

SELECTIONS FOR A NEWSPAPER.

Most people think the selections of suitable matter for a newspaper the easiest part of the business. How great an error. It is by all means the most difficult. To look over and over hundreds of exchange papers every week, for which to select enough for one, especially when the question is not what shall but what shall not be selected, is no easy task.

THE CHOLERA.

The cold comes, and the cholera goes.—The accounts from the North and West generally concur in authorizing the conclusion that the pest is declining and will hardly survive the first frost. This will be a source of universal satisfaction. It is true that the disease has not been so extensive in its ravages this summer, as on two or three of its previous visits, but its positive attacks have been, perhaps, more malignant than ever.

No progress has been made towards unfolding the mysteries of the scourge. We remain as ignorant as before of the causes of the disease; and the means of cure still employed are almost as varied as practitioners are numerous. Its law of movement seems to set all explanation by science at defiance.

It has been far more irregular in its course this year than ever before, jumping apparently at random hither and thither, instead of regularly travelling from place to place.

All explanation of disease consists in connecting or perceiving a connection in time or place with two or more classes of circumstances, with one of which we are already familiar. If, without any exception, wherever the cholera made its appearance, a dense cloud hung over the spot, to that we should attribute the disease.

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A GENTLE HINT.—A country parson, who was not promptly paid by his parishioners, entering the church one Sabbath morning, met one of the most wealthy of his flock and asked the loan of a dollar.

"Certainly," said the man, at the same time handing him over the coin.

DOLLARD put it into his pocket and preached his preach in a most capital style, and on coming down, handed the identical dollar to the man from whom he borrowed it.

"Why," exclaimed the lender, "you have not used the money at all."

"It has been of great service to me nevertheless," replied the parson, "I always preach so much better when I have money in my pocket."

The hint was taken, and the balance of his salary was got together on the following day.

The greatest task master we ever know of is a blacksmith, who says every evening to his apprentices. "Come, boys, let's leave off work and go to sawing wood."

That blacksmith must be a brother of a farmer down east, who one season when he was building a new house, used to try and get his hired men out with him to play dig cellar by moonlight.

A PUZZLED JUDGE.—A man was arrested in Ohio recently for getting drunk. He pleaded that he had not been guilty of violation of the new law, and claimed the right of being tried by the old, on the ground that he got drunk under the old law, hadn't been sober since. The Judge was puzzled and held the case over for advisement.

AN ANSWER REQUESTED.—The question has been asked why it is considered impolite for gentlemen to go into the presence of ladies in their shirt-sleeves, whilst it is considered in every way correct for the ladies themselves to appear before gentlemen without any sleeves at all.

The Hindoo law says—"Strike not even with a blossom, a wife, though she be guilty of a thousand faults." The English law would let you "hit her again" with what the blossom grows on.

The distinguished individual, known among the ancients as Cupid, has recently changed his name to Cupidity, and will therefore devote his attention to money as well as to matrimony.

15,652 females exclaimed on entering the Sydenham Crystal Palace: "Well, I never!"

Miscellaneous.

A SERENADE.

In a late HOME JOURNAL is a poem named a Serenade, which has much of the beauty of the true poem, while it is pervaded with a humor that captivates his modern etiquette and formality, as witness the following stanzas:

Come to the enlacement, my fairy; / Come to the enlacement, my dove; / The night is remarkably airy, / And very propitious to love! / Fling round your shoulders a shawl, / For fear of the dew and the damp; / While we walk in your father's old hall, / By the light of your eyes—and a lamp.

ANECDOTES OF FASHION.

A volume on this subject might be made very curious and entertaining, for our ancestors were no less versed in, and perhaps more capriciously grotesque, though with infinitely less taste, than the present generation. Were a philosopher and an artist, as well as an antiquary, to compose such a work much diversified entertainment, and some curious investigations of the progress of the arts and taste, would be the result.

The origin of many fashions was in the endeavor to conceal some deformity of the inventor; hence, the cushions, ruffs, hoops, and other monstrous devices.

Patches were invented in England in the reign of Edward VI., by a foreign lady who thus ingeniously covered a wen on her neck.

When the Spectator wrote full bottomed wigs were invented by a French barber, one DuVillier, whose name they perpetuated, for the purpose of concealing an elevation on the shoulder of the Dauphin.

Charles VII., of France, introduced long coats, to hide his ill-made legs.

Shoes with very long points, half two feet in length, were invented by Henry Plantagenet, Duke of Anjou, to conceal a large excrescence on one of his feet.

Others, on the contrary, adopted fashions to set off their peculiar beauties—as Isabella of Bavaria, remarkable for her gallantry and the fairness of her complexion, introduced the fashion of leaving the shoulders and part of the neck uncovered.

Fashion sometimes originate in some temporary event, as after the battle of Steenkirk, where the allies wore long cravats, by which the French frequently sized them (a circumstance perpetuated on the medals of Louis XIV., cravats were called Steenkirks; and after the battle of Ramillies, wigs received that denomination.

In the year 1733, the men had no hats, but a little chapeau de bras; in 1715, they wore a very small hat; in 1753 they wore an enormous one, as may be seen in Jeffrey's curious 'Collections of Habits in all Nations.' Old Putesia, in his very rare work, 'The art of Poesia,' page 239, on the present topic gives some curious information:—"Henry VIII., caused his own head, and all his courtiers, to be polled, and his beard to be cut short; before that time it was thought more decent, both for old men and young, to be all shaven, and wear long hair either round or square. Now again, at this time (Elizabeth's reign) the young gentlemen of the court have taken up the long hair trailing on their shoulders, and think this more decent, for what respect I would be glad to know."

Fashions, indeed, have been carried to so extravagant a length as to have become a public offence, and to have required the interference of government.—Short and tight breeches were so much the rage in France, that Charles V. was compelled to banish this disgusting mode by edicts, which may be found in Mezey. It is curious that the very same fashion was the complaint in the remote period of Chaucer.

In the reign of Elizabeth of England, the reverse of all this took place; then the mode of enormous breeches was pushed to a most laughable excess. The bucks of the day stuffed out their breeches with rags, feathers and other matters, till they brought them out to a most enormous size. They resembled wool packs, and at public spectacles they were obliged to raise scaffolds for the seats of these ponderous beaus. To accord with this fantastic taste, the ladies invented large hoop skirts, which two bodies could scarcely have worn another.

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