## Miscelaneous.

### How they Call For It.

SCENE IN THE BAR ROOM OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Last winter when the mind of the average statesman was absorbed in the all engrossing topic incident to the presidential count, President of the *restaurateur* was to abstain from the sale of all intoxicating drinks. Within twenty minutes after the ukase had been promulgated, Senator Clayton, of Arkansas, appeared and gave one of those knowing winks to the man behind the counter. The wink failing to be interpreted, as the Senator thought, he threw up his finger (all drinkers know how it is done) but even this accompanied with the wink duplicated and triplicated, failed to penetrate the seeming stolidity of the attendant. Finally Clayton, out of patience, said:

'Here, give me some whisky.'

'Sorry, sorry, very sorry,' replied the attendant. 'But Vice President Ferry has issued an order that no liq—'

'D—n Vice President Ferry, gimme a drink quick.'

'But you will protect me if discovered?'

'Certainly I will. Gimme some whisky.'

The tea cup was served, the Senator quaffed from it, smacked his lips and passed up stairs to legislate.

Presently Senator Jones, of Florida appeared.

'Ah,' said he with a great deal of dignity. 'You may give me one of those things in a cup. You know what I mean Mr. Love.'

'Excuse me, senator, but Vice President Ferry has warned me, under pain of dismissal, not to sell any liquor to—'

'I don't care Mr. Love what Vice President Ferry wants; I want a cup of comfort.'

Jones assured him that, of course, certainly, ahem! Why to be sure he would protect Mr. Love if trouble came.

The next customer on hand was Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania. Without making any round about attempts to indicate his wants, by facial or finger gymnastics, he called out: 'Fetch me some brandy.'

'But my dear senator,' said Love, 'Vice President Ferry'

The senator excited—'Oh, d—n Vice President Ferry. Bring me some brandy, and I don't want any tea cup business about it, either. You may bring the jug.'

Love saw that Simon meant business and without exacting any promise of protection, the Pennsylvania senator got the jug, and as he sought from it such exhilaration as it gave, he no doubt muttered to himself his favorite expression, 'This is a h— of a time.'

### A Singular Case.

A curious case of non recognition occurred in Norristown recently. On Friday, November 23, the dead body of a man was found near a limekiln at Mageetown. The man had placed a large stone on the top of the kiln and sat down, apparently to warm himself, and, becoming suffocated by the fumes of the carbonic acid, had fallen, and by the time the body was found the fire had reached him and burned the features beyond recognition. In the pocket of the dead man's clothing was found a pocketbook containing thirty cents and a tobacco box. As no one identified the remains they were buried in the Potter's field. Mr. William Swaincott, one of the coroner's jury in the case becoming alarmed at the absence of his father, Mr. Richard Swaincott, made inquiries, and found that the old gentleman had left Mr. Spencer's house, where he had been calling, on Thursday, November 22, and started for home accompanied by Mr. Spencer's sister. They came together as far as his residence, and she parted from him at the gate of the yard. He had not since been seen. Mr. Swaincott then inspected the tobacco box, purse and a pocket knife, found on the dead man, which he had seen at the inquest, but had not then noticed particularly. When he came to examine them more carefully they proved to be the property of his father, and all doubt as to the identity of the body was removed. The deceased was a temperate man, and it is a mystery what could have taken him to the kiln, as it was close to the house.

### A Strange Superstition.

The Roman superstition that cardinals always die by threes—a similar belief obtains in Western waters as to steamboat accidents—is likely to be strengthened by the death of Mgn. Capalti, following so closely on those of Cardinals Patrzi and Riario-Sforza even as but a few weeks before De Angelis and Barizzi followed Antonelli to the grave. The Pope has disproved the traditional assertion with regard to the "years of Peter," but there is another belief connected with the Papal chair that is worth noticing—the belief that if on his elevation to the pontificate a Pope does not change his name his death will follow within the twelve month. The first Pope to change his name was Octavian Conti, who succeeded Agapetus II., in 956, and called himself John XII. His example was followed by his successors, and at last the belief came rooted in the popular mind that a Pope who kept his name would die within a year. When Julius Medicis succeeded to Adrian VI. he would fain have called himself Julius III., but his friends compelled him to conform with the custom and become Clement VII. Not long after Marcellus Servus was elected to the pontifical chair. He was a young and robust man who seemed to pay any attention to popular superstition, and, so called himself Marcellus II. He died twenty-one days after his election, and since his time no Pope has ventured to offend against the tradition.

### Fattening Fowls.

Corn meal, as we all know, contains more fattening properties in proportion to its price, than any other single article; though change in the manner of giving it will add to the readiness with which the fowls partake of it. Mix raw meal with water for one day's feed, and work it into a stiff dough for the next day, and give, occasionally, a few kernels of whole grain. Once in four hours is not too often to feed fowls for fattening: beginning early in the morning and feeding just before they go to rest at night; giving only so much of it as will be entirely eaten up at once. Salt in small quantities, mixed in cooked food, gives relish to fowls' rations, as well as our own, and a little cayenne should be added.

These condiments not only improve the appetite of the fowls, but give a better flavor to their flesh for the table. Give also for the sake of variety, some raw bits of meat and boiled potatoes, or other cooked vegetables. As the fowls are intended to become fat and heavy, allow no roosts in the pen. A slatted floor is cleaner than a solid one, and the coop should be so arranged as to have the droppings fall into dry earth, placed beneath the whole. A dark room is better than a light one, as it induces the quiet which conduces to rapid fattening. Of course, at feeding time, light must be admitted, and plenty of fresh air at all times.—*Poultry World.*

## Young Folks.

### Hints to Visitors.

Try, without being too familiar, to make yourself so much like one of the family that no one shall feel you to be in the way; and, at the same time, be observant of those small courtesies and kindnesses which all together make up what the world agrees to call good manners.

Regulate your hours of rising and retiring by the customs of the house. Do not keep your friends sitting up until later than usual and do not be roaming about the house an hour or two before breakfast. If you choose to rise at an early hour, remain in your own room until near breakfast-time, unless you are very sure that your presence in the parlor will not be unwelcome. Write in large letters, in a prominent place in your mind, "BE PUNCTUAL." A visitor has no excuse for keeping a whole family waiting, and it is unpardonable negligence not to be prompt at the table. Here is a place to test good manners, and any manifestation of ill-breeding here will be noticed and remembered. Do not be too ready to express your likes and dislikes for the various dishes before you. The wife of a certain United States Senator once visiting acquaintances at some distance from her native wilds, made a lasting impression upon the family by remarking at the breakfast-table that "she should starve before she would eat mush," and that she "never heard of cooking mutton before she came East."

If you are tempted to go to the other extreme, and sacrifice truth to politeness, read Mrs. Opie's "Tale of Potted Sprats," and you will not be likely to be insincere again.

It is well to remember that some things which seem of very little importance to you may make an unpleasant impression upon others, in consequence of a difference in early training. The other day two young ladies were heard discussing a gentleman who had a great many pleasant qualities. "Yes," said one, "he *is* very handsome, but he *does* eat pie with his knife." Take care that no trifle of that kind is recalled when people are speaking of you.

Keep your own room in order, and do not scatter your belongings all over the house. If your friends are orderly, it will annoy them too see your things out of place; and if they are not, their own disorder will be enough without adding yours.

Make up your mind to be entertained with what is designed to entertain you. If your friends invite you to join them in an excursion, express your pleasure and readiness to go, and do not act as though you were conferring a favor instead of receiving one. No visitors are so wearisome as those who do not meet half way whatever proposals are made for their pleasure. Be contented to amuse yourself quietly in the house, or to join in any outside gayeties to which you are invited, and show by your manner that you enjoy both.

If games are proposed, do not say that you will not play, or "would rather look on;" but join with the rest, and do the best you can. Never let a foolish feeling of pride, lest you should not make so good an appearance as the others, prevent your trying.

If you are not skillful, you will at least show that you are good-natured, and that you do not think yourself modest when you are only proud.

*From "An Agreeable Guest," St. Nicholas, Jan'y.*

### Pidgin English.

Mr. A. A. Hayes, Jr., an American, formerly resident in China, has an article on "Pidgin English," in SCRIBNER for January, from which we quote:

"Chin chin" is a general salutation, and also means wish, ask, or thank. "Hongkong *side*" "down *side*" "*look see*," and "*makee* take care," are exact Chinese expressions. "Some man talkee," is just the French *on dit*. The vocabulary consists of words from the English, Chinese, Portuguese, Hindostanee, and other languages, and most of them are altered to suit native disabilities. "B'long" (is or are) is exactly the Spanish *ser*, expressing quality or characteristic; while "hab got" is precisely *estar*, denoting position or circumstances. For instance: they say, "You *b'long* welly good man;" "That *b'long* number one good tea;" "He *b'long* Englisheeman, mi *b'long* Chinaman:"—but "Master *hab got* officee side," "That shippo *hab got* Hong Kong side." A visitor calling on a lady asks, "That missisee hab got I?" and the reply is "*Hab got*," or "*No hab got*." "What thing?" and "Who man?" are said for what and who. Thus "What is that?" becomes "That b'long what thing?" and "Who is that?" is "That b'long who man?" "Largee chance (chance)" meaning great success or good fortune, is very common. In calling on his foreign friends on China New-year's-day, the native merchant always wishes him this for the year to come. The personal pronoun is always "he," not "she" or "it." "Maskee" (probably from the Spanish *por mas que*) meaning "never mind," "no matter about," or 'in spite of' is very much used. 'Maskee sendee that money to-day,' 'Mi go walkee, maskee that colo (cold).' 'Manman' is 'stop.' 'Chit' (from Hindostanee) is 'letter.' 'Fo-langsay' is 'French, and 'Jambola,' 'German.' 'Sabe' of course is 'know' or 'understand.' The Chinaman who was asked why he had eyes on the bows of his boat, said: 'S'pose got eye, can see. S'pose can see, can sabe. S'pose no can see, how can sabe?' This language certainly admits of extremely epigrammatic expression. The beginning of Hamlet's soliloquy "To be or not to be," was deliciously translated into 'Can? No can?' The well-known version of 'My name is Norval,' is altogether excellent. That of 'Excelsior,' though very funny, is not quite so correct, except in the rendering of the title word as 'Topside Galah!'—'Galah' being an untranslatable expletive, perhaps 'I say,' or 'Mind you.' 'Pidgin' itself is most useful, and has various shades of meaning. Religion is 'joss pidgin.' That *fecsie* (physic),' said a boy to whom his master had given quinine, 'largee sabe that *sick pidgin* (thoroughly understands illness).' A gentleman saw his boy trying to mount a pony, and several times thrown. Seeing his master looking at him the boy said: 'Mi wantchee go topside he; he wantchee go topside mi?'

A clerical friend urged Whately much for an opinion as to his reading of the church service, and he said at last, "Well, then, if you really wish to know what I think of your reading, I should say there are only two parts of the service you read well, and those you read faultlessly." "Which are they?" They are, "Here endeth the first lesson,' and 'Here endeth the second lesson,' for these are the only parts which you read in your natural voice and manner, which are very good; the rest is all artificial."

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