

ERROR THAT WAS PITIFUL

Little Wife Meant Well, but Dyed Hair Almost Meant Death of Her Husband's Love.

He had gray hair and his wife was a little blonde, bobbed-hair person who looked scarcely more than a child.

She let her hair grow and then she had it dyed gray.

Her husband was horrified. Somehow his love seemed to have grown less.

"I always used to think it hurt him awfully when I was taken for his daughter," the little woman told the woman. "But it seems he loved feeling that this young thing was the woman who had fallen for him."

GOT THE MESSAGE TWISTED

Carelessness of Telegraph Operator Made a Mixup of a Somewhat Amusing Character.

An inspector of railway property whose duties had taken him to Bridgeport, Conn., discovered that the foundation under the local freighthouse needed repairs.

In sending the message the operator on the New York wire apparently did not space the letters properly in the word "foundation" and also pressed too long to form the letter "t"; for this was the message received in New York:

"Found a lion under freighthouse at Bridgeport unsafe—rush men at once."

The inspector was astonished a few hours later to see a special work train come into the yard with a flat car containing a large animal cage and also ten men expecting to have an exciting time catching a lion that they supposed had escaped from some passing circus.

Reader Has One Guess.

Uncle John was an ardent supporter of the local football club. As a respected follower of the team he had his own private niche.

"John," she asked, soon after the game started, "what are those eleven fools in white doing?"

"They are trying to put that bit of leather between those two posts there, my dear," he replied.

"And what are those eleven other fools in red doing?" was her next question.

"They are trying to prevent the other fellows from putting the ball between the posts, my dear."

"Another silence."

"And what are those other 20,000 fools doing?" was her next question.

"They are all enjoying themselves except one, dear."—London Answers.

Mission House Made Memorial.

The mission house at Kettering, Northamptonshire, England, where William Carey on October 2, 1792, founded the first missionary society which is recognized as the basis of the modern missionary enterprise, was put up for sale, the owner having died and the estate thus having become purchasable for the first time since that memorable occasion.

More Students Take to Classics.

An increase in the study of the classics this year has been announced by New York university. There were 100 students of Latin a year ago, as compared with 128 this fall.

Necessary Garden Equipment.

The wisdom of Socrates, the strength of Hercules, the endurance of Atlas, the conquering power of Napoleon, the versatility of Leonardo da Vinci, the patience of Job, the optimism of Pollyanna—and the courage in the autumn to say, "Well, never mind, next year it will be a garden."—From Life.

Concerning Plants.

Plants with sweet-smelling flowers are more common in dry than in moist climates. Thyme, sage, and lavender, for instance, bloom profusely on dry uplands and fill the air with their scent, but the wild flowers of low or swampy ground are seldom highly scented, and if they are their odors are unpleasant.

PLANT TREE IN RIGHT PLACE

Much of Natural Beauty May Be Lost If Proper Spot Has Not Been Selected.

It is a beautiful thing to plant a tree, but it is doubly beautiful to plant the right tree in the right place.

The deed loses half of its beauty when a tree is placed where it does not belong, and where it will be impossible for it to add to the joy and comfort of those who may be near it in future years.

The beautiful thing in the planting of the tree is the attitude of mind of the one who does it. Those who are to receive the benefits from the act appear long after the work is done; those who do the work are seldom directly rewarded for the labor.

OWES SPEECH TO WIRELESS

Young English Woman, Dumb From Birth, Said to Have Become Normal After Treatment.

A young woman, deaf and dumb from birth, the first patient to undergo treatment by a new wireless invention, articulated several words in the presence of a crowded audience at the Royal Medical college, Epsom, England.

Wireless, having brought hearing to the deaf, is now bringing speech to the dumb.

This latest wonder is made possible by the invention of Mr. J. W. Theobald, a Sunbury garage owner, and a medical friend, Dr. Frank Thompson. The dumb patient puts on ear receivers, and receives a lesson in phonetics with the sounds magnified till they are deafening to normal ears.

Dr. Thompson prophesies that his first patient will soon be able to converse freely. A curious unexpected result has been that her deafness is also tending to disappear.

Molten Lava Welds Volcanoes.

George Gillman read a paper before the Geographical society descriptive of an ascent a year ago of Kilimanjaro, which he alluded to as Africa's highest mountain. The party which he led were the first to ascend after the mountain had become British territory.

Fighting Insect Pests.

A new method of control of "scrow-worms," "wireworms" and sod web worms which attack tobacco and similar crops has been discovered by the tobacco insect laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Women Lead in Fighting Rats.

In a state-wide rat campaign conducted in Virginia early this year, when it was estimated that more than 670,000 rats were destroyed, it was disclosed that women make as effective leaders as men in this work, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

Fighting Forest Fires.

The California district of the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture, has received \$4,000 from the Automobile Club of Southern California for the development of public camps in national forests.

Blind Persons Privileged.

Blind persons who reside in Ontario may travel free of charge on the street cars of Toronto and environs. Applicants for passes on this account must be totally blind.

STORY CALLS FOR AFFIDAVIT

Yarn of South Carolina Man 'Almost Too Much for Ordinary Reader to Believe.

Representative James F. Byrnes, Democrat, of South Carolina, is not much of a fisherman, but he is fine on fish stories.

In the cloak room of the house, members from various states were swapping yarns.

"Talking about fishing," said Mr. Byrnes, "there is one pool in a mountain stream near Tryon, N. C., I will always remember. I was in that part of the country one summer resting and rambling for my health and a good time."

"I saw a mountain man, with hook and line, make his way to the creek bank and commence to fish. With my glasses I could see that he had baited his hook with a tiny frog. For some time he fished, throwing the hook out, but he got no bite. Tiring of this, he stuck his pole in the bank, picked up a small rifle and went to shooting at targets in the woods.

"By George! there's my chance!" said the fisherman, and he ran back and commenced to shoot the fish as they rose from the water. Late that afternoon, when I saw him again, he had a half bushel of trout he had shot."

That broke up the meeting.—Utica Globe.

NO CHANCE TO GET AWAY

As Clubman Mournfully Related, He Was Caught Whether He Was 'Going or Coming.'

President Walter C. Teagle of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey said the other day in Washington:

"The fable that my company runs chain stores and copper mines and restaurants and so on is so persistent, so indomitable, that it reminds me of a story."

"If you do not want to marry her, why on earth did you propose to her?" said one clubman to another.

"That's just it," said the other, "She proposed to me."

"Why didn't you have spunk enough to refuse her, then?"

"That's just it. I couldn't. She worded her proposal so cleverly, you see. She said, 'Will you marry me? Have you any objection?' Thus, whether I said yes or no, she had me. She had me going and coming."

"Not at all," said the first clubman, with a condescending laugh. "You should have observed a discreet silence."

"Just what I did," said the other, "and she fell into my arms, murmuring that silence gave consent."—Los Angeles Times.

Birds' Working Hours.

Some birds work almost all day in the summer. They clear the crops of insects.

The thrush gets up at half-past two every morning. He falls to work at once, and does not stop until half-past nine at night—a clear 19 hours. During that time he feeds his young 206 times.

The blackbird starts work at the same hour as the thrush, but leaves off earlier. His whistle blows a half past seven, and during his 17-hour day he sets about 100 meals before his family.

The titmouse is up at three in the morning, and his stopping time is nine at night. A fast worker, he is said to feed his young 417 times a day.

Educational 'Movies.'

When used in combination with other methods of presenting ideas, such as newspaper publicity, the spoken word, exhibits, slides, and printed bulletins, the United States Department of Agriculture has found that motion pictures constitute a valuable addition to these extension agencies. The department maintains its own motion-picture laboratory, where films are prepared to picture improved agricultural practices, to warn about dangerous conditions or undesirable methods, or otherwise to acquaint those at a distance from the national capital with the work of the department or its application to farm life.

Magellanic Clouds.

Magellanic clouds are two cloudy masses of light, oval in shape and unequal in size, seen at night in the heavens, in the vicinity of the South pole. They are supposed to be nebulae, or dense aggregations of stars, so far distant as to give to the unaided eye the impression of cloud-like masses. They cover areas of about 42 and 10 square degrees respectively, and are so named in honor of Ferdinand Magellan, the great Portuguese navigator, who first observed them in 1520, during his voyage around the world.

Serbia Has Pretty Custom.

Oliver Sempie Barton, who has been traveling in Europe studying national costumes, has gathered some very interesting material. In Serbia he found girls walking along the streets with the names of their fiancés embroidered on the fronts of their aprons. The engagement then becomes a public affair, and the news is proudly published by the young lady by the display of the name, which is written so that all may see. says Mr. Barton in The Mentor.

FOUND HAPPINESS IN WORK

Great Writers and Inventors Acted With Much Wisdom in Refusing to 'Rust Out.'

Examples of long life accompanied by happiness in productive labor are numerous, both in biography and in contemporary life, observes the Yorkshire Post. B. W. Leader died the other day in his ninety-third year, after joyously producing his type of beauty in landscape art almost to the last. Edison, our greatest contemporary inventor, passed recently his seventy-sixth birthday. He was too busy to pause for congratulations, entirely happy in his research and experiment, finding the days too short for his exacting mind.

The old classical apothegm which tells us that they die young whom the gods love, must be taken with the proverbial grain of salt. Wordsworth in all his verses breathed the atmosphere of contentment and joy, and survived until he was a happy octogenarian, glad in himself and gladdened by his countless admirers. Tennyson reached eighty-three, borne along as on the crest of a flowing wave of joy, the beating of which can be felt in all his work, even to his rhythmic swan's song of "The Pilot." Carlyle died at eighty-six, and, although lone and sad in his closing years, he owed his longevity very largely to the joy he had cultivated in his work for fifty productive years.

Sir James Barrie, in his inimitable rectorial address, recently spoke the truth when he said that Carlyle himself and a myth in biography. He was happy in his work with a glow of joy that counteracted the pains of his nervous dyspepsia, and nursed his inherited vitality into continuous strength.

MIXED IN HIS METAPHORS

Of Course Brown Fully Understood What He Meant to Say, but He Blundered.

Mr. Brown was calling on an old friend.

"I declare," he remarked to his friend's wife, "it quite cures me of homesickness to drop in here and see a little of your home life—er—er—not that your home life is anything but what I mean to say is that it makes me all the fonder of my own home—or rather, that, on the homeopathic principle, a half of the dog that bit you—which isn't, of course, what I mean. But when a man is lonely he can enjoy the society of almost anybody."

"Sir!" said the lady, icily.

"I mean," returned Mr. Brown, as he mopped the perspiration from his face, "that, be it ever so humble—no, no, yours is not that—but there's no place like one's own—but, I mean—well, I must be going! Good day!"—London Tit-Bits.

Stockmen Fight Pests.

Stockmen in the Canadian river district in Texas have shown themselves increasingly in accord with the poisoning methods advocated by the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture for the extermination of predatory animals, particularly coyotes. In one district, poisoning operations have resulted in a kill estimated as between 75 and 90 per cent of the coyotes over an area of 2,202 square miles. A border strip five miles wide, and including approximately 1,200 square miles, was poisoned, with a resultant kill of 25 per cent of the coyotes. In coyote poisoning operations stockmen do not usually spend time hunting dead animals beyond the point where they are convinced of the effectiveness of the method. It is considered more profitable to devote as much time and energy as possible to covering a wider territory with poison baits.

Woman Pirate Achieves Fame.

There recently appeared on the river at Hong-Kong, much to the alarm of ship owners and their crews, a woman pirate, who has already taken a heavy toll of loot from vessels. Nothing is known of her, except the fact that she speaks English, wears a serge costume and Wellington boots, and carries a wicked-looking revolver, with which she compels her victims to surrender. Under her are a score or more Chinese brigands, who, although they are cut-throats and robbers, obey her implicitly.

Wanted Story With a Purpose.

Billy had fallen and hurt himself, and I called him to me saying: "Don't cry, Billy. Come here, and I'll tell you a story." He stopped sobbing, and came. "Tell me what kind of a story you want," I said. "Well," he said with a sigh, "tell me one that will make my thinks glad again."—Exchange.

A Bad Blunder.

A certain church society visits the hospitals of its city, and the other night the society had supper in the Sunday school room before leaving on its mission of mercy. At the conclusion of the meal Brother Miller said: "Now that we have eaten supper, let's go to the home for incurables." The ladies haven't spoken to him since.—Kansas City Star.

Increased Use of Tobacco.

Smoking is on the increase in the United States. There was a jump of 156 per cent in the value of cigars and cigarettes from 1914 to 1921, and of this 4 per cent was from 1919 to 1921. The value in 1914 was \$314,884,000; 1919, \$773,662,000, and 1921, \$906,749,000.

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