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ANCIENT UMBRELLAS

THEY FIGURED IN CHURCHES IN THE EARLY CHRISTIAN DAYS

When First Adopted by the Public, They Seem to Have Been Utilized Solely as Sun Protectors—Once an Attribute of Dignity.

In the early Christian churches a large umbrella usually hung over the priest, and it is said that from the time it became one of the attributes of cardinals appointed from basilican churches. For years the doges of Venice carried umbrellas of state, and in 1288 Pope Alexander III, declared that these should be surmounted by golden staves of the acanthus leaf.

Michael Morosini was the first Venetian layman to carry an umbrella, which consisted of a small, flat square of green stuff, over which was a copper spiral. Soon after the umbrella was adopted by the nobility, and the names according to Coray's "Creditor" (1611), the Italian umbrella was a small canopy and was made of leather extended by a series of wooden hoops. He says umbrellas were used by horsemen, who, resting the handles on the right hand, bore them so that they should "minister shadow unto them for shelter against the scorching sun."

In the Harlequin manuscripts, now in the British museum, there is a manuscript No. 991, which is an illustration of the figure of a woman holding an umbrella over her head, which leads me to infer that umbrellas were known in England even in the early Anglo-Saxon period.

Beck, as quoted in the Draper's Dictionary, asserts that at the time that Stephen usurped the crown of England (twelfth century) umbrellas were in common use among the English. The first mention of the umbrella in English literature is in Florio's "Vocabularius" (1598), where it is described as a "kind of round fan or shadowing that they use to ride with in summer in Italy; a little shade."

In 1655 an umbrella was exhibited in the "Museum Tridantennatum; or, Collection of Curiosities Preserved at South Lambeth, Near London, by John Tradescant," which was known as "one of the wonders of the ark."

In the church of Cartmel, in Lancashire, England, there was preserved until a few years ago an umbrella said to be over 200 years old, and which was used chiefly to protect the host.

References to the umbrella are to be found also in Blount's "Glossographia" (1674) and Phillips' "New World of Words" (1678). In the first reference, the umbrella is described as a "round and broad fans, wherewith the Indians from them their great ones preserve themselves from the heat of the sun, and hence any little shadow, fan or other thing wherewith the women guard their faces from the sun."

The imaginative Dean Swift in the "Tale of a Tub" (1696) depicts Jack, an inventor of a new kind of umbrella, as a parchment copy of his father's will as a nightcap when he went to bed and as an umbrella in rainy weather. Did the worthy Hanway take his cue from this or from Kersey, according to whom the umbrella was a "road" and "screens commonly used by women to shelter them from rain?" The last reference, made in 1705, is the first mention of it as a protector from the rain. Later Bailey, who in his dictionary (1757) called it a parasol, defined it as "a sort of small canopy to keep off the rain."

Small, light umbrellas came into fashion among the ladies of the French court in 1675, and these were carried by attendants. Richelet tells us that they were "small, round, and made of leather and ribs of whalebone. A century later they found favor with the men, who carried red umbrellas, with edges fringed with gold lace.

The precise date when Jonas Hanway, who died in 1786, introduced the umbrella into England is not recorded in any of the encyclopedias I have at hand, but they all state that he was popularly known as its introducer.

With the Dutch, as with the Indian grantees, the umbrella was first an attribute of dignity, and next a title, for the prince paid for them at The Hague in 1650 ranging from \$75 to \$120 each. The Dutch colonists who settled at the Cape of Good Hope were not slow to insist on preserving the dignity of the umbrella, for Ryk van Tulburg, governor of Cape Colony in 1752, enacted that "no one less in rank than a junior merchant or those among the citizens of equal rank, and the wives and daughters only of those who are or have been members of any council shall venture to use umbrellas, and those who are less in rank than merchants shall not enter the castle in the weather with an open umbrella."—Frank H. Vizetelly in New York Times.

A Nonconformist's Opinion of Golf. A monger a great fat creature who ought to wear a turban and a long black robe to hide his grossness whacking a little white ball for miles and miles with a perfect surgery of instruments, whacking it either with a baby-like solemnity or a childish rage, as luck may have decided, and incidentally training an innocent eye little by little to swear and be a tip hunting snifter. That's golf.—H. T. W. Wells in Pearson's Magazine.

To the Best of Her Knowledge. A lady was looking for her husband and inquired anxiously of a housemaid, "Do you happen to know anything of my master's whereabouts?" "I'm not sure, ma'am," replied the careful domestic, "but I think they're in the wash."—Pathfinder.

All who use Atomizers in treating nasal catarrh will get the best results from Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price, including spraying tube, 50 cts. Sold by druggists or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren St., N. Y.

Messrs. Ely Bros., I sold two bottles of your Liquid Cream Balm to a customer, Wm. Laney, of DeLachaise St., New Orleans, he has used the two bottles, giving him wonderful and most satisfactory results.

Geo. W. McDuffie, Pharmacist.

BUSMAN SHULTZ IN AN UPSET

Busman Daniel Shultz had an upset and a narrow escape from serious injury early yesterday morning. He was returning from the early train with a big load of Philadelphia papers and while driving up the steep hill on Canal avenue at Mill street the horses became frightened at the crowd of newshybs, who were indulging in a noisy demonstration while waiting for the papers. The animals reared and plunged and were quite unmanageable. The bus ran against the railing and was overturned. Mr. Shultz and the newspapers tumbling out. Although Mr. Shultz lay under the bus he escaped unhurt. The horses facing up the hill made no attempt to run away; otherwise the consequences might have been very serious. As it was the tongue was broken off, and the bus otherwise damaged, while the harness was badly broken.

Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail. The little daughter of Mr. J. N. Powell jumped on an inverted rack made of ten penny nails, and thrust one nail entirely through her foot and a second one half way through. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was promptly applied and five minutes later the pain had disappeared and no more suffering was experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoes as usual and with absolute no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well known merchant of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and heals such injuries without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by Paules & Co.

Wooden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. George Getting, Vine street, celebrated their wooden wedding Saturday night. Many beautiful presents were received. The following were present: Rev. Dr. M. L. Shindel, wife and daughter Susan, William Fox and wife, Calvin Kline and wife, Harry Marshall and wife, John Fox, and family, Edgar Rank and family, George Fox, Miss Gertrude Fox, Mrs. Elizabeth Getting, Miss Maggie Getting, Neal, Thomas and James Getting, Uriah Grove and wife, Misses Ida Wall and Lizzie Horton, Arthur Getting and Mrs. Annie Quinn, the latter of Columbia. Refreshments were served.

Last winter an infant child of mine had cramp in a violent form," says Elder John W. Rogers, a Christian Evangelist, of Chillicothe, Mo. "I gave her a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough remedy and in a short time all danger was past and she recovered." This remedy not only cures cramp, but when given as soon as the first symptoms appear, will prevent the attack. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by Paules & Co.

Entertained at Kasville. A hostess of young people from this city were pleasantly entertained at the home of Joseph Chorn, Kasville, Monday evening. Those in the party were: Misses Martha and Druce Carolsky, Nell Schick, Annie and Lulu Klase, Lillian Birk, Mary Smith, William Boyer, Samuel Huffer, Dallas Ruppert, Frank Aten and Harry Ruppert. Refreshments were served.

A LIBERAL OFFER. The undersigned will give a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to any one wanting a reliable remedy for disorders of the stomach, biliousness or constipation. This is a new remedy and a good one. For sale by Paules & Co.

High School Literary Societies. The two literary societies of the High school held their regular semi-monthly meeting Friday afternoon. Following is the program of the Lincoln society:

Piano solo, Miss Court. Recitation, Miss Crowell. Declaration, Mr. Esterbrook. Piano solo, Miss Hooley. Recitation, Miss Sweetser. Declaration, Mr. Moore. Piano solo, Miss Divil. Subject of debate: "Resolved, That Circumstances Justify the Departure from Truth."

Affirmative—Mr. Langer, Miss Miller, and Mr. McHenry. Negative—Miss Fry, Miss Crowell and Mr. Magill. Decision was rendered in favor of the affirmative.

Reading of the society newspaper by Mr. Watkins. Report of the critic by Mrs. Conter. The program of the Garfield society follows:

Recitation, Miss Klase. Declaration, Mr. Mottern. Debate: "Resolved, That President Roosevelt did Right in Entertaining Mr. Booker Washington at the White House."

Affirmative, Mr. Gross and Mr. Kemmer. Negative—Miss Small, Mr. Lenger and Miss Daniels. Judges—Miss Kille, Miss Unger and Mr. Corman. Decision was rendered in favor of the negative.

Recitation, Miss Vestine. Declaration, Mr. Langer. Reading of the society paper by Miss Unzer.

CONVINCING PROOF. The Average Danville Citizen Must Accept the Following Proof.

The great Sir Isaac Newton, one of the most profound philosophers the world ever produced, once cut a large hole in a board fence to allow a favorite cat access to two gardens, and cut a small hole to allow his kitten to follow her. The weakness manifested in Sir Isaac's action was due to want of thought. Any reader who mentally debates the proof offered here about Don's Kidney Pills and arrives at any other conclusion than that stated in this citizen's statement, is as short of reasoning powers as the philosopher when he turned capricious.

Mr. W. C. Richard, Grocer, living Cor. Iron and Third Street, Bloomsburg, says: "I was taken a sudden with stitches in my back which were so bad that I could not get up from the ground. I was confined to my bed for over a week and the pain was so intense I could not rise without assistance. Don's Kidney Pills came to my attention and I took a course of the treatment. It cured me."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S.

Remember the name Don's and take no substitutes.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles most always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickly by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sized bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery and a book that tells all about it both in English and Spanish free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

Death of John Clifford. John Clifford, for many years a resident of this city, died at Sharon, this State, on Sunday. The deceased left Danville for Sharon in 1870, residing there until last spring, when his wife died. During last summer he was residing in this city and preparing to make a short visit to Sharon for the purpose of disposing of some real estate he owned there. A telegram, yesterday, brought the news of his death, which proved quite a shock to his relatives and friends in this city. The remains will be brought to Danville for burial.

The deceased was 70 years of age. He died childless, but is survived by two sisters in this place: Mrs. Mary Gallagher and Mrs. James Welsh.

EASILY UNDERSTOOD. The Close Sympathetic Connection Between the Nervous and Digestive System Accounts for Much Debility.

The great influence the nerves have upon digestion is not a new discovery. It is a fact of common knowledge. No matter how keen the appetite it disappears. Nerve Force practically controls digestion in the production of gastric juices. Gastric juices are lacking digestion is usually impaired—that why Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills restore from so many stomach troubles. They restore the Power of the Stomach. M. M. Fields, No. 126 Pine street, Danville, Pa., says: "I have been both a good deal for some time with a nervous indigestion and I had not rest well and had frequent nervous headaches. I got some of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills at Gosh's Drug Store and used them and felt that I received a very decided benefit. I rested better and felt toned up and better generally."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are sold at 50c a box at dealers or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. See that portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D. are on every package.

Next Meeting of Local No. 86. We are requested to announce that Local No. 86, Retail Clerks Protective association of this city, will hold a regular meeting on Thursday evening. The membership of the local at present is fifty-seven, comprising nine but experienced clerks of the borough. It has now been discovered that under its charter the local has a right to take in any who are employed in our stores regardless of the length of time they may have been in the business. A general invitation, therefore, is extended to Thursday evening. All clerks will be given an opportunity to join.

Early closing, we are informed, is not being agitated at present owing to the near approach of the holidays, when the merchants should be permitted to keep their stores open to almost any hour to accommodate the Christmas trade. The local here is disposed to be very liberal and thinks that early closing should be suspended for four or six weeks immediately preceding the holidays.

We are authoritatively informed that in the course of a few weeks a petition will be circulated and the effort renewed along other lines to win the merchants over to early closing, so that the new order of things may go into effect with the new year.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., We the undersigned, of 15 CHENEY & CO., F. J. Cheney for 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. W. C. THAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. W. WALDING, KISSAN & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and cures directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Kellar. Magician Kellar, who will appear at the Opera House on Tuesday evening has an illusion in his entertainment this season that is particularly mystifying. He causes the physical body of a pretty girl, locked securely in a high cage, to suddenly disappear and to reappear as suddenly in a remote corner of the stage, and a few seconds later when he has again secured her in the cage transforms her into a six-foot soldier in full regimental dress. All of his Oriental illusions are equally mysterious and bewildering, and all are presented upon a fully lighted stage. His entire program as presented in Boston and other leading cities will be given here.

"I feel as if I should fly to pieces." How often those words are on a woman's lips. They express to the uttermost the nerve racked condition of the body, which makes life a daily martyrdom.

If this condition had come suddenly it would have been unbearable. But transition was gradual. A little more and a little more drain each day of the vitality. Any woman would be glad to be rid of such a condition. Every woman tries to be rid of it. Thousands of such women have been cured by Dr. Pierce's treatment with his "Favorite Prescription" when local doctors had entirely failed to cure.

"Favorite Prescription" contains no opium, cocaine or other narcotic.

Eye Examination

with my improved method and instruments, is the only way to determine the exact strength and requirements for each eye. Eyes cannot be properly fitted to glasses unless they are correctly tested.

The great success I have had in fitting glasses proves that my skill and methods are the best to be had. Do not trifle with your eyes bring them here, you will be more than pleased with my glasses.

HENRY REMPE

TRANSFERRED TO SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Ensign and Mrs. Young of the Salvation Army yesterday received their appointment from the New York headquarters. During the next year they will be located in Schenectady, N. Y. They will be succeeded in this city by Ensign and Mrs. Richardson, who have been located at Jamestown, N. Y. Ensign and Mrs. Young will stay in Danville another week to rest up and to welcome the incoming officers.

To the Public. Allow me to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I had a very severe cough and cold and found I would get pneumonia, but after taking the second dose of this medicine I felt better, three bottles of it cured my cold and the pains in my chest disappeared entirely. I am most respectfully yours for health, RALPH S. MAYERS, 67 Thirty-seventh St., Wheeling, W. Va. For sale by Paules & Co.

Result in Northumberland. In Northumberland county the Democratic ticket with the exception of the Shrivette was elected. Judge Savidge was re-elected by a majority of 67 over Witmer. Auton, the other Democratic candidate for Judge, was elected by a majority of 146. Samuel Detrick, the only successful Republican candidate in the county, beat Gibson for Sheriff by a majority of 100. The fight for District Attorney was easily won by H. W. Cannon, who scored 174 votes more than his opponent, C. E. Burt.

On this date and take it to Paules & Co's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They cleanse and invigorate the stomach, improve the appetite and regulate the bowels. Regular size, 50c per box.

Danville's First General Secretary. The following letter has been received by General Secretary W. D. Lancaster, Danville, Pa.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have been led to write you and make some inquiries through seeing your name in the Epworth Herald, in connection with the report of the Epworth League, concerning him in Danville a short time ago. I was the first Gen'l Secy of the Y. M. C. A. in Danville, and not having heard from there in a number of years I would like to know a little of how the work is going on and who are the workers. Are H. M. Hinkley, S. M. Bailey, J. R. Rote, Sam'l Werkheiser, Dr. Sweetser, Mr. Baily, Geo. M. Gearhart, J. B. McCoy, Mr. Orth, J. H. Lynn, Frank Conant, Wm. McClure, still in the work? Are there two young men in town by the name of Nowicki? One of them (the younger) was converted during my year. There was a Lewis Ammerman in the Association too, of whom I thought considerable. Is he there yet? Who are the State Secy. and his Ass't yet? Can't you send me some of your reports and let me know if you give me some of this information? I am boarded with a Wilson family that lived just back of the R. C. church; are they in the city yet? Give these different friends my regards, if you will please, I am in the ministry of the M. E. church and am enjoying the work very much. I would be delighted to visit Danville, but don't know as I ever shall. So I would like very much to hear from there. Trusting you may find time to answer this and extend to you my best wishes and Godspeed. I remain, Yours fraternally, FRED H. TOWNSEND.

A Fine Entertainment. Whitney's San Francisco Minstrels gave a clever performance to a good sized audience at the Opera House last evening. It was a real old timer in minstrelsy and though but few performers it was of the very best. New jokes, new music and new songs kept the audience in a good humor all evening. The "Encores Quartette" by their well blended voices were a pretty setting for the sentimental songs. The comedians headed by Arthur Crawford were very funny. Mr. Crawford in all his work is an artist. He never overdoes it and his humor is quaint and clean. The vocal solo performance throughout was interesting and called for much applause. Well selected stage setting, appropriate costumes and a good orchestra, all added to the splendid entertainment.

A Breezy Time. The next attraction at the Opera House will be Fitz & Webster's newest "A Breezy Time." The adjective that is included in the title of the farce comedy, "A Breezy Time," fitly indicates the nature of the production.

It has been the purpose of the author to make the performance breezy simply refreshing enough to revive jaded minds, and not cause the mind to sit in a draft, of the cheeriest farewells in the profession, each having been selected to exactly fit the role he or she may be cast for.

Carli Liz of this city, visited friends in Sanbury yesterday.

A DOMESTIC COMEDY.

THE VARIED RESULTS OF REARRANGING THE FURNITURE.

Mrs. Blank's Mania for Changing the Appearance of the Rooms Brought Trouble to the Male Contingent and Sorrow to Herself.

"Do you change the position of the furniture when you clean a room?" inquired housewife No. 1 of a friend in the course of a heart to heart talk.

"Do I? Why, yes, indeed! I don't feel as if the room is cleaned unless I change the furniture a little bit. Do you?"

"Well, I usually change the ornaments around and so forth, but in the spring and fall I like to change everything in a room—completely alter the whole appearance of it. Then I fancy the things are all new, and they seem to look prettier somehow. But, do you know, my husband doesn't like it at all!"

"Neither does mine! Isn't that singular? Men are so peculiar!"

"Yes, indeed they are!"

So many housekeepers share the views of these two that a story with a moral will not be out of place.

It was the other night only that Mr. Blank went suspiciously up stairs to bed at an unusually early hour, leaving his wife reading in the sitting room. He had a headache and carried a goblet of water in his right hand. Fearlessly advancing into the dark bedroom Mr. Blank suddenly felt both legs violently struck from under him. He clutched wildly at the air and said several things of an exclamatory nature, but there was nothing to save him. He went down.

"Good gracious, Henry!" ejaculated Mrs. Blank, hurrying to the scene of disaster. "What is the matter? Where are you? Why don't you light the gas?" Suiting the action to the word, she beheld her husband sprawling across the bed; the glass he held in his hand was the worst of disasters, having crossed the pillowshams and shivered on the floor.

Mr. Blank did the talking for the next ten minutes. He said that of all the blankety blank folly of which the mind could conceive this of changing furniture was the worst. He said that it was a pretty thing for a man to walk into his own room and have to fall over things in the dark. He said he wouldn't stand it; the furniture must be replaced where it formerly stood.

"I shan't do anything of the kind!" replied Mrs. Blank. "It looks very much nicer where it is. Why don't you feel where you are going when you get into a dark room?"

"If you say you'd like me to crawl in on all four, I shan't. Mr. Blank, 'I couldn't feel where the bed was unless I happened to touch the footboard. I thought I could walk clear over to the bureau. I tell you it's a confounded break you have on this subject. Some day you'll precipitate a serious accident."

"If any one precipitates, it'll be you, I should think," retorted Mrs. Blank jolly. And the furniture remained where it was.

It was the next evening that Master Blank undertook to carry a pile of schoolbooks from the dining room to the sitting room. He had a bottle of ink in his hand, and he thought he knew exactly where the center table was. In the course of his peregrinations in search of it, however, he came into violent collision with the glass door of the bookcase, which he broke. There were also ink traces discernible on the carpet when Mrs. Blank came in. This time there was some balm for her feelings. She could spank Master Blank and did it with the best will in the world.

Her own downfall was not long in coming, however, although for a few days only minor inconveniences were suffered, such as the abrasion of ankles against chair rockers and slight bruises received by means of sudden contact with unforeseen obstacles. Last evening Mrs. Blank undertook to transfer the cage of her pet parrot from the window where it spends the day to the sunny corner where it passed the night. She did not trouble to light the gas, and by some unaccountable mental lapse she had forgotten the precise point at which a taboret, on which stood a jardiniere, was stationed. She charged into the taboret with considerable force, was overbalanced by the weight of the cage in her arms and took a header with a resounding crash. The parrot shrieked, and, unable to distinguish where it fell, inflicted a severe cut on her mistress's finger. Mr. Blank came in hurriedly, picked up his wife and assisted in making an inventory of sundry contusions. Then they lifted the parrot cage, badly bent, and the jardiniere with a piece chipped out of it, and the taboret somewhat scratched. "How much will you charge us if you and your honored husband appear on this occasion for one night?"

"Ten thousand francs, sir."

"And how much if you come without the signor, madam?"

"Ten thousand francs."

Catherine de Medici. Catherine de Medici of France was a tall, dignified woman of striking personal appearance. Her manner was often cold and repulsive, but she was kind to know, for goodness' sake, Henry, don't stand there trying to look like a martyr! if you must have the furniture moved back, I'll move it!" And she did.—Philadelphia Record.

Preconception. "Why do you speak so slightly of that eminent scientist?"

"I didn't mean to speak lightly of him," answered the young man with some recollection, "but it does seem peculiar to me that a man who knows just when the next comet will arrive and just how far it is to the moon should be so utterly ignorant when it comes to a question of when it's time for dinner or what train to take to get to the nearest town."—Boston Traveler.

A Share in a Jewel. There is a story told of a French servant who was shown a priceless jewel by a great duke.

"Thank you, my lord duke," said the man in silence, "for allowing me to share with you the possession of so great a treasure."

"In what way?" said the duke.

"Why, your grace can do no more than look at it, and you have allowed me to do the same."—All the Year Round.

Living Like a Savage. Civilized people will be shocked at the advice of an English physician to a wealthy patient to live like a savage to be cured. Savages, it may be recalled, do not belong to clubs, have no stock exchanges, know nothing of trust and trade combinations, run no political campaigns and so reserve some vitality and nerve force for purely living purposes.—Baltimore American.

Her Age. Judge—How old are you, madam? "I'm sixty (hesitatingly)—I am—that is, I."

Judge—Out with it! The longer you wait the older you will grow.

Colored Swedes.

A little Swedish monthly magazine published in New York city requested its readers a short time ago to send in accounts of the experiences they had when they first arrived in this country.

Here is the prize specimen. "In my sophisticated days I once started out to call upon a girl I had known in the old country. I was told that she lived at Madison avenue and — street. When I reached that corner, I was in doubt which house to try, but I finally went up the steps of one that faced on the avenue and rang the bell. A girl came to the door. 'Does Miss Nelson live here?' I asked as politely as I could.

"I don't know any such person," she answered, and I was turning away when she called after me, 'Is she white?'"

"That irritated me. 'Did you ever know any Swedes who were colored?' I asked."

"Well, I have seen some green Swedes in her report, and I did not continue the conversation."

Willing to Take Chances. "So you're going to marry Mike?" said the mistress inquiringly.

"Yes, indeed," said the bride. "Are you sure you are not making a mistake?"

"Well," returned the cook thoughtfully, "he's not the best man in the world, to be sure, but if I have him go home I'll be sure of getting another wife. I've been thinking about it, and it looks to me like it's right 'n' proper to take what you kin get when you kin git it. Then that holds off for the big prize has been known to lose the little wags. I think I'll take Mike."—Chicago Post.

Shoulder Protection. In the steel corset shoulder protection which now forms a part of the equipment of almost all cavalry troops have a permanent reminder of one of the most exciting adventures which befell Sir George Luck, the lieutenant general commanding the Bengal forces. During the Afghan operations of 1878 to 1880 he took his regiment, the FIFTEENTH BUSSARS, up to Kandahar and encountered at Takht-i-Pul a strong body of hillmen led by Afghan warriors, who made things pretty warm for him for some minutes. In the hand to hand fighting he became engaged with a gigantic Pathan, who broke down his guard and would have cloven him from shoulder to belt but that his wife had several on his shoulders in the lining of his coat, which broke the force of the slash.

The incident so impressed the military authorities in India that what is now known as the Luck or "chucky" shoulder corset was soon afterward introduced.—MILITARY MAIL.

A Last Joke. John B. Long, in the Massachusetts campaign of 1878, was making his first run for governor against General Ben Butler, who had captured the Democratic nomination, and Judge Josiah G. Abbott, who was the candidate of the old line Democrats.

The late Judge Abbott was making a speech for Thompson as a jurist and a statesman, asked sarcastically, "And now, who is this John B. Long?" No one answering, he proceeded to say, "Butler, who had captured the Democratic nomination, and Judge Josiah G. Abbott, who was the candidate of the old line Democrats."

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Why He Never Attains Her Ideal. A man who is earning the living for a family doesn't have time to live up to his wife's ideal, and by the time he has made his money he is too old and wants to be comfortable.—Acheson (Kan.) Globe.

To make good tea and coffee the water should be taken at the first bubble. Remember continued boiling causes the water to part with its gases and become flat. This is the cause of much bad tea and coffee.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Prepared for the Worst. "Yes; Briscoe's wife insists on running their auto."

"I noticed the fact when they passed, but right why does Briscoe sit in that cramped up position?"

"He's all braced for a hasty jump."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not So Vulgar. "If you'll split some wood, I'll give you a good meal," said the lady of the house.

"Excuse me, madam," laughily returned the wanderer. "I never begin breakfast with a chop."—Philadelphia Record.

Dark Hair

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a great many years, and although I am past eighty years of age yet I have not a gray hair in my head."

Geo. Yellott, Towson, Md.

We mean all that rich, dark color your hair used to have. If it's gray now, no matter; for Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair.

Sometimes it makes the hair grow very heavy and long; and it stops falling of the hair, too.

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