

QUEER AUTOMATONS.

EXAMPLES FROM THE DAYS OF DÆDALUS TO THE PRESENT.

A Wooden Venus That Walked and a Human Man That Talked—A Wonderful Mechanical Duck—The Greatest of All the Fraudulent Automatons.

There are few things more attractive to the generality of men or more calculated to excite their wonder and admiration than a dexterously and mysteriously contrived automaton.

This passion for the automaton is certainly no new thing. One meets it in almost the earliest books, sometimes veiled in myth, sometimes more directly stated.

Aristotle tells us that the human automata which Dædalus made were so active that it was necessary to keep them tethered for fear they would run away.

Whether due or not to the stimulus given by Louis XIV, the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were in France times of great automatic activity.

This automaton disappeared after its inventor's death, but turned up again in 1840 in a garret in Berlin and was purchased by a George Tietz, who took four years to put it in proper working order again.

Like most things, automata have not always been what they seemed. Of many frauds upon the wonder loving public perhaps the completest was that of the famous automatic chess player of Mr. Kempelen, which was exhibited all over Europe at the end of the last century and afterward in America.

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Swinevunde on the Baltic has strict Sunday laws. Shipmasters who enter the port are fined heavily by the town authorities if they have their ships washed or painted on Sunday or church holidays.

VICTOR EMMANUEL AS A HUSBAND

Strange Relations with His Wife of the "Re Galantome"—A Double Life.

A curious account of Victor Emmanuel's married life, taken from the Autobiography of Gen. Morozzo della Rocca, who died recently as Senior-General in the Italian army, is printed by the London Daily News.

"The wedding took place in April 1842, and magnificent festivals were instituted on the occasion by Charles Albert. The incomparable kindness and sweetness of Marie Adelaide did a great deal to soften the manners of the court.

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PROPHETIC.

Nelson's Desire to Figure in as Fine a Picture as the "Death of Wolfe."

Benjamin West's picture of the "Death of Nelson" is closely connected with an anecdote of the great sailor says the Youth's Companion.

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It is recorded that one Senator Mason propounded a query to Senator Morgan. "How long could you talk," asked Mason, "on a subject of which you know absolutely nothing?"

PHOTOGRAPHS IN COLORS.

Simple Method of Securing Very Pleasing Effect.

A recent American invention promises to make the coloring of photographs a very simple matter, even for the amateur, and no great artistic talent is necessary.

The tint of birds' eggs, especially the light colors, are apt to fade, on exposure in museums to too great sunlight. This is the case with the greenish blue eggs, as those of the murre.

CAR STEALING AS A FINE ART.

Omaha Claims to Have the Most Expert Borrower.

When the traffic of a railroad is limited only by the number of cars it can get possession of the means of securing those cars are overlooked and only the end is considered.

The most successful superintendent of a car service is he who can, when his own supply of cars runs short, reach out and steal from other roads enough cars to meet the demand.

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QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Infant schools began in New Lanark, Scotland, in 1815; in England not till 1818.

To improve her complexion, a young lady in Worcester, England, was in the habit of eating about two wax candles every week.

Chinese brides of high station frequently do not see their husbands until the red veils are lifted at the marriage ceremony.

The long tails of the Shah of Persia's horses are dyed crimson for six inches at their tips—a jealously guarded privilege of the ruler and his sons.

In order to raise church funds, a Georgia minister charged admission to an entertainment where the contestants engaged in a ginger cake eating competition.

Detectives detailed to look after professional shoplifters always look to see if their suspects are wearing gloves. A professional, it is declared, never works with gloves on.

Alderman Backer, of Brooklyn, is a philanthropist—also a real estate dealer. He has offered to the first family that is blessed with twins in his district a house, rent free, as long as they want to occupy it.

It was not until 1878 that the manufacture of hairpins began in the United States. Previous to that time those used in this country were brought from England to France.

I was crippled with rheumatism, and took many different medicines without obtaining any benefit. I saw a testimonial of a cure of rheumatism by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and began taking this medicine.

Lippincott's Magazine for February, 1898.

The complete novel in the February issue of Lippincott's is "A Trooper Galahad," by Captain Charles King. It contains some close and vivid sketches of character and life at an army post in the southwest.

"His Last Appearance," by Jean Wright, and "A Literary Success," by Willis Irwin, are very brief tales. "Outwitting a Grizzly" is one of William Thomson's true stories of western adventure in old times.

Samuel M. Wams writes briefly of "Odors," William Trowbridge Larned of "Insomnia," Ellen Duvall of "Opportunity," and M. A. De Wolfe Howe of "The Other Side of Letters."

There are complete by Carrie Blake Morgan and Clarence Urmy.

CATARRH SUBJECTS



This dread malady lurks behind the most insipid head cold, and when the seeds of disease are sown steals away the beauty bloom and makes life pleasures a drudgery.

REASONS FOR USING Walter Baker & Co.'s Breakfast Cocoa. 1. Because it is absolutely pure. 2. Because it is not made by the so-called Dutch Process in which chemicals are used.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON. For Christmas, 1897, we have a large line of goods suitable for gifts to gentlemen. It includes Meerchaum Pipes, Beautiful designs in great variety. Meerchaum Cigar Holders, Briarwood Pipes, Cigars, fine grades, in boxes of 25, 50 and 100.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1898, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, all that certain lot or piece of land situate in East Bloomsburg, Columbia County, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone corner of Canal street and said lot northwardly one hundred and sixty feet, more or less, to Ridge alley; thence along said alley eastwardly forty feet to lot of M. Kindt aforesaid, and thence along said lot southwardly one hundred and sixty feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elias McHenry, late of Benton Borough, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Elias McHenry, late of Benton Borough, Columbia County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to M. T. McHenry, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Zamer, late of Fishing Creek township, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Zamer, late of Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Lloyd Zamer and William Christman, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re-estate of Mary Driesbach, late of Fishing Creek township, Columbia County, Pa., decd. The undersigned auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to distribute the balance in the hands of the administrator of Mary Driesbach, late of Fishing Creek township, in said county, deceased, and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will sit at his office in the town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Friday, the 25th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons having claims against the said estate will appear and prove the same or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of E. J. Cole, deceased. The undersigned auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the administrator, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties interested for the purpose of his appointment at his office in the town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, the 25th day of January, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all persons are required to present their claims against the estate of said deceased or be debarred from coming in for a share thereof.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Lavina Stout, deceased. To Fanny Rider, Shickshany, Pa., Sarah Stout, sometimes called Lulu Evans, New York City; Elmo Stout, New York City; Hinda, descendants of said Lavina Stout, deceased, and to all other persons interested, Greeting: You and each of you are hereby cited to be and appear before the Judges of our Orphans' Court to be held at Bloomsburg, on the first Monday of February next, then and there to accept or refuse to take the real estate of said Lavina Stout, deceased, at the appraised valuation put upon it by inquest, duly awarded by the said Court, and returned by the Sheriff, or show cause why it shall not be sold.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Exceptions to acknowledgment of Sheriff's deed by B. W. Jury, Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association vs. Emma Neyhard et al.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County. The undersigned auditor, appointed by said Court to pass upon said exceptions and make distribution of the fund arising from the Sheriff's sale of the premises, will meet the parties interested for hearing, and the performance of his duties, at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Friday, the 25th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; at which time said place all parties interested are required to present their claims, or be forever debarred from coming in upon the said fund.