

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The late John Gilbert, the actor, left an estate worth \$41,000.

Lord Salisbury is one of the best amateur tennis players in fashionable London society.

It is said that Henry Irving has grown so stout that he has been obliged to resort to boating.

Wagner is to have a statue in Munich, built by funds obtained from ladies throughout all Germany.

Barnum is counting upon the skeleton and hide of Jumbo as one of his chief attractions in England.

Paolo Tosti, the famous song composer, has lately taken unto himself a wife, Mme. Baldi, an opera singer.

Emile Zola is opposed to the guillotine, because when it was a boy he witnessed its operation and it sickened him.

A monument has been erected at Greenwich in the memory of Louis Favre, who planned the St. Germain tunnel.

Dan Lambert is at the head of a syndicate in New York which is bargaining in the street railroads with a view of organizing a trust.

The Protest at Episcopal bishop of North Dakota is having a car made for his official traveling. It will be both couple and hotel.

Professor English, the famous champion, lately played thirty games of chess single-handedly, and all were won within five hours.

Mr. Kendall, the famous English actor, carries a typical English bathtub with him on his travels. It is rubber, and is strapped to his trunk with an outfit.

Professor Todd, of Amherst, before sailing for Africa to observe the solar eclipse, was thoroughly "bumped" on the general subject of Africa by his accomplished wife.

The Hon. C. Lewis, of Meriden, Conn., has given a block of buildings in that city, valued at \$15,000, to the local City association society. This he celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary.

Gen. Stewart Van Vliet is the oldest general on the retired list in the army. He is 74 years old, and has been in the service fifty-two years. He served in the Florida and the Mexican wars and during the late rebellion.

Sir Julian Pauncefote reads every day accounts of baseball games. He has not had an opportunity yet to learn the game by observation, but he takes a warm interest in the sport, and is anxious to become an expert as a baseball critic.

Dr. Avinger, the socialist, who visited the United States last long ago and made liberal expenditures of cash at doctors, lawyers, salesmen, etc., to the scandal of some of the younger brethren, has lately been brought to court by a London type writer, to whom he owed \$20 for copying.

A. M. Bishop, who arrived in Washington recently as a delegate from China to the international conference, is a transplant of Yankee from Cape Cod. He now bears the rank of great inspector in the special maritime customs service of China. There are only two officers in the service who outrank him.

Mr. Parke, the Egyptian explorer, is described as of good height and rather slender build. His hair and coloring generally are dark—so dark that he is mistaken for a foreigner, which impression is aided by his singularly eastern cast of features. He is English and of Scotch descent. The use of his life he prefers to life in a tent with the sand for carpet.

AGE OF ANIMALS.

A bear rarely exceeds 30 years.

A lion has been known to live to the age of 70 years.

A tortoise has been known to live to the age of 100.

A dog lives 30 years; a wolf 20, a pig 14 or 16 years.

A squirrel or hare lives 7 or 8 years, rabbits 7 years.

Camels sometimes live to the age of 150. Stags are long lived.

Elephants have been known to live to the great age of 200 years.

A swan has attained the age of 200 years. Pelicans are long lived.

Sheep seldom exceed the age of 10, and cows live about 15 years.

Caviler riders it is probable that whales sometimes live 1,000 years.

Pigs have been known to live to the age of 30 years, the chinooks to 20.

A horse has been known to live to the age of 62, but averages from 30 to 35.

Insects, as a general rule, are short lived, though there are a good many exceptions to the rule.—L. E. and Express.

HOBBIES OF GREAT MEN.

George Cleveland years for hard work.

Henry Ward is an authority on comic opera.

Floweridge prefers chess to the stock market.

The historian, Bancroft, is an expert in rose culture.

President Harrison collects lace-a-brac and ancient coins.

Charles W. Dana delights in chrysanthemum culture.

John Vanhooker's Sunday school is the apple of his eye.

Joe Johnson, the artist, encroaches on the time of Johnson, the actor.

Mr. G. Stone chops down trees, while Bismarck prefers a seizer water.

John H. Beckerfeller makes a hobby of clamming, especially the Baptist.

Jay Gould is passionately fond of flowers; while his son George prefers postage stamp collections.

General V. Childs is fond of collecting authors' manuscripts and the letters of great men.—L. E. and Express.

ROYAL FLUSHES.

The queen of Italy has been growing stout and stouter, much to her annoyance.

Empress William of Germany recently discharged a attendant who had been reading a French novel.

King Humbert of Italy has given \$5,000 to the sufferers by the recent storm in the province of Cagliari, Sardinia.

Speeches of Queen Victoria's literary tastes are recent when she says: "She still finds pleasure in reading novels. Tennyson is her living idol."

The shah of Persia was so delighted with the performance of "Excelsior," which he witnessed at the Paris Eten theatre, that he determined on having a representation given in his palace at Teheran.

The emperor of Russia has ordered the well known Russian artist, Professor Bogynlov, to paint a picture after the style of Salomon, representing the entrance of Emperor William into the harbor of Kronstadt. It will be presented to the German emperor when he visits.

SIMULATING DISEASE.

STRANGE CASES MET WITH BY PHYSICIANS AND OTHERS.

How People Feign Injuries and Other Disabilities—Several Illustrations Taken from Life—How the Deceptions Are Discovers.

A man, apparently in great bodily pain, was found lying upon the sidewalk at Front and Chestnut streets, by a policeman. The man had fallen "all in a heap," and his story was that he had been way-laid and beaten. A patrol wagon was summoned, but when an attempt was made to place him in the vehicle he complained of such exquisite pain it was found necessary to discard the patrol wagon and to carry the man on a stretcher to a hospital.

On arriving at the latter institution he was carefully removed from the stretcher to a cot in the receiving ward, and, although handled very tenderly, the change of position seemed to aggravate his suffering. Singularly enough, when the surgeons made an examination, it was found that when a pin was stuck in any portion of the man's body below the neck he apparently failed to feel it, and the natural conclusion under the circumstances was that he had suffered a spinal injury. It was then proposed to place the patient under an anesthetic, with the view of performing an operation, but when the man heard this he jumped off the cot and darted quickly out of the hospital gate and was soon lost to view. He had been "playing possum," but for what reason will, perhaps, never be known.

TO AVOID THE DRAFT. Such cases are not infrequently met with by physicians in their regular practice and at hospitals and other charitable institutions. Either to excite sympathy, or from other motives, people sometimes cultivate the power of simulating diseases. These individuals are known to the medical profession as "malingerers," and they become particularly numerous on certain occasions. During the civil war, at the time conscriptions were made, it was surprising to see the number of able bodied men limping along with canes and apparently suffering with rheumatism or other crippling ailments. While it is not always easy, even for an expert doctor, to detect between real and simulated disease, yet he can generally distinguish between the genuine and feigned rheumatism by the manner in which a man plants his cane on the pavement. To understand the difference it is only necessary to watch a man who carries a cane to assist him in walking and one who flourishes a cane for pleasure.

Among the disorders generally simulated are fainting and epilepsy. Both have been so well counterfeited as to have been mistaken for genuine cases. It is only when heroic measures are proposed that the imposition is disclosed. Not long since an up town physician, while passing an open air religious meeting on Broad street, had his attention attracted to a middle aged woman, apparently suffering with an epileptic attack. She was surrounded by a group of sympathetic men and women, and one of the latter had procured from a neighboring residence a pinch of salt. The woman recovered consciousness, however, without the use of the latter remedy. On the following Sunday the physician noticed the same woman in church, and, thinking she might be seized with another spell, took a seat several pews from her. Sure enough, an attack came on, to the discomfiture of a number of nervous people. The poor woman was carried out to the vestibule of the church, and the physician followed. The seeming epileptic seizure passed off in about five minutes.

FLIGNING DEAFNESS. The next Sunday there was a repetition of the attack. The woman, who was a stranger to the congregation, was again taken to the vestibule, and the physician who had previously attended her was again called upon. Thinking that the attack was simulated, he proposed that a settee should be procured and the woman carried through the street to a police station. In a twinkling the woman sprang from the chair in which she had been placed, hurried from the building and has not since appeared at the church. One of the methods adopted to mislead is to feign deafness. This is one of the tricks resorted to by men who desire to avoid being placed upon juries. Generally, however, the judges are able to fathom the deception, and, by the use of a little stratagem, it is easily exposed. Men who simulate deafness will clasp an ear in the palm of the hand and lean forward as though the auditory nerves were strained to catch what was said. In an unguarded moment the supposed deaf man is asked a question in an ordinary tone, to which he generally replies and his deception is unmasked.

As a rule, however, illness and other physical disabilities are simulated by people who wish to avoid work or who desire to obtain admission to some institution where they may live without cost to themselves, and sometimes by convicts with the hope of bettering their condition, in fact very many diseases are feigned, but in the hands of a skillful physician they are soon exposed. A common method of simulating apoplexy is by falling down as if deprived of sensation and consciousness. Powerful stimulation, such as an electric shock, the application of hot water or an irritation of the nostrils, quickly detect the imposition.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Old Manuscript. A scholar named Musso chanced one afternoon to enter a bookbinder's shop in Paris. Noticing that the man was about to set up a mass of manuscript, he begged leave to examine it. To his surprise he found that he had hit upon the works of Voltaire, a learned prelate of the nineteenth century. Seeing its value, Musso purchased the manuscript, and thus preserved a volume which contained many valuable details of those early days.—Chicago Herald.

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