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HIS THOUGHT



Henson—He said he could never forget his alma mater. I wonder what he meant?
Henpeck—His mother-in-law, I guess.

REAL STAGE TRAGEDY



Manager—You think you could play 'Hamlet!' Go to—
Tragedian (hissing)—S'death! You sordid managers do but envy me fame. Then, forsooth, swallowing me just rancor and proper pride, may I bespeak a minor part?

Manager—Too bad; you haven't enough brains to be Hamlet, and have too much to be the skull.

On Sanity's Border Line.
Experts can hardly define the thin line that separates the insane from the sane. There is a twilight of the mind in which many people buy and sell, love and divorce, marry and give in marriage and live and die. At no time in their lives are they really insane more than a few moments at a time and yet they live in a world that is jangled, out of tune and different from that all around them.

Evidently a Diplomat.
A courtier taking leave of Louis XIV., who was sending him as an ambassador to a foreign court, was told by the king: "My most important instruction for you is to pursue a policy entirely different from that of your predecessor." "Sire," said the diplomat, "I will endeavor to do so, that your majesty may not repeat the advice to my successor."

ONE WAY TO BUILD A ROAD.

How Some Kentucky Women Succeeded Where Men Failed.

Everybody is in favor of good roads as an abstract proposition, but when it comes down to the concrete—that is to say, to sand and gravel—there are differences of opinion. Some Kentuckians there are who declare themselves strongly for good roads, but say they do not know how to go about getting them.

One way to go about it has been exemplified recently by the Federated Woman's Club of Brandenburg. The members of that live organization felt the need of a good road from Brandenburg to Weldon, a station on the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis Railroad. Brandenburg has no railroad and when the citizens of that town go travelling they either take a steamer or drive over to Weldon to take the train.

Meade county mud possibly is a few degrees worse than the mud anywhere else in Kentucky. The male citizens of Meade have been handling the road question in the same way that many other Kentucky counties have been handling it—Mud multiplied by mud produces more mud, but the male citizens of Meade didn't seem to know it.

The women woke up to the situation first and they determined to "pike" the road from Brandenburg to Weldon. They raised more than \$2,000 by private subscription and they asked the Fiscal Court to do the deed. The court came across with an appropriation of \$2,000 as an evidence of good faith. The road will be built. It will be possible to travel from Brandenburg to Weldon without breaking a harnessing or straining a single tree. A wagon will not be a load for a four horse team, and walking will not be an impossibility, when a big thaw comes.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Working Backward.

A Japanese house is built quite differently from an English one. The floor, which with us is the last important part of the outward structure to be completed, is with the Japanese the first thing to be finished. All the tools used by the carpenters and joiners have a reversed action. The Japanese carpenter does not push a plane a way from him, but pulls it toward him. The gimlets are threaded in the opposite way to ours; the saws are made so as to cut on the upward pull and not on the downward thrust; screws have their threads reversed, and keyholes are always made upside down and the keys turned backward. In the house if the clock is an old one it will have stationary hands, with the face revolving backward and the hours marked 5, 7, 8, 5, 4, 3 and so on, reckoning onward from noon.—London Globe.

Vicar of One Parish 71 Years.

The Rev. Henry Martyn Sherwood, who recently completed seventy-one years as vicar of the parish of White Ladies, Aston, placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop of Worcester. Mr. Sherwood was graduated from Oxford seventy-six years ago and was ordained deacon in 1836. He accepted the living of White Ladies in 1839, and four years later was also appointed to the incumbency of Broughton Harbeck, which he held until 1898. It is claimed for the retiring vicar that he is the oldest clergyman in the diocese of Worcester.—London Evening Standard.

A Royal Sportswoman.

The Comtesse de Paris, who went shooting at Wood Norton with her grandson, King Manoel, ranks with the Duchess of Bedford and a few other society leaders as one of the best lady shots in England. The Orleans and the Bourbons have always been devoted to sport, and the Comtesse has been an enthusiastic and clever shot since her early girlhood. A good many years have passed since the Comtesse when staying at Sandringham astonished the natives of Norfolk by her prowess with the gun, few members of the royal shooting parties acquiring themselves better.—Westminster Gazette.

Cheese Boxes Imported.

About two thousand imported Camembert cheese boxes, bearing the names of well-known French cheeses, were imported at New York on one steamship recently. Duty had to be paid on the printed matter on their two thousand labels, and another duty on the imported boxes. According to a New York trade journal, these boxes are filled in New York State and sold as coming from abroad.

Girl Slaves.

In Yunnan, China, girls are still sold into slavery. In one year about 300 children for this neighborhood were sold to dealers and carried to the capital in baskets like poultry. At ordinary times the price for girl is 3s. 2d. for each year of their age, but in time of famine children become a drug on the market.—Tit-Bits.

Bull Trout.

Only about 20 per cent. of salmon spawn before they return up the river form the sea, and those that do return after spawning are coarse, and when cut up, white in the flesh; in fact, are known as bull trout, for so called "bull trout" are not a different kind of fish, but are plainly salmon which have spawned.

There is only one sudden death among women to eight among men.

Convenient Shoe Horns.

A problem which has agitated the feminine mind for some time has been successfully solved at last. A way in which women may reach their feet unaided, even though corseted, comes to relieve those who are overburdened with obesity. How is this feat accomplished? It's simple if one possesses one of the new shoe horns which have a three-foot wooden handle attached to the horn. This novelty is imported, and though the price may seem high, the relief purchased with one of these toilet accessories is certainly worth the price.

NOVEL EYEGLASSES.

German Inventions for the Near Sighted and for the Police.

A German inventor has devised what he calls telescope eyeglasses. They are intended for the use of short sighted persons by the very simple means of enlarging the image on the retina. They are especially designed for that class of near sighted people who cannot wear the ordinary simply corrected glasses.

The monocle combination consists of two parts united in a single metal frame, a front objective lens or collector and a second nearer the eye to disperse the rays at the proper angle to make the correction for the degree of myopia in question. When properly prescribed and made, says the "Scientific American," the two lenses have such relation to each other that there is no distortion, astigmatism or colored border to the image obtained.

Another German has invented what he calls police eyeglasses. On the side next the face they have tiny concave mirrors which may be extended sidewise or be folded back so as not to show. They give the wearer if he has normal sight an image of what is going on almost directly behind him. They are proposed for the German secret police.

Primitive School Books.

The horn book invented in 1450 and used considerably up to the close of the eighteenth century was the usual text book of the elementary school. A thin slab of hard wood was covered with parchment and small letters, numerals and some elementary syllables and words.

Over this a thin sheet of transparent cow's horn was placed and firmly bound so that no moisture could penetrate. To this the Bible and the sampler on which little girls painfully stitched the letters of the alphabet, some "Godly saying" and a border of herring stitch, or some conventional pattern of impossible flowers and foliage and the legend "Mary Smith, her sampler," or the like, were about all that the child used up to the beginning of the eighteenth century.—London Globe.

Birds Rob Ohio Farmers.

Margaretta township farmers went out with guns for a pair of thieving blackbirds. Fred Blair saw one of the two leaving his dwelling through a window with his razor in its mouth. The birds inhabited a big elm tree in a field near the outskirts of the village of Teemes. A search recovered plunder in a crotch several feet above the ground. There were numerous spools of thread, several thimbles, pins, needles, hairpins, small articles of wearing apparel, collar buttons, a pair of scissors and two case knives.

The blackbirds saw the posse of farmers coming and by dodging back shot managed to make their escape. They are believed to have established a new "fence."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Louisiana Figs.

Figs as large as a hen's egg and fully ripe were on exhibition here, having been raised on the place of Martha Franklin in this city. The fig is the best crop of this section, and one crop that never fails. The trees grow from sprouts and thrive under any and all conditions. The fruit matures especially early and could be made the source of great revenue if used as the basis for canning and preserving for the market. Trees that are affected by the late frosts and freezes have put forth a second crop.—Baton Rouge correspondence New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Doctor the Best Pie Maker.

Dr. Silas E. McDonald is Oak Park's star pumpkin pie maker. His recipe won the prize position in the Euclid Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church's cook book.

He said his mother made good pumpkin pie, but his wife's was better, and he followed her plan. Here it is:

"To one quart of properly stewed pumpkin, pressed through colander, add enough good rich milk to moisten it, a teaspoonful of salt, one-half cup of molasses, one tablespoonful of ginger and one teaspoonful of nutmeg. Bake in moderate oven."

Only a Summer Dog.

A little boy was entertaining the minister until his mother could complete her toilet. The minister to make congenial conversation inquired:

"Have you a dog?"

"Yes, sir, a dachshund," responded the lad.

"Where is he?" questioned the dominie, knowing the way to a boy's heart.

"Father sends him away for the winter. He says it takes him so long to go in and out the door he cools the whole house off."—Success.

Easing a Conscience.

Mrs. A. T. Chenault last week received a letter, postmarked Cincinnati, containing a \$10 bill and the following letter:

"A long time ago I cheated you. Now I am growing old and my conscience hurts me for it. I am sending you \$10. May God forgive me."

Mrs. Chenault has no clue to the sender.—Richmond (Ky.) Register.

Reader's Appeal to Book Thieves.

Charles Reade's copy of "London Labour and London Poor" is to be sold. It contains the following note: "Charles Reade—Please steal somebody else's copy. I am weak enough to have a value for mine."—Westminster Gazette.

Hopeless Case.

"Do trouble wid me and mih wife," admitted old Brother Gaumpers, "am dat, whilst we 'gree most of de time, we don't 'gree at de same time. I kin 'gree 'bout anything, and she kin 'gree 'bout anything, but we kin't 'gree wid 'each other 'bout it. When I'm will'd 'gree wid her she won't 'gree wid me, and when she is ready 'gree wid me I've changed my mind and kin't 'gree wid her. We kin bote 'gree separate, but we kin't 'gree together on de same thing at de same time, and de mo' we tries de wuss we gits."

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