

THE PICCANINNY AND THE CZAR.

Out on the hard-beaten summer road that ran by the out-skirts of Baltimore...

An open victoria with a pair of haughty bays came sedately down the street...

There was a panic that scattered the audience and the star as if by magic...

"That kid can dance some!" Miss De Vere remarked haughtily, by the way...

By a tedious process of training requiring some few weeks Douglas Fairfax was made ready for his theatrical career...

or the other cling tearfully to her skirts and tell her they reckoned they "dun gwine home now."...

And thus, after due legal formalities, they went curiously aboard the big steamer ship that was to carry them to the conquest of foreign fields...

It now became a common feature of the evening for Miss Angela to belie her adopted name if one of the boys missed a step on the stage...

One day in a freak of generosity occasioned by a new and munificent contract Miss Angela decided they were good piccaninies and bought each...

Three dusky faces lengthened, and three sets of eyes rolled until the whites glistened rapidly. To add to this first scare they were duly told by the smiling consul who was explaining the mystery...

But the terrors of Russia had not been entirely dissipated from the imaginative minds of the three little blacks, and on their first day out-of-doors they had learned and clung to one another a long time before daring to leave the doorstep...

Douglas Fairfax ran until the sweat trickled into his eyes and his lungs were billows of flame roaring in his throat...



The Dietric

MAGIC AND MUSIC. AT THE 1913 CRAUTAUQUA.

Of these two wonder-workers, Mr. Dietric takes the lead with magic. While he keeps his audience breaking into smiles at his witty comment, gay flags unfurl...

big, important looking man who appeared to over-awe the manager with whom he was talking, when he came off the stage.

From United States Stocking Factory. The first United States stocking factory was set up at Cohoes, New York, in 1832.

William Penn's Sepulcher. It is in the Church of St. Mary Redcliff, in Bristol, that the remains of Sir William Penn, father of the proprietor of Pennsylvania, rest.

His Labor Doubled. Kostrov, a Russian poet, labored for years translating Homer's "Iliad" into his language and the highest offer he received for it was \$35.

Was Welcome, All Right. "What reason have you to think that my campaign contribution was gratefully received?" asked Mr. Dustin Stas.

After the Battle. The comedian—"From the sounds in your dressing room I judge that you girls had a hair-pulling time."

Your Hands Experienced? A wide girlie at the waist is the latest fad, so that the top of the skirt will coincide with the bottom, and only an experienced hand will be able to tell which is the belt line and which is the hem.

Mary Broken Up. Mary dropped her eyes on the floor as Henry burst into the room. Her face lengthened rapidly, and she finally pierced him with a glance.

Nothing Else to Do. "What are the wild waves saying, mother?" "I do not know, my child." "But why do they dance all day long?"

From Gay to Grave. After a good-looker reaches the age at which he ceases to be in demand as an usher at weddings, he falls easily into the role of palbearer at funerals.

His Line of Work. "Sam, have you got a job now?" "Oh, yes, sah." "What are you doing, Sam?" "Whys, I's gettin' my wife washin'."

Keeps Bouquet Fresh. A nonspillable flower vase, to keep a corsage bouquet fresh while it is being worn, has been invented by a French woman.

FROM INDIA. By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. A Visit to Delhi and a Vivid Description of Audience Hall, the Throne of the Rajah.

Dear Home Folk: DELHI, JUNE 20th. Well here we are in Delhi, almost two weeks earlier than our plans to leave for the plains, but two of my friends from Australia were coming on so I, rather than being left to travel alone later, decided to join them as far as Delhi.

The heat on the plains was not as great as we had expected to find it, but, on reaching Delhi, a distance of a nine hour's ride from Kalka, found the prophecy of "intense heat" would probably be realized.

The first thing to greet the eye is a huge red sand-stone building, Audience Hall. The stone of which the building was built is wonderfully carved, but the thing that attracts one's attention is the Throne in the center.

Change of Life. There are two great changes which come to women. The first is the change from girlhood to womanhood.

—Souring swill destroys from 30 to 60 per cent. of the food value of the ration, and the hog when feeding upon clover should have something to correct acidity in the stomach, rather than a food to intensify it.

ously than we are taught they really do. The post cards I send will give you but a scant idea of the beauty of it all, looking as we do from one beautiful room to another, in which huge and gorgeously carved fountains play and in which the decorations are so absolutely beyond the description of my pen that one simply stands in wonderment at the splendor.

Surely a religion that inspires such a beautiful house of worship can't be all bad. One comes away from it and stands looking across the green lawn waiting to awaken, feeling that surely it must all be a dream, for the crowds have melted into plain care takers and the silence only adds to the illusion.

Well, Mary," some one remarked, "you seem to have a good appetite." Regrettably the child answered, "Not very; 'tisn't nearly as good as it used to be."

From this we go on to see the other sights of Delhi; not only those of ancient native life, but also those relating to the mutiny, Delhi being one of the centres for the worst atrocities committed at that time.

Well Answered. "Now, my little maa," an English bishop once said to a bright young laddie. "I will give you an orange if you can tell me where God is."

Wear Special Eyeglasses. Small eyeglasses, fitting closely, and with flesh-colored nose pieces, are made for actors needing them but who, in deference to the parts they play, do not wish to wear the usualized lenses.

Money in Butterfly Farm. An Englishman operating a butterfly farm is said to sell to museum and collectors upward of 50,000 specimens yearly.

Increased Comfort for Hog. A hog's habit of scratching itself against a post has led to the invention of an automatic disinfecter for animals, which are sprayed with a fluid as they rub against a supporting column.

Make Use of Scorched Timber. The great forest fires which unfortunately occur almost every autumn leave vast quantities of "fire killed timber." This is now being used extensively for many purposes, being preferred in some cases to green timber.

Truth About Domestic Duties. There is absolutely nothing in domestic duties themselves, or in any form of manual labor that develops the mind or elevates and broadens the character.

He and Another Man. A woman who owns a little brown rowboat, which when not in use is tied in a sheltered Cape Ann cove, responded to a knock at her cottage door the other day to find a very diminutive boy standing on the threshold.

On the Same Plane. "I went into politics," said the serious woman, "so that when national topics come up I can understand what my husband is talking about."

Origin of "Spinster." "Spinster," as a term, owes its origin to the fact that in olden days the law did not permit a woman to marry until she had spun a complete set of linen. There was a particularly wholesome restraint about some of the old laws.

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