

At the Mercy of the Women.

Did you ever notice the conduct of a man who is forced by circumstances to enter a fashionable millinery store unaccompanied by a female bodyguard? If not, it will be found entertaining.

His fellow-men will pity him, but the woman will laugh at him. It is one of the few positions in which masculinity is wholly at the mercy of the fair sex. Says a well known New York milliner the other day:

"It may appear incredible, but I have seen men—men who have led in battle, who habitually mount the rostrum, who pass their lives in constant friction with their fellows, or who enjoy a reputation as favorites among women in society—enter this place alone to execute commissions for their wives, and fall suddenly into the condition of great, bashful, overgrown schoolboys when called upon to face the girls and 'speak a piece.'"

"Why is it? That's a metaphysical problem. But there is always something in the atmosphere of the place devoted exclusively to the labor and personal adornments of women which painfully disconcerts a man unless he is attended by his wife, and even then he is by no means at his ease. As an instance of this, a gentleman of acknowledged nerve and prominent in Matrimonial politics came in here recently to order a bonnet for his wife, to be sent home on approval. Before he left I was really sorry for him. A number of ladies were trying on hats, and he became so nervous that I firmly believe he didn't know the colors or the price of the bonnet he selected. He kept fidgeting and glancing about him like a thief, and when his business was concluded made a dash for the door without leaving the address, so I had to call him back. I shouldn't wonder if he took a drink to steady himself when he got outside.

The Underbred Girl.

There are some things that stamp the underbred girl like a sign-manual. She giggles, for instance, stuffs her handkerchief into her mouth, and wears her gloves with one thumb out and bare. She is usually dressed as nearly in the height of the fashion as her knowledge and circumstances permit, even if her "things" are pinned together—a pin always answering for a stitch with her. In the street she is always more or less conscious of her clothes, throws about side glances that, however innocent, expose to misconception, and receives amiable glances that would be insulting if she knew enough to be insulted instead of flattered by them. In the house she sits with her feet pushed out or her knees crossed, and one foot high in the air; she has a finger in her mouth, or thrusts her tongue into the side of it; she bites her nails, scratches her face, or keeps her hands at work on her lips or chin, or eyes. She is rather fond of pen knives, wafers of them following her as she moves, with the suggestion of burned sugar that belongs to the cheap kind, she is usually obliged to content herself with; she wears cotton face, and all sorts of shams in jewelry and adornment; and so long as her exterior satisfies her, her unseen under-clothing is of no consequence. In her conversation, too, she affects the knowledge of the world which expresses itself in slang, and not a sentence escapes her lips that is not savored with the spice of this misde of English. She may be, with all this, the soul of kindness, warm-heartedness, and even of good principle in general; but she is an exceedingly uncomfortable, mortifying, and distasteful person to be thrown with to any extent in daily life.

Heed Your Words.

That the tongue is not steel, yet it cuts. That cheerfulness is the weather of the heart. That sleep is the best stimulant, a nerve safe for all to take.

That it is better to learn to say "no" than to be able to read Latin. That cold air is not necessarily pure, nor warm air necessarily pure.

That a cheerful face is nearly as good for an invalid as healthy weather. That there are men whose friends are more to be pitied than their enemies.

That advice is like castor oil, but hard enough to take. That grand temples are built of small stones, and great lives made up of thrilling events.

That nature is a rag merchant, who works up every shred and rag and end into new creations. That an open mind, an open hand and also an open heart would everywhere find an open door.

That it is not enough to keep the poor in mind—give them something to keep you in mind. That men often preach from the house tops while the devil is crawling in at the basement below.

That life is real heroes and heroines are those who bear their own burdens bravely, and give a helping hand to those around them. That hasty words often rankle in the wounds which injury gives, and that soft words manage it; forgives curses, and forgetfulness takes away the scar.

Queer Things That Are Patented.

There is a claim in the patent office for a patent on the Lord's prayer, the specifications being that the repetition of the same rapidly and in a loud tone of voice will cure stammering.

Among odd inventions are "chicken hoppers," which walk the chicken right out of the garden when she tries to scratch; "the bee moth excluder," which automatically shuts up the bees when the bees go to roost; "the tapeworm fish hook," which speaks for itself; the educational balloon," a toy balloon with a map of the world on its surface; "side hill annihilators," stiffs to fit on the down hill legs of a horse when he is plowing along a hill side; and the "hen surprise," a device that drops the newly laid egg to the bottom of the nest, with intent to beguile and wheedle the hen into at once laying another.

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The English Language. English men of letters are perpetually scolding and bagging at one another for speaking and writing bad English, or for pronouncing it erroneously, and the fault finders make, as a rule, as many mistakes as do the writers and speakers whom they profess to correct.

And then step in, forsooth, the Americans, clad from top to toe in the shining armor of self confidence, and they airily tell us that we know not how to speak or pronounce our own language, and that to mend our ways we should take lessons of Bostonites or the Dutch-Irish-English and altogether cosmopolitan people of New York. We may needs twice a little under these strictures, for our writers are not by any means unworthy, and to the ear of a foreigner who has made only a general study of English it is certain that our pronunciation, or rather our many and discordant methods of pronunciation, or rather our many and discordant methods of pronunciation, must appear very illogical and very ludicrous.

It is not alone clergymen who draw the church service and mumble their sermons; it is not alone young ladies who, through affectation, lip or make their words, but it is the great body of English people—aye, of educated English people—who habitually stammer before they can find the word, who rarely pronounce their final consonants, who slur and shuffle their syllables into one another, who almost invariably put the wrong emphasis on the chief members of a phrase, and who, if they do not absolutely chew and swallow the ends of their vocabularies, as the modern Greeks do, utter them in such a disjointed and aliphad fashion as to make them more than half unintelligible to the foreign ear. This is why it may be quite feasible for a Frenchman to live seventeen years in England without being able to understand English.

The Rattlesnake's Bite. I am often asked what I would do if bitten while far from help. If the wound be at the tip of a finger, I should like to get rid of the part by some such autologous means as a knife or a possible hot iron affords. Failing these, or while seeking help, it is wise to quarantine the poison by two ligatures drawn tight enough to stop all circulation. The heat weakness is made worse by emotion, and at this time a man may need stimulus to enable him to walk home. As soon as possible some one should thoroughly infiltrate the seat of the bite with permanganate or other agents. By working and kneading the tissues the venom and the antidote may be made to come into contact, and the former be so far destroyed. At this time it becomes needful to relax the ligatures to escape gangrene. This relaxation of course lets some venom into the blood round, but in a few moments it is possible again to tighten the ligatures, and again to inject the local antidote. If the dose of venom be large and the distance from help great, except the knife or cautery little is to be done that is of value. But it is well to bear in mind that in this country a bite in the extremities rarely causes death. I have known nine dogs having been bitten by as many snakes and of these dog had two died. In India there would have been probably nine dead dogs.

All About the Blackbird. You all know the old "Sing a Song of Sixpence." Have you ever read what it meant? The four and twenty blackbirds represented twenty-four hours. The bottom of the pie is the world, the top crust is the sky that overarches it. The opening of the pie is day dawn, when the birds begin to sing, and surely such a sight is a "dainty dish to set before the king."

The king who is represented as sitting in his parlor counting out his money, is the sun; while the gold pieces that slip through his fingers are golden sunshine. The queen who sits in the dark kitchen, is the moon, and the honey with which she regales herself is the moonlight.

The industrious maid, who is in the garden at work before the king—the sun—has risen, is the day-dawn, and the clothes she hangs out are the clouds, while the bird which so tragically ends the song by "tipping off her nose" is the hour of sunset. So we have the whole day—in a pie.

A Substitute for Liquor. Mrs. Hayes always declared that a perfectly adequate substitute for liquor, when needed as a stimulant, could be found in hot milk, and after any cold or wetting she gave this in place of the wine or whiskey which others would have considered necessary. This is, by the way, a custom of Mrs. Cleveland's also, who discovered after the fatigues of the many long and wearisome receptions she was obliged to go through, standing for hours on her feet and shaking hands with hundreds of people, that nothing would restore her so quickly as a cup full of boiling milk brought to her by her maid, and which she drank in little sips as hot as it possibly could be taken. The Washington girls caught the idea from her, and finding how quickly it helped them after a hard day of calls and social duties, they began to substitute it for the various malt preparations they had been in the habit of taking, or the hot wine and water which they usually administered when they were called to dress for their next engagement.

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A European Hair Mart. The demand for false hair at present day is very great. We get some idea of the magnitude of the trade from the fact that the hair merchants of London annually import of hair annually, and that the dealers harvest upward of 100,000 pounds of hair a year. It is a black hair, and is collected in the north and south of France. The supply there is not so abundant as it cannot be supplied simply by the sources and regular season for the supply. There are itinerant dealers who purchase hair, paying for the head of hair from one to five francs, and then to its weight and beauty, according to the weight and beauty of the hair, ranging from eleven to fifteen ounces. The peasant girls are willing to part with their hair, and will accept silks, lace, ribbons, etc., with which the traffickers are supplied. The latter attend to the hair and merry-makings as the best, and ply their vocation, and the girls have their hair to market just as they wear peas, cabbage, etc.

The hair is dressed and assorted into wholesale houses, and sold to the retailers at ten francs a pound. The profit, knowing that one customer refuses to pay it another will buy. Light hair is almost everywhere a German product. The dealer is able to distinguish the nature of the hair, whether French or English or Irish, Scotch or Welsh. Nay more, they assert that they can name the province in which the hair was gathered—even between the districts of Central France, though the difference is no miles apart. The difference is so very slight that the hair is not so very much to be detected any.

Removing Stumps. It is no easy matter to remove stumps from a newly cleared field, to do so at once for any considerable number will be found to cost more than the use of the land they occupy worth, until they have decayed, and their removal by fire or otherwise is comparatively easy. Stumps have partly decayed roots can often be removed by placing the largest end of a long and stout piece of timber against the side of the stump and chaining it fast, then, by means of the other end of the lever pulling it to bore a hole as deep as you can in the center of the stump in the hole with water and plug it in.

In the spring remove the plug and fill with kerosene oil and allow it to ignite. This it will do, and will burn the stump to smolder away until the experiment is one that can be tried. There is no doubt that waiting a season's stump with oil by being into it or otherwise will greatly facilitate its burning. As a preliminary it will find best to leave stumps to season and then destroy them as fast as you can with fire. Stumps are especially blown out with dynamite, but few farmers care to handle this explosive. When expense is not a consideration, stumps pullers may be resorted to.

How He Sold the coat. A Market merchant tells how he sold a second hand coat that had been worn but a few times. He had accordingly tried to sell the coat to different colored men, but always failed. He tried a new scheme. He got a clean pocketbook and stuffed it generously with paper and put the book in the pockets of the coat. He asked a negro man and wanted to sell him the coat. The "colored gentleman" didn't desire to buy the coat, but you just try it on. It belonged to a man who has plenty of money, but he no use for the coat. The negro put the coat on, put his hands in the pockets and of course felt the full pocketbook. His eyes fairly dilated with astonishment, but pleased, expressed "Boss," he inquired, "what do you ax for dis coat?" "Three dollars and fifty cents," take it boss?" and with the splash of a fortune the dusky Jack took the coat and went on his way rejoicing.

Gun Powder Made of Straw. Some experiments have lately been made in order to test a new gunpowder which is prepared by chemical means from straw. Its advantages are said to be that it is smokeless, gives no flash, will not heat or foul the barrel of the gun, and that the recoil and report are diminished. The experiments were made at Harrow, and were conducted with similar experiments with ordinary gunpowder. The advantages of straw powder for this new powder do not seem to be quite realized by these experiments, but there is no doubt that it is a powerful explosive and that it is smokeless and smokesless. It is said that it would seem too, that it is 150 per cent. stronger than black gunpowder, and it is conclusively proved that it cannot be exploded by mere concussion. The experiments are full of interest, and there is no doubt that the powder will be valuable in several applications.

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