

THE TRYST.

Alone I wait in the old beechwood. At our tryst the wind is blowing...

AFGHANISTAN VENDETTAS.

How Deadly Blood Feuds Are Waged in the Khyber Pass. During the time I have been in India...

FUN IN THE FOOTNOTE.

A Popular Librettist's Condition Withheld a Joke on Prospective Bride. W. S. Gilbert does not retain all of his humor for use in his librettos...

Manners Outside the Navy.

The ordinary woman's respect for rank and station was not connected with his beloved vessel's deck...

Phrases of Nones Ending in "O".

In the formation of the plural of nouns with this ending the general rule is that it is added to singular...

Crabs and Earthquakes.

For some time previous to the day upon which the great Chilean earthquake occurred swarms of crabs of an unknown variety were seen in the bay of Paita...

"To the Lamp-post."

This is a misstatement of "A Lantern." There was no lamp-post. The lamp was hung over the middle of the street...

Wonderful Pumping Engines.

The standard attained by the performance of modern pumping engines is pretty high, as was illustrated by an incident which was recently chronicled here in New York...

They Help One Another.

A singular custom prevails among the Tartars or Kurds. If a man gets into difficulties he goes to his neighbor or other movable property...

Japanese Fireworks.

In Nagasaki, Japan, there is a fire works maker who manufactures pyrotechnic birds of great size that were exploded last in a like manner through the air and perform many movements exactly like those of living birds...

No Cause for Commiseration.

"Poor Diddle!" They say he got a pair of beautiful black eyes lately. I feel sorry for him. "You mean?" He got a very hard young girl with them. "Short Skirt."

CONTRASTS IN NAPLES.

Only a Step From Royal Magnificence to the most squalid poverty. The contrast between the palaces of Naples is to walk from the royal palace, with its fine marble staircase...

When Hunger in China.

There was a painful lack of variety at our food. My dining of three days had been in thinking of food champagne, sherry, cocktails, and drafts of beer, whiskeys and sodas...

A Day in the Cases.

Mrs. De Good. I heard the awfullest things about Mr. De Good today. They say he stole the church funds. Mr. De G.—Nonsense. "Oh, I've no doubt it's true. Mrs. Verapod, that horrid young widow you know, seems to be infatuated with him, and I shouldn't wonder a bit if he had not a few more of the same kind."

The Decay of the Weekly.

Brummet went to prison for debt, but came out again to resume his life. His friends had given him a small allowance of £150 per annum—equal to £200—but he could not be expected to live on such a pittance. When he had not a farthing left in the world he would order best polish at 5 francs a bottle from Paris and call the tradesman who supplied it "a scoundrel!"

Hottest American Town.

The seashore who flee to the mountains and people in summer days, as if he had been a sitting termination to his useless life.—Lippincott's.

Mrs. Mobs' First Appearance.

Mrs. Mobs recently had an interesting account of her first public appearance. "I was quite a young girl in Australia," she said, "when, notwithstanding the persistent discouragement of my father, who was averse to the idea of a singer's career for me, I engaged a hall and went round a notice to all my friends. Unfortunately somebody mentioned the little scheme to my father, and he, being so far from being a man of business, begged every one of his acquaintances to uphold his parental authority by ignoring the performance. But I was disappointed, and at the hour announced for the commencement of my concert stepped on to the platform—to find myself face to face with an audience of two. And nobody else came."

A Hard Pic.

That German was a delight, her cooking was often fine, but she was interesting. Her first efforts at pastry making were lamentable. "Margaret, what are those little cakes you are making?" The crust was like a stone. "Oh, madame, I worked so hard. I said to myself, 'Now be harder I work to better it will be,' so I rolled and I rolled, and I rolled and I rolled, and now it is done."

Angelic Acid.

Angelic acid, there is an angelic acid, obtained from that graceful of our umbelliferous plants, cultivated in England in the sixteenth century as a herb and still used as a sweetener. From this "herb angelic," or "root of the Holy Ghost," whose fragrance was reputed good against poison and pestilence, was also distilled a perfume, called angelic, and at the present time, affected by the beauties of the seventeenth century. "I met," says Selby, "the prettiest creature in New Springingham, an angel, was the worst I ever saw about."

Carriage Sea Dangers.

New York, November 23.—Andrew Carnegie, in a signed letter to the World, repeats his argument against the proposed expansion. The recent statement of Secretary Gage that he had been converted to the policy of expansion is discussed by Mr. Carnegie, and he claims that the Secretary's statement is a gross misstatement, and cannot be considered an authority upon a question involving both interests. The annexation of the Philippines, Germany and Japan over matters of trade, possibly resulting in war. If the President through the Philippine trade open to all other nations, he will antagonize the American labor. If he accedes to other nations by means of high tariff, he antagonizes the whole of Europe, and has war upon his hands to a certainty—this line he would spin to deal with, but the overwhelming moral power of Mr. Carnegie, who was "posted" by the Cabinet and the President as well, should declare themselves upon this question and set at rest the uncertainty now existing.

High Priced Game.

Scranton, November 17.—Doctor Festerick, a Philadelphia physician, who was gunning recently in Pike county, paid dearly for inability to discriminate between wild turkeys and the domesticated birds. Becoming separated from the party with which he was trading the wilds of Pike, the Doctor came upon a flock of what he supposed to be wild turkeys. The birds did not fly, and he fired repeatedly at them. His friends hurried to his aid, and the Doctor, who had been pointed to the heap of seven birds which had fallen as the result of his prowess. The turkeys belonged to Farmer Noak, who promptly had Frederick arrested, and set at rest the uncertainty now existing. "Is not the young man worthy and well to do?" he asked. "Oh, yes," replied the old man, testily. "He's a good man."

Ladies' Spirit Points Out Gold.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 18.—Gold ore which assays as high as \$5 to the ton is reported to have been discovered on the farm of John Springer, near Midway, Washington County. The story given out in connection with its discovery is that its presence was detected through the intervention of a Pittsburgh woman, a spiritualist, who was "posted" by the most of Broad Ax, an Indian chief. A severe prostrating of coughing may be arrested by a tablespoonful of glycerine in a wineglass of hot milk.

True Bills Against Quay.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21.—The Grand Jury to-day presented to the County Court true bills of indictment against United States Senator M. S. Quay, his son—Richard R. Quay—and six State Treasury Employees. It is charged with conspiracy to unlawfully use public moneys deposited in the People's Bank of this city for the purchase and sale of stocks and for other purposes authorized by law.

THE TILTING THE EARTH.

M. Fouché, the vice president of the French Astronomical Society, has invented a way of altering the present inclination of the earth's axis to the ecliptic. What he wants to do is not very clear. Perhaps, however, he doesn't want to do it and merely puts forward his method as one possessing a purely scientific interest. In all events, it is worthy of the attention of company promoters.

All that has to be done, as described by invention, is to dig an enormous circular ditch, say, in Africa or South America (the center must be on the equator) and to fill it with sea water. Fresh water will do if you can get enough of it, but as the radius of the ditch is to be measured in miles, it is hardly likely. Having got your ditch full of sea water, nothing remains but to make it race round and round in the trench, whereupon the earth's axis will begin to point toward distant quarters of the heavens from those it indicates at present. The amount of deviation will depend on the radius of the ditch, the amount of water, the latitude of the heavens from those it indicates at present. The amount of deviation will depend on the radius of the ditch, the amount of water, the latitude of the heavens from those it indicates at present.

A TOUCHY OLD COMMODORE.

Insisted on Running His Own Man-of-war Even on Sundays. A story is told of an old commodore at the Boston yard whose method of measuring religious affairs was the same as that of the old-fashioned puritan. One Sunday morning he was aroused from his nap by something out of the usual routine being announced from the pulpit, and he sternly addressed the congregation in the following terms: "What's that? The chaplain demurely repeated the notice that 'by order of the bishop of the diocese divine services will be performed in this chapel on Thursday evening next.' " "By whose order?" "By order of the bishop of the diocese."

All Around the Farm.

Onions, to keep well, must be perfectly cured and dry, with top and root all perished away. They will keep best in a dry, cool room safe from freezing, or, when once slightly frozen, by being kept frozen. Never put in barrels or in deep boxes or bins. Shallow open crates are all right. If you have some dry room not much subjected to sudden changes of temperature it may be used for storing onions. Spread them on the floor, say six or eight inches deep; leave them there until frozen, then cover deeply with straw or similar material and keep them frozen. Do not handle until they have gradually thawed out again.—Farm and Fireside.

Captain Sigree's Story of the Destruction of "MAINE."

The arrival in Havana and the results to be expected in the Spanish war. The whole story of the destruction of the "Maine" will be told by Admiral Sigree's article, which will be published in the next issue of the magazine. It is a most interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the Spanish war.

The Century Magazine.

This will be a full account of the sinking of the "Maine" at Santiago, and the experience of the writer and his Spanish friends. It will be read by every American in the land. This is only one of many richly illustrated personal narratives in "The Century" magazine. The magazine is published weekly, and is one of the most interesting and valuable contributions to the knowledge of the Spanish war.

St. Nicholas Magazine.

This magazine for boys and girls is as popular a rival in its field. The features for the coming year will give for a host of new friends. A few leading attractions are: A New Henry Story, by G. A. Henry. This is a tale of early American history, by the favorite story teller of American and English boys. Trinitry Bell, by Amelia E. Barr. A delightful historical romance for girls, dealing with life in Old New York, and written by one of the most spirited and conscientious American authors. A Story for Girls, by Laura E. Richards. No writer is more welcome to the young folk of to-day than the author of "Captain January," and this is one of her best efforts. Bright Sides of History, by E. H. House. A series of amusing episodes of history, written for children in an entertaining and instructive manner. It will awaken a new interest in this important branch of study.

Philipine Girls.

The Philippine girls are interesting, but only a few are pretty. They are extremely graceful, as straight as arrows and always picturesque. A girl becomes a young woman at 12 or 13, a mother about three years later and a grandmother at 35, but even at the advanced age of 55 she is still supple and graceful. Those who were at the World's Fair in Chicago may remember the beautiful Samoan girls in the Samoan village. The type of beauty is nearly the same, and seems to be common with nearly all the Pacific islands and the Maays. The skin is yellow or brown, the hair straight and shiny black, the eyes soft and lustrous and the teeth white, except where the habit of chewing the betelnut has left them red and repulsive. The women are modest to the last degree, do not know what flirting is and are hospitable and womanly. The practice of smoking is general, and even little girls scarcely 8 years old may frequently be seen smoking cigars and pipes. The children go naked until they are 8 or 7 years old, then graduate into short skirts, and a little while later into about the same style of clothes as worn by the grown people.

A Treasure.

A clergyman who was interested in every member of his rural flock and who did all he could to promote the happiness of his charge called on a plow farmer who had caused a sensation by preventing the marriage of one of his daughters to a worthy young man. His object was not to secure a dowry, but to make his young friends happy. "Is not the young man worthy and well to do?" he asked. "Oh, yes," replied the old man, testily. "He's a good man."

The Independent.

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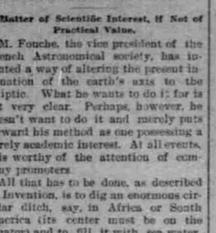
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