

ANTHONY TROLLOPE.

Miscellaneous and Irregularities Incident upon His Short Life.

Anthony Trollope's start in life was unpromising. As he knew no languages, ancient or modern, he became classical usher at a school in Brussels, with the promise of a commission in the Austrian army. Then he was suddenly transferred to a clerkship in the London postoffice. He was disqualified for the new position by general ignorance and special incapacity for the simplest arithmetic. A vague threat that he must pass an examination was forgotten before it was put into execution. Trollope characteristically takes occasion to denounce the system of competitive examination by which he would have been excluded. Meanwhile he was turned loose in London and attempted to live like a gentleman on £10 a year. The results are indicated by a couple of anecdotes.

A money lender once advanced him £4, for which, first and last, he paid £200. This person, he says, became so much attached to him as to pay a daily visit to his office and exhort him to be punctual. "These visits were very terrible and can hardly have been of service to me in the office." This mild remark applies also to the visits from the mother of a young woman in the country who had fallen in love with him and to whom he "lacked the pluck to give a decided negative." The mother used to appear with a basket on her arm and an immense bonnet upon her head and inquire in a loud voice before all his companions, "Anthony Trollope, when are you going to marry my daughter?"

No wonder that he was miserable. He was helplessly in debt and often unable to pay for a dinner. He hated his work, he says, and he hated his idleness; he quarreled with his superiors, who thought him hopelessly incapable and felt that he was sinking "to the lowest pits." At last he heard of a place in the Irish postoffice which everybody despised and was successful in applying for it, because his masters were glad to get rid of him. At the same time they informed his new superior that he would probably have to be dismissed on the first opportunity.—National Review.

THE HOME DOCTOR.

Ice cream is said to be an infallible remedy for licecoughs.

Skin cleanliness, or, in other words, frequent ablution of the whole person, is a powerful preservative against all infectious and contagious diseases.

To cure a sprain bruise a handful of sage leaves and boil them in a gill of vinegar for five minutes. Apply this in a folded napkin as hot as it can be borne to the part affected.

For inflamed eyes use the white of an egg beaten to a froth and add to it a tablespoonful of rosewater. Apply with a piece of cotton wool, which must be changed as often as it dries.

A soothing drink for sore throat that is recommended is made of a pint of barley water brought to a boil over a hot fire, to which is added while stirring until dissolved an ounce of the best gum arabic. Sweeten to taste.

Light being an element of cheerfulness, as much of it as the patient can bear without discomfort should always be admitted to the sickroom, care being taken to keep reflecting objects, such as crystals and looking glasses, out of the invalid's view.

Infusorial Earth.

In the whole catalogue of "chemicals, minerals and rare elements," the prices of which are quoted every week by trade journals, perhaps no name is more puzzling to the uninitiated than "infusorial earth." Still, if one knows much about dynamite he is aware that this is the stuff employed as an absorbent to hold the nitroglycerin of that famous explosive. It was Nobel, the great Swedish engineer, who founded a number of attractive prizes to encourage scientific progress, who first discovered the trick by which nitroglycerin could be safely handled. Infusorial earth is composed of the silicious shells of minute vegetable organisms, diatoms which reveal wonderfully complicated and beautiful structures under the microscope.—New York Tribune.

It Reached Him.

A letter was received at the postoffice in Washington directed to the biggest fool in that city.

The postmaster was absent, and on his return one of the younger clerks informed him of the receipt of the letter. "And what became of it?" inquired the postmaster.

"Why," replied the clerk, "I didn't know who the biggest fool in Washington was, so I opened it myself."

"And what did you find in it?" inquired the postmaster.

"Find?" replied the clerk. "Why, nothing but the words, 'Thou art the man.'"—New York Herald.

An Afflicted Brother.

Brother Dickey was under the weather the other day. In describing his symptoms he said: "Yes, sah, hit's true dat I ain't feelin' half well. In de fust place, I 'flected wid rattlin' or de bones; den I troubled wid battin' or de eyelids, liftin' or de lef' leg, wobblin' or de right foot or crackin' or de top skull. All I needs now ter finish me complete is six months or de unf'lected rheumatism!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Substitute For Soap.

There are a few people to whose skins soap seems an irritant. They should use bran. The sons of one of the old kings of Holland were forbidden the use of soap. They were to use bran and a slice of lemon, the latter to remove inkstains. Napoleon never used soap, but kept his hands beautifully white by the use of bran.

Poison by Absorption.

The slow absorption of many poisons changes in some more or less modified form the complexion, and arsenic and ammonia show their effect about as quickly as any. The popular belief that arsenic clears the complexion has led many silly women to kill themselves with it in small, continued doses.

It produces a waxy, ivorylike appearance of the skin during a certain stage of the poisoning, but its terrible after effects have become too well known to make it of common use as a cosmetic.

The effects of ammonia upon the complexion are directly opposite from that of arsenic. The first symptoms of ammonia poisoning which appears among those who work in ammonia factories is a discoloration of the skin of the nose and forehead. This gradually extends over the face until the complexion has a stained, blotched and unsightly appearance. With people who take ammonia into their systems in small doses, as with their water and food, these striking symptoms do not appear so soon. The only effect of the poison that is visible for a time is a general unwholesomeness and sallowness of the complexion.

Indigested Food.

The recurrence of the flavor of food for some time after eating is always an indication, writes a physician in a medical journal, that the food is not being properly digested. "I can taste it," we say after eating canned fruits and vegetables preserved by adding salicylic acid or formaldehyde, substances that embalm food against the digestive juices as completely as they protect it from the microbes of the outer air. And "I can taste it" would probably be the report of one who had made a hearty meal on a turkey kept several months in cold storage. "A man trying to live on such meat would simply starve to death or die of blood poisoning," adds the physician.

He does not fail to remind us that the storage warehouse is generally a convenience and a benefit and only when misused a source of danger. But neither he nor any one else could find a good word to say for manufacturers who put slow poison into a food product. The fitting punishment for them would be to give them nothing to eat but their own canned stuff.

The Bird That Flies Longest.

Mr. J. Lancaster, naturalist, who spent five years on the west coast of Florida studying birds there, came to the conclusion that all the feathered tenants of the air the frigate bird can fly the longest without resting. He has seen one flying for a whole week night and day without repose.

The frigate bird can feed, collect materials for its nest and even sleep on the wing. Apparently its wings can be controlled automatically, without the power of its will, and it probably adapts itself to take advantage of the upward or bearing force of the wind. The spread of the frigate bird's wings is great, and it can fly at a speed of ninety-six miles an hour, without seeming to flap its wings much.

The albatross—that "king of the high seas," as it has been called—is larger than the frigate bird, but if it follows a vessel for four or five days it has to rest on a rock or on the ship itself.

An Impudent Dog.

One day Beau Nash joined some fine ladies in a grove and, asking one of them who was crooked whence she came, she replied, "Straight from London."

"Confound me, madam," said he, "then you must have been warped by the way!"

She soon, however, had ample revenge. The following evening he joined her company and, with a sneer and a bow, asked her if she knew her cat's name and could tell him the name of Tobi's dog.

"His name, sir, was Nash," replied the lady, "and an impudent dog he was!"

Proving Polarization.

The polarization of the human body can be proved by allowing a strong current to flow through the body from one end to the other, the hands being placed in two basins connected with the poles. The hands are then dried and placed in two other basins of water connected with the wires of a delicate galvanometer. A current in the reverse direction to the original one is then found to flow from the body.

Johnson on Poverty.

Poverty, my dear friend, is so great an evil and pregnant with so much temptation and so much misery that I cannot but earnestly enjoin you to avoid it. Live on what you have; live if you can on less. Do not borrow either for vanity or pleasure; the vanity will end in shame and the pleasure in regret.—Samuel Johnson.

Woman's Intuition.

Tess—She says she can't understand why people call him a flatterer.

Jess—She does, eh?

Tess—Yes; I guess it's because he never said anything flattering to her.

Jess—More likely he did say something flattering and she's trying to make herself believe he was in earnest.—Philadelphia Press.

A Precocious Youngster.

Tommy—Mamma, the teacher says it's wrong to wound anything.

His Mother—Yes, dear.

Tommy—Well, papa wound the clock last night.—Jewellers' Weekly.

To keep boys off the street corners furnish them with a room to their liking and make their boy friends welcome to it.

In Holland no landlord has the power of raising the rent or of evicting a tenant.

DREAMS WHICH HAPPEN.

A Robbery That Was Witnessed by a Woman Business School.

A lady spending the summer in the country, some 20 miles from her city residence, dreamed that the latter was robbed, she herself being a witness of the robbery. In her dream she saw two men, one of whom tripped, in the act of rummaging some trunks in the hall. A candle stuck by means of its own wax on the newel post illuminated the scene with a dim light.

After finishing their work with the trunks the men went up stairs to a closet, from which they removed curtains and hangings stored for the summer months. The dreamer observed that they overlooked her most valuable curtains, which had been placed well back on upper shelves.

Suddenly she seemed to be transported to her birthplace at Auburn, N. Y., where she especially noted the bronze figure of an Indian which surmounts the prison edifice.

At breakfast the next morning she related her vivid dream to those present, five of whom are now living and vouch for the fact. Subsequently it was found that the city house had been entered and robbed. On the newel post were the marks of the candle. The curtains had all been taken but the best set, which were found where the dreamer had seen them.

Suspicion was directed to a painter who had been at work on the house, who was lame and who disappeared immediately after the robbery. Investigation of this man's character showed that he had served a term in the Auburn penitentiary.—Health Culture.

France and the Potato.

There was much difficulty in introducing the potato into France. It was only toward the end of the reign of Louis XIV that it began to be used. The learned had opposed its introduction systematically, saying it produced leprosy, and the common people refused to test it even on their live stock.

A trick at last established it. Fields were planted all over France with potatoes and carefully guarded until the tubers were ripe. It being given out that these fields were growing a new thing specially for the king and that trespassers would be prosecuted. Now, the laws at that time were severe. A man might be hanged when he hunted in the wild forest, for the game was the seigneur's, almost each one of whom kept his private gallows. Trespass against the king implied, therefore, terrible punishment.

The danger of the punishment proved itself an alluring bait. As the contrivance, wise in foresight, had seen, the fields that were purposely left unguarded were pillaged right and left, the potatoes eaten, some kept and planted and the tuber at last effectually introduced into France.

Irving's Intensity.

The piercing eyes and intense expression of Henry Irving once had the effect of making a fellow actor altogether forget that he was on the stage at all. It occurred in Manchester during a performance of "Macbeth," and in the scene where Macbeth says to one of the murderers, "There's blood upon thy face!" Irving put so much earnestness into his words that the murderer forgot his proper answer ("Tis Banquo's, then") and replied in a startled voice: "Is there? Great Scott!" He fancied, as he afterward said, that he had broken a blood vessel.—Ledger Monthly.

BUFFALO, ROCHESTER & PITTSBURGH N.Y. CONDENSED TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JAN. 6, 1902.

NORTH BOUND.					
	12	6	8	14	2
Pittsburg	Leave, A.M.	11:00	P.M.	1:10	6:00
Altoona	A.M.	11:00	P.M.	1:10	6:00
Butler	12:12	1:22	2:32	7:12	8:22
Craigsville	12:15	1:25	2:35	7:15	8:25
West Moscow	12:18	1:28	2:38	7:18	8:28
Edinboro	12:21	1:31	2:41	7:21	8:31
Dayton	12:24	1:34	2:44	7:24	8:34
Punkstown	12:27	1:37	2:47	7:27	8:37
Punkstown	12:30	1:40	2:50	7:30	8:40
Dayton	12:33	1:43	2:53	7:33	8:43
Edinboro	12:36	1:46	2:56	7:36	8:46
West Moscow	12:39	1:49	2:59	7:39	8:49
Craigsville	12:42	1:52	3:02	7:42	8:52
Butler	12:45	1:55	3:05	7:45	8:55
Altoona	12:48	1:58	3:08	7:48	8:58
Pittsburg	12:51	2:01	3:11	7:51	9:01
Punkstown	12:54	2:04	3:14	7:54	9:04
Edinboro	12:57	2:07	3:17	7:57	9:07
West Moscow	13:00	2:10	3:20	8:00	9:10
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