

DINNER WITH THE "IRON CHANCELLOR"

English Divine Tells of Re past in 1885.

At twelve o'clock we had a large and long meal, including smoked geese and other delights. (Friedrichsruh, Germany, 1885.) My father sat next to Princess Bismarck, who was very pleasant, and after luncheon, when the cigars were handed round, he asked her whether she minded his smoking, on which Bismarck roared out, "Why she smokes herself!"

This was in 1885, when it was very unusual for a lady, to smoke, so a vigorous effort was made by his daughter to induce him to behave properly; but he took no notice of her repeated and reproachful cries of "Father! she doesn't! Father!" and shouted, "She does, she does, in her bedroom she does!"

It turned out that the poor lady suffered from asthma, and smoke medicated cigarettes to relieve it. "You will understand," Bismarck remarked, "that in everything but name I am king of Germany, but I have not all the privileges of a king and I cannot simply say I am not disposed to receive so-and-so." It appeared, however, that even the most pressing visitors sometimes failed to get in, for Bismarck told us the following story:

"A man called and sent in word that he wanted to see me, and I said that he couldn't. He then sent in to say that he must see me, and I said that he shouldn't; and he sent in a third time to say that if he did not see me he should go and hang himself on one of the trees, and I told the servant to find a rope and lend it to him!"

The frankness or apparent frankness of his talk was surprising, but it was a cynical saying of his that it was just as cheap to tell the truth as to tell lies, and quite as effective, for the truth is never believed in diplomacy. Another saying of his which impressed me, though I do not remember the context, was "In matters of national policy I never put down my right foot till I know where I am going to put my left; that is a lesson which I learned in my youth in the Pomeranian marshes."

At dinner we each had, I think, seven wine glasses and at least one tumbler, and I drank nothing but water! My host noticed and deplored this, and though he courteously tolerated it he could not refrain from a slight outburst against what he called the temperance craze in England, and against the fanatical attacks on moderate drinking.

It is recorded of him that at one time he did his moderate drinking in large glasses of champagne and port mixed, and that one Moltke gave him a sort of punch made of champagne, hot tea and sherry.

Heavy Ascot Stakes

It is recorded that in 1791 George III witnessed a most sensational race at the famous Ascot track, for the Outlands stakes. Nineteen horses ran for the then colossal stakes of approximately \$150,000, and it is said that five million dollars changed hands. Five of the horses ran neck-and-neck to within a few yards of the winning post, and Clifney, on the then prince of Wales' Baronet, snatched a seemingly miraculous victory by a bare half-length. "I made fourteen baronets last week," said George III to his son when congratulating him, "and your Baronet is worth all mine put together."

Ninepins 700 Years Old

According to Doctor Eibstein, German scientist, the first trace of the game of ninepins was discovered in an old chronicle of Paderbon, Prussia. Paderbon is the seat of the Episcopal church of Westphalia province, and here some 700 years ago the ecclesiastics invented the game, which they played during Lenten season. They put up nine wooden pins; at which they threw balls. These balls they called "heathen." At first only three balls were used, but later the number was increased until, as at present, seventeen balls were used.

Famous Roman Highway

The Apian way was constructed as a military road from Rome to Capua, a distance of about 132 miles, by the Emperor Appian Claudius, about 312 B. C., and was later extended to Brundisium, a total of about 300 miles, and completed by Julius Caesar. It was known as "the Queen of Roads" and was adorned with statuary and pagan temples. It was built without regard to cost by slave labor, and is said to have been in excellent condition 800 years after its completion. To build such a road today would cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000 a mile.

Origin of Canaries Obscure

The Biological survey says that the actual origin of the canary as a cage bird is obscure. It seems probable that captive canaries were first secured from the Canary islands, but it is doubtful that this stock has furnished ancestors of all our birds of this kind. The serin finch of middle and southern Europe is so similar that it may often have been captured and accepted as a canary, and interbred until all distinguishable differences were lost.

DENIES THAT SNAKES CAN SWALLOW YOUNG

Writer Puts This With Other Reptilian Myths.

Snake stories, appropriate to the season, are beginning to crop out in the country papers, says Nomad in the Boston Transcript. Snakes about Boston itself, by the way, were never so scarce as they are now. Districts in and about the Middlesex falls, which once abounded in black snakes, are practically destitute of them now, for the simple reason that their food supply has disappeared with the general clearing away of underbrush and the reduction of the number of moles, field mice and various descriptions of insects. In the course of a whole summer's walk Nomad has not seen more than four or five snakes, and these were all garter snakes. The black snake is one of the noblest as well as the most harmless of reptiles, and its disappearance from the woods near Boston is greatly to be regretted. But apropos of snakes, Nomad notes that in the Portland Express a controversy is raging as to whether or not mother snakes swallow their young for the purpose of protection. Now, so far as Nomad knows, no snake swallows his young, and under no circumstances could the young be restored alive to the world even if they were swallowed, but here is a gentleman signing his initials and evidently vouched for by the Portland paper as a trustworthy person, who tells the story.

"I cannot deny the testimony furnished by my own eyes when I witnessed such an occurrence in southern Indiana several years ago.

"In company with several young men I had gone to a pond on a tobacco farm in search of frogs and on our approach noticed a large blue water snake on the bank surrounded by many little ones. The little snakes disappeared almost instantly, apparently running down the mouth of the parent snake. A few minutes later the snake was killed and the body mutilated, revealing the young ones alive within it. This was marvelous in my sight, but the young men with me assured me there was nothing unusual about it.

"A friend of mine, whose veracity is unquestioned, tells me he had a similar experience with a copperhead snake in the West Virginia hills. It may be true that digestive fluids in the snake's stomach would kill the young if the parent were unable to control the flow in the digestive tract. On the other hand, there may exist a sac within the body of the female snake provided for just such a purpose. I do not know. Perhaps there are those who can say."

Nomad has heard many marvelous stories about snakes which their tellers firmly believed, but which could not have been true—stories, for instance, of rattlesnakes leaping through the air to strike their prey, and even of the "hoop snake" that takes his tail in his mouth, turning himself into a hoop, and rolls rapidly along in pursuit of human beings. These tales are figments of the imagination—and no creature seems to stimulate the imagination as the snake does. It is probable that the delusion of snakes swallowing their young arose from the fact that a good many snakes, including our common black snakes, devour smaller snakes, while rattlesnakes and all the garter snakes, being viviparous, and not egg laying, contain their young before they are born.

Seemed Improbable

After several vain attempts to follow the light conversation of the young person he had taken in at dinner, Professor Parker struck out for his natural level, and explained to her carefully and elaborately that a recent discovery showed that life can be produced in sterilized bouillon by the action of radium.

"A very wonderful discovery," he continued. "And what trains of thought it gives rise to! Why, this may have happened in this world of ours millions of years ago!"

"Really!" she said, visibly impressed, but a little incredulous. "Of course I understand that there may have been radium then, but where did they get the beef tea?"—Exchange.

No Water, No Electricity

There is an excellent reason why electric service companies build their steam-driven generating stations on the shore of a river, lake, bay or harbor. For every pound of coal burned in the furnaces of such stations nearly a half a ton of water is needed to condense the steam produced, after it has passed through the turbine which turns the electric dynamo. At one such steam-operated electric generating station in the South all of the water of a sizable river is diverted from the river bed and passes over the condensing pipes of the plant's boilers.

Yes, Dear

Recently a young woman of the Hollywood moving picture colony went to the orphan asylum to give the children a treat. With her went her most devoted admirer, a man twenty years her senior.

A little boy about seven of whom she was especially fond was there. "Would you like to come and live with me in my bungalow?" she asked suddenly.

The little fellow beamed and then he looked at her escort. "If I do," he asked, "will you get me a papa without any gray hair?"—Los Angeles Times.

Cedars of Lebanon of Wonderful Beauty

The famous cedars of Lebanon, which are so frequently mentioned in the Bible as symbols of power, longevity and prosperity, and continuously sung by poets and extolled by artists because of their stately beauty and strength, grow to a height of from 60 to 80 feet, their branches and foliage covering a compass of ground the diameter of which equals the height of the trees.

Although the number of the famous trees has decreased considerably, of late years they have been carefully tended and preserved and a goodly number still exist. The best-known group in the Lebanon range consists of a group of 12 ancient giants—how ancient no man can tell—in a grove near the village of Eden, surrounded by about 400 younger trees, none of which probably are under a hundred years of age. Two of the "patriarchs" of the celebrated group measure, respectively, from 60 to 80 feet in girth of trunk. One of these is marked with the name of Lamartine, the French poet, historian and statesman. The younger trees in the grove are stately, compact and gracefully reposed, but the "patriarchs" are wild of aspect and frantic in attitude, flinging their muscular arms about as though struggling with some unseen enemy. In Ezekiel the Assyrian is likened to the cedar of Lebanon, "with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of a high stature, and his top was in among the thick boughs."

Unfair to Blame Sun for Showing Up Dust

Here is a reader who actually grumbles at the sun!

"I've noticed," she says, "that whenever the sun shines in a room it seems to raise the dust. Now, why is this? Look into any shaft of sunlight and you will see what I mean."

The sun does not raise dust, though my correspondent is not the first person who has thought so. It merely illuminates dust particles which, in lesser light, are not so observable, says London Answers. The dust is always there, floating about; the sun must not be blamed for it.

Why, to blame the sun for the dust is as unreasonable as it would be to blame a pair of opera glasses for the bad actor one looked at through them! Would the bad actor have been raised by the opera glasses?

The sun, of course, is a sort of bete noir to some people, but, all the same, a room flooded with sunlight is much more pleasant than one from which it is rigorously excluded.

Seniority of Sweden

The kingdom of Sweden, which was founded about the year 700 A. D., is the oldest in Europe. It is still a primitive land—half the country is forest and the national population is less than that of London. The people are among the greatest sportsmen in the world, water and ice sports, of course, predominating. For sailing and rowing, Sweden is the first country in Europe, and naturally leads in its ice sports. Though a large part of Sweden lies within the Arctic circle, so clear are the skies that the heart of Lapland enjoys more hours of sunshine than Rome or Madrid. Incidentally, Sweden is the oldest part of Europe geologically. It was dry land when most of the remainder of the continent was under water.

Quick to Learn

A couple of years ago Ted Winkley was an enthusiastic graduate from the school of journalism at a western university. He bought a country weekly and settled down to reform the county. The first issue of the paper brought out under his control flamed with promising announcements. The dean of the school of journalism received a copy and read this editorial announcement:

"We aim to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

Nearly a year later the dean received another copy of the boy's paper, with this proclamation circled with blue pencil:

"We aim to tell the truth—but not so blamed much of it as heretofore!"—Harper's Magazine.

Alexandrian Pharos

Pharos was the name of an island in the harbor of Alexandria. Here Ptolemy I, who had been one of the generals of Alexander the Great, decided to build a gigantic lighthouse. The work was finally completed during the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus. The structure was 450 feet high and 100 feet square at the base. At the summit was kept a beacon fire which, according to the historian, Josephus, could be seen over forty miles away. Part of this famous lighthouse was blown down in the Eighth century. The ruin was completed by earthquakes in 1303 and 1346.

How Should Water Taste?

Although the palatability of water is largely a matter of individual taste, there are objectionable tastes in water that can be ascribed definitely to either chemicals such as iron, chlorine or an alkali, decaying vegetation, microscopical organisms or pollution by trade wastes, etc. When tanks or reservoirs become contaminated from any of these causes the cheapest and easiest way is to clean out the container and start with a new supply, though copper sulphate or chlorine properly used are very effective in controlling organisms in such reservoirs.

Wilson's Body to Rest Permanently in Cathedral.

Indications that the National Episcopal Cathedral at Washington, D. C., will remain the permanent resting place for Woodrow Wilson's body are seen in the plans of the Cathedral foundation which calls for a more magnificent shrine than the crypt under Bethlehem chapel where the body now lies.

Although the cathedral is not expected to be completed for about five years, it is understood that plans have been drawn to place the proposed shrine in the main part of the building.

Mrs. Wilson recently had measurements taken in the chapel for a more appropriate tablet than the plain stone block which simply bears the name of Woodrow Wilson and the dates of birth and death.

RUNVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold and family and Frank Lucas spent Sunday at Penn's Cave.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garman have gone to housekeeping in part of Mrs. Annie Lucas' house.

The Stork visited our village on Monday and left a young son at the home of Toner Furl. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Burd, Mrs. Clara Heaton, Mrs. Bruce Daugherty and Mrs. Sylvester Mignot, of Clearfield, and Mrs. John Hite, of Altoona, called at the home of L. J. Heaton on Tuesday.

How Shocking!

Sweet Young Thing—"Doctor, I think I ought to be vaccinated; but hate to think of the ugly scar showing. Where would you suggest as the best place in my case?"

Doctor—"With the present styles, you had better place the vaccine in a capsule and swallow it."

Sliding Down the Icing.

"Will you join our party in the jam preserves?" asked the first fly. "No," said the second fly, "the lady of our house has baked a cake with icing on it. We're going in for winter sports."—Louisville Courier Journal.

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