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WINTER SPORTS

In Zurich When the Lake Is Frozen Over.

Zurich (Switzerland) Cor. Chicago Record: Switzerland is usually considered to be very cold by Americans in general. Chicago residents may be surprised to learn that their city is colder than any city in this country. The thermometer rarely touches zero (Fahrenheit) here. In most winters it does not reach that temperature at all, and when it gets below that the "oldest inhabitants" begin to tell stories of the past. For four winters no ice has been seen on the beautiful Lake Zurich. The lake is supposed to freeze every 50 years, and then King Carnival holds reign. Cabins are built forming streets like the Midway Plaisance, and restaurants, carousels, museums and bazaars are erected unon the glittering ice, while skating is to be had on smooth ice for miles. Places of business are closed in the afternoon and all the city moves to the lake. This century the lake was frozen in 1829, 1879 and partly in 1890. Indications are that it may partially freeze again this year. Famous winter resorts in Grison, like St. Moritz, have a long winter. There is much snow, but the atmosphere is so dry that it is customary to wear straw hats throughout the winter on sunny days. The climate, otherwise, at the latter places is similar to that of Denver, and they are, like this city, the last hope of many poor mortals suffering of consumption.

Boston's police made 39,760 arrests last year, as compared with 41,816 in 1898. The records show a slight increase in the crimes in which violence is employed.

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AFTERGLOW.

After the clangor of battle,
There comes a moment of rest,
And the simple hopes and the simple joys
And the simple thoughts are best.

After the victor's pæan,
After the thunder of gun,
There comes that lull that must come to all
Before the set of sun.

Then what is the happiest memory?
Is it the foe's defeat?
Is it the splendid praise of a world
That thunders by at your feet?

Nay, nay, to the life-worn spirit
The happiest thoughts are those
That carry us back to the simple joys
And the sweetness of life's repose.

A simple love and a simpler trust
And a simple duty done
Are truer torches to light to death
Than a whole world's victories won.

A Temporary Exchange.

BY JAMES BUCKHAM

IT WAS 8 o'clock of a Saturday morning in February when Mr. and Mrs. Stone drove out of their farmyard and took the road northward. The crisp snow of the highway, packed and polished by weeks of good sleighing, creaked under the runners of their "cutter," and the sun was shining gloriously over the wooded hills to the eastward.

The Stones were going to spend Sunday with "Cousin Maria," Stone's second cousin, and the object of Mrs. Stone's admiration and envy. She declared that there was no house like Cousin Maria's, and no domestic conveniences and advantages like those she enjoyed; that nobody wore such beautiful clothes, or had such good things to eat, or commanded such resources to "do with" as Cousin Maria. In short, Mrs. Amasa Stone, who had not been a great while married, and who had one of the nicest little farmhouses in the country, as well as one of the best and most devoted husbands in the world, was somehow a victim of that most disagreeable and distressing malady envious discontent; and the immediate occasion of it was—Cousin Maria. If she could only exchange places (perhaps not husbands, but everything else) with Cousin Maria, how happy she would be!

Curiously enough—by that strange irony of fate which we often see cropping out in human life—Cousin Maria felt the same way toward Mrs. Stone. She secretely, but sincerely, envied the little woman with the big devoted, loverlike husband and the model farmhouse overlooking one of the most beautiful and productive valley farms in New England. "If I could only keep house like Cousin Ella!" she would sometimes say to her husband; and then she would add to herself, "Perhaps I might if I had as nice a house and the things to do with that she has."

Sincere and cordial envy does not make people dislike each other, by any means; and it was natural enough that Mrs. Stone and her cousin, Mrs. Holmes, should enjoy visiting each other and thereby adding fresh fuel to their mutual admiration. They traveled back and forth on these social exchanges a good deal, and their husbands, who liked each other (and each others fare, by the way), were never averse to "driving over" for a day's outing. The two farms lay some 20 miles apart, in different townships, and about midway between them was a village, where the Stones and the Holmeses each had a special friend, with whom it was convenient and pleasant to stop for dinner while going a-visiting.

The sleigh bells rang cheerily and the miles rapidly fell away behind the Stones' cutter this February morning, as they drove along toward Hydeville, the half way village. "I hope nothing will happen to the stock or the hens, over Sunday," said Mr. Stone.

"Oh, don't worry about that!" exclaimed his wife. "You spoke to Leonard, as usual, didn't you?"

"Yes, I asked him to fodder once a day and attend to the milking. But he lives quite a little piece away, and if it should come on to storm"—

"Storm! Look at the sky!" exclaimed Mrs. Stone, with a scornful laugh. "I declare, if you aren't the greatest man to worry over nothing."

It was still gloriously pleasant when they reached Hydeville, at 11 o'clock, and they stopped there two full hours. As they again took the road, at 1 o'clock, they noticed that the sky had become slightly filmy, but as it frequently does cloud over thus toward the close of a fine winter day they were neither surprised nor disturbed. At 3 o'clock, however the wind began to rise, the sky grew more overcast, and before long was spitting sharply out of the northeast.

"What do you think about a storm now?" asked Mr. Stone.

"Drive along and get there as quick as you can," was his wife's only reply, as she gathered the buffalo robe more tightly about her.

When they reached the Holmes farm, at about 4 o'clock, the wind was howling and the snow driving across the landscape in sheets. Mrs. Stone got out at the side entrance and plunged shiveringly against the door, but turned at once to her husband with a look of surprise and consternation. The door was locked! So were the front door and the kitchen door, as they speedily discovered.

"They're away from home," announced Mr. Stone.

"They've gone visiting," groaned his wife. "Oh dear! do you suppose it's possible they've gone to visit us?"

"Shouldn't wonder a bit," replied Mr. Stone. "Come to think of it, I heard a man's laugh when I went over to the store in Hydeville that sounded like John Holmes's. But I couldn't tell where it came from, and couldn't see anybody that looked like him, so gave it up."

"Goose!" cried Mrs. Stone. "He was probably over at Jason Soper's, where they always stop out in the barn, like as not. If you'd only mentioned it! Well, we must just make the best of a bad job. I know where Maria puts the kitchen key when she's away, and we might as well go in and take possession—as they will have to do at our house, I reckon."

The key was found on a nail under the stoop, and Mrs Stone proceeded to take possession, while her husband stabled his horse. When Mr. Stone came in he found the lamps all lighted and his wife in a high state of excitement and delight at the prospect of "using Cousin Maria's nice things for a while! I guess it's all for the best," she announced, with unexpected cheerfulness. "For once in our lives we will have a taste of keeping house with modern conveniences!"

It was a tremendous snowstorm that swept New England during February 25 and 26. Mr. and Mrs. Stone were snowbound for a week in the Holmes house, and Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, as it happened, were similarly imprisoned in theirs. Roads were not broken through for five days, and no one knew how his neighbor was faring.

In the meantime Mr. Stone took care of Holmes's stock, and Mr. Holmes took care of his, while their wives revelled to their hearts' content in the supposed domestic advantages and improvements for which they had envied each other so long. At last the two families were able to get word to one another, and a day was set for the mutual evacuation of each other's premises and a meeting at Hydeville on the way. Both parties were invited to dine at Jason Soper's that memorable day, and the reader may be sure it was not one of those dinner parties that languish for lack of conversation.

Late in the afternoon, as the Stones came in sight of their own pleasant farmhouse, Mr. Stone said, hesitatingly, "John and I had some talk of exchanging farms while we were harnessing up. We thought, if"—

"Stop right there, Amasa Stone!" cried his wife, with a sudden uncalled for burst of tears. "If you ever mention such a thing again"—

"Why!" exclaimed Mr. Stone, in glad astonishment, "I thought you were crazy for Cousin Maria's modern conveniences, and John said that Maria made life a burden to him by hankering after yours. So we thought we'd please both of you by swapping farms."

"Well, you'll neither of you ever hear anything more on the subject from Maria or me," sobbed Mrs. Stone. "We were both of us so homesick and so ashamed that we burst out crying when we were up in the front chamber at Mrs. Soper's, and confessed what fools we had been. I guess neither of us will ever quarrel with her own things again—least of all, with her own husband."—American Agriculturist.

THE NEW WOMAN'S BABY.

She Brings Him Up According to the Rules Laid Down in the Books.

"But haven't you any more books on the subject?" asked the woman, appealingly, much as if the person she was consulting had large installments of books hidden away, only forthcoming when his heart should soften.

"Not in, now," and the young man at the circulating library turned to a newer comer.

"Why don't you take something else?" advised her companion.

"Because I do not come here to get any books. I just want books that will give me information about caring for baby. Ever since he was a wee little thing I have been reading everything I could get on the subject. I think," she said, crushingly, turning to the young man in charge, "I will not take any book today."

Then as she started away her tone changed to one of pity.

"How was it," she said to the other woman, "that babies used to struggle up, when there were no magazines or books about how they should be trained? Every one of my friends who has a baby does just as I do and gets evey article she can upon their physical or mental or moral well being. And one does get such help. Just the other day I was reading somewhere: 'No mother should be without a baby's diary. Jot down all the sayings of the little one,' and so I've started with such a pretty book, leather bound, you know, and I mean to keep it up."

"That must be awfully interesting," said the other woman, "isn't it?"

"This last book, the one I had given back when I met you, gave me fine directions for caring for baby's teeth, especially the second teeth. I shall do exactly as it says, and take him to the dentist in time. In that way, you know, you avoid all trouble about teeth coming in crooked and all that. Kindergarten methods are fine, too, and I've been reading up about them, for I want him to have the advantage of the latest ideas."

"How old is he now?" asked the listener suddenly.

"Three months old," said the proud mother, fondly.—New York Sun.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life.—Johnson.

A life of pleasure makes even the strongest mind frivolous at last.—Bulwer.

The shortest way to do many things is to do only one thing at a time.—Cecil.

The noontide sun is dark, and music discord, when the heart is low.—Young.

Opportunity is rare, and a wise man will never let it go by him—Bayard Taylor.

If a man be endued with a generous mind, this is the best kind of nobility.—Plato.

Who hath not known ill-fortune, never knew himself, or his own virtue.—Mallet.

Recollection is the only paradise from which we cannot be turned out.—Richter.

Of all the paths that lead to a woman's love, pity is the straightest.—Beaumont.

Modest expression is a beautiful setting to the diamond of talent and genius.—Chapin.

Unbecoming forwardness oftener proceeds from ignorance than impudence.—Greville.

Negligence is the rust of the soul, that corrodes through all her best resolves.—Feltham.

Those who never retract their opinions love themselves more than they love truth.—Joubert.

There is merit without elevation, but there is no elevation without some merit.—Rochefoucauld.

Be just and fear not; let all the ends thou aimest at be thy country's, thy God and truths.—Shakespeare.

Most persons would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.—Longfellow.

The opportunity to do mischief is found a hundred times a day, and that of doing good once a year.—Voltaire.

There is no policy like politeness, since a good manner often succeeds where the best tongue has failed.—Magoon.

Oldest Church in the World.

The oldest building in the world that has been uninterruptedly used for church purposes is St. Martin's Cathedral at Canterbury. The building was originally erected for a church, and has been regularly used as a place for religious gatherings for more than 1500 years.—Tit-Bits.

Scavenger Wagon Bells.

Hereafter bells that can be heard a distance of 500 feet must be attached to all private scavenger wagons in Chicago, and these bells must be rung continuously while the wagons are in service, which may be between sunset and sunrise.

Norfolk, Va., boasts of a traffic in garden truck that amounts to $7,000,000 a year.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Senate.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

The financial debate in the Senate has reached its climax. Two speeches, one in favor of the pending Senate substitute measure and the other in opposition to it, were delivered. The first was delivered by Mr. Allison, of Iowa, the ranking member of the finance committee. Mr. Jones, of Nevada, made

CONGRESS

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

Throughout its session the Senate had the financial bill under discussion. After 2 o'clock the debate proceeded under the 10-minute rule, and at times became spirited.

Late in the afternoon a test vote, indicating approximately the majority on the passage of the bill, was taken. Mr. Chandler offered an amendment, to authorize the president to appoint commissioners to any international bimetallic conference that might be called, and it was defeated by a vote of 45 to 25.

The Senate Committee on Pensions reported the pension appropriation bill. The committe increased the total appropriation as made by the House bill to the extent of only $15,000, and struck out the House proviso making it discretionary with the Commissioner of Pensions to refuse to pay the fees of attorneys in pension cases.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations authorized a favorable report on the bill providing for the punishment of violations of the treaty rights of aliens.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

The Senate substitute for the House currency bill passed the House by the decisive majority of 46 to 20. Prior to the final passage of the bill amendments were considered under the ten-minute rule. Only two of these amendments were adopted, viz.: One offered by the finance committee, keeping the door open to international bimetallism, and one by Mr. Nelson, of Minnesota, providing for national banks with $25,000 capital in towns of not more than 4,000 inhabitants.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs decided to report adversely the bill introduced by Senator Turner, giving travel pay and commutation of subsistence to officers and soldiers of the volunteer army who served in the Philippines beyond the termination of the Spanish war and afterward were transported to the United States and mustered out in this country. The committee was informed that about $7,000,000 would be required to make the payments provided for by the bill.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

When the House session opened announcement of the receipt of the currency bill from the Senate was made, and by unanimous consent the Senate amendments were disagreed to. The speaker appointed Messrs. Overstreet (Rep., Ind.), Brosius (Rep., Pa.) and Cox (Dem., Tenn.) conferees.

The House Commitee on election of president and vice president submitted a report in favor of a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment disqualifying polygamists for election as Senators or Representatives in Congress, and prohibiting polygamy and polygamous association between the sexes. The report says this amendment to the Constitution is designed to remove all doubtful constructions of the law and to effectually provide a means of extirpating the evils of polygamy by making it unlawful in any place.

The House indulged in its annual joke of striking from the legislative appropriation bill the provision for the civil service commission.

Republican Senators claim that the colony measures are too urgent to be displaced by the Quay case. Senator Stewart, in a lengthy speech, advocates the administration policy as it follows lines laid down by the earlier expansionists, who vastly increased the national wealth.

House.

The House Committee on Commerce decided, by a vote of eight to one, to report a Pacific cable bill along the lines of the Sherman bill, defeating the Corliss proposition for government ownership. The Sherman bill authorizes the Postmaster General to contract with an American cable company for the payment by the United States of not to exceed $400,000 per year for 20 years for the transmission of government messages from the Pacific coast to Honolulu, Guam, Manila, Hong Kong, and such points in Japan as the contractor, with the approval of the government of Japan, may select.

The House Committee on Military Affairs completed the army appropriation bill. It carries $111,700,364, against $80,080,104 in the bill for the current year.

In the Clark case McDermott testified that he spent $22,000 on the legislature and senatorial elections, for legitimate expenses, most of the money being received from Clark's son, and after the election Clark gave him $5,000 for his services.

CYCLING NOTES.

The English Government is experimenting with motor cycles in modern warfare.

The chainless type of wheels came in for a great share of attention. The most notable improvement in the chainless is the decrease in weight over last season.

An automatic bicycle whistle, instead of the ordinary bell, is a device that novelty hunters should find fad enough. It has been brought out by a western firm.

A feature of a late wheel is the arrangements by which the gears may be adjusted externally. By removing the cap at the rear bevels the gears can be adjusted with the fingers.

There is always something new being introduced in the line of foot rests and brakes. One English inventor has improved the ordinary pair of foot rests by adding arms or rods carrying brake pads, and controlled by small springs.

An invisible brake for bicycles is formed of linked rods connecting the grips inside the handle bar, with a revolving disk set at the junction of the bar and head, which connects with a rod to depress the brake shoe when the grips are twisted.

The most important and prominent facts of change in the wheels of this year are the decrease in weight along with an increase in the rapidity of the frame, and the refinement in construction of the nuts, bolts, cones and bearings, so that they are all more easy to understand and to manipulate.

There are ructions being raised in England just now because a man who paused to watch a would-be record-breaker as he passed along a stretch of rural road discovered a cord connecting the record rider with his pacing machine. The cord was hurriedly dropped when the observer was detected.

The experience of little "Jimmy" Michael, which by the way is not his real name, ought to be a lesson to other athletes. Michael was the wonder of modern bicycle riders, but he neglected his health, and to-day he is forgotten. The little fellow is now in New Orleans trying to learn how to become a jockey.

A cycle dealer said recently: "The women who cycle in winter should have it impressed upon them that they should rig their wheels for winter work as well as themselves. Those who ordinarily pedal an eighty-gear should put on one of, say seventy, and those who use a seventy should drop to sixty-three."

You Cannot Drink Without Injury.

A man is like a thermometer. His spirits are equable—neither joyous nor sad. He takes a drink. It fills him with joy. When he recovers from its effects the reaction carries him just as far in the other direction. You cannot take a drink of whisky without an injury, either mental or physical. Let it alone.—New York Journal.

There are 5,400 square miles of coalfields in Great Britain.

CUPID PLAYS QUEER PRANKS.

Love Affairs of Famous People Furnish Pleasant Reading Today.

Although many men and women of celebrity have been unfortunate in affairs of the heart, the great majority had different stories to tell. Many women deserve, but few women receive, such an I. O. U. as that which Hood gave his wife. "I never was anything, dearest, until I knew you, and I have been a better, happier and more prosperous man ever since. Lay the truth in lavender, sweetest, and remind me of it when I fail." General Gordon said he never married because he never found a woman prepared to accompany him to the ends of the earth. Such a woman Sir Henry Lawrence did find. She went with him into nearly every place in India where his work brought him, however dangerous or difficult. On August 22, 1620, Oliver Cromwell married Elizabeth Boucher, daughter of a knight and wealthy London merchant. Mrs. Cromwell may not have had much character, but her husband never ceased to love her, and thirty years after their marriage he wrote to her (the day after Dunbar): "Truly, if I love you not too well, I think I err not on the other hand too much. Thou art dearer to me than any creature; let that suffice." For forty-three years the great lawyer and agitator, Daniel O'Connell, poured out his heart to his wife like a schoolboy in love for the first time. His first thoughts were always of her; and neither the lapse of years nor the tremendous pressure of his professional and political engagements seems ever to have prevented his writing regularly to her—letters which in later years he used to call the 'love letters of your old husband." It is pleasant to find harmony in the house of a great musical composer as well as in his compositions. There was no discordant note in the matrimonial duet which Mozart and his wife played together. For years she was an invalid, and he used to write by her bedside while she slept. When he went out in the morning for a ride he would steal softly into her room and leave a tender note to greet her waking. Here is one of them: "I wish you good morning, my dear little wife. I hope you have slept well, and that nothing has disturbed your repose. Be careful not to take cold, not to rise too quickly, not to stoop, not to reach for anything, not to be angry with the servant. Take care also not to fall upon the threshold in passing from one room to another. Keep all domestic troubles till I come, which will be soon."

AVOID STEPPING UPON CRACKS

Peculiarity of Many People When Walking Along the Pavements.

From the Philadelphia Record: "I wonder why it is," said a quick observer the other day, "that nine people out of every ten in walking along the sidewalk invariably try to avoid stepping upon the cracks or divisions in between the flagging? Now, for instance, if the divisions are made so that an ordinary man's step would measure about two-thirds of the width of one section of the flagging, he would naturally take about three steps in crossing two of them. But instead of making the three steps of the same length and setting one foot down upon the seam, you will find that he will invariably take a step either a little longer or a little shorter than is really most convenient, just to enable him to avoid stepping upon the crack or seam. It seems to be done almost unconsciously, and yet if on the next square the size of the division in the pavement is changed, you will notice that almost invariably the pedestrian adapts his steps to the new arrangement, and still continues to avoid the cracks. Children used to play a game called 'poison' on their way to school. The game consisted entirely in carefully avoiding stepping upon a stone or some other material selected by the leader to be designated as 'poison,' to set foot upon which was supposed to be followed by direful consequences. Whether the habit of 'looking where you step' thus acquired is continued by those who now try to avoid cracks I cannot say, but if you notice you will find that many people who walk are addicted to the habit here described."

Justice Brewer as a Story Teller.

Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme court, is one of the best anecdote relaters in Washington, and frequently tells stories on himself. Here is an amusing one: When he was studying law in New York city he evinced some interest in the municipal campaign then on and was invited to make a speech on a certain occasion. He accepted and carefully fortifying himself with information on the subject and otherwise preparing for his part of the program he appeared on the platform in ample time. When he got up he made an eloquent depletion of the virtues of his party; he made deep draughts on simile and metaphor; his sentences were exquisitely rounded and it was a masterly example of a class-day oration. The audience sat unmoved, an occasional man alone greeting what he said. The next speaker was an unkempt individual, careless of grammar, who committed a wholesale slaughter of the English language. But he made several good points in a crude way that appealed to the crowd, and when he ended the applause was deafening. As the then would-be lawyer with the fine periods passed out a man behind, not recognizing him, whispered in his ear: "I like that second feller better; he talks sense."

An Insinuation.

From the Detroit Free Press: Husband—That tramp I met at the gate told me he weighed 250 pounds. Wife—What a story teller! Why, he told me when I fed him that he only weighed a hundred. Husband—Yes, my dear, but that was before he had eaten those biscuits of yours.

We think Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only medicine for Coughs.—JENNIE PINCKARD, Springfield, Ills., Oct. 1, 1899.

In Devonshire the cycle has been applied to butter making. A man sits on his bicycle, pedals, and by means of a chain turns the churn.

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