

A PROPOSAL.

It Occurred at the Moment the Lady Wished It.

By JANE PINCKNEY BURNETT.

Dr. Pitman was an excellent matrimonial catch in every way except in that of fortune.

There was an exact counterpart of the doctor among the women of the place where he lived and practiced.



"How lovely of you!" "I was never known in the whole twenty-four years of her life to offend against good taste.

One evening Dr. Pitman was about to keep an engagement with one of his patients, a maiden lady and a hypochondriac whose fancy for medicines was a source of considerable revenue to him.

"Is Dr. Pitman at home?" "This is Dr. Pitman." "Please, sir, Mrs. Whiting is not feeling very well this evening and would like you to call."

"Please, sir, Mrs. Whiting is feeling rather strange and would like you to come at once." "Very well; I will be there directly."

"The doctor made the reply after consideration. Each woman expected a preference, and it was a question which of the two he should prefer.

"Slightly above normal," he said, "but no fever." The physician then gave the patient a professional look with his large handsome eyes, which meant "tell me your symptoms."

A HINDU WIZARD.

His Trick That Puzzled an Occidental Master of Magic.

Some of the tricks of the Hindu wizards are past understanding, according to an occidental master of magic who was speaking of his oriental rivals.

"I am sure your diagnosis is right, doctor. I am lonely. I have the means to acquire anything I wish except love."

"I think, dear Mrs. Whiting," he said encouragingly, "that what you need is not drugs. I found a slightly accelerated cardiac action when I listened to your heart beat just now and could give you a sedative, but I doubt that it is necessary.

BANKING IN ENGLAND.

Started by London Goldsmiths in the Seventeenth Century.

The business of banking was not introduced into England until the seventeenth century, when it began to be undertaken by goldsmiths in London, who appear to have borrowed it from Holland.

"Much about the same time—the time of the civil commotion—the goldsmiths (or new fashioned bankers) began to receive the rents of gentlemen's estates remitted to town and to allow them and others who put cash into their hands some interest for it if it remained but a single month in their hands or even a lesser time.

A Chinese Hero.

At Loping Hsien is a statue draped in full dress of a mandarin (the puting or police master) named Chin, who gave his life for the people.

Sameness of Opinion.

"I suppose," said the young man with the solid collar and baggy trousers as he sat down beside a stranger on one of the park benches, "you would not take me for a member of a millionaire's family, would you?"

Paraphrasing.

Territorial (his first experience as a squire, going over his instructions)—If any one comes along I say: "Hail! Who goes there?" Then he says, "Friend, and I say, 'Pass, friend; all's well.' But some silly ass'll say, 'Enemy,' and then I shan't know what to do. Kotten job, I call it. PUNCH.

Indignant.

The mayor of a small town had come to Leipzig to see the fair. A stranger who had lost his way asked him, "Pray, good honest man, what is the name of this street?" "I am not a good honest man," said the former; "I am the mayor of Sarburg."

Childhood's Unfailing Joy.

As long as there are children in the world the golden and objectless occupation of make believe will go on; the pursuit of delight itself, untrammelled by rules or purpose. — Eton College Chronicle.

PRINCESS MAY BE OLD MAID.

Alexandra of Fifa Affected by Dethroning of Manuel.

The dethroning of King Manuel of Portugal had one effect that has received scant public attention, and yet it means a great deal to a young girl who may be an old maid in consequence.

This girl is the Princess Alexandra of Fifa, niece of King George of England. Had it not been for the late King Edward and her father, the Duke of Fife, she would have been queen of Portugal, and there is a possibility that this might have prevented the revolution, for the Portuguese people are keenly alive to the value of an alliance with England because of their great trade in port wine and fruit with the British Isles.

When Manuel visited England in 1909 it was with the avowed intention of selecting a bride with wealth. He picked Alexandra, and the choice received the approval of both Queen Amelia and the Duchess of Fife, but was vetoed by Edward and the duke. The king foresaw the revolution perhaps, and the canny duke could not see the benefit of an alliance with the poor monarch in Europe.

The Roar of China's Ducks.

Tourists in China are always surprised by the number of ducks they see. There are more ducks in China than in all the rest of the world. Their voices are a familiar sound in every town and country spot of the southeast and the interior of the vast empire.

Willing to Be Reasonable.

"Do you believe in long engagements?" he asked after she had consented to be his. "Yes, dear," she replied. "I have always thought it was such a mistake for two people to rush into matrimony before they learned to really know each other."

Fellow Worms.

Before Longfellow bought the house in Cambridge so associated with his memory it was owned and occupied by old Mrs. Craigie. Mrs. Craigie was a woman of many eccentricities. Some one once tried to persuade her to have her trees tarred to protect them from caterpillars, which also invaded her neighbors' trees.

Somewhat Surprised.

"Why didn't your boy enter college?" "He couldn't pass the examination." "Do they have to pass an examination?" I thought all a college boy needed was some funny clothes."

The Devil of the Desert.

It is not generally known how a devil rides a camel, but Mr. Hans Vieher acquired the information and imparts it in his volume, "Through the Sahara." One night a camel suddenly ran amuck. Other camels followed suit and a general panic ensued. "The frightened yells of my escort told me that a ghoul, a wicked demon of the desert, had seized the camel. I was told how these evil spirits sometimes took a fancy to mount a camel; the camel would then look to see who was digging it in the ribs, and, perceiving no one, fear would grip its heart, for then it knew that the devil was on its back."

Detected.

It was at a Fourth of July meeting in a little city. The mayor, William Smith, rose and at dignified length read the Declaration of Independence. There was a pause; then from one of the mayor's old schoolmates came the loud whisper: "Bill never writ that. He ain't smart enough."

FAMOUS STAR GROUP.

The Constellation Orion in Legend and Literature.

The constellation Orion is mentioned in the literature of all ages. In Egypt it represented Horus, the young or rising sun, in a boat surmounted by stars, closely followed by Sirius, which was shown as a cow. It has also been found sculptured on the walls of Thebes 5,000 years ago.

From the days of the early Hindus to the present the constellation has for some reason borne always a stormy character. Allusions to its direful influence are found everywhere among the classic writers. Thus Milton wrote: "When with fierce winds Orion arrived Hath vexed the Red sea coast."

The loss of the Roman squadron in the first Punic war was ascribed to the fleets having sailed just after the rising of Orion. The group has also been employed as a calendar sign, its morning rising indicating the beginning of summer, its midnight rising the season of grape gathering and its early evening rising the arrival of winter, with its attendant storms.

BABY TURTLES.

They Know Just What to Do and Do It Without Guidance. Just so soon as a baby turtle emerges from the egg off he scuttles down to the sea. He has no one to teach him, no one to guide him. In his curious little brain there is implanted a streak of caution based upon the fact that until a certain period in his life his armor is soft and no defense against hungry fish, and he at once seeks the shelter in the tropical profusion of the gulf weed, which holds within its branching fronds an astonishing abundance of marine life.

The Price of a Life.

According to Anglo-Saxon law, every man's life, including that of the king, was valued at a fixed price, and any one who took it could commute the offense by a money payment upon a fixed scale. The life of a peasant was reckoned to be worth 200 shillings, that of a man of noble birth 1,200 shillings, and the killing of a king involved the forfeiture in a payment of 7,200 shillings. It has been pointed out that the heir to the throne could thus get rid of the existing occupant by murdering him and thereafter handing over the fine, according to the scale, to the exchequer, when his offense would be purged and his money would come back to himself, for in those days the sovereign received all fines as personal perquisites. There is very little doubt that these rough means were practically applied in the case of some rulers of England in the pre-conquest period. — London Telegraph.

Stevenson Obligated.

Robert Louis Stevenson once sent the following quaint letter to an autograph hunter: "You have sent me a slip to write on. You have sent me an addressed envelope. You have sent me a stamp. Many have done as much for me. You have spelled my name aright, and some have done that. In one point you stand alone; you have sent me the stamps for my postoffice, not the stamps for mine. What I asked with so much consideration I take a pleasure to grant. Here, since you value it and have been at the pains to earn it, by such unusual attentions—here is the signature. ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

Calculating.

"Why doesn't Mrs. Filmynt stop quarreling with her husband and get a divorce?" "She realizes how much more of his income he would have left after paying alimony than she now allows him for car fare and lunches." — Washington Star.

Careless.

She—My little brother shot off his gun this morning, and the bullet went through my hair. He—How careless of you to leave it lying around.

The Tyrant in the Field.

There have been few commanders so tyrannous as Lopez, the dictator of Paraguay, when, in the war of 1865-70, it fought single handedly, Brazil and the neighboring countries of Argentina, Uruguay and Uruguay. Lopez, says Mr. W. H. Koerber in his "Argentina," was wont to carry the theory of victory or death to an uncomfortable point. "Officers were executed for mere remarks whose tone fell beneath the standard of confidence that Lopez had set up for himself. One, for instance, was shot for having announced in the course of his duty that the enemy was strongly intrenched! Another met his end on account of an unguarded speech to the effect that the Paraguayan army was accustomed to count the enemy's losses and forget its own."

held up 2,000,000 feet of lumber from going over the dam, which is located on his property on the Thorapelle river. When the corporation took the matter into court Dietz declined to accept service and successfully resisted several passes of county and federal authorities. At one time it was thought the governor would order out a company of Wisconsin militia to capture the beleaguered family, but nothing came of this.

THE BELTED PLAID.

This Was the Original Dress of the Scottish Highlander.

The original dress of the highlander was the belted plaid. This was a piece of tartan cloth, two yards broad and four long, which was drawn around the waist in nicely adjusted folds and tightly buckled with a belt. The lower part came down to the knees in much the same manner as the modern kilt, while the upper part was drawn up and adjusted to the left shoulder, so that the right arm might be perfectly free. This upper part was the plaid, which was used as a covering for the shoulders and body in wet weather, and when the use of both arms was required it was fastened across the breast with a brooch, often curiously enriched. A brooch was also used to fasten the plaid on the left shoulder. To attire himself in the belted plaid required on the part of the highlander no small amount of dexterity. The usual way was to lay it on the floor and after carefully arranging the folds to lie down upon it and then buckle it on. The lower end was fastened at the right hip. The utility of such a dress in the highlands is obvious, for the plaid rendered the man indifferent to storms and prepared to pass a night in the open air in the most inclement weather, while the loose undergarment enabled him to wade rivers or ascend mountains with equal ease. It was thus peculiarly adapted to the warrior, the hunter and the shepherd. — London Mail.

Lunch Room Repartee.

The young man with the iron cheek entered the quick lunch room and seated himself at the third table. "Belinda," he called familiarly, "you look fresh this morning." "Not half as fresh as some others," retorted the pretty waitress, with an elevation of her nose. "Well, well! Have you calf brains?" "If I did you wouldn't order them, for you have an oversupply now." "My, but you are getting good for the routine! With the high price of meats eggs come in handy these days, don't they?" "No; they come in crates." "Wow! Did you ever hear the story of the incubator chick? It's not out yet."

Consolation.

A little girl of thirteen or so found herself one day possessed of a new emotion—a desire to be pretty. She struggled with it, but finally went to the long mirror in the hall and for the first time in her life looked at herself critically from head to foot. She saw what most girls see at thirteen—a lanky creature, mostly legs and arms, hands and feet. It hurt her, and she went out of doors to think it over. Thought resulted in tears, and in tears she was found half an hour later by her particular chum, a boy near her own age. Anxious inquiry as to why she was crying induced her to speak. "Oh, Harold," she wailed, "I've just looked at myself in the glass, and I'm so homely!" The boy was puzzled, but sympathetic, and made an effort at consolation. He looked at her a minute, then awkwardly patted her, saying soothingly: "Not homely, Alice; just funny looking." — New York Times.

Doesn't Know Her Age.

There is a glaring phase of unfairness in the position of the two sexes, despite all our struggles for the suffrage. A woman still dreads to tell her age, no matter how youthful she may look, while as logs as a man looks youthful he is generally willing to admit and even to boast of how many milestones he has passed. There is at least one father who understood this problem in time and who gave his daughter a fair chance in life by never letting her know how old she was. He realized at her birth that a time would come when she would not want to tell her age, and he spared her the humiliation of having to prevaricate, so she was never told either her age or the place where she was born, and there were no birth records preserved in the family. — New York World.

Russia Follows American Reports.

The Russian ministry of commerce and industry has decided to issue special bulletins concerning foreign commerce with a view to enlarging Russian trade throughout the world. They have been patterned to a large degree after the American consular and trade reports.

English Favorite Letter Language.

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SHE LOVED SNUFF.

Remarkable Will and Funeral of a Quaker Englishwoman.

The will of Mrs. Margaret Thompson, which is preserved as a curiosity at Somerset House, England, is a tribute to the delights and consolations of snuff. The testatrix directed that in her coffin should be buried with her all her handkerchiefs and sufficient of the best Scotch snuff to cover her body. This she preferred to flowers, as "nothing could be more fragrant and so refreshing to me as that precious snuff."

"I suppose," he said, "that there is no one very near or dear to you—that there is a void which needs to be filled. It is this that is affecting the action of your heart."

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Toned It Down.

"King Edward," said an English visitor in New York, "hated snobbishness. To show how ridiculous snobbishness was he used often to tell about an alphabet book of his childhood. 'This book had alliterative sentences arranged under each letter, thus: 'C'—'Calious Caroline called a cur cruelly.' 'H'—'Henry hated the heat of heavy hats.' 'U'—'Under the letter V came the facetious sentence: 'William Vilkins wiped his veskit.' 'B'—'But the young prince's snobbish tutors thought this sentence too vulgar and low for their charge and accordingly they substituted for it the more refined and genteel line: 'Vincent Vining viewed a vacant villa.'"

Genius and Mediocrity.

Cornelius did not speak correctly the language of which he was such a master. Descartes was silent in mixed society. Theinistocles, when asked to play on a lute, said, "I cannot fiddle, but I can make a little village into a great city." Addison was unable to converse in company. Virgil was coarse colloquially. La Fontaine was heavy and stupid when surrounded by men. The Countess of Pembroke had been often heard to say of Chaucer that his silence was more agreeable to her than his conversation. Socrates, celebrated for his written orations, was so timid that he never ventured to speak in public. Dryden said that he was unfit for company. Hence it has been remarked, "Mediocrity can talk; it is for genius to observe."

The Historic City of Delhi.

Delhi is the most historic city in all India. It may not be the oldest, although it lays claim to a respectable middle age, dating from 1000 B. C. At that time the master of Delhi called himself emperor of all the world, and emperors, at least of India, have ruled there almost ever since. Old Delhi, without the walls, is a city of picturesque ruins. Imperial Delhi, the modern city, was created by Shah Jehan, a contemporary of Queen Elizabeth. From the date of the first Mohammedan incursion, A. D. 715, perpetual warfare raged round Delhi until at length she yielded to the irresistible power of the Moguls. The city was alternately Mohammedan and Hindu during a great many years and finally, in 1803, was made British by General Lake. Delhi has the finest and largest mosque in India. It took 5,000 men six years to build it. The noble tomb of the Emperor Humayan marks the change of creed which followed the Moslem invasion, while the observatory of Jai Singh and the deserted hall of the seven columns recall the short triumph of Brahmanism.

Public Sentiment.

"Do you pay much attention to public sentiment?" "No; I always look the other way when I see a young couple holding hands in the park." — Pittsburg Post.

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