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No. 9x—Night Express.....	3:00 A. M.
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### HER FRENCH A FAILURE.

#### The Tragedy of a Blacking Bottle in the Latin Quarter.

She was spending her first month in the Latin quarter of Paris. She spoke English fluently, with a Boston accent; also she spoke German, could make a fair stammer at Italian and knew a few words of Hindostanee, but of French not a syllable.

One morning she found herself in a wrestling match with a bottle of French shoe blacking. The pesky bottle, understanding that it had to deal with an alien, refused to give up its cork. She had no corkscrew of her own and did not know how to ask for one, even if she dared suspect that her next door neighbor might be possessed of the luxury. The time of her pet fork she had bent on the obstinate plug, the point of her best penknife she had broken off short, and nothing remained except to throw the bottle out of a window to get at its contents. She decided as a last resort to try breaking the neck of the bottle. With a "stove lid lifter" she administered several cautious taps in the region of the jugular of the obstinate neck. "Nothin' doin'!" Then she tapped harder still, and the blacking came. All over her fingers it came, all over her light woolen skirt and over much of the floor and window sill.

She decided to have the skirt cleaned and packed it into a bundle, tripped off to an establishment where she found embarrassment because she could not understand questions. Finally she got the drift of the conversation. The cleaners wanted to know what had caused the spot. Fortunately a bottle of shoe blacking was standing near by, and she pointed at this and "oid" and "oid" until she left in heightened spirits, feeling that she was not helpless and that she had made the cleaners understand. When the skirt was duly returned the following week, it was dyed black.—New York Tribune.

### ANIMAL ODDITIES.

Breton sheep are not much larger than a fair sized hare.

The mandarin duck is one of the most beautiful of aquatic birds.

The queen is always at the mercy of the bees and is a slave instead of a ruler.

A beetle one-third the size of a horse would be able to pull against more than a dozen horses.

The greyhound, which can cover a mile in a minute and twenty-eight seconds, is the fastest of quadrupeds.

The giraffe, armadillo and porcupine have no vocal cords and are therefore mute. Whales and serpents are also voiceless.

The glowworm lays eggs which are themselves luminous. However, the young hatched from them are not possessed of those peculiar properties until after the first transformation.

To escape from dangers which menace them starfishes commit suicide. This instinct of self destruction is found only in the highest and lowest scales of animal life.

Hebrew Proverbs.

The daily talk of the Hebrews has a shrewd picturesqueness. "Let the loag go laughing home," they say. That is, "Be careful of whatever you have borrowed."

If a person were to be met coldly on going to a friend's house, he would say:

"The shore is the same, but the shellfish is not the same."

The impossible is denoted by "blackberries in midwinter and sea gulls' eggs in autumn."

"Better thin kneading than to be empty." That is, "Half a loaf is better than no bread."

"The man who is idle will put the cats on the fire."

"He that does not look before him will look behind him."

"A house without a dog, without a cat, without a little child, is a house without pleasure and without laughter."

Homes in Italy.

Speaking of homes and ways of living, Mr. Luigi Villari in "Italian Life in Town and Country" reveals a curious state of affairs. In Italian cities there are no slum districts. The poorest of the poor may be lodged in the same palace with people whose income runs over \$25,000 annually. The poor are packed away in the garrets or in the cellars, to be sure, and their misery must be rendered all the more acute by the sight and scent of such lavish living. High class Italians have no objections whatever to dwelling over a shop or place of business.

Forgot Himself.

Mrs. Henpeck—We've bin married twenty years today, Hiram.

Hiram (with a sigh)—Yes, fer twenty years we've fought—

Mrs. Henpeck (scowling)—What? You old wretch!

Hiram (quickly)—Life's battles together, Mirandy.—Judge.

Too Valuable to Lose.

Mr. Grogan—Sure, Mike, an' what did yez do wif yuz dog?

Mike—Oh, he wuz wort' \$10 an' OI kep' t'inkin' if some wan sh'd stole un OI could ill afford t' loss, so OI gave un away, D'gorra!—Chicago News.

Awfully Benighted.

Dasherly—Is he so very ignorant?

Flasherly—Ignorant? Why, actually, he doesn't even know a cure for colds!—Kansas City Independent.

I wonder why it is we are not all kinder than we are. How easily it is done! How instantaneously it acts! How infallibly it is remembered!—Drummond.

### ALMACK'S OF LONDON.

#### A Famous Woman's Club of a Century or So Ago.

About a century ago the seventh heaven of the fashionable world of London was a club known as Almack's, of which the patronesses were Lady Castlereagh, Lady Jersey, Lady Cowper (afterward Lady Palmerston), Lady Sefton, Mrs. Drummond Burrell (afterward Lady Willoughby), the Princess Esterhazy and the Countess Lieven. Their smiles or frowns consigned men and women to happiness or despair. It is hard for us to conceive the importance which was attached to getting admission to Almack's. Of the 300 officers of the Foot guards not more than half a dozen were honored with cards to this temple of the beau monde. The government was a pure despotism, as every government by woman is bound to be, and a host of intrigues was set in motion to get an invitation.

Very often persons of rank who had the entire anywhere were excluded from the club. Such as were admitted had to dress in conformity with the edict of the tyrants, at the assemblies except in knee breeches, white cravat and crissé hat. On one occasion the Duke of Wellington was about to dress in black trousers when the guardian of the establishment stepped forward and said, "Your grace cannot be admitted in trousers," whereupon the duke, who had a great respect for orders, quietly walked away.—New York Press.

A Pun That Failed.

At a public dinner a careless waiter stumbled when bringing in a boiled tongue. The tongue slipped over the edge of the dish upon the tablecloth.

"Never mind," said the chairman cheerfully, "it's only a lapsus linguae" (slip of the tongue).

The joke was received with a burst of laughter. A gentleman present, who had no knowledge of Latin, yet saw what boisterous merriment it caused, secretly determined that he would repeat the whole performance at his next little dinner party at home and give his guests a great laugh at his wit.

The occasion arrived. There was to be a leg of mutton, and the host had instructed the waiter to let it fall when coming in. The waiter did so, to the great dismay of the guests.

"Oh, never mind," cried the host cheerfully, "it's only a lapsus linguae."

To his great disgust and astonishment, however, nobody seemed to see it, and now he is suspicious that something must have gone wrong somewhere.—Pearson's.

### Appended to the Powers.

The late Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, besides being an indefatigable editor, had a decided vein of humor in his composition.

During the last years of his life, as his strength permitted, he watched over his paper as zealously as in his younger days, and it was his custom to scan the columns of certain favorite exchanges and clip from them extensively, marking them on the margins. "J. M.—Must," meaning that the extracts must go in. It was one of his great grates that there was not always room for all of them, even when columns of live editorial matter had been crowded out, as they were sometimes, to make room for them.

One night he went up to the room of the night editor with a bundle of clippings in his hand.

"Mr. Ransom," he said to that official, with a twinkle in his eye, "I wish you would use your influence to have these printed in the paper tomorrow morning."—Youth's Companion.

### A Nourishing Drink.

The whites of raw eggs are very nourishing. A good way to prepare the drink, according to one who knows, is to break the white into a jar with what milk is desired and shake the two thoroughly together. A pinch of salt should be added. An English specialist recommends to aden patients suffering from anemic condition the daily consumption of eight or ten egg whites. They can be taken clear and with ease if the eggs are kept very cold, broken into a cold glass and used at once. Another excellent drink is made by beating the white of an egg to a froth and adding a tablespoonful of rich cream and a spoonful of brandy. This is a very nourishing cordial for an invalid.

### Economical.

Farmer Skinfint (reading sign)—"Eyesight Tested Free of Charge." Gracious! Mandy, I go an' find out if it's hurtin' my eyesight tew read the paper.

Mandy—An' if it is are yew goin' tew squander good money on spectacles?

Farmer Skinfint—No; I'm goin' tew give up the paper.

### Gold Only For Royalty.

It is a notable fact that in Abyssinia none but those who are related to the monarch is permitted to wear gold in any form. They may deck themselves with diamonds and other precious stones, but the jewels must not be set in gold. The penalty for infringement of this law is death by decapitation.

### Thanked.

She—Yes, I told you I'd always be a sister to you, and I'll be glad to hear anything you have to say to me.

He—Six months ago you told me I'd thank you some day for refusing me. Let me do so at once. You can't hold a candle to the girl I'm engaged to now.

### His Embittered Existence.

Checks—You're the sourest, worst tempered man in town.

Black—Well, you see, I live next door to a public school.—Chicago News.

### PERSISTENT LOVERS.

#### WOMEN WHO WERE MARRIED IN SPIKE OF THEMSELVES.

#### Some Matrimonial Experiences That Would Seem to Justify Voltaire's Cynical Declaration That "Any Man Can Wed Any Woman."

"Any man can marry any woman," Voltaire once cynically declared, "if he only pursues her long enough." This, at any rate, was the experience of Jacob Halliday, a well known character in the north of England a couple of generations ago.

Never did a lover win a wife under such discouraging conditions as Jacob, for after his first proposal he was soundly horsewhipped by the young lady's father and ducked in a convenient pond.

"I'll ask her again next year," Jacob spluttered as he emerged from his bath, the fire of his passion not a whit quenched by his cold douche. "Regularly once a year, on the anniversary of my first proposal and immersion," Nicholson says in his biography of Mr. Halliday, "Jacob attired himself in his finest raiment and presented his petition, always with the same negative result. When he presented himself, now a middle aged man, for the twenty-fourth time, the lady greeted his appearance with a peal of laughter. 'It's no good, Jacob, I see,' she exclaimed. 'I may as well give in now as later, but what a faint hearted creature the unfortunate widow was compared with you!'

Sheridan took an equally bold course when he sought to win the fairest of the beautiful daughters of Linley, the composer of Bath, who was strongly opposed to the suit of the brilliant young poet and dramatist. His lady-love, too, was beset by an army of suitors, many of them far more eligible than the penniless law student. The circumstances called for bold and decisive action. After threatening to destroy himself if the lady refused his advances and fighting a couple of duels with one of his most formidable rivals Sheridan took the bold step of running away with Miss Linley and conducting her to a French nunnery, where she remained in confinement until, succumbing to her lover's darling and persistence, she consented to marry him.

An amusing and characteristic story is told of Lord Beaconsfield in the days when he was wooing Mrs. Lewis, to whom in later years of married life he was so touchingly devoted.

One day Mrs. Lewis, who was then living in retirement at her seat in Glamorganshire, saw a gentleman walking leisurely up the drive. "Jane," she exclaimed to an old servant, "I really believe that horrid man Disraeli is coming up the drive. Do, please, run to the door and say I'm not at home." Jane opened the door to the undesired caller and gravely announced her message.

"I know," Disraeli coolly answered, "but take my bag to a bedroom and prepare luncheon. I will wait until Mrs. Lewis is ready to come downstairs," which, of course, Mrs. Lewis felt compelled to do a few minutes later.

"Oh, dear, what can I do with such an obstinate, thick skinned man?" the widow asked desperately later in the day when Disraeli showed no sign of raising the siege. "Marry him, I suppose, ma'am," was Jane's philosophic answer, and, as the world knows, the persistent wooer had his way in the end in this as in most other things in life.

A judge, not long deceased, used to tell a diverting story of his wooing. In those days he was a struggling and obscure lawyer without even the prospect of an income, and the woman on whom he had set his affections was the daughter of a purse proud man with a high sounding name who was strongly opposed to giving his daughter to a "penniless lawyer."

"Do you know, sir," the father thundered when he was asked for the sign of his daughter's hand—"do you know, sir, that my daughter's ancestors have all been noblemen and that one of them was a favorite minister of Queen Elizabeth?" "Oh, yes, I know all that," the judge replied placidly. "The young barrister placidly answered, "and do you know that Queen Elizabeth once slapped your ancestor's face, and unless you are more civil I will do the same for you?" It is scarcely surprising that so bold and daring a lover had his way in the end, even in the face of such a barrier of ghostly noble ancestors.

The late Prince Bismarck, it is said, won his wife in much the same way. Although he had not known the lady of his love more than a few days and her parents were not even aware of his existence, he presented himself one day before them and boldly asked permission to marry their daughter. In vain the father fumed and blustered and threatened to have the young man forcibly ejected from the house for his impertinence. "I am sorry to annoy you, sir," the young soldier said, "but I must respectfully decline to leave the house until I have your consent." Nor did he, although the consent was given in these ungracious words: "Well, I suppose you must have your way, but I cannot compliment my daughter on her choice of a mule for a husband."

### He Feels It.

"Does a draft give you cold chills down your back?" asked the philosopher.

"It does," replied the wise guy, "when my bank account is overdrawn."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

### Bobby's Comment.

Little Bobby was inspecting the new baby for the first time, and his dictum was as follows:

"I s'pose it's nice enough, what there is of it, but I'm sorry it ain't a parrot."—Tit-Bits.

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