

LUCKY SIXPENCE SAVED HIM

Good Story of How Fate Intervened to Preserve Beau Brummell to History's Pages.

The old superstition about the lucky charm of a crooked sixpence arose early in the eighteenth century, and its author was none other than Beau Brummell, the most famous of the world's dandies.

He wandered out into the London streets, with head downcast; and as he strolled along he picked up a crooked sixpence. In a whimsical moment he returned to the club and matched it with a chance friend.

RANKED AS MARVEL OF ART

Michelangelo's Superb Decorations in the Sistine Chapel Sufficed to Give Him Eternal Fame.

Michelangelo's decoration of the vault of the Sistine chapel was hailed as the greatest piece of work ever done by a painter's hand. It was a task of colossal proportions, the ceiling alone measuring 132 feet by 44 feet.

Michelangelo arranged the vast space as though it had been roofless, framing it with architecture in perspective delusion and filling the open spaces with paintings. Just above the windows are the figures of eager waiting; above them 12 gigantic figures of prophets and sibyls; in the corners, four representations from the history of Israel.

Fidelity Marked Telegrapher.

One striking example of the early spirit of endurance under great stress of which the telegrapher of the old school was capable was given by John Carnahan, then a young man in his thirties, at the time of the Custer massacre.

Wonderful Theatrical Setting.

A variegated Richard III, was offered in Berlin to an audience that gasped a little at first but proved appreciative when the first surprise was over. For Richard was clothed symbolically in black when he was brooding, in blood-red when he ascended to the throne, and this actual ascent was presented literally by a flight of steep blood-red stairs that lead to the coveted seat.

Proper Verb.

"What do you do?" "I follow the races." "Follow?" "Follow is the term, I'm never ahead of them."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Penalty, Indeed.

"Perhaps the penalty for bootlegging is not severe enough." "It isn't," replied Uncle Bill Bot-tletop. "A bootlegger ought to be made to drink his own hicker."

AMERICAN WOMEN—A EULOGY

Frenchman Pays Pretty and Deserved Tribute to the Sex as He Has Observed It.

American women are far and away the prettiest, youthfulest and smartest (clothes and brains) women on earth. They can also be the sensiblest, kindest and helpfulest, the hardest-worked—no, I mean the hardest working—and they have no rivals for charitable enterprise.

They have a wonderful capacity for being excellent housekeepers, even though they may seem not to keep their houses more than a few minutes in the morning, before flying away, and an hour or two in the evening when they drop exhausted on a sofa. They are good mothers, good daughters and good sisters, and their husbands, who ought to know, proclaim to the whole world, to the earth and to the stars, to the believing and the unbelieving, that they are incomparable wives.

In England and France, and generally in all old countries, there is a providential excess of women, and men choose.

A Frenchman marries when he needs help; an American marries when he can afford it.—Ernest Dimnet, in Harper's Magazine.

MORE IN LIFE THAN WEALTH

Man Who Refuses to Let Money Dominate Him Calls Forth Eulogy From Rudyard Kipling.

Sooner or later you will see some man to whom the idea of wealth, as mere wealth, does not appeal, whom the methods of amassing wealth do not interest, and who will not accept money if you offer it to him at a certain price. At first you will be inclined to laugh at that man, and think that he is not smart in his ideas.

You may meet the man somewhere, but be sure that whenever or wherever you meet him, as soon as it comes to a direct issue between you, his little finger will be thicker than your loins. You will find that you have no weapon in your armory with which you can attack him.

Application Wins.

The ancient fable of the tortoise and the hare tells the whole story of success and failure. It was the constant application and unswerving determination of purpose that brought the tortoise in ahead of his fleet-footed antagonist in that quaint race described by Aesop.

Leo, the great pontiff, was an early riser in order that he might not lose a moment of time in the fulfillment of his great and sacred duties.

Thomas Jefferson, though endowed by nature with a brilliant mind and surrounded by every environment conducive to success, knew the need and advantage of constant application. During his school days he held himself to a routine of 15 hours of work a day, and during all his career he was an exemplar and exponent of the thrift of time.

Coal as Congealed Gas.

Attention has been invited to an interesting explanation of the burning of coal. Coal, petroleum and illuminating gas are related to one another much as ice, water and steam. For this reason perfect combustion of liquid fuel is already a long step toward vaporization, just as ice is advanced toward steam, when turned into water.

True Friendship.

But what is a friend? Someone said "It is another name for God," and he is right inasmuch as true friendship is almost divine. A true friend is one who unobscuredly, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously and remains a friend, unchangeably. What a great blessing is a friend with a breast so trusty that we may safely bury all our secrets in it, whose conscience we may fear less than our own, who can relieve our cares by his conversation, our doubts by his counsels, our sadness by his good humor, and whose very looks give comfort to us.—Exchange.

Indications of Trouble.

Johnny—Did Moses have dyspepsia like what you've got? Dad—How on earth do I know? Why do you ask such a question? Johnny—Well, our Sunday school teacher says the Lord gave Moses two tablets.—London Mail.

BRIDE OBSCURES THE GROOM

Louisiana Court Has Solemnly Held That the Man Does Not Attract Any Attention.

It is at last judicially determined that the groom at a wedding is merely a necessary incident, accessory, or piece of furniture. The bride is the whole cast. In a divorce action in Louisiana, in which defendant denied he was the man who had married plaintiff, and his identity with the bridegroom was in issue, the court says:

"The only evidence introduced by the defendant in support of his denial that it was he who married plaintiff in Indianapolis on October 9, 1911, was the testimony of the Probate judge who performed the ceremony and that of the proprietor of the Imperial hotel. The Probate judge and the proprietor of the Imperial hotel both testified that they had identified the plaintiff as soon as she had spoken to them when they stepped off the train in New Orleans; and from that circumstance, counsel for defendant argue that the Probate judge and the proprietor of the hotel would surely have been able to identify the defendant if he were the individual to whom plaintiff was married by the judge in presence of the hotel proprietor. We do not think so.

MUST BREAST TAPE TO WIN

Starter in Life's Race Foolish to Handicap Himself by Forebod-ings That Hinder Success.

Don't be hampered at the start of life's race by the thought that perhaps there is something about you that hinders success.

Don't run yourself out. Take a gait that you can hold. Don't endanger your health or sacrifice your happiness by overeffort. The man who runs too fast at the start lags at the finish unless he has extraordinary staying powers.

One morning, over in France, there was a call to go over the top. The officer in addressing the men told them what was to be accomplished and who was to lead them. It was a desperate task that was being undertaken, and a pale-faced young fellow was the man upon whom the great burden had been put.

"Why did you choose Jones to lead that expedition?" the commanding officer was asked, after the attack had proved successful.

"Because," said he, "once he gets started all hell can't stop him."

That's a great reputation for a man to have on the field or the farm, in the office or out on the job.

Train yourself so that once you get started nothing on earth can keep you from making a finish creditable to yourself and to your job.—F. A. Walker in Chicago Daily News.

Improved Lighting System.

The advantages of electric lamps that can be moved about from one place to another may now be considered in installing the lighting system in the home or elsewhere. The new system requires no cord connection, but a novel type of plug, to be used with a special outlet, gives portability not only to the lamp bulb, but to the entire fixture. The outlets are located in the parts of the room or establishment where occasional as well as permanent lighting may be desirable. The plug has curved blades instead of the ordinary straight ones, and is easily attached to any fixture. The outlet has two parallel slots in a rounded triangular center. As the plug is inserted with the curved blades pointing upward, electrical and mechanical connection are formed, and the heaviest household fixture is safely supported. The outlet will also receive the standard parallel-blade plug used with cord connections. To change a lamp from its regular one it is simply necessary to lift the fixture from its old location and plug it into the desired outlet.

Can Hock the Flivver Now.

The latest thing in pawnshops is one for motorcars. Heretofore pawnshops have been reserved for the class that want to put up their watch or dress suit, but now, with so many workingmen owning flivvers, those who are on the inside of the pawnshop business decided that a similar institution for motor cars would be had. The motorcar pawnshop is located near Columbus Circle, in the heart of "Gasoline Row." Here, when the motor owner is short of ready money, he may drive his "fliv" and place it in "hock." If he fails to pay back the loan with interest the car is sold as second hand. All in all, it is said to be the most profitable business for these pioneers in the pawnbroking line, and they always have a hundred or more cars of all kinds and conditions on hand.—New York Sun.

Old Papal Palace Restored.

The ancient castle of Avignon, near Lyons, France, papal residence from 1309 to 1417, has been recently restored, and it is planned to furnish it with medieval furniture from the Vatican. The mayor of Avignon appealed to the mayor of Rome to help in obtaining the desired furniture from the Vatican's administration. Up to now the famous castle is unfurnished and there is nothing within the building to remind one of the splendor of the fourteenth century.

TOAD BECAME PET

Lived for Thirty-Six Years With French Family.

Little Creature Soon Lost All Fear of Mankind and Furnished Amusement to Its Protectors.

There was a wise old toad that lived for more than thirty-six years in a hole beneath the doorstep of a French farmhouse. How old it was when first noticed no one could say, but it had probably lived for a long time before familiarity with the sight of man emboldened it to rest tranquilly on the doorstep over which persons were constantly passing.

The step became the batrachian's hunting ground, where, with little trouble, it might capture the ants which persisted in crossing and recrossing it. The toad, hunting for its supper, came to be regarded as one of the sights of the neighborhood, and certainly the skilful manner in which it used its wonderfully formed tongue entitled it to be ranked as an expert among hunters.

For one thing, it showed wonderful skill in judging distance; the tongue was never darted out until the insect came within a certain range. The accuracy of the creature's aim was another matter for surprise. The insects were generally in motion when the tongue was darted against them, but the arrow never failed to hit its mark.

The rapidity with which the tongue was shot forth excited much wonder. The operation is a complex one. The tongue is doubled or rolled up when in the mouth; therefore, a twofold action is required, an uncoiling of the weapon, and then the darting of it forth.

The withdrawing of the tongue, with the captured insect on the top, was not less remarkable. Notwithstanding the rapid motion, the fineness of the tongue tip and the struggles of the prey the victim was never dropped.

The toad was so tame that it might rightly be called domesticated. It would remain quietly in one hand and take its food from the other, provided a leaf was placed on the hand which held it. Without this precaution the warmth of the human hand was evidently annoying and uncomfortable to the chilly little fellow.

Few things seemed to please it more than to be placed on a table in the evening when the lamp was lighted. It would look around with the greatest confidence in its gleaming eye and when insects were placed on the table it snapped them up with even greater rapidity than in its day huntings.

In this way the toad lived for thirty-six years, the pet of the neighborhood. It might have lived many years more had not a tame but spiteful raven pecked out one of its eyes.

Thumb Prints for Brides.

The newest slogan of English social life is to fight bigamy with Bertillon methods. There the war has brought on an unprecedented wave of bigamy. Soldiers with two and sometimes three wives are still being daily charged in the courts. Australians with wives at the other end of the earth and brides in England were said to be the worst offenders, their special plural marriage system becoming one of the jokes of the music halls.

It has been suggested that couples seeking marriage licenses should furnish their photographs, which shall be affixed to their marriage "lines." The certificate bearing the thumb prints of both bride and bridegroom shall then be photographed and the proof filed with the statistical records at Somerset house. By adopting this system it is believed that no question can ever remain unsettled as to the actual identity of the contracting parties in case any such question should ever arise.

Corn Products Widely Used.

The products of corn go around the world to a degree beyond all guessing. Two products widely diffused are glucose corn sirup and grape sugar. In 1919 corn sirup was distributed to nearly seventy-five different countries, in weight amounting to 229,380,761 pounds and of the value of \$13,169,051. To more than twenty countries corn sugar was sent to the amount of 35,236,548 pounds and of the value of \$1,970,893. Corn sirup is a distinctively American product. Its greatest purchaser was the United Kingdom, and France was next. The same distinction is true in the foreign purchases of corn sugar. Glucose was discovered about 1800.

Synthetic Camphor.

Camphor is now being manufactured synthetically from turpentine. This step has been made in order to supply the American market with the aromatic substance. The majority of camphor is imported from Japan. It is used in medicine, in the making of celluloid, which is a combination of camphor and gun cotton. The Department of Agriculture had established a camphor farm in Florida and is producing a very good grade of the substance.

Many Hiccough "Cures."

After hiccoughing for 15 days, John P. Wallace, thirty-three years old, of Camden, N. J., was relieved by physicians at Cooper hospital, that city. Wallace, who is a shipyard worker, was taken ill with stomach trouble. Physicians treating him received numerous letters suggesting "sure cures," which ranged from the use of ice cream without sugar to the smoking of a "big pipe."

Advertisement for Yeager's Shoe Store. Features 200 Pairs Children's Shoes, sizes from 6 to 2, for \$2.98. Includes text: 'They are Real Bargains and you will miss it if you do not get in on this sale.' Also features 'Winter Clearance and White Sale' and 'Coats and Suits'.