

Seeing Sounds.

In an article headed "What a Sound Looks Like," a New York paper tells some interesting facts about the phonograph.

The phonograph catches some words better than others. The most difficult are the words containing it, because that letter makes more sound waves than the consonants.

Curiously enough, loud noises do not disturb the air and make so many waves as some quieter ones, the only difference being that they are stronger waves, a difference of quality rather than of quantity.

When the machine is turned back and it is set in motion from the other side by the needle dropping into the holes it has already made, the same motion of the diaphragm takes place, and it in turn creates sound waves exactly similar to the original ones, and which strike the ear in a drum in a room where there is any noise, you will get the same reproduction of a sound.

So closely do sound waves run together, that three or four words are recorded upon one inch of surface of the wax cylinder, and it takes a very strong magnifying glass to make them out.

A Remarkable Use for Silk.

One of the most remarkable uses to which silk and other fabrics are being put of late is the vesting of fancy furniture. The latest wrinkle has been as yet gone into general use, but the extent to which the idea can be utilized appears well nigh unlimited.

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Wise Words.

Earnestness is the path to immortality. The scorner's delight is their scorn.

Never go back; success lies just beyond. Friendship is the highest degree of perfection in society.

It is wise not to seek a secret and honest not to reveal it. The blessed man does not sit in the seat of the scornful.

Did you ever stop to think what may happen in a minute? Kindness will often succeed where eminent ability will fail.

Those who go for berries should not retreat from briars. There is no better excess in the world than the excess of gratitude.

Genius lacks a man up, and if he attempts to climb will help him. Politeness is as natural to delicate natures as perfume is to flowers.

Bring your will to your fate, and suit your mind to your circumstances. Prosperity is not just scale; adversity is the only balance to weigh friends.

How much more we might have learned if we had less to unlearn. Life is no life without the blessing of a friendly and edifying conversation.

The surest way to please is to forget one's self and to think only of others. Shun idleness; it is the rust that attacks itself to the most brilliant metal.

No principle is more noble, as there is none more holy, than that of a true obedience. There is a power a hundred times more powerful than that of bayonets; it is the power of ideas.

If we had no defects we should not take so much pleasure in discovering those of others. We know the value of a fortune when we have gained it, and that of a friend when we have lost it.

Those who seek happiness in ostentation and dissipation are like those who prefer the light of a candle to the splendor of the sun. A weapon is anything that can serve to wound; and sentiments are perhaps the most cruel weapons man can employ to wound his fellow man.

Nothing sharpens the arrow of sarcasm so keenly as the courtesy that polishes it. No reproach is like that we clothe with a smile and present with a bow.

A homely man of merit is never repulsive. As soon as he is named his physique is forgotten; the mind passes through it to see the soul. Thinkers are as scarce as gold; but he whose thought embraces all his subjects, who pursues it unintermittedly and fearlessly of consequences, is a diamond of enormous size.

The tiniest daisy that smiles so sweetly at our feet owes its existence to the patient pushing upward of the soil and germ against all the obstacles of small pebbles and stones, and were it conscious, it might tell a tale of daily difficulty and danger steadily met and bravely overcome.

So in humanity itself all that is best and most beautiful is intertwined with difficulty. Noises and Nerves. The most sensitive, delicate and easily injured parts of the human system are the nerves.

These nerves have been so long accustomed to incessant strain as to escape injury. That which is unpleasant to the senses is always, and so far as the sense of hearing is concerned, discordant noises always are injurious to the nerves.

The selling of steam whistles, the rattle and clash of wheels on stone covered streets, the rumble of street cars, the clangor of bells, the howling of hucksters, keep up a condition in which a healthy nervous system is impossible.

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Oldest Church in the United States.

The Church of San Miguel was erected at San Miguel in 1543, and therefore is now three hundred and forty-five years old, making it, I think, without dispute, the oldest church anywhere north of the Mexican frontier.

Like all the other churches of this part of America, it is built of adobe, on the simple plan of four plain, and very thick walls and a nearly flat roof supported by heavy beams.

There are large brackets at each end of the beams elaborately carved. Over these rafters some kind of covering was placed to sustain the heavy mass of adobe clay that was placed thereon, and thus simply the roof was finished.

The windows are small and set well up toward the roof, obviously as preventative from Indian raid or incursion; as those were the times when men went to church with their hands on their swords.

The sanctuary was veiled off from the body of the church, and decorated as elaborately as the limited circumstances of the people would allow. On the sanctuary walls of San Miguel's yet hang two pictures of unknown age, but stained and darkened by time. Both are representations of the Angelical Salvation.

At the time of the pueblo rising in 1680, all the churches were destroyed, and San Miguel's shared the same fate. In 1692 the Territory was reconquered, and in 1710 the ancient church was restored and rebuilt as it appears yet, in elaborately carved letters on one of the beams of the roof.

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Differences in Faces.

"Few people know that the face of a human face are just exactly the same. He added: "In all the faces, the most characteristic feature is the nose, the strongest characteristic of the right side is the mouth.

People who desire to appear beautiful on card board should pose with their right side to the camera. The left side is the face, though, makes a picture.

"How do you account for that the two sides of the face are so different in appearance?" "I do not know of any physical reason. An explanation was given me by a learned physiologist, which is, of course, from the standpoint. He said the different looks of the two sides of a face are known to his co-religionists, and they had made a study of the spiritual and a beautiful picture of the left side of the face, more characteristic attributes, while the right side was an expression of truth.

It was a talk with Henry Ward Beecher, and he would give an explanation of the theory that sleeping more on the right side than the other would affect the face that was next the pillow. Mr. Beecher slept more on the left side, yet his face was stronger on the left side. You may be sure that Beecher was very entertaining in his remarks, but we did not discuss the question. Whether, Bryant, and a host of noted men with whom I have come in contact in the last thirty years, all exhibiting peculiar two-sided face characters, or course it is more sharply defined on one of our faces. Our facial muscles, as it were, with more ease incline to the left side. It is a very interesting study.

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