

NO JOB FOR CORONER

MERELY DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AMONG ITALIANS.

Stolid Americans Naturally Felt a Little Alarm at the Heated Discussion, But It Was Nothing to Excited, Volatile Latins.

"There is something most refreshing to the colder northern races in the excitable and volatile Latins," said George Hamlin recently. "We had a delightful exhibition of this quality when we first reached Milan. We entered a cafe, celebrated as much for the artists who frequent it as for its excellent cuisine, and had barely given our order when our attention was attracted to a nearby table where two diners were engaged in what was evidently a very serious discussion. At that time our linguistic accomplishments were limited to Mark Twain's famous 'Quanta costa'—'Troppo caro,' with an additional phrase or two thrown in, all of which were inadequate to unravel any clue to the earnest conversation opposite.

"Presently the voices grew louder and more passionate, and the two men looked positively violent as they half rose from their seats and glared at each other ferociously across the table. We became decidedly uneasy. Vendettas, stilletos and such Italian appurtenances are all picturesque enough in grand opera, but we did not care to have our dinner punctuated with deeds of carnage.

"In the meantime all the other diners had stopped eating and were gazing with interest toward the scene of altercation. Gradually they abandoned their dinners altogether and came over to take sides with the disputants. Even the waiters forsook their posts, and attached themselves to one side or the other. 'Surely,' we thought anxiously, 'this quarrel must involve the honor of the whole nation.'

"By this time the din was fearful. A score or more of excited men were shouting at each other across the small table, brandishing furious fists in each other's faces, and looking like bloodshed and murder. Our soup cooled untasted before us; all appetite had vanished. We clung to our chairs, too terror-stricken to flee for our lives, even though we felt a desperate conviction that a massacre was at hand and our minutes were numbered.

"Finally, one of the crowd pounded on the table vigorously and yelled some noises which sounded like a pack of firecrackers exploding. There was an instant's silence, and then the whole lot of them, waiters and all, bolted out the front door.

"We breathed an immeasurable relief! At least the scene of slaughter was transferred and our skins were safe. Just then our waiter reluctantly returned, though he made it plain that his duty to us was a decided bore. 'Was it a feud?—a vendetta?' we asked—and can't the police stop them before they kill each other?"

"And the waiter replied in his own peculiar brand of English: 'It be onlee that they not agree which be the shortest road to La Scala, and so half they go one way, and half they go the other, to make it prove!'"

A Real Drought.

If you don't like it in the United States this summer go to Aden. Ed. Howe has lately been there, and the following are some of the pleasant things he says of the place: "At nine o'clock this evening we came to Aden, in Arabia, said to be the hottest town in the world. Every drop of water used there is condensed from the sea, though there is a white population of 2,000, including English soldiers, and an Arab population of 40,000. There is a tradition that rain fell at Aden three years ago, and that every roof in town leaked; but previous to that time no rain had fallen in the town or its vicinity for many years; many of its elderly citizens had never seen a rainstorm, and looked with wonder upon the one which fell three years ago. A gentleman who lives at Adep says he pays \$20 a month for water, which is delivered at his door in tanks drawn by camels. Some of the numerous shops in Aden sell bottled water, and the price in quantity is usually a dollar per hundred gallons. Many years ago great tanks were built at Aden to catch the precious rainfall, but these have not been in use for many years, although tourists usually visit them."—Nebraska State Journal.

The Awakening.

"Then," said the man who was preparing the sketch, "I shall say that you first saw life in the little village of Backwoodsville." "No," said Mr. Selfmade, "I was born there, but I didn't see any life till I came to New York."—Puck.

No Need to Worry.

Anxious Mother—"Jack, you must remember to use your right hand more. I don't want you to become left handed." Little Jack—"Don't worry, mamma. Some of the best pitchers in the league are southpaws."

Complimentary.

Jack—"I was just admiring Mabel's hair. How pretty it is." Mabel's Rival—"Oh, she has some prettier than that."—Boston Transcript.

DIDN'T TAKE HIS ALL

LAUNDRYMAN UNDULY EXCITED OVER MISHAP.

Fears That Loss of Ambassadorial Shirt Might Prove His Ruin Turned Out to Be Quite Unnecessary.

What happens when an ambassador gets superheated under the collar has become known on more than one occasion but it remained for the last few days to develop what happens when an ambassador loses his shirt.

There are countries where ambassadors don't wear shirts—at least as shirts are understood here. Indeed, there have been envoys at Washington who affected flowing robes, but that was before the day when a million pairs of scissors got busy on some 200,000,000 Chinese queues. Shirts are as necessary a part of an ambassadorial wardrobe as of that of the plainest native. Almost every Indian wears a shirt nowadays until he joins a circus or comes to New York, when he must appear in the traditional blanket of his forefathers. And all the excellencies that are accredited to this country affect this garment.

So it is with that particular excellency who has lately been paying a visit to New York, a habit that during the present administration has gained such vogue among the diplomatic corps. Among other things, this ambassador sent to the hotel laundry a shirt. It was one of several shirts, and, according to the best information obtainable, it was a white shirt.

When the "wash" came back the shirt was not in it, or of it. It was missing. The ambassador made a complaint. An attempt was made to trace the garment, but a frantic search revealed nothing that looked like it, except shirts that were established as belonging to other persons. The chambermaid, the valet, the porter, and the employees of the laundry were closely questioned, but none remembered having seen the article.

It was with deepest regret that the management reported to the ambassador the result of the inquiry. His excellency was wroth. He said he must have damages; the shirt should not have got lost. It was pure carelessness, and the hotel must reimburse him.

Wild notions as to the value of a shirt that was good enough to be used by an ambassador fitted through the mind of the manager. He knew that shirts cost a lot more in the United States, as a rule, than in Europe, if they are made to order, or if they happen to be of a superior material. He knew of hotel clerks who wore shirts that cost as much as \$15 apiece, and who would not think of putting on a cheaper garment. What would be the price of shirts worn by an ambassador?

As he pondered, the ambassador spoke.

"That was a good shirt," he said, "and it was new. It would be only right that I should be paid its full value."

"And what, may I ask," ventured the manager timidly, "is the value your excellency puts upon the garment?"

"It cost me," said the ambassador, "\$1.55."

The shirt was promptly paid for.—New York Times.

True to Yankee Traditions.

A long-felt want has been supplied by an enterprising New Jersey farmer who owns some land of doubtful value within easy reach of New York city. The pioneer in a new life of endeavor had noticed that city hunters were greatly handicapped in their efforts by having to tramp over a much greater area than they should to accomplish a very little shooting. Plainly the situation demanded the services of an efficiency engineer. So he assumed the job. He wire-fenced about fifteen acres of his most worthless brush land; stocked it with a modest assortment of Belgian hares and permitted the idea and ground to lie fallow for three years. Then he allowed it to become known that he would permit "shooting over" his covers by city sportsmen on the basis of a payment of 50 cents for every "rabbit" shot. Gothamite hunters jumped at the opportunity, and the original genius is now busy booking dates and collecting half-dollars. And still there are those who maintain that the day of opportunity for the man of modest means has passed.

No Place for Nearsighted.

The nearsighted man watched his friend restore to a portly dowager a ridiculous little bead bag that she had dropped as she sallied past their corner of the room.

"I wish," he said plaintively, "that women could learn not to drop things. My wife got me into a ridiculous scrape the other night by not being able to hold on to her belongings."

"How was that?" his friend inquired.

"It was at the opera," continued Benedick, "and in the middle of the first act Carrie let her opera glasses slip off her lap. She asked me to get them. I looked down and thought I saw them under the seat in front of her."

"I grabbed them, but they didn't come at once, and there was a squeal from the woman in front. It was the heels of her little slippers I had grabbed, and nearly tipped her out of her seat."

"She got hysterical, and had to go out until she calmed down. O, I had a merry evening!"

Breeding Tallness Dogs.

Phillipe de Vilmorin has just completed some odd experiments to ascertain the influence of heredity on tallness dogs. There are several different breeds that have no tails, and these are fairly common in some parts of France and Germany.

In an effort to ascertain if absence of tail is hereditary in dogs, he brought about twenty-seven crosses between dogs of different breeds. He reports to the Academie des Sciences that when tallness is bred with tallness, the result is 75 tallness and 25 with tails. This is exactly in accord with the formula of Mendel, absence of tail being in such dogs dominant to possession of tail. Of the 75 tallness dogs 25 are pure bred, and the other 50 unite the two characters. The 25 pure will bear pure tallness progeny; the 50 mixed will bear in the same proportion 25 pure tallness, 50 mixed, 25 with tails.

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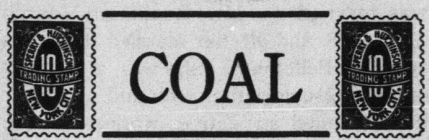
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