

### Less to Be Fooled.

Credulity is evermore a factor in the compound called human nature. Men love to be fooled, or to find some support for belief in manifest absurdity. There is nothing so silly but has its advocates among men who ought to know better, says a writer in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly. A year or two since, a man brought from Ohio to the University of Iowa an innocent fire-parted, digitate, black fungus. It was treasured in alcohol. Why? Because of its origin. An honest mechanic meeting with accident lost his fingers under the surgeon's knife. The amputated members were neglected, but presently discovered and duly buried in the garden. The following spring from the "identical spot" uprose a swarthy hand, black without, white within. The hand was a perfect main-d'oeuvre for that sensation-loving community. The matter was discussed in newspapers. A long and careful account of the wonder was prepared, put in print and circulated among the friends of the deceased—fingers! "What fools we mortals be!" For sheer superstition and crass stupidity who may say that the nineteenth century may not yet discount the days of the virgin queen?

The greatest town-building record in Oklahoma has been won by Mountain View, Washita county, at the western terminus of the Rock Island extension from Chickasaw. Friday the town site was prairie land. The same day it was surveyed and platted and a large portion of it sold and settled upon. The Washita was bridged and a vast amount of accumulated freight moved and located. In one day the town became a settled city of 800, with W. H. Yates as mayor, Senator G. W. Bellamy as treasurer and Col. John Kerfoot as police judge, with a full complement of councilmen and minor officers of an organized town. This is about the best record outside of "opening rushes" that Oklahoma can boast. Some of the lots sold as high as \$800 within 30 minutes from the time the surveyor drove his stakes. Mountain View is the western terminus of the Rock Island extension across the Comanche and Apache country, and is in the famous Wichita valley at the foot of the mineral-bearing Wichita mountains.

There was a country wedding out in Ford county, Kan., the other day which was attended by 200 guests, and the following paragraph from the Dodge City Reporter gives an idea of the spread that was placed before them: "One large beef had been slaughtered and cooked, three hogs had been roasted, 75 pies and 50 cakes had been baked, 15 gallons of canned peas had been prepared, ten gallons of pickles were set before the happy throng and 30 chickens were cooked, and besides there were bread, ham and vegetables in proportion." That layout was doubtless sufficient to provide all the wedding guests with "a square meal."

It would seem that Lieut. Hobson is taking the salutes for which, equally with the Merrimac exploit, he is famous, by proxy these days. The other day he was showing a party of American women over the Spanish prize ships now lying in dock at his port. Said the hero of the Merrimac, pointing to a large hole in the casing of one of the vessels: "That was done by one of our shells!" For a few moments his companions gazed in admiration on the havoc wrought by the projectile, then, giving away to their feelings, they fell on their knees and hysterically kissed the jagged edges of the aperture.

"It is a Sanford man," says the Kennebec (Me.) Journal, "who has this statement sewn to his undershirt: 'My appendix has been cut out,' and he explains his case in this way: 'You see these are the palmy knife days of the surgeons. If a man falls in a fit, faint, or happens to lose consciousness for any reason, they cart him off to the hospital and operate for appendicitis without waiting for him to come to and say what ails him. I've been sliced open once and I don't banker for encores.'"

An Ohio exchange lately printed an item to the effect that a certain resident of its town, whose name it did not mention, had better stop kissing his hired girl or it might get found out. Twenty-seven married men called on the editor and immediately stopped their paper and accused him of interfering in their domestic affairs.

"Did you notice that I put a special emphasis on the words 'until death do we part'?" said a New York minister who officiated at a wedding one day last week to one of the guests later. "We have so many divorces now that I felt that I couldn't make the words too strong."

"Bluedomer," a recently coined English word, is one who declines to go to church because, he asserts, he worships his Creator more easily and more reverently under the "blue dome" of Heaven.

At Emporia, Kan., a hired girl chased away a burglar, and the Gazette says "her wages have been raised to-day because all the women in that part of town want her to come to their houses."

A Peru (Ind.) man lately demolished his house and built a new one on the site, because he could not rent the structure through a general belief it was haunted.

Three hundred metallic caskets were lately sent to Manila to be used for conveying back to the United States for burial the bodies of deceased soldiers. Experienced undertakers have been brought out to do the work. Most of the dead have been buried in Paco cemetery, a high and dry tract near the city, and all graves have been carefully marked. Many have been placed in niches in the wall. There are about a half hundred graves at Cavite, near the military hospital, which are in low, wet ground; but the hardwood coffins are no doubt still in good condition. With the exception of those who have died of smallpox there will be no special difficulty in sending home the bodies of all who have died or been killed. The bodies will be delivered to the relatives wherever desired, and all those not so delivered will be buried in a national cemetery, possibly in California.

There is no surer safeguard against all degrees of mental unsoundness than a habit of self-control. As men of quick blood may fall dead in moments of high excitement, so may lesser disturbances, oft repeated, unsettle the rational faculties. Machinery that is loosely set tends to jar itself to pieces, and the agitations of ungoverned emotion may gradually produce an "unstable equilibrium" of the nervous system, and predispose the brightest man or woman to be entirely upset by a sudden crisis of passion, alarm, loss, or ecstasy. For joy, like grief, anger, fear or appetite, requires the gentle restraint of reason. The asylums are full of admonitory cases. Wanted, for each individual, a good internal government, well administered.

A little while ago Russell Sage was approached for a contribution to a deserving cause, but he was not in the giving vein. Clever cajolery induced him to say finally that he would help a little, and his eagle eye was cast hurriedly over the list, says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. One of the first signatures he saw was "Mrs. Russell Sage, \$50." "What's this," he said; "you have been to see my wife? Very good." With that he scratched out the "s" in "Mrs." and added "and wife," making the signature read: "Mr. Russell Sage and wife, \$50." Handing back the list, he remarked: "There, my good fellow, I am glad Mrs. Sage and I can help you to that extent."

A Chicago youngster of eight or nine, who had been saving old iron and had accumulated quite a pile, was made happy recently when his father sold it to a ragman for 12 cents. With the money the boy started for the candy shop. It was his first lesson in making money, and he proved an apt student, for on the following day he wanted more candy, and not having any more old iron to sell, called a ragman into the house and sold the cook stove. The father is now searching for the ragman.

A scientist says: "The paleozoic cockroaches are distinguished from living species by having five veins in the wings instead of four, and having a decided mesozoic aspect." This is highly important, but a woman when she sees one of these insects will not care whether it has five or 15 veins in the wing. She will give a scream, draw her skirts tightly about her and give the insect such a violent rap with an old shoe that it will have more of a mashed than a mesozoic aspect.

A young woman in New York fell into a tank occupied by several well-developed alligators. Everybody was horror-stricken, anticipating that the young woman would be devoured by the monsters. They didn't go near her, but retreated to a corner of the tank, where they remained until attendants pulled the frightened girl out. Her escape was regarded as marvelous, but it was undoubtedly due to the fact that she was not a girl to their taste.

Some people wonder why it is that so many rich men go to the senate. Mr. Depew has just rented a house as his Washington home. It is the same one that was occupied by the late Mr. Brice, of Ohio. Longer ago Daniel Webster lived there, though we suppose it has been changed and enlarged since then. Senator Depew pays \$9,000 a year rent for it. His salary is \$5,000 a year.

A stroke of lightning lately burned the rim from the hat of Lyman Newkirk, of Worcester, O., tore off his coat and shirt, and took a strip of flesh and skin from his back, but failed to fatally injure him. Lightning proof men are becoming quite numerous.

Funerals on Sunday are discontinued by 15 clergymen of New Brunswick, N. J., not only because of the unnecessary and uncalled-for strain upon them as clergymen, but because of the amount of Sunday labor required of laboring men who need rest.

The Kansas City Journal thinks that if all the world would write "thru" instead of "through" the saving in time and paper would in a generation build a coalshed. But the vitality wasted in bringing about the result would build a university.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says it is becoming harder every year to get acquainted in Missouri. Under the new state law barbers are required to pass an examination and take out a license before they can scrape an acquaintance.

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