

THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM.

James Tissot, the great French artist, who has made the remarkable illustrations for the "Life of Christ," writes of "Christmas at Bethlehem," in a letter:

The town of Bethlehem is shaped the form of a crescent, descending, which is built. On one of these terraces are grouped the massive buildings of the Latin and Greek convents, between which stands the basilica, forming the eye by the peculiar grace of its lines. All the houses are directly Jewish in appearance, with flat roofs capped by cupolas, and many of them have pointed archways which offer pleasant places for repose in hours of sun or shade.

This creeping of the houses down to the very gardens of the valley lightens wonderfully the beauty of the landscape; while in the background, toward the Dead Sea, the mountains of Judaea tower majestically above the gentle undulations of hill and vale. Every feature of this never-to-be-forgotten scene is full of sacred significance. In front of the city you are shown the field where Ruth and Boaz met, and near by the spot where the shepherds were led of our Saviour's birth. At a point nearer the crescent-shaped city is a well from which David so desired drink after doing battle. A little farther on, and quite by itself, is the tomb of Rachel, beyond which are other little fields mentioned in the Bible.

SQUAW MEN OUSTED.

The Government Dispossesses 20,000 Families in the Indian Territory.

In 1893, Henry L. Dawes, for many years one of the United States senators from Massachusetts, was appointed chairman of a commission created by Congress to endeavor to secure from the various tribes of Indians in Indian Territory, their voluntary assent to the abandonment of tribal relations.

After the commission found that local abuses had defeated its object, Congress authorized it to make a census of the tribes, ascertain who were and who were not citizens, and suggest a plan for the division of the lands of the Indians among those who were found to be citizens.

Under the last authority the commission has issued orders that all intermarried white men were intruders and would have to leave the territory. This means that fully 20,000 white, or "squaw," men who have married into these tribes must leave their families, possessions and business interests, and seek homes elsewhere.

Tribal custom, if not law, has recognized the white man who married an Indian woman as an equal Indian citizen, and, hence, eligible to acquire property. These "squaw men" have settled the greater part of the best lands, are fathers of nearly 50,000 half-blood children, and now declare they will not surrender their acquired rights.

TESTING THE QUALITY OF AIR.

An Idea as to Its Purity May Be Derived by Using Smoke or Peppermint.

Once a year is quite often enough to have the plumbing tested for the escape of sewer gas. There are two methods of doing this—the peppermint test and the smoke test. The latter, says a Chicago exchange, is regarded as the most absolute, though both are used. When such a test is made the regular escapes for the water are plugged up and smoke is pumped into the pipes from the roof. For this purpose there is a special machine which combines a furnace and a force pump. In the little furnace are put old rags or discarded Christmas trees, or anything which will make a fine smudge. As soon as these are in good smoking condition the smudge is forced down into the pipe and a tour of examination is made. If the smoke escapes at any point it can be detected at once.

The peppermint test is made from the roof also. The escapes are plugged up and then about a pint of peppermint oil is poured in the roof pipe, followed by a bucket of hot water. The odor of the peppermint is so penetrating that it will quickly escape at any defective spot. But the man who handles the peppermint has to stay on the roof until the examination is complete or the whole house will be permeated with the odor.

A REAL FORTRESS.

The Russian Monastery of Solovetsk, in Archangel, Is Well Protected.

The monastery of Solovetsk, in Archangel, Russia, is inclosed on every side by a wall of granite boulders, measuring nearly a mile in circumference, and is the best protected in the world. The monastery itself is very strongly fortified, being supported by round and square towers about 30 feet in height with walls 20 feet in thickness. The monastery consists in reality of six churches, which are completely filled with statues of all kinds and precious stones. Upon the walls and the towers surrounding these churches are mounted huge guns, which in the time of the Crimean war were directed against the British White Sea squadron. The monks who inhabited the monastery at that time marched in procession on the granite walls while the shells were flying over their heads, to prove how little they feared the attack of the British fleet. Ten thousand pilgrims come annually to Solovetsk from all parts of Russia to view the churches and the relics. They are conveyed in steamers commanded and manned solely by monks.

The Kind He Needed.

She—It cannot be. I am not worthy of you.

He—Nonsense.

She—It is true.

He—Impossible! You are an angel!

She—No, no, you are wrong. I am an idle, silly girl, utterly unfit to become your companion through life.

He—This is madness. What sort of a wife do you think I ought to have?

She—A careful, calculating, practical woman, who can live on your small salary.—Tit-Bits.

Evening Things Up.

"Look at me," exclaimed the leading lawyer, warmly, "I never took a drop of medicine in my life, and I'm as strong as any two of your patients put together."

"Well, that's nothing," retorted the physician. "I never went to law in my life, and I'm as rich as any two dozen of your clients put together."—Brooklyn Life.

The Sporting Girl.

She knows the golf language From "bunker" to "tee!" She knows all the yachting Vocabulary. She knows the bike babble Intimately! She knows tennis tackle Excellently! And that's all she does know—Betwixt you and me!—Town Topics.

THE BEST WAY.



The Gusher—Never try to part man and wife.

The Guyer—That's right. Let 'em fight it out between themselves.—N. Y. Evening Journal.

The Real Test.

To gain renown some men will wade Through fierce and bloody war; But none has won a lasting fame Until he has conferred his name On some five-cent cigar.—Chicago Tribune.

Perpetual Inquisitiveness.

"What is a professional, pop?"

"A professional, my son, is one who indulges in a sport where money figures."

"When you go fishing and buy your fish, that doesn't make you a professional, does it?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Impossible.

Patrioticus—There will never be a name like Dewey in French history.

Quibbly—Oh, I don't know. There might be.

Patrioticus—Never. There is no "w" in French anyway.—N. Y. Journal.

A Juvenile Philanthropist.

Mother—No, Tommy, you mustn't have any more turkey. I'm afraid it might make you sick.

Tommy—Well, if folks didn't get sick the doctors couldn't have any Thanksgiving.—Judge.

With All Improvements.

First Tramp—I hear they are building a new jail, with all modern improvements.

Second Tramp—That won't do us no good. You'll need a pull to get in there.—Friedberg Blatter.

The Worm Turns.

Mrs. Peck—I wouldn't act like an idiot if I were you, Henry.

Mr. Peck—No, of course you wouldn't, dear, but as you are not me you might at least try to act a little less idiotic.—Chicago Daily News.

Opposed to Further Change.

Cholly—I hope the Scotch dialect will not become fashionable.

Algy—I hope not, bah Jove! We had trouble enough in acquailing an English accent, doncherknow.—Brooklyn Life.

Always the Same.

Briggs—Isn't that the same suit you had last year?

Griggs—Yes, and it's the same suit you asked me last year if it wasn't the same suit that I had the year before.—N. Y. World.

What He'd Experienced.

Willie (after watching Norah peel and put to soak the potatoes for dinner)—Oh, mamma, I've just been seeing Norah take the clothes off the potatoes and give them a bath.—Judge.

Narrow Escape.

"That was a risky play we saw last night, wasn't it?"

"Well, yes; I did think the actors ran a risk of being mobbed by the audience."—Philadelphia Times.

Not Especially.

Henshaw—Do you consider opals unlucky?

Hardup—Oh, I don't know that they're pawned any more than other jewels.—N. Y. Evening Journal.

Correctly Stated.

Young Softiegh (getting shaved)—Are you shaving down, barber?

Barber—Um—yes, I believe you could call it that.—Town Topics.

A Bad Breaking Out.

"Do you believe that love is a sort of sickness, as some doctors say?"

"Well, yes—something of a real nature."—N. Y. Journal.



Brief Fum Hawsa Barrick.

LIEVER KERNEL HARDER.—Du denksht ferleicht Ich bin dote—oder so gor noch in Fildelfy. Awer ich bin widdar dahame on Barrick—de lavendicht oldt howd im land.

Mer hen nuch grosse tzeida g'hot eb mere Fildelfy farlussa hen. De uocht eb mer hame g'start stn, sin mere in der Theater. un Ich hob mich farzardet bis Ich gronk wore. Es wore en Naeger show, un se hen ae older, grow-kepicher Naeger dort room ga drockderes os es en sind un shont wore. Se hen ene forkawf-ed onnara fendu, un der mon woone ci-gabudda hut, hut ene g'hooked mitera for-gaishel bis are rhona nif sein schwartz bartzel hut g'hot we brode-warsht. Are hut ene glawise mael by sich g'hot un de hut ene larna de Deevil hese, un hut als mit ene gabudda. Se hen se "Aafes" g'haesa. Endlich is de Anteg'sharva un in der Hameel gonga. Yaw, Kernel, in der Himmel. Ich hobee selversama ni gae, un Ich hob usht gawinched der Sam Seeshuls, wo net on en Himmel glawhed, ware by uns gawest so are amol selver ni saena het kenna. De Polly hut rutz un wasser g'hiled. Se hut nimmy g'hiled g'hot sidder os Ich es ledst mohl hame cooma bin im books.

Well, wedes maelly dote wore hen se widder der oldt mon awfonga drockdeera bis endlich bin Ich nif-ga-joompt on g'sawd won selly binniss now net shuppa daid don daid Ich amol selver en hond drin nemma. Eb Ich maener sawga hob kenna is en karl mit Soldier glader room cooma un hut g'sawd won Ich mich net dishtera daid don daid are mich naws. Ich hob ene g'sawd Ich ware der Gottlieb Boonastiel fum Hawsa Barrick, un won are nuch mae fun mere wisa wet set are mit naws in de alley shuppa. Are hut g'sawd des ware usht en play un neemond daid wae gadoo warra; es ware usht far wisa we de Demagrawda in der South eldsg'schlaw-fa gatreat hen far em greek. Sell hut mich widdertzu meina farshont gabruht, un de Polly hut g'sawd se daid widdar Gut donka os era liever Gottlieb ken Demagrawd ware.

Noach em show sin mere ons wartzhouse far inwer nocht bliva wile mere der maixt morga free hame shartta hen wella. Se hen uns nuff g'loria uff em alligator bis mere de hawna nimmy g'haerd hen, underno uns es bed gawissa. In ame tekum der shoopt wore en hoy-shitrick. Ich hob der Naeger g'fragt farwass os sell ware. Are hut g'sawd es ware na fire-esenape; dos, in case es wartzhouse daid fire longa do set Ich de Polly on ae end tum shitrick binna, se nummer lussa un derno hanna noach groddla. Haryommer! Denk amol draw. En hoonert millune foon on ma hoy-shitrick nummer groddla im hem! De gadonka hen mich so fargelshter os Ich long net shlofa hob kenna, on won aw olles recht g'west ware het Ich anyhow net kenna wile es licht uns de gons nocht in de awga ni g'shined hut os em shier blindt g'maueht hut. Mer hen brovere es ousblousa awerhen net kenna wiles inera glagna bundel wore un mer hetta usht so good in der windt gablaesa. Morgets sin mer tree ob-g'shartt un bis owets wore mer widdar dahame.

Froh! Well, now Kernel, es hinkel-feder kissy uff em oldta rhoda shuckel-shoot wore si laeva net so waich, un brode-warsht un booch-waetzta koocha si laeva net so sees. Ich wet liever der Pollyera takessell hara singa os de moosie fun der beshta band, un won Ich in mein agena bed lie don feel Ich os won Ich im himmel room fora daid uff ra wolk, en fawna uff em hoot nn en shitick leb-koocha in yadera hond.

De ni fangleda socha shitana mere gor net s.w. Ich glawb os es yader ebber bazawled far nuch Fildelfy

What Shall We Do.

A serious and dangerous disease prevails in this country, dangerous because so deceptive. It comes on so slowly yet surely that it is often seated before we are aware of it.

The name of this disease, which may be divided into three distinct stages, is, First, Kidney trouble, lumbago, frequent desire to urinate, often with a burning sensation, the flow of urine being copious or scant with strong odor.

If allowed to advance, this reaches the second stage, or Bladder trouble, with heavy pain in the abdomen, low down between the navel and water passage, increasing desire to urinate, with scalding sensation in passing, small quantities being passed with difficulty, sometimes necessary to draw with instruments. If urine acid or gravel has formed, it will prove dangerous if neglected.

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gae usht far saena we en glawne grut os de mensch is in dem grossa teht. Won mohl en mon denket os de weldt gingt unner, de fegel shuppa singa un es wasser lawfa won are shitarva set, don set are grawd ob shartta nuch Fildelfy so os are ousfindt we en awrensliche gayador os are is. Ich hob feel g'larned in mitera trip, awer noach dem, won Ich my pick hob far my shoofing grega in Fildelfy odder in der jail don greeted der shrief en border.

Os Widdler.

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