

Slips of the Pen.

The best writers are not free from slips of the pen, and some such slips are very curious, says the Liverpool Post. Wilkie Collins, in some mysterious way, makes the moon to rise in the west. Rider Haggard, in "King Solomon's Mines," contrives an eclipse of the new moon for the diversion of the natives and the entertainment of his readers. Coleridge places a star between the horns of the crescent moon rising in the east. Shakespeare makes a clock to strike in ancient Rome at a period 2,000 years before striking clocks were invented. Robinson Crusoe, on abandoning the wreck, strips off his clothing in order to swim to shore. This, however, does not prevent him from filling his pockets with biscuits. And Anthony Trollope describes Andy Scott as "coming whistling up with a cigar in his mouth."

Doing One's Best.

This habit of always doing one's best enters into the very marrow of one's heart and character; it affects one's bearing, one's self-possession, says London Answers. The man who does everything to a finish has a feeling of serenity; he is not easily thrown off his balance; he has nothing to fear, and he can look the world in the face, because he feels conscious that he has not put shoddy work into anything, that he has had nothing to do with shams, and that he has always done his level best. This sense of efficiency, of being master of one's craft, of being equal to any emergency, the consciousness of possessing the ability to do with superiority whatever one undertakes, will give satisfaction which a half-hearted, slipshod worker never knows.

Twenty-one husbands who reside in Bayonne, N. J., have met and organized the married men's Anti-Euchre and Home Preservation Society. They declare it is high time their wives and other men's wives were cured of the progressive euchre habit, and propose to use all their efforts to establish such a cure.

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A man knows less after marriage than a woman does before.

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A machine for condensing sea fog into drinking water has been invented.

Export, the organ of the Central Commercial Geographical Union, of Berlin, in a recent issue says: "If England is to maintain supremacy even in her own markets against the United States, Belgium and Germany, she will have to emulate those countries in their scientific methods of manufacturing and doing business."

Nine-tenths of the external trade of the Bahamas, which amounted to \$1,275,000 last year, is with the United States. The principal exports of the islands are pineapples and sponges, and the imports flour and earthen glassware.

Cost of Hauling Freight.

The cost of hauling a ton of freight a mile on Great Britain's greatest railway is 1.45 cents; on the Pennsylvania, forty cents; and on the New York Central, forty-one cents.

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The Teacher Interested.

"Miss Biggs is interested in you, pa." "How so?" "Why, to-day, after she had told me seven times to sit down and behave myself, she said she wondered what sort of a father I had."

Beaten in Our Own Field.

Phillipine imports of iron and steel and manufactures thereof for the calendar year 1903 show an increase of approximately 10 per cent over those of 1902. The figures are \$2,162,915 for 1903 and \$1,909,679 for 1902. Of the total for the two years the United States secured only about 23.7 per cent. More than three-quarters of the trade was captured by our English and European competitors.

Dogs in the Army.

The "dogs of war" in these days assist in field hospital work. In Germany and Italy St. Bernard dogs have been trained for years so as to aid, after an engagement, bearer parties in their search for the wounded, especially at night. Russia, apparently, has no canine corps, and Major Richardson of Carnoustie, England, who has made a specialty of training ambulance dogs, has received a communication from St. Petersburg asking him how many he can supply for service in the Far East.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.



LIGHT HEART.

Little Paul Spry Knew how to fly Into his clothes in the morning.

Little Paul Spry Always said "Try." And was up with the birds at the dawning. —M. R. S., in Christian Register.

TO MAKE A WIND HARP.

A great many of our readers are very clever little musicians, and some of them play several kinds of instruments, the violin, banjo, mandolin, etc., but there are still more of them who do not play at all, although they are just as fond of music as the rest.

Here is a way in which you can have all the music you want and music of a very high order, too, which none of your little friends can produce on their favorite instruments, no matter how hard they try. You may have one of the very oldest musicians in the world playing for you, and you may listen to the very same melodies that the ancient Greeks used to hear and which they thought so beautiful that they said the spirit of music, which they called the Great God Pan, was playing for them. This music is nothing but the wind, and it is ready at all times to play for you if you will provide the instrument.

Take two smooth strips of board, each about two feet long and two inches wide, and join them together at one end so that they will form a right angle, like two sides of a square. Now drive a row of tacks in each stick, having each tack about two inches apart, and your instrument is complete.

The rabbit fish, the trunk fish, and the cow fish, all armed with prominent teeth, grind and crush them like the swell fish.

The ugly skate curls itself up after being caught and grunts, groans and gasps like a human being.

The porpoise, which is not a true fish, but looks exactly like one, is

A huge fish, with big, grinding teeth dwells in salt water, and is found all along the United States coast from Massachusetts to Florida. It is called the drum, because of the deep, booming noises that it makes.

The drum feeds by preference on oysters and mussels, and when a school of the big fellows is gathered in a shallow bay on the oyster beds it often is possible on a still night to hear their deep booming plainly.

Another salt water fish, the beautiful trout-like squeteague, utters a croak, extremely musical, much like that of a big bullfrog.

Another croaker is a fish allied to the squeteague, known as a croaker.

The sea robin, so called because it has magnificent crimson fins as big as a bird's wings just behind its head, is another fish with a voice. He utters a deep, loud "quawk" when he is caught and repeats it every time he is touched.

The litter puffer, or swell fish, which has the ability to puff itself into a perfectly round ball, makes a hoarse, chucking sound as he does it. At the same time he grinds his sharp teeth so that it can be heard four or five feet away.

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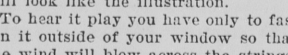


THE FOREST AND THE WOODMAN.

Two woodmen were working when one of them broke the handle of his ax and was unable to find a shaft suitable for a new handle. The woodman prayed to the forest for the branch he sought and promised to go to another land and spare the gracious fir and oak, and fell them no more. His prayer was granted; the woodman forgot his vow and the forest soon found her gift brought death to her. Find the other woodman.—From Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

pleat, all but the strings. For the strings get some long rubber bands, or, better still, three violin strings. Stretch these very tightly across the angle formed by the two sticks, beginning at the two tacks at the little end of the angle. When you have fastened each string to the tacks so that it stretches tightly across the angle formed by the two sticks your work is finished and you have a harp which will look like the illustration.

To hear it play you have only to fasten it outside of your window so that the wind will blow across the strings.



THE WIND HARP COMPLETE.

As the wind strikes them they will hum as if struck by the fingers of a musician, and the notes will rise or fall as the wind blows strong or softly, and wild, unearthly melodies will result from every gentle puff of the breeze.

Do not put your wind harp out in damp weather, as the moisture in the air will spoil your strings.—Indianapolis News.

FISH ARE NOT DUMB.

The fishes are generally known as creatures that are completely dumb, but as a matter of fact there are a great many that utter loud sounds.

known as puffer, and puffing fish, because of his ability to puff so loudly that a school can be heard for miles when the day is calm.

Carp and goldfish often make a curious noise, but it is not uttering sounds in the meaning of the term used here, because they do it merely by approaching the surface of the water and blowing out air in bubbles till a rippling noise is produced.—Indianapolis News.

WHEN BIRDS HAD NO FEATHERS. Did you know there was once a time when birds had no feathers and no such beaks as now serve their purpose? According to naturalists and scientists, birds were only batlike creatures thousands of years ago, with scales like fishes or lizards and webbed wings. As these wings, however, had to be more and more depended upon as a means of escape from the increasing horde of their ground enemies, and the air surrounding the earth gradually grew cooler, the scales, generation after generation, slowly turned to feathers, with light, air-filled quills to aid in flying, and soft, fluffy ends, to keep the bodies beneath them warm. Little by little, too, the great, savage looking, big toothed mouths that birds of thousands of years ago used to have changed to the small, pretty beaks that most of the feathered folk of to-day find sufficient for all their needs.

The reason for this is similar to that for the exchange of scales for feathers. The food that they gradually grew to live on after they made their homes in the world of air was not the sort that needed ferocious jaws, and so the muscles of their wings and claws grew stronger as those of their mouths grew smaller and their teeth disappeared altogether.

Theatre fires are to be studied experimentally in Austria by building a theatre one-fifth the normal size and subjecting it to various tests.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW.

CONSERVATISM A FEATURE.

Manufacturing Firms Prepare for a Quiet Season—Many Workmen Laid Off.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Interruption of industrial progress by the holiday labor conflicts and inclement weather again produced a somewhat unsatisfactory trade situation. Yet the money market is easy and accommodation readily obtained in legitimate business channels. Liabilities of mercantile failures are comparatively small, indicating that most concerns have prepared for a quiet season and are able to withstand a period of diminished sales and tardy payments. This conservative attitude is the fundamental strong feature of the situation, and when business revives there will be no pressure to dispose of heavy stocks of undesirable goods. More manufacturing plants have reduced hours or wages, and several strikes have added to the army of unemployed. No definite change is reported in the iron and steel industry, quotations being barely maintained and new contracts placed with great discrimination. More machinery has stopped at some concerns and running time is reduced at others. The impression is gaining ground that the declines in quotations will not go much further, and there is less disposition to secure new contracts by making concessions. Small orders for structural material are being placed, and there is a fair movement in pipe-and-plate, but the demand for rails, rolling stock and other railway equipment is distinctly unsatisfactory. In several departments of the industry prices have declined sufficiently to attract business from abroad, and the increase in exports is the best feature of the situation. Little change is noted in textile manufacturing conditions. Improvements is maintained in woolen goods, the demand showing greater diversification. Wholesale clothiers exhibit more confidence by making better provision for their needs during the balance of the season. Commercial failures this week in the United States are 220, against 226 last week, 236 the preceding week and 182 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 26, against 17, last week, 12 the preceding week and 24 last year.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Table with columns for Grain, Flour and Feed. Items include Wheat, Corn, Oats, Flour, and various feeds with prices listed.

Dairy Products.

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Poultry, Etc.

Table with columns for Poultry, Etc. Items include Hens, Chickens, Turkeys, Eggs, and various poultry products with prices listed.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Table with columns for Fruits and Vegetables. Items include Potatoes, Onions, Apples, and various fruits and vegetables with prices listed.

BALTIMORE.

Table with columns for Baltimore. Items include Flour, Wheat, Corn, and various grains with prices listed.

PHILADELPHIA.

Table with columns for Philadelphia. Items include Flour, Wheat, Corn, and various grains with prices listed.

NEW YORK.

Table with columns for New York. Items include Flour, Wheat, Corn, and various grains with prices listed.

LIVE STOCK.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg.

Table with columns for Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg. Items include Cattle, Hogs, and various live stock with prices listed.

Calves.

Table with columns for Calves. Items include Veal, good to choice, and various calves with prices listed.

Sheep.

Table with columns for Sheep. Items include Extra, medium wethers, and various sheep with prices listed.

Edwards Passwaters was instantly killed near Zanesville, presumably by being struck by a Zanesville and West-ern train. There is a strong belief that he was killed and thrown on the tracks. A gash across his abdomen which appears to have been inflicted with a sharp knife is the only ground for the belief. He was about 40 years old and leaves a wife and child.

J. H. Ulrich, president of the Ohio Coal Dealers' association and for two years president of the National association, died at Springfield of blood poisoning, as the result of injuries sustained in a runaway.

Women After Middle Age.

After middle age the average woman begins to care more for women than she does for men. Her allegiance undergoes a psychic change, her eyes are opened, her judgment cleared, and she learns to appreciate her own sex fully. The characteristics that seemed to her hateful frailties long ago, are defended now as their poetic distinctions. She sees in every girl the fair mirage of her own youth; in the pathetic, care-worn face of the young matron, the gentle heroism of her other years; in the mother of a grown family her own queen days when sons and daughters suddenly grew tall and proclaimed her. And for them all she has a chastened affinity. Men have passed out of her calculations. They are the things with whom she failed or succeeded, from lover and husband down to her youngest son. And, however much she remains dependent upon them, she is no longer related to them in the same way. She has survived them and returned to her own.—Independent.

Professor Filinders Petrie recently told an audience at Owens College, Manchester, England, that one spot in the ruins at Abydos, in upper Egypt, tells a continuous story running back to 5000 B. C. The remains of 10 successive temples have been unearthed.

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