

### A SUPERSTITIOUS STRUGGLE.

A writer on "Superstitions" in the Chicago Tribune says: "If a light goes out unexpectedly or you extinguish it accidentally you must speak no word until you be relieved of it. If there are no matches in the house, the appropriate until some are found and utilized, or fire and fearful troubles will follow. An incident of this kind occurred not long ago. A well-known ancient maiden lady, well up in all super-religious commentaries and articles of faith, suddenly put out her odoriferous kerosene illuminator. Not a match was seen, not a spark of fire, as from parlor to kitchen she wended. What should she do? A mile to the nearest store and a quarter of a mile to her nearest neighbor's. She had just lighted her lamp to see about finding her sun-bonnet, that she might carry the news that she had just learned from a neighbor of a little unpleasantness between two other neighbors, when a gust of wind blew it out. She dared not speak; for who knew what might be the fearful result. Grasping a pencil, she rushed to the neighbor's, and on a huge piece of brown paper wrote in Brobdignagian characters the word 'matches'. Her face worked convulsively; her tongue protruded; she clasped one hand over her mouth. They implored her to speak, and the convulsions of her features were frightful to witness. She waved her hand hysterically. She wrote 'matches' in characters of all sizes; and, at last, in letters which had been the sounds they represented, would have been stentorian, 'I want matches!' They brought them to her and she rushed back. The good friends were alarmed. Was she insane? Had she any unformed purpose of cremation? They followed her. The first match was damp and refused to ignite. A groan, a gasp, an invisible convulsion. The second lighted and went out before the wick was reached. The third broke off at the top. The fourth was a fraud and had no igniting principles. But the fifth burned steadily; and the struggle which had evidently been going on in darkness, the fearful spasm which might be hydrophobia, perhaps, passed off as the wick flamed up, and she hoarsely gasped out to her terrified and sympathetic neighbors who had followed her home. 'They say Deacon Jones and Mrs. Jones are at the court get a divorce.' Could any deity demand greater sacrifice of a devotee than this good lady's offering at the shrine of the occult?"

### BULLS NOT IRISH.

It was a Scotch woman who said that the butcher of her town only killed half a beast at a time; it was a Dutchman who said that a pig had no mark on his ears except a short tail; and it was a British magistrate, who, being told by a vagabond that he was not married, responded, "That's a good thing for your wife." It was an English reporter who stated, at a meeting of the Ethnological Society there was exhibited "casts of the skull of an individual at different periods of adult life, to show the changes produced in ten years," though Dean Swift certainly mentions two skulls preserved in Ireland, one of a person when he was a boy, and the other of the same person when he grew to be a man. It was a Portuguese mayor who enumerated among the marks by which the body of a drowned man might be identified when found, "a marked impediment in his speech." It was a Frenchman, the famous Carlini, who, contentedly laying his head upon a large stone jar for a pillow, replied to one who inquired if it was not rather hard, "Not at all, for I've stuffed it with hay." It was an American lecturer who solemnly said one evening, "Parents, you may have children, or if not, your daughters may have." And it was a German orator, who, warming with his subject, exclaimed, "There is no man, woman or child in the house, who has arrived at the age of fifty years, but what has felt this truth thundering through their minds for centuries."

### THE IMPOSSIBLE WOMAN.

Ideal wives, according to an Irish writer, are of low stature and extremely fair. They are soft and gentle in manner and slow of motion. They have blue eyes, golden hair, rich mezzo-soprano voices, and wear moderate dress-improvers. Their hair and its color are their own; and they fear strong men, but like to look at them from windows, balconies, carriages, and other places of security. They are a trifle happy, and have not been married to their first love. They cannot sew over well, but they have a positively maddening way of leaning over the backs of chairs while they are asking their husbands if they shall wear blue or pink ribbons. They care little for going into society. They never desire to obtain the good wishes of other men, save when their husband's interest is to that effect. They are not painfully clever musicians, but they know some sweet simple airs, and sing those at evening by the open window. They are liable to be defrauded by the servants, and are imposed upon by tradespeople. They regard their husbands as supreme arbiters in all matters. They would stay as they are or fly to New Zealand with him, as he desired.

### A GYPSY DIVORCE.

A camp of gypsies near Washington were visited by a reporter of the *Republican* and talked with Gitana, a gypsy maiden, we quote: "We suppose you are human beings, and have to get divorced?" "Sometimes; but it's a dreadful thing with us to get divorced, it causes grief and mourning, and blood has to be shed." "Well, pray tell us how you get divorced?" "I know I am talking too much," and the Gitana trembled as she spoke, but half a dozen bright silver quarters thrown into her lap seemed to give her assurance. "I know I am talking too much, but I'll tell you. It is this way: When a man and his wife are to be separated it is done by the sacrifice of a horse." "One is picked out which is entirely sound and free from a bruise or even a scratch, and he is led out to the spot where the divorce is to take place, and exactly at 12 o'clock. The men cast lots for the one who shall kill the horse, and for this occasion he is the priest. The priest takes a long pole in his hand and walks around the horse several times, and in a loud voice praises his good qualities and names all the persons who have owned it." "The horse is then led into the tent of the woman who is to be divorced. If he kicks round and jumps about the woman has been very bad; if he keeps quiet she has not been so bad. The priest then takes a large knife and stabs the horse to the heart, and when it is stretched out on

the ground the husband takes his place on one side of it and the wife on the other. They join hands across the horse, and repeat some sentences in the gypsy language. They then walk three times around the horse in opposite directions. "The last time, when at the head of the horse, they face each other and speak, and do the same thing at the tail. They again shake hands and separate, one going north and the other south. She never marries again, and has to wear a mourning veil, and big shoes on her feet. The heart of the horse is then taken out, roasted, sprinkled with brandy, and eaten by the husband and his friends. The horse is then buried on the spot. The husband can marry again."

### A LITTLE MISHAP IN CHURCH.

The following is Max Adeler's: One Sunday night, during the sermon in our church, the gas suddenly went out, and there was sudden darkness. The minister requested the congregation to remain perfectly quiet until the cause of the trouble could be ascertained and other lights procured. Old Mrs. Smiley, it appears, was sound asleep when the accident occurred, but just after the minister had finished speaking to the congregation she awoke. At first she thought she had become blind, but as she sat by the window she immediately saw the light in the street, and then she knew that the congregation had gone home, and that she had accidentally been locked in by the sexton. Dreadfully frightened at the loneliness and horror of her situation, she picked up a hymn-book, and, dashing it through a pane of glass in the window, she put her head out and began to scream for help. Her shriek impressed passers-by with the idea that the church was on fire, and in an instant the alarm was given. A moment later the engines arrived, and just as the sexton began to light the gas again, one gang of the firemen began playing through the broken window on Mrs. Smiley's spring bonnet, while another gang poured a three-inch stream up the middle aisle with such force as to wash the Rev. Dr. Hopkins, the minister, out of the pulpit and down among the high hats which were floating around by the pew doors. Eventually the matter was explained, and the fire department went off the water and went home. But the deacons want to know how, if Mr. Smiley refuses to pay the bill for repairs to the church, he can ever look a fellow-worshiper in the face again.

### A LESSON IN MANNERS.

Harry sat at his father's side at a friend's table. Somebody passed him the bread. Harry touched a piece that was dry, so he dropped it and took a softer one. "My son," said the father, reprovingly, "never touch a piece of bread or cake that you don't mean to take." Harry ate his bread and remembered. After a while the cakes were passed round. When it came to Harry, the little fingers made a quick, adroit movement and hauled off three large slices. "Why, Harry!" cried the father. "Well, papa," said the boy, bravely, "you told me to take all the pieces I touched, and I touched all these." "No, no, my son; I said to touch only what you meant to take." "And that's just what I did, papa. I meant to take every one, and I tried for that other big slice with the pile of sugar on it, but I didn't quite get it. Every body laughed, and the father wisely concluded to give Harry his next lesson in table etiquette at home."

### A SOLITARY TWIN.

The "Fat Contributor" furnishes the *Utica Observer* the following strange story of a "twin": "There was a woman out West who gave birth to one twin—just one, that's all there was of him. She never had another solitary twin so long as she lived. He was a melancholy child from the first, and wore such a lonesome look. He always seemed to be watching and listening for somebody who never came. He appeared to realize that he wasn't all together—that he was a kind of human parenthesis with one bracket gone—animated dumb-bells, and one dumb-bell missing—a 'pair' that couldn't beat deuces and hardly worth drawing to. He used to moan in his sleep and paw around on his pillow for the missing brother. When that boy grew up he was different from any boy I ever knew—that is to say any one boy. He seemed more like two boys—at least he was altogether two boys—terrible for one. If he had a fight it was with a boy twice as big as he was, for he seemed to feel, somehow, as though there were two of him, or ought to be. He always managed to get two pieces of pie at the table, just as if one was for the other of him who wasn't there, and there was a thin pretense of taking care of it for him, but he always took care to eat it, I noticed. He only half-learned his lessons, and double-entry book-keeping nigh about set him crazy, because as I told you, there wasn't but half of him there, and he couldn't double entry. He wouldn't sleep with any other boy because, he said, it crowded 'em. He grew up, but he never got married. Once or twice he attempted to court a girl, but left her when it was half done, as though that other twin of his would be along and court the other half. I heard that he died from sheer loneliness, but I only believe half I hear about that boy, anyhow. If he be dead, you can bet he is only half dead."

### MAPS BY TELEGRAPH.

A member of the Parisian Academy of Science has devised a method whereby exact maps and diagrams may be transmitted by telegraph. A numerically graduated semi-circular plate of glass is laid by the telegrapher over the map to be transmitted, and a pencil of mica, attached to a pivoted strip of metal, also divided into numbers, allowed to move over the plate. Looking through a fixed eye-piece, the operator traces out his map on the glass with the adjustable mica pencil, and, noticing the numbers successively touched on the plate and on the moving metal arm, tele-graphs them to his correspondent, who, by means of an exactly similar apparatus, is thereby enabled to trace out an exactly similar map.

"What is love, Nannie?" asked a minister of one of his parishioners, alluding, of course, to the word in its spiritual sense. "Foot, eye sir!" answered Nannie, blushing to use the word. "I don't ask me sic a daft-like question; I'm sure ye ken as well as me that love's just next to cholera. Love is just the worst inside complaint for a lad or lassie to have."

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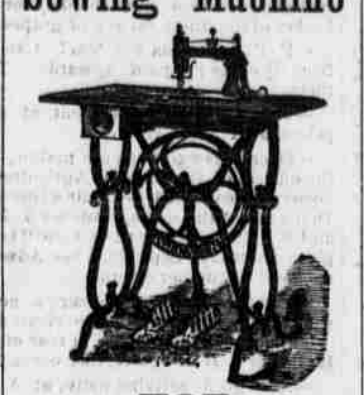
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