning, so that he might not be taken unawares, and they politely waited outside until invited to enter. Coming further south we read that Iceland, with a population of 78,000, has only one policeman and that the taste for alcoholic liquors is practically unknown among the people. A recent work on Finland tells us of a curious custom among the country people. Those who have money to deposit in the bank are in the habit of placing it on a stone in the public road and it is collected by the banker from the nearest town as he makes his periodical trips for that purpose. It may be that discourtesy and dishonesty are now inseparable from civilization, but a separation will have to be effected if the civilization is to endure.

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? Mirrors of the Colonial period have survived the ravages of years and can be found in nearly all the eastern states and Canada. It is doubtful whether any mirrors were brought to this country much before 1700, for it was not until 1670 that they were made in England, although one may be able to pick up some very old specimens in Canada, as mirror making flourished in France in the early part of the eighteenth century.

Troubles With Sun Dials. Sun dials are picturesque objects, but when exactitude is required, that is, scientific exactitude, they are difficult things to adjust. Columbia university is having trouble with a sun dial consisting of a great brass plate on which rests a granite ball seven feet in diameter. When the ball was completed it was found to be a little too small, and now the brass plate on which it rests has to be engraved all over again to fit the ball's dimensions.

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. It is so fearfully and wonderfully marked with figures that Dean Fine once explained to a visitor there were only three professors in Princeton who could tell the time by it, and that they could do so only three days in the year, and then the dial would be wrong.

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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. Being desperately in love with his own life, the colonel desired to prevent anybody else in the theater knocking him down and using his handsome face as one of the milestones on the road to the exits. Inspired by the emergency, he stood up in his seat and heaped on that crowd of terrorized and struggling men and women the most horrible stream of profanity that he could enunciate-which, it may be remarked, was profanity of an emphatic and marvelous variety. But it did the work, because it made the audience so mad that they all took a hand in beating him up.

In 1884 at the Democratic convention in Chicago the colonel was in charge of preserving order in the hall. At that time his face had not recovered from the ordeal of darting hither and thither, under the impact of what had happened to him in the theater, and he had a great respect for profanity as a pacifier. Consequently, he went to the chief of the fire department and requested the loan of twelve men to preserve order in the convention 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 pro-

fanity venders 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. The delegates will forget all about their fright and put in their time beating you up. You will find me leading the

chorus from the speakers' platform." 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.-Popular Maga-

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. Yet this ruler, who could be as ostentatious as he pleased, is said to have the peaceful good nature of a child. He cut the ministerial allowance for the late emperor's funeral 25 per cent. because he did not believe in display when there was poverty and distress in his land, and arranged to defray a part of and a diameter at the base of 1114 the cost from his own palace fund.

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 regreting 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. "There's a story," he said, "that illustrates well the energy of your men of affairs.

"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 redesk, and a picture magazine in his

"'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 amaze-"'Didn't I take it yesterday after-

noon?' 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 year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products. The islanders cannot supply the deprospering generally.

PROFANITY TO QUIET PANICS 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. This pauper was Michael, prince of Cyprus. Jerusalem and Syria, aged fifty-four. With him perished the family of Lusignan. which had been reigning monarchs for many centuries.

Prince Michael was the only son of Louis de Lusignan, who was driven from the throne of Cyprus by the Turks in 1821. He had intrusted his vast treasures to the Patriarch of Constantinople, but the Turks confiscated these and appropriated them to their own use. In the war for the liberation of Greece the prince tried to regain his throne, but in 1827 he had to flee to Russia, where Czar Nicholas gave him a commission as captain in the army.

Prince Louis fought in the Crimean war, but the result of this was disastrous to his hopes. When Greece regained its independence the throne of the newly created nation was twice offered to Prince Louis, who refused

Napoleon III. took up Prince Louis' cause and Count Debussy made a formal contract to supply him with the necessary means. He expected to wring from the Turkish government about \$250,000,000. But the Franco-Prussian war resulted in Napoleon III. being driven from the throne of France and once more the hopes of Prince Louis to regain the throne of Cyprus, Jerusalem and Syria were

dashed to the ground. In 1884 Prince Louis died, leaving his only son nothing but aspirations and a royal name. Prince Michael was then 24 years old. He lived almost as a recluse, but never gave up his hopes. Those who knew him considered him a crank because of the strange costume he always wore. This consisted of a Russian army overcoat with gold buttons on which were the three crowns of his kingdom.

MONOLITHS FOUND IN EGYPT Some Are Enormous but the Majority of Them Are of Moderate

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, but the pillars of the temple of the Sphinx are 16 feet in height by 41/2 feet in width, and some others are 20 to 26 feet in height.

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. These, however, are of immense proportions, with shafts of 49 feet, capitals of 111/2 fee

feet. 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. Other temples were supported by columns scarcely less lofty and impressive. Upon these columns immense blocks of hewn stone formed massive architraves, on which the thick flagging of the stone roofs was supported.

The arch, while not unknown to the Egyptians, was for some reason seldom used in the great temples. By what means these immense pillars were carried up and the superstructure added is something of a puzzle to modern artisans who appreciate the difficulties to be met.

World's Oldest Museum. The oldest museum in the world may be found in the city of Nara, the former capital of Japan. Since its foundation, in 756, it has gone through all the changes of the Japanese empire without one single addition to its collection. Dr. Otto Kummel is one of the few Europeans who were permitted to visit this museum. It opens its doors but once a year, on a day in spring, when a special committee in spect the collection, and a new list is made out. The museum contains about 3,000 articles, which are said to be the most beautiful specimens of volving chair with his feet on his decorative work which have ever been produced by human hand, such as lacware, decorative furniture, enamel ware, cambric-like fabric, etc. The origin of the majority of the articles is uncertain; some came from China and others from Korea, but most of them appear to be of a more exotic origin. All, however, came of a year prior to the year 756.

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

robes: A day and an hour had been appointed for a certain public ceremony in which the queen had to take part. The hour had arrived, and of all the court the duchess alone was absent, and her absence retarded the departure. The queen gave vent more than cace to her impatience, and at length, just as she was about to enter her carriage without her first lady of honor, the duchess, in breathless haste, made her appearance, stammering some faint words of excuse. "My dear duchess," said the queen smiling, "I think you must have a bad watch." And as she spoke she unloosed from her neck the chain of a magnificent mand made upon them for coffee, to- watch which she herself wore, and bacco and other products, and are passed it round the neck of the of-

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