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TUBULAR CHIMES.

The Famous Westminster Harmonies Are Rung in the Keney Tower in Hartford.

The clock in the Keney Memorial tower at Tunnel square has begun to toll the hours, and the tubular chimes which are connected with the clock mark the quarter hours by repeating in measures of four notes the famous "Westminster Chimes."

The set in the Keney Tower, says the Hartford Courant, is made up of five tubes which hang in a frame suspended by Manila tarred rope, and are struck by hammers operated by clock work. The largest of the five tubes is 9 feet 8 inches in length and 5 inches in diameter, weighs 230 pounds, and is keyed to A natural. This tube is simply for the striking of the hour, and has nothing to do with the production of the chime music. The next smaller of the tubes is four inches shorter and weighs 220 pounds. The key of it is B natural, and it is the heaviest of the chimes. The other three tubes are: E natural, 7 feet 8 inches, 180 pounds; F sharp, 7 feet, 160 pounds, and G sharp, 6 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds.

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CIGAROLOGY.

Some Indications of Character in the Manner of Handling the Weed.

When you see a man grip a cigar between his teeth and hold it fast, careless of whether it burns or not, you can set him down as an aggressive, calculating and exacting, not to say canny, individual.

If a man smokes a cigar deliberately, just enough to keep it lighted, and delights in taking it from his mouth and watch the blue smoke from it curl upward, he is likely to be an easy-going man, good-natured and honest, says an exchange.

There is another fellow who smokes intermittently, takes a puff and then rests, and fumbles his cigar about. He is apt to have little decision of character, and to be easily affected by circumstances. A man may be nervous and fumble his cigar a good bit, and in this event he is a would-be swell, vain and frivolous.

He invariably tilts his cigar upward, while a sensible, level-headed fellow will hold it straight out from his mouth. When you see a man chewing up an unlighted cigar, and twisting it about, he is nervous, but of great tenacity.

A man who cannot keep his cigar alight has a whole-souled disposition. He has a lively nature, is a hail-fellow-well-met, glib of tongue, and usually a good story teller.

The Proper Proportion.

Yeast—Half the world don't know how the other half live.

Crimsonbeak—Yes; I guess that is about the proportion that mind their own business.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Rival Belles.

He—I really believe Miss Highup tried to cut us.

She (rival belle)—If she tried she would have succeeded. Did you ever see such a hatchet face?—N. Y. Weekly.

Sufficient Explanation.

"I wonder why it is so rare for a man to marry his first love?"

"Generally because a woman of 35 has too much sense to marry a boy of 18."—Indianapolis Journal.

Point of Similarity.

"Why do you refer to him as an old gun?"

"Because he is a smooth bore."—Chicago Post.

IMPROVING THE BEES.

It Can Be Done Systematically Where Only the Right Kind of Queens Is Raised.

One would naturally suppose that there is but little if any difference in bees, and that one hive of bees was just as good as another. More particularly would this supposition exist when the bees are of the same variety or race. While it is true that certain races of bees, as a whole, are much superior to other races, yet it is also a fact that some colonies of any race are far superior to other colonies. As it is now conceded that the Italian bees are superior to all other races as a whole, it is also a fact that we not only find some colonies of this variety in any apiary, but we can find whole apiaries considerably in advance of others in usefulness. The expert apiarist understands this fully, and knows it is brought about by careful breeding. The breeder of fine stock of any kind selects his best specimens to breed from, and therefore improves his herd. Now the apiarist is not behind in the least in this respect, but selects his best stock in breeding and makes as rapid strides in this direction as anybody.

The principal point in breeding bees centers upon the queen. The apiarist has under his control the breeding of queens and can rear them from any other queen he has in his apiary, but he cannot control her matings with the male bee, as this is beyond his reason. As it is well known that the queen is the only female bee in the hive, and lays all the eggs that produce each and every bee therein, hence, to change the entire stock of the hive it is only necessary to introduce a new queen to the colony. Two colonies of bees having the same traits of character, markings, etc., cannot be found, but when all are hatched from eggs of the same queen they will have peculiarities of their own, as a colony, not found in another. For example, some colonies are more industrious and will store more honey than others, even with a less number of bees. Some are cross, and some gentle. Some are robbers and some are good citizens. Some incline to swarm, others do not under the same conditions. Some breed more rapidly and become very strong in numbers, while others do not attain great strength. Some are good comb honey producers, while others are better at filling the extractor. These are but a few of the numerous different characteristics found in bees, hence the breeds may rapidly develop and attain to a marked degree, in a short time, too, any of these points sought for.—A. H. Duff, in Journal of Agriculture.

COMBINATION HOUSE.

It Is a Poultry House, Pigeon Loft and Open Sheds, All Combined Under One Roof.

We copy from Poultry Keeper the novel house here illustrated. It is poultry house, pigeon loft and open sheds, all combined under one roof and designed for two flocks. The building may be of any desired size, but roof boards 16 feet long, spread to allow a width of 20 feet on the ground, makes a well proportioned house. If the en-

COMBINATION HOUSE.

closed portion be made eight feet wide, each shed will have a width of six feet. By making the roof-angel an exact right angle, the spread will be about three feet greater and the ground floor considerably increased. In any case, the house should be set on a wall of brick or stone not less than one foot high, and two feet would be better.

The sheds should be closed in the rear and lighted by windows.

If well seasoned rabbetted boards be used, the roof will need no other covering.

Doors for entrance to the house are at the sides, just inside the open end of sheds.

The Importance of Variety.

When the flock has received no grain but corn the hens soon begin to refuse it. This may be particularly noticed if a small quantity of oats or wheat be thrown before them. They will at once eagerly seize the grains of oats and wheat, leaving the corn untouched. This indicates that the hens require something else than that which they derive from the corn, such as the phosphates or nitrogen. After feeding oats or wheat awhile the hens will leave those grains and eat largely of corn. The proper method, then, is to keep a variety, using corn as a portion of the ration in winter, but omitting it in the summer. Among the grains we may mention wheat, corn, oats, barley and buckwheat, the best results being obtained when they are changed from one to the other occasionally.—Farm and Fireside.

Secluded Nook for Sitters.

Don't set the hens in the hen house. A worse place could not be chosen. They will be constantly disturbed by the layers, eggs will be broken and the setters will frequently be entirely crowded off the nest. Give the sitter a nest where she can attend to her duties in peace. A barrel laid on its side in some secluded spot out doors makes as good a nest as anything which can be devised. Shovel out a small cavity for the barrel to rest in and use the loose earth for forming a small embankment around it, for carrying off the surface water. Fill the barrel to a third of its depth with earth, and shape the nest in the center. With a wide board to cover the opening at night, securely held in place by stakes, the hen is most comfortably fixed for attending to her duties.—Western Plowman.

The Shock Too Much.

Medical Friend (vainly trying to find the patient's pulse)—His heart had been delicate for weeks, but he was rapidly improving and would have pulled through but for this incident.

Sympathetic Bystander—What happened?

Medical Friend—He gave his seat to a woman and she thanked him for it.—N. Y. World.

Wheat Goes Down.

De Broker—Hear about De Curbb?

De Ledger—No. What's happened to him?

"Knocked flat."

"You don't say so? Was he caught by the drop in wheat?"

"Well, yes; something like that. A barrel of flour fell on him."—N. Y. Weekly.

An Every-Day Idyl.

He walked the floor in a dry goods store,
And she, fair maid, sold laces;
And he was a man whom the girls adore,
And she was a maiden with graces.
Well, they shop-talked, as he walked and walked,
And he finally made a mash;
And after they'd married the baby he carried
Was fittingly called "Cash."
—Philadelphia North American.

SELF-EVIDENT.

The Last Gent—This can't be my hat, surely?

Manservant—That's your 'at, sir, I'm quite sure.

The Last Gent—Well, then—hanged if I haven't been and taken some other fellow's head.—Ally Sloper.

After His Defeat.

"Are you a politician, sir?"
A shadow crossed his brow.
"I thought I was one," he exclaimed.
"But I know better now."
—Washington Star.

Where Last Resort Failed.

Dr. Brook—I'm much worried about Mrs. Smith's case. Her melancholia is evidently incurable.

Dr. Jones—Have alarming symptoms developed?

Dr. Brook—Yes, her husband sent home yesterday an assortment of spring hats for her to try on, and she refused to look at them.—N. Y. World.

Club News.

Newell Little—Serving on the house committee is a thankless task!

Newsome Moore—Yes, but it has a tendency to convince a man that his predecessors were not so incompetent as he thought.—Brooklyn Life.

As Things Go.

"Your son," said the school teacher, "is very backward in his studies."

"That's funny, mused the father. "At home, in conversation with me, he seems to know it all."—Philadelphia North American.

Why It Didn't Hurt Him.

Dobbs—There's a man who shaves several times a day.

Wiggin—You don't mean it? Should think there'd be nothing left of his face.

Dobbs—It doesn't hurt his face at all. He is a barber.—Harlem Life.

Gain and Loss.

"Your wife doesn't seem to improve in health."

"No; as fast as she gains strength she uses it up telling people what is the matter with her!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Doing Her Best.

Jones—When she married him she started in to make his home a paradise on earth.

Johnson—Did she?

"Yes, she's always harping!"—Kansas City Independent.

And Then Came the Deluge.

Mrs. Anderson—There's one thing I want to say to you, John Anderson.

Mr. Anderson—Only one. I'm in luck to-night. Generally you have half a dozen.—Louisville Journal.

The Age of Discretion.

"D'yes think Bunker's reached the age of discretion yet?" "Well, hardly! He's getting married for the third time."—Half-Penny Comic.

Succinctly Stated.

Sunday School Teacher—Now, little boys, what do you know about Goliath?

Freddy Fangle—Please, ma'am, he was rocked to sleep.—Harlem Life.

Just What He Tried.

Mrs. Smiff—I wish you'd pay a little attention to what I say!

Smiff—I do, dear—as little as possible.—Tit-Bits.

Like an Ostrich.

Mr. B.—I wish I was an ostrich.

Mrs. B.—Why so, dearie?

Mr. B.—Then I could do as they do—stick my bill in the sand.—Judge.

Getting Even.

"It's raining, William; you must take your umbrella."

"No, I won't; I carried it yesterday when it didn't rain."—Chicago Record.

Do You Know Her?

"You say she is a business woman. What business is she interested in?"

"O, everybody's."—Stray Stories.

Scene in Portugal at the Rio Porto Vineyards.

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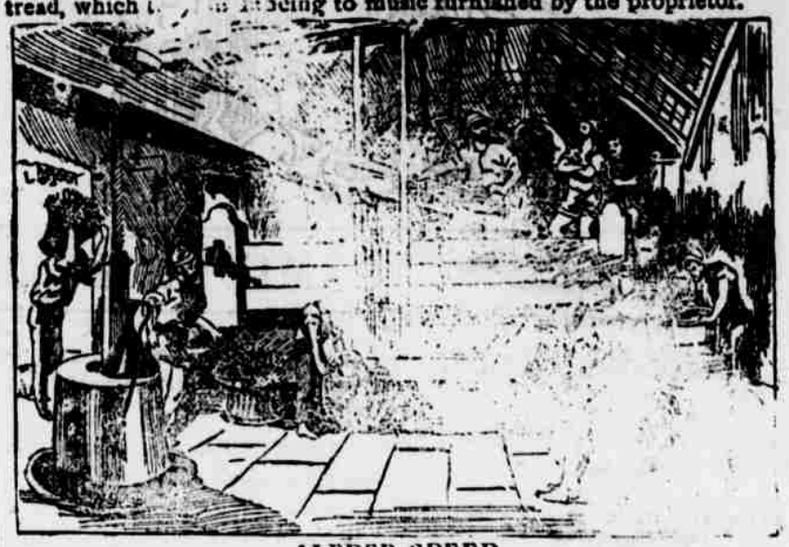

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