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THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

Its Reading Room and the Thousands of Books It Contains.

In the reading room of the British Museum desks are crowded with students all day long, and in addition to the books of reference, some 20,000 in number, which fill the open shelves of the room, from three to four thousand volumes are given out every day. Theology in a wide sense, including the Bible, Biblical literature, church history and works on the religious rites and ceremonies of all races and creeds, is easily at the head of the list, with about 500 volumes. Topography comes next, with about twenty fewer, and of these books on London amount to a quarter, books on English topography to another quarter, the other half being for the rest of the world. History and biography come next, English history being mostly in demand, and books on France and the French provinces second. Essays, criticism and miscellaneous literature take the fourth place and are followed by fiction not less than five years old—moral philosophy, poetry and the fine arts, the drama, law and philology, political economy and so on down to politics, mathematics and chemistry, which have about forty volumes apiece, and, lastly, works on naval and military subjects, which seldom have more than three or four volumes each. It is a curious list and throws a useful light on the sort of studies taken up by the readers in the museum.—London Globe.

THE DOG'S EYE.

Watch That, Not the Mouth, For Symptoms of Hydrophobia.

As dogs do not perspire, the only relief they seem to get when overheated is from inhaling cool air through their wide open mouths in short, puffy breaths. The friction between tongue and lips caused by their rapid, laborious breathing produces saliva, which is sometimes ignorantly diagnosed as foam, one of the symptoms of hydrophobia. Many innocent victims have lost their lives on account of such stupidity.

If your dog should feel ill, sick with some ordinary ailment, he will wag welcome to you with a sad, pitiful expression, looking up inquiringly as if asking for help and relief. If it has come to the worst and he feels by instinct the germs of the dreaded disease in his frame, his action will be entirely different. You will find him with low bent head, withholding his usual glad welcome, hardly noticing or glancing at you.

If your eye meet his, the restless, nervous, strange expression will stare you. The dog, feeling his doom, is conscious of approaching danger and would like to prepare and warn you. These unmistakable and easily recognized signs should be watched closely and always heeded. Corner the dog at once and, with the help of a broom or barn fork, keep him at a safe distance until locked up.—Country Calendar.

THE SCOTS GRAYS.

Regiment of Dragoons Famous Since the Time of Charles II.

"Second to none" is the proud motto of the gallant and famous regiment, the Second Dragoon guards, or Royal Scots Grays. It is a happily chosen motto, for the fame of the regiment is worldwide. Its brilliant achievements on the field of battle during two centuries, its striking and historic name, its grand and imposing uniform have made the Royal Scots Grays, as an individual corps, there is no gaudiering, the most widely known and familiar of all the regiments of the British army.

Since the regiment was raised, in the reign of the second Charles, the dragoons have borne themselves well in many a famous field, but want of space forbids us to note the exploits until "earth shaking" Waterloo came on the glory roll of the gallant grays. Here, with the English "Royals" and Irish "Inniskillings," they formed the famous union brigade which made the never to be forgotten picture of the "Fight for the Standard." That widely known picture shows a man of the grays, Sergeant Ewart, capturing the eagle of a very famous French corps, the Forty-fifth of the line.—Scottish American.

HERCULANEUM.

Its Destruction Came From a Deluge of Lava Water.

Herculaneum, in Italy, is one of those ancient cities which have not only been buried, but actually forgotten, for ages. The town, supposed to be of Etruscan origin, lies on the Campanian plain at the foot of its destroyer, Vesuvius, almost midway between Naples and Pompeii.

What caused the catastrophe of the year 79 A. D.? Geologists have come to the help of the archaeologists, and it is now held that the destruction of Herculaneum was somewhat different from that of Pompeii, although Pompeii was also covered and buried and the general effects were the same in both instances. In the case of Pompeii the city was overwhelmed by the shower of small stones from the volcano and the subsequent rain of ashes, but Herculaneum seems to have been deluged with "water lava," and far fewer people were able to make their escape from the city than from Pompeii.

It is the theory that the steam from the crater turned into rain, and, mixing with the volcanic dust, formed a huge volume of muddy torrent. This gathered other soil as it poured over the land, raised the level of the country more than sixty-five feet and finally left a mass of compacted tufa. This torrent ran on to the sea, making its own channel and forming a kind of lagoon around the previously safe harbor which entirely prevented any ships from approaching the place thereafter.—Chicago News.

AKBAR'S EXPERIMENT.

Result of His Whimsical Search For a Natural Language.

Akbar, one of the first of the great moguls who ruled India, has been named the Asiatic Charlemagne. He was a statesman and an educator and built a palace for the reception of men who loved learning and sought after wisdom. The great mogul's passion for knowledge is said to have been shown by a whimsical experiment he once made to determine if it was true, as he had heard, that Hebrew was the natural language of all who had never been taught any other tongue.

To test this assertion Akbar caused a dozen nursing children to be shut up in a castle six leagues from Agra, his capital city. Each child was reared by a dumb nurse. The porter also was a mute, and he was forbidden, upon pain of death, to open the gates of the castle. When the children were twelve years of age Akbar ordered them to be brought before him.

Men learned in Sanskrit, in Arabic, in Persian and in Hebrew were assembled at the royal palace to tell what language the children spoke. Akbar, seated on his throne and surrounded by these linguists, ordered the children to be brought in. Each child was addressed, and, to the surprise of the assembly, every one answered by a sign. Not a child could speak a word. They had all learned from their nurses to express themselves by gestures!

First Come, First Served.

A week before commencement Jones, a senior, who was weary of boarding house fare, was happily engaged in donning his dinner clothes. A smile of delighted anticipation played upon his features when Robbins entered in a dinner coat.

"Hello, Charley!" greeted Jones cheerily. "What's up?"

"Oh, nothing up," said Robbins. "I'm just going round to the Clemenses, call—going to see if I can't get asked to dinner."

The smile faded slowly from Jones' features. "Oh, I say, Charley," he expostulated, "can't you go somewhere else? I was going there."—Youth's Companion.

Genius Bad at Figures.

I know an eminent Greek professor who could not reckon his class fees. Faraday had, I believe, no gift for mathematics. Darwin declared that he never understood an equation. I question if Isaac Newton could have passed any examination in literary or aesthetic subjects, with his idea that poetry was ingenious nonsense and statutory only stone dolls. It is a moot question if Napoleon Bonaparte would have passed a matriculation in French. I shrewdly suspect that neither Bonaparte nor Wellington would shine in a military academy examination.—Letter in London Telegraph.

Grossome Punishment.

A grossome form of punishment is still practiced in Afghanistan. A recent English expedition discovered at the top of the Lataband pass an iron cage suspended from a high pole fastened in the ground like a telegraph pole containing a shriveled human body. The mummy was that of a thief, who had been imprisoned and allowed to die of thirst and hunger in this iron cage.

You Learnin'.

Wear your learning like your watch, in a private pocket, and do not pull it out and strike it merely to show that you have one. If you are asked what o'clock it is, tell it, but do not proclaim it hourly and unasked like the watchman.

DEITIES OF THE ANCIENTS.

How the Vestal Virgins Were Honored by the Romans.

The principal wind deities were Boreas, the north wind; Zephyrus, the west; Anster, the south; and Eurus, the east wind. The first was remembered chiefly on account of a love scrape. He fell in love with a nymph, but could not speak softly and found himself unable to sigh at all. Knowing that it was impossible to make love without soft speeches and sighs, he was about to give up love-making as a bad job and go back to his regular business of blowing, but took advice of an expert, who recommended him to carry off the girl. He did so. She soon got used to his blowing, and they lived happily ever afterward.

Vesta was the goddess of life and of home. Her altar stood on every hearthstone; her fire burned on the floor of every public building. Emigrants when leaving their country always carried with them fire from the public hearth. The Vestal virgins spent thirty years in service—ten in learning their duties, ten in practicing them, ten in teaching novices. After this term had expired they might, if they chose, leave the service of their divine mistress or marry, but few did so. Honors were showered upon them. They rode in chariots, a privilege in Rome accorded only to royalty. The best seats in the amphitheater were reserved for them. They pardoned or condemned the gladiators. If a criminal led to execution met a Vestal he was instantly released, no matter what his crime.

CORPULENCE AND SANITY.

The Gospel of Fat as Applied to the Mentally Afflicted.

Are the majority of folk of weak intellect? Is insanity on the increase? Are we all preparing ourselves for lunatic asylums? These startling questions have occurred to me after reading an article in a medical journal on the "gospel of fat as applied to the treatment of mental disease." It seems that the more you fatten up the mentally afflicted the saner they become, but of course the difficulty lies in providing the janitor with adipose tissue, as there is nothing like brain disease to cause too, too solid flesh to melt.

The aim of most of us nowadays is to keep down what our transatlantic friends, with their genius for using the ugliest word for everything, unconsciously call "flesh." We bathe, we massage, we diet, we fly to these and those waters, we try all manner of cures and put ourselves into various kinds of straps and pastes and take violent exercise with the aim of fining ourselves down and keeping stoutness at bay.

Does this decided disposition on the part of men and women to avoid corpulence and the successful "thinning down" that we notice on all sides portend increase of lunacy? If so, dieting and the taking of waters and massage ought to be forbidden by act of parliament. By the way, Hamlet was fat and scant of breath, but he was certainly far from sane.—London World.

Some Wonderful Figures.

Figures on the light and heat of the sun are the most startling that can possibly be presented. The astronomers measure the amount of heat and light emitted by the sun by estimating that the earth intercepts about the two billion three hundred millionth part of it. Thus it is found that in every second of time the sun emits as much heat as would result from the sudden combustion of 11,600,000,000,000 tons of pure coal. It may be interesting to the reader to know that each portion of the sun's surface as large as this earth emits as much heat per second as would result from the combustion of 1,000,000,000 tons of the best anthracite fuel.

The Laundryman.

There is one branch of trade which runs on in an even tenor regardless of prices and crashes. That is the laundry business. People who patronize laundries never economize on their linen. A man will average about so many shirts, collars and cuffs a week when he is cutting down on his drinks and cigars and his theater tickets. And this observation recalls the fact that the laundryman never has any innovation in his business. He will ruin about so many shirts and collars and cuffs every three months and never say a word about it or make any deduction—if you keep quiet.—Chicago Tribune.

The Festival of Minerva.

The most notable festival at Athens was in honor of Minerva. All classes of citizens on this day marched in procession. The oldest went first, then the young men, the children, the young women, the matrons and the people of the lower orders. The most prominent object in the parade was a ship propelled by hidden machinery and bearing at its masthead the sacred banner of the goddess.

A Crazy Idea.

"Haven't you ever thought of going to work?" asked the farmer's wife of Sauntering Sam. "Yes'm," replied the veteran tramp. "I thought of it once, but I was deeleery at de time."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Misers of Words.

We have the richest language that ever a people has created, and we use it as if it were the poorest. We hoard up our infinite wealth of words before the boards of dictionaries and in speech dole out the worn bronze coinage of our vocabulary. We are the misers of philology, and when we can save our pennies and pass the counterfeit coin of slang we are as happy as if we heard a blind beggar thank us for putting a pewter sixpence into his hat.—Morals of Marcus Ordeyne.

It Depends.

The Inquiring Boy—How long a time is a jiffy, father? The Prolific Parent—It depends on whose jiffy it is, my son. When a woman is putting on her bonnet and says she'll be ready in a jiffy, it means from fifteen minutes to two hours. A man's jiffy is from one to five minutes.—London Answers.

External Evidence.

Teacher—Of what country is the rhinoceros a native? Willie—England. Teacher—Oh, no! What makes you think so? Willie—Th' way his clothes fit 'im.—Cleveland Leader.

Inference.

Grayee—I know something about Mabel, Gladys—What is it? Grayee—I will never, never tell. Gladys—Oh, you know something good about her, eh?—Pittsburg Post.

Men and Women.

He—I think every woman is entitled to be considered man's equal. She—Well, if she is willing to bring herself down to his level I don't see why she shouldn't be allowed to pose as his equal.—Illustrated Bits.

A Helping Hand.

"I have heard," stammered her timid admirer, "that you are engaged. Is it—er—true?" "I'm not engaged yet," replied the fair girl, "but I hope to be soon." "Er—how soon?" he asked. "In a few minutes," she replied, with shining eyes.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Moses Well Known Down Here.

Small girl, in bed, being read to by an elder cousin. Small Girl—When I die, shall I go to heaven, Mary? Mary—Oh, yes, if you are a good girl. Small Girl—I want to see Moses. I shall tell him I heard quite a lot about him down here.—London Globe.

The power of speech differentiates the man from the brute, except when he abuses his wife.—Detroit Tribune.

A Queer Branch.

Uncle George—How do you like arithmetic? Little Dick—Pretty well so far, but the teacher says that next week we are to begin learning how to extract roots. Guess he must think we're all going to be dentists.

"Ridiculous," says a German critic, "is like a blow with the fist, wit like the prick of a needle, irony like the sting of a thorn and humor the plaster which heals all these wounds."

Her Unhappy Way.

"That girl has an unfortunate idea of repartee." "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "She has an idea that she is saying smart things when she is merely saying things that smart."—Washington Star.

Her Duplicate Presents.

She—Did your sister get any duplicate wedding presents. He—Yes; she married a widower with two boys.

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