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CAUGHT THE MOOD.

The Incident That Helped Verdi With His "Miserere."

Men of genius are confessedly crea tures of mood. Grief and adversity have often been a real help to them rather than a hindrance. Poe, it is sald, produced "The Raven" while sitting at the bedside of his sleeping but dying wife. Many similar instances might be cited, but an anecdote of Verdi, told by Carlo Ceccarelli, will

On one occasion when Verdi was engaged on his well known opera, "Il Trovatore," he stopped short at the passage of the "Miserere," being at a loss to combine notes of sufficient sadness and pathos to express the grief of the prisoner, Manrico.

Sitting at his piano in the deep stillness of the winter night, his imagination wandered back to the stormy days of his youth, endeavoring to extract from the past a plaint, a groan, like those which escaped from his breast when he saw himself forsaken by the

world. All in vain! One day at Milan he was unexpectedly called to the bedside of a dying friend, one of the few who had remained faithful to him in adversity and prosperity. Verdi at the sight of his dying friend felt a lump rise in his throat. He wanted to weep, but so intense was his grief that not a tear flowed to the relief of his anguish.

In an adjoining room stood a piano. Verdi, under one of those sudden impulses to which men of genius are sometimes subject, sat down at the instrument and there and then improvised the sublime "Miserere" of the "Trovatore." The musician had given utterance to his grief.

QUEER JEWELRY.

Telegraph Wire Necklaces and Insulators as Earrings.

The aesthetic and decorative uses to which barbarians will turn objects which to civilized races are things of the humblest utility are amusingly filustrated by this "fashion note" from West Africa taken from an Italian newspaper:

For some time the officials of the German colony in Southwest Africa noticed that the telegraph wires and other accessories of the electrical plant disappeared as by magic immediately after they had been put up. The most diligent inquiries remained fruitiess.

From other parts of the German possessions came reports of strange predilections for articles of German commerce, as, for example, rubber heels, garters, buckles, and so forth, things

The governor of the colony gave an entertalument one year in honor of the emperor's birthday and invited the chiefs of the different tribes to it. What was his surprise when he saw these native gentlemen appear with his stolen telegraph wires twisted round their illustrious necks, The higher the dignity the more rings of the wire were round the neck.

Inquiries were soon started in the outlying villages, and it came to light that the white china insulators of the telegraph poles had become earrings. A young lady of the highest distinction in native society were a rubber heel hanging from her nose, and a young man who was a well known dandy were dangling from his ears a pair of beautiful pink silk garters.

A Soldier's Beginnings. We were visiting at Sandringham. Sir Evelyn Wood, who is very deaf, crept up as near as he could to the musicians, and in one of the pauses he said to me, "Are you fond of music?" I answered, "Yes." "Do you play anything?" I said, "No." "Well," he went on, "I am so fond of it that, would you believe it, I began to practice scales at twenty-four. But one day my sister came up and put her hand on my shoulder and said, 'My dear boy, you had better give that up,' and so I did." He also told me that he began life as a sailor, then went to the bar and finally entered the army. The only profession he had not tried was the church, and his enemies say he would have tried that, only be did not know what church to etoose,-"Life of Sir William Broadbent."

Straightforward.

He-You mustn't believe every beggar who comes to your door. She-But this was no common beggar. He was a sea captain who had lost everything in a shipwreek. He-How do you know he was? She-He told a straightforward story about how his ship went to pieces on the const of said, "I like to see a man go quickly deed noo!" News of the eleventh Earl

COLOSSUS OF RHODES.

One of the Ancient Seven Wonders of the World.

The ancients succeeded in making that alloy of copper which is known as bronze. Among the seven wonders of the world was the famous statue, wholly made of bronze, historically known as the Colossus of Rhodes. It represented Phoebus, the national deity of the Rhodians. It was begun by Chares, a pupil of Lysippus, the sculptor, and was completed by Laches 288 B. C. The popular belief is that it stood astride the harbor of Rhodes, that it was 105 feet high and that ships could easily sail between its legs, Pliny said that few men could clasp its thumb. It was cast on metal plates, afterward joined together, and this process occupied twelve years. In the interior was a spiral staircase reaching into its head, and in a great mirror suspended to its neck were reflected the coast of Syria and the ships sailing

After it had stood for sixty-four years this colossus was overthrown by an earthquake, and its remains lay on the shore for 923 years-that is, until A. D. 672-when they were sold by the Saracens to a dealer. The original eost was 300 talents-about \$6,000,000and it is not too much to say that a similar image might be constructed now in one-fourth of the time and at one-third of the original cost. Rhodes, by the way, must have had colossus on the brain, for Pliny relates that the port was adorned with 1,000 colossal statues of the sun.

LONDON THEATERS.

The Ordeal of Getting Past the Aged Ticket Taker.

The first difference I always find between going to the play in London and to feel that he is a patron of the house. while in London he is greeted by the staff of the theater not exactly as an intruder, but as a necessary evil. They appreciate that an audience is a necessary evil, but sooner than have one they would almost prefer to close the

In London for that importantly strategle outpost of ticket taker an old man of eighty is always employed. You think this is accident, but it is not. Old age naturally suggests failing eyesight, and when he keeps you waiting in the foyer while he examines your ticket and assures himself that it is not a laundry bill or a motor bus receipt you attribute the delay to his old eves. But in detaining you be has a motive. Standing at his elbow, scowlwhich the natives of those countries do | ing darkly, there always is another man, apparently a plain clothes out from Scotland Yard, uncomfortably disguised in evening dress, And while the aged ticket taker pretends to scrunitize your ticket the lookout man scans you. You cannot escape his eye. He never sleeps. No American, no matter how reckless, can hope to pass that man with a concealed bomb or a revolver or wearing a white tie with a dinner coat.-Collier's.

Flies at Sea. The finding of flies and butterflies a long way out at sea is perhaps to most readers a fact not very well known. A recent traveler in the tropics relates that when thirty miles out from land a plague of flies overtook the vessel on which he was steaming. The cabin was so full of them that the beams were blackened. Common black housefiles they were for the most part, with, however, a good sprinkling of large green files. Where they could have come from was a mystery, but they were a terrible anisance, and, although those on board swept off hundreds in a net, their numbers were not sensibly diminished. Another singular circumstance was that, although no land was in sight, large dragon flies repentedly flew across the ship, and a large dark butterfly was observed to flit across in the direction of the nearest land, quite thirty miles away, without stopping to rest on the vessel at all.-London Globe,

Both Rather Flippant.

There is a curious parallelism between two stories told respectively of the late Mr. Spurgeon and of Dean

Mr. Spurgeon on hearing of the devastation wrought by an earthquake in Essex merely remarked, "I am glad to hear that my county is moving at last," The dean of St. Patrick's, Dublin, was watching with a friend the roof break the sympathy, for a new one of a building on which several men were at work fixing slates. Suddenly one of the men vanished. Thereupon the dean turned to his companion and this on a still day, cried, "The laird's through his work."

HOW LONG IS A DAY?

Some of the World's Inhabitants Eat 315 Meals During One.

If we should meet a man and h should casually remark that he ate 315 meals yesterday we would doubtless be somewhat astonished at his appetite. Likewise we would feel sorry for the man who said that, having foolishly eaten three eggs with bacon for breakfast, he had no appetite for his Christmas dinner. But maybe the first man was from Spitzbergen, where they have a day three and a half months in length, whereas the poor chap who missed the Christmas feast lived in Finland, at Torena, where Christmas day is something less than three hours long.

On the whole, it would be rather wise if one should undertake to do certain work, to receive so much per day in payment, to understand just where the work is to be done, else one might have to labor eighteen and a half hours at Stockholm, if it happened to be the longest day of the year, or all the time from May 21 to July 22 if at Wardbury, in Norway, In St. Petersburg the longest day is nineteen hours and the shortest five hours. At Torena, Finland, there is a twenty-two hour day. At London and Bremen the longest day is sixteen and a half hours, while at Hamburg and Dantzig there are seventeen hours in the longest day. In Washington the longest day is about fifteen hours.-Exchange.

HIS CONUNDRUM.

Propounded In Prose, It Was Answered In Rhyme.

In the olden time before the war, the days so famous for generous hospitality in the south, a brilliant party was assembled at dinner in a beauin New York is that in New York the tiful country homestead. Across the man who has paid for a seat is made table wit flashed back and forth, and the guests began to vie with one another in proposing conundrums.

Mr. Alexander H. Stephens offered one which puzzled the whole company, "What is it that we eat at breakfast and drink at dinner?"

For some time no answer came, and the bright eyes of the southern orntor began to sparkle with triumph, when Colonel Johnson, taking up the "Commonplace Book" of the hostess, which lay conveniently by, wrote Impromptu upon the flyleaf the following answer: What is eaten for breakfast and drunken

for dinner? Is it coffee or eggs or butter or meats? Sure double the stomach of obdurate sin

Who eats what he drinks and drinks what he eats.

But let us consider. 'Tis surely not but Nor coffee nor meats, whether broiled of boiled aggs nor peached nor fried i

a batter. It must, then, be bread. Ah, yes-when -Atlanta Constitution.

Glassware and Hardware.

On occusions of impending danger people sometimes do what seems to them most absurd at other moments. When the steamship America, which carried one of the Ziegler exploring expeditions to Franz Josef Land in 1903, was being crushed by ice the following winter it became necessary to abandon the ship in haste. Orders were given to unload upon the ice everything that would be of use in the long winter yet before the men. The work must be done with dispatch.

While the crew was passing the bags over the side of the ship the cook who was of an excitable nature, suddealy appeared at the rail with a large bag, which he heaved over with all his strength. It struck the leg below with a resounding crash, causing one of the sailor's to exclaim:

"Hello, cook, what was that?"

"Oh, that is all right," he answered. It was lamp chimneys and flatirons,' But it was hardly all right, for durng the winter they were obliged to cut the bottoms out of pickle bottles and use them in place of chimneys that had Leen broken.

The Falling Branch. In the grounds of Dalhousie castle,

Scotland, is said to be a famous example of the sympathy of the vegetable world with human death. It was anciently believed in the neighborhood that a branch always fell from this oak when a member of the family died. Apparently the fall of the original tree early in the eighteenth century did not sprang from the old roct, and it is upon record that as lately as 1874 an old forester, seeing a branch fall from of Dalhousle's death soon followed.

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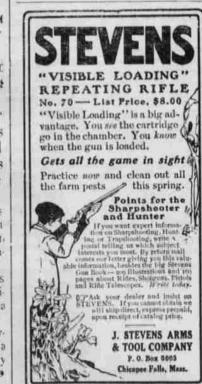
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