

Miscellaneous.

A WONDERFUL CANDLE. Did you ever wonder who first invented or used artificial light? and what kind of light it was? To tell you the truth, I never thought about it at all; but it happened one evening not long ago, I was made very much ashamed of my stupidity.

I received an invitation to spend an evening with a learned professor and his beautiful wife, who live in a large house on Madison avenue in New York, and to witness some electrical experiments.

What a delightful and sensible invitation! These I should meet not only the best, but the most cultivated people; and I anticipated for greater enjoyment than if it had been an ordinary evening party.

After the company had assembled, they were invited to go to the top of the house. We marched up the stairs in procession, the ladies having taken the arms of the learned men. We were ushered into a large room from which all the furniture had been removed.

Comp candles were arranged in rows, and were quickly lit. This room opened into a smaller one, which was also filled with candles. Between the rooms was a high table, on which were arranged scientific-looking jars, out of which emanated a purple vapor in fine coils.

The tops of these candles seemed to be connected together by fine wires. On the table, besides these, were a gas lamp, a common tallow candle, a little lamp with a glass chimney, with a wick at one end, a rather slender-looking candle, and a half power. I called it a horse and a half power.

After we were seated, there was a momentary silence of expectation, and I faintly heard something that sounded like the rattling beating of a steam engine. I saw it afterward in the back room, a pretty little engine hard at work,—not boiling water, to generate or make steam,—but a petroleum oil engine burning petroleum oil to generate or make an electric current.

larger stones have a little room lighted only by gas for this purpose; and it is surprising to notice how a silk, beautiful in daylight, will alter and become dingy in color the moment the gas light flashes upon it!

And now the professor, putting out the hateful sodium light, touched a hidden spring. In an instant—the winking of an eye—a tiny, but most glorious, star, or what it was still more like, or was really, a bit of imprisoned lightning, flashed out of the end of a coiled copper wire, with thousands of silver luminous rays emanating from it.

At a low, how beautiful! how superb! exclaimed everybody. Instantly all the colors in the banner on the wall became perfect and true: blue was blue, and green, and red, and yellow these colors are often mistaken one for the other at night. The colors of the ladies' dresses, scarlet, lavender, blue, pink and gray, were in lovely and harmonious contrast, and diamonds flashed like little electric points. Very everybody looked handsomer than they ever had before.

The fine dark eyes of the professor were sparkling, and his face beaming with pleasure to observe which after all he had been the purist in hypothesis. Then he put a white porcelain shade over the electric light, and with the softest brightness, another delighted exclamation passed like a wave over the crowd; for you know that light like sound travels in waves, though light beats sound by an infinite number of times in speed.

I might as well tell you that while a sound could be traveling laterally about three miles in a minute a flash of light can go the distance of four hundred and eighty times round the world in a second. The professor made over the electric light, made it seem as if a moon brighter than a hundred moons had flashed down upon us; and it was all the time that we were looking lightning-chain up, bound hand and foot by the professor.

Soon, by a mysterious turn of his hand, a light darted to another copper wire. This which was an English application of electricity, and has been used a good deal in England, in dockyards, iron works, railway stations and manufactories. It was very bright, but it flickered a little. Then he made the light dart to the candlestick I mentioned, which was lit in Paris by a man whose last name is Jablonski; then "Danzon, Danzons," and then "Butthart, Buttharts," and none of them seemed right. This candlestick made a lovely light. A large number of them were used at the Paris Exposition, which must have been magnificent at night illuminated by this improved lighting.

The professor said that he had tried to have Mr. Edison present, and tell us of his amazing inventions; but he was so overwhelmed with business connected with electric light, that he could not come. Let us all hope that Mr. Edison will succeed in making electricity the light that will, like the sun, "shine for all"; for, besides its being so beautiful, and so safe, it will be far cheaper than any light we have now.—And Fitz; St. Nicholas for March.

His First and Last Case. I studied law once in the Washington law school. In fact, I was admitted to the bar, but I never forgot my first case. Whether will my client. I was called upon to defend a young man for passing counterfeit money. I knew the young man was innocent, because I gave him the money to pass. Well, there was a hard feeling against the young man in the county, and I pleaded for a change of venue. I made a great plea for it. I can remember, even now, how fine it was. It was filled with choice rhetoric and passionate oratory. I quoted Kent, and Blackstone, and Littleton, and cited precedents after precedent from the digest of State reports. I wound up with a tremendous argument, and the applause of all my younger members of the bar. Then, in the midst of my speech, I stood and awaited the judge's decision. It soon came. The judge looked me full in the face and said: "Your argument is good, Mr. Perkins, very good, and I've been deeply interested in it; and when a case comes up that your argument fits, I shall give your remarks all the consideration that they merit. Sit down!"

This is why I gave up the law and resorted to writing for the newspapers.—Ed. Peck. A CHILD'S LOGIC IN FAMILY DISCIPLINE.—A friend of mine has a little boy, who, as his mother has an invalid, has been most of his life under the special care of his nurse, and to whom he always showed the strictest obedience. During the summer, however, his mother went away for the season, leaving the nurse behind with her little boy and his grandmother. Being unused to receiving orders from his mother, he at one time rebelled, and she was obliged to punish him to make him obey. To this he stoutly demurred, affirming that only the nurse had a right to punish him, and going to his grandmother he complained that his mother struck him. "That was right," said she, "if you were naughty; but in your mother's absence, has a right to whip you if you don't behave." The little fellow listened sopping till she had finished, then looking up he asked, "have mother a right to strike the children?" "Certainly," she replied. "Are you her mother?" he asked. "To be sure I am." Well then, sobbed, he, hit her!—Bangor, (Me.) Wig.

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COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Hon. WILLIAM EWELL, President Judge of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and the Court of Common Pleas and Orphans' Court in the 2nd Judicial District, composed of the counties of Columbia and Monticome, and the Hon. L. K. STEWART and F. L. SHUMAN, Associate Judges of Columbia County, have issued their process, bearing date the 15th day of Feb. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and to be directed for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and general quarter sessions of the Peace, Court of Common Pleas and Orphans' Court, in Bloomsburg, in the county of Columbia, on the 1st Monday, being the 1st day of May next, to continue two weeks.

And it being given to the Clerk, to the Justices of the Peace, and the Constables of the said county of Columbia, that they be and there in their proper person at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, together with their records, books, papers, and other documents, to do those things which to their offices pertain to be done, and that they be bound by recognition to prosecute against the prisoners then or may be in the jail of said county of Columbia, to be then and there to prosecute them as shall be just. Jurors are requested to appear at their respective places, agreeably to their notices, dated at Bloomsburg the 15th day of Feb. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and to the one hundred and thirty-fourth year of the independence of the United States of America.

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