

GETTING A WIFE ON TICK.

A Former Telegraph Operator's Story of His Courtship in Chicago.

"I found my wife in an odd way," said an ex-telegraph operator, who is now a prominent officer of a western railroad. "It was my third year in the railroad business, but I had not forgotten the tick language, and I had a room in a hotel in Chicago which had a party wall with a boarding house adjoining. In the boarding house lived a mighty pretty girl who was attending a commercial college in the next block, where there was also a course of telegraphy taught, and I guessed by seeing the books and papers she carried that she was taking that course. You see, I was watching her rather closely, for I was interested from the first time I ever saw her on the street.

"She was a stranger in town, and, of course, there wasn't any chance for my being introduced to her, and as for flirting, she showed no more signs of it than a sister of charity would, though I gave her every opportunity. I found out by a careful study of wind-does that her room in the boarding house was next to mine in the hotel, and that only made me feel worse—so near and yet so far, you understand. I knew she would not be in the school much more than three months, and as half that time had gone by and I still had made no progress, I began to grow desperate, for I couldn't bear the thought of losing her. You know a romance like that makes a deal more impression on a fellow than the real thing.

"One Sunday afternoon I was in my room and she was in hers, and I could hear her driving a nail in the wall and a great thought came to me suddenly. The next minute I had caught up one of my shoes and was pounding its heel on my wall, but I wasn't driving nails. Not much, I was making a telegraph call. It wasn't anything in particular, only an 'attention' call, and after repeating it till I was about to give up in despair, it was answered from the other side. Then I telegraphed, 'How do you do?' and that was answered, a little bit slow, perhaps, but answered all right, and the conversation continued.

"She was not the most skilled operator I had ever taken, but certainly the most interesting one, and we talked through the wall till supper time. That evening I began again, but she was not at home, and when I got in at midnight I wisely forebore sending a 'good night' to her. Next morning I hailed her with 'good morning' and got an answer, and then I asked her if I couldn't meet her after breakfast and walk to school with her, but she would not have it. You see, she was shy without a brick wall between us. I was three or four days pleading with her with my shoe heel on that wall before she agreed to meet me, and by that time I had told her everything, and she just couldn't refuse to give me some kind of a show. After my first walk to school with her I was utterly gone, and though she staid on and was graduated in telegraphy she never had a chance to practice what she learned, for before she got a job I had made her promise to marry me and give up telegraphy."—New York Sun.

Professor Copahug's Theory.

"My dear," said Prof. Copahug at the table one day, "your pie is excellent. Give me another piece."

"I am afraid, dear," said Mrs. Copahug, timidly, "that we are eating too much pie. I think it would be a good thing if we were to make custards and stewed fruit take the place of it."

"I am aware," returned the professor, lapsing into an attitude adopted on the lecture platform; "I am afraid that there is a popular prejudice against the American article of diet called pie. This might be overcome by calling it a tart. Let us investigate and see if it has any rational basis. Pie is but the fraction of a degree removed from shortcake, which is generally accepted as a good, wholesome New England dish, being composed of a crust of flour and butter with fresh berries between, and a little sugar to modify the acidity of the fruit. If there is any doubt about shortcake, however, it may be said that the foundation of shortcake is identical with what we call biscuit (from the Latin, meaning twice cooked, or baked), biscuit differing from bread only in the fact of being raised with baking powder instead of yeast ferment. And bread is the staff of life. Please pass me another piece of pie."

But in spite of the professor's lengthy reasoning, his condition next morning might be briefly described as pi.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Birds of Zululand.

The brothers Woodward, two well-known Natal ornithologists, have recently issued a valuable work on the birds of Natal and Zululand, and their account of bird life round St. Lucia Bay, in the Province of Zululand, is very interesting. Among the birds encountered were the Bateleur eagle, the standard winged nightjar, which is extremely rare in South Africa; both the pied and the brown-hooded kingfisher, and the lark-headed cuckoo (which was remarkably tame, even coming to their tent to eat porridge thrown to it). Game birds, it seems, are very scarce, at St. Lucia; but Verreaux's guinea-fowl was abundant, Zululand has a mocking bird, scientifically known as Cossypha bicolor (noisy chat thrush), and the long-tailed cormorant is not uncommon on the hedges of that large lagoon known as St. Lucia Bay.—Westminster Gazette.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

A bad conscience burns.

He who rests need not rust.

Moral darkness is moral disease.

Bigotry places opinion before truth.

It is easy to slip up on an oily smile.

The fruit that ripens earliest rots first.

Purity is the secret of pleasure in love.

No man is great whose aims are small.

The feet will go where the heart is inclined.

Tomorrow will obey you more readily than yesterday.

A man is not dry the minute he is saved from drowning.

The fuller blown the rose of pleasure the sooner its petals will fall.

It does not relieve the heart of malice to use the tongue as an outlet.

Innocence may be but ignorance, but virtue wins victory after strife.

The man who coins his conscience into cash will never make a percentage large enough to buy it back.

No man has the right to say, "I have got to live;" he must live to say, "I have got to do right."—Ram's Horn.

GOLDFISH.

They Generally Acquire Their Brilliant Coats a Year After Birth.

Goldfish are so common nowadays that few persons ever stop to think where they come from or how they are raised. The pets require a careful and systematic raising that is scarcely appreciated by those who expect to get them for a small price.

The largest goldfish farm in the world, if it may be called such, is located in Shelby county, Indiana, about 20 miles from Indianapolis. Here the original goldfish men in the United States have their propagating institution. There are two farms, several miles apart, both of which are required to advance the various branches of the industry. In the northern part of the county is one farm, of eight or ten acres. The other is a few miles farther south and contains about 16 acres. The two farms constitute the Spring Lake Fishery, and in the various ponds there are more than 200,000 fish.

On each of the farms is a large number of small ponds, some of them not much larger than ten feet square. These ponds are all connected by little channels, that the water and fish can be let from one to the other without the least difficulty.

The breeding ponds, which are the most important, are protected from the wind and cold by high embankments around the edges. This is all the protection that is necessary for the fish, even in the winter time. While the fish are very delicate and readily succumb to overhanding, they are much more hardy than is generally supposed.

Many persons suppose that when the goldfish is hatched from the egg it has the peculiar, pretty markings on its scales which make it so beautiful and valuable. This is not the case. In its youth the fish is just the same, apparently, as any ordinary fish. Even an expert could scarcely tell it from the little minnows which are to be found in any stream. It is of a whitish, silvery color, and shows not the least evidence of the beautiful hues which it will later assume.

There are many instances in which the fish never change to the reddish color, but retain their silvery white complexion until they are several years old. Ordinarily the golden shades appear in less than a year. First, the fish begin to get dark, becoming almost black. From the dark color they begin to assume a reddish shade, and finally come out in all their glory, full-fledged goldfish. Often the fish, instead of acquiring a solid color all over the scales, from nose to tail, become spotted with big red blotches here and there at irregular intervals over the body.

All the fish are fed exactly the same thing—toasted bread two or three times a week. Nothing else is given them. The sun is the necessary agent, and the only one, to complete the scheme of nature, and even this sometimes does not do its work successfully.—Atlanta Constitution.

No Waiters to Be Tipped.

An American slot machine restaurant has been patented, and there need be no more tips to restaurant waiters. Hot meals may be furnished in less than one minute by simply dropping a coin in the slot at a Chicago eating house.

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The Iliman Cure

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