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A GOOD DAY FOR WARS.

This Colored Man Was a Non-Committal as a Born Diplomat. There was nothing in sight down the road. The major sat flitted against the wall of the general store, reading yesterday's paper. It was a clear, warm day. Inside the store the postmaster could be heard sorting the mail, but without everything was still and peaceful. At last there was a clatter and a rattle, and from somewhere there appeared a negro driving an undrained wagon drawn by a mule. He drew up with a loud whoa in front of the store. "Major!" he called. "Major! Doan' wan' ter 'starb yo', major." "No response." "Major! Doan' wan' ter 'starb yo', major." "The major heard at last. "Hello, uncle!" he said. "What can I do for you?" "Doan' wan' ter 'starb yo', major, but is-day any news in de paper?" "No," said the major, "no, there isn't any news to-day. Yes, there is, too. There's a war between France and Morocco." "'s dat so?" said the negro. "'s dat so, an' is dere really a wah, with fightin' and blood-killin'?" "A real war," repeated the major. "Golly!" said the negro, gathering up his reins. "Whar did yo' say dat wah was, major?" "Morocco," said the major, turning again to the sheet. "Well," said the colored man, "dey suttenly has got a fine day for it. Old-dap!" And he clattered down the road.

White Lead. White lead is a name applied to hydrous basic carbonates of lead used in the manufacture of paints. It is usually formed as a heavy white mass made up, as shown by microscopic examination, of minute transparent, acicular prisms. It may be made by passing carbonic acid gas through a solution of basic lead acetate, obtained by saturating vinegar with ordinary lead oxide (litharge). After the white lead has been precipitated out of a new quantity of litharge may be introduced into the mother-liquid, carbonic acid gas may again be passed through the solution, and so on. This is known as the "French method." Benson's so-called "English method" consists of triturating litharge with one per cent of its weight of lead acetate dispersed in water, and extracting the waste thus obtained under constant stirring, to the action of carbonic acid gas for several days. When carefully prepared and free from neutral lead carbonate, white lead has a greater covering power than any other pigment known.

Blood and Morality. A note of hope for children born of vicious parents and amid degrading influences is sounded by William B. Streeter of the Children's Home Society of Greensboro, North Carolina. From his experience, he concludes that although the proverb, "Blood will tell," is probably founded on fact, as far as mental and physical qualities are concerned, those things depending on physiological causes, the same is not true of moral tendencies. On the contrary, he believes that the "heredity of environment" rather than the "heredity of blood" determines the moral character, this conclusion being warranted by many observations of the moral qualities marking persons who, having been rescued from vicious parents at an early age, have been brought up amid pure and wholesome surroundings and influences.

The Ostrich in Africa. The French government in western Africa has undertaken to organize the breeding of ostriches in the territory under its control. Ostriches are found wild in many parts of western Africa. Along the river Niger they avoid the neighborhood of man, but on some of the islands in that and other rivers the natives have established rude ostrich-farms. Doctor Desormes, who was appointed by the government to study the ostrich, says that the method cannot be fully carried out in the French territory. It will be necessary to leave the ostriches in a partially nomadic state. They migrate more or less with the seasons. When it becomes too dry in the south they go northward.

A Jured Child. Richard J. Dillner, Secretary of the Interior, tells of his first law case which he had at Keokuk, Ill. "I had hung out my shingle a good while before any client arrived," he said. "Finally, one came. He was a weak meek being whom three determined women had wedded in rapid succession, and he was being tried for bigamy. As all of the wives appeared against him, we lost the case, and he got a term of two years, but this did not seem to worry him—he fact, he seemed anxious for more. He was taken to the penitentiary, and just before his term ended I got a letter from him. 'Do you think,' the bigamist asked anxiously, 'it will be safe for me to come out?'"

De Kick—The climate is always too cold or too hot. In Flat—Yes, the temperature would not be more unsatisfactory if it were regulated by a janitor.

The Right Number, the Wrong Street. Youthful Shopper (of the Heights)—Please give me a spoon of white thread and have it charged. Salesgirl—Seventy Clark, I suppose? Youthful Shopper—Oh, no, 85 Henry, as usual.

WORKING ON THE CARB. No Place Like New York for That. Says a Western Visitor. "We have something of a reputation out West for busting," said an Omaha man, "but I never saw such persons as New Yorkers, both men and women, for working on the surface, the subway and the elevated cars, to say nothing of the ferryboats. I wonder the companies don't find some plan for restoring their cars in public conveniences. It is customary to see men reading on the cars everywhere, but you have to come to New York to find half the passengers on a car correcting typewritten manuscripts, humming over musical scores, setting up accounts in little memorandum books or on the back of an envelope, and poring over shorthand lessons."

Persons studying foreign languages read them aloud on the cars and nobody appears to pay any attention to them except strollers from other cities.

CRIMINALS AND OFFSPRING.

Denial That Crime is Hereditary and Reasons Given for Negative. It is a curious fact—one of variance with the doctrine of heredity, but borne out by police records—that the children of crooks of all classes rarely turn out to be crooks themselves. Deeper study of the subject, which reveals that they are possessed of the criminal instinct, but that the fragile shell of their environment, of the public opinion and strictness that attend a criminal career has been a terrifying deterrent. The fact, in any case, remains. The "rogue's galleries" of Scotland Yard, New York and Chicago may be studied in vain for the photographs of a father and a son.

Criminals are every day to keep their children from adopting similar lives. The rage of old, Mrs. Mother Mandelbaum, the famous royster of stolen goods, was different when she found that her daughter, who she had been at unrelenting expense to educate, had secretly married "Sammy, the Jew" (Koshler), a thief with whom the old criminal had long traded. She disinherited the girl, and a flock of relatives were the by-product of her ill-gotten money. In her Chatham square headquarters Mecher Mandelbaum maintained a room where thieves could smoke and drink but she felled with a bronze lamp a pickpocket who attempted one night to invade the private parlor, where she was overhauling her daughter's French studies—Everybody's Magazine.

Famous Soprano Married. In her apartment on the twelfth floor of the Ansonia, in New York City, Miss Frances Davis Aids of the Metropolitan Opera Company, met Gio. Gatti-Casazza, the general manager of the company, who married her by Justice Dayton, of the Supreme Court. Mrs. Gatti-Casazza was born in Christ Church, New Zealand, twenty-eight years ago, but has spent much of her life in Paris. She made her debut on the stage at the Opera Comique in Paris, in 1904. In 1908 she joined the forces of the Metropolitan Opera Company in this city. That season she sang Clelia in Verdi's "Il Trovatore." This season she has sung Desdemona in Verdi's "Otello."

Mrs. Gatti-Casazza was born in the village of Uaine, in the province of Prull, in Northern Italy, forty-one years ago. He was educated as a civil engineer, but turned to musical pursuits through choice. For ten years he was director of La Scala, in Milan, coming to the Metropolitan Opera Company as manager last year.

Maybe You Can Tell Just What the Reporter Meant. The possibilities of the English language have frequently been taxed to describe the great American game of baseball, but for striking illustration this from the Herald, of Quincy, Illinois, has rarely been equaled. "The glass-armed toy soldiers of this town were fed to the pigs yesterday by the vadevaderus Indian grave-robbers from Omaha. The fishy, one-lunged Houshens who represent the Gem City in the redoubt rash for the baseball pennant had their shins toasted by the bushy-eyed cattle-drivers from the West. They stood around with gaping eyeballs, like a hen on a hot nail, and suffered the grisly ravages of Omaha to run the bases until their necks were long with thirst. Hickey had more crones than Col's Financial School, and led the rheumatic procession to the morgue. The Quizzys were full of straw and scragging. They couldn't hit a brick-wagon with a pickaxe, and ran bases like pallbearers at a funeral. If three-base hits were growing on the back of every man's neck they couldn't reach 'em with a feather duster. It looked as if the Amalgamated Union of South American Hoodlums were in session for work in the thirty-third degree. The greasers stood about and whistled for help, and were so weak they couldn't lift a glass of beer if it had been all foam. Everything was red-hot, rocky and whanghasted, like a signpost full of foggie gammon. The game was whistled and frost-bitten. The Omahags were had enough, but the Quincy Brown Sox had their sin sewed up until they couldn't hold a crayz quilt unless it was tied around their necks."



Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

ABROAD WITH A SUIT CASE.

An American Girl's Cleverly Contrived Travelling Arrangements. "If you are readying up for your trip in Europe next summer, you will not notice that most of the girls who go take only hand luggage," says a writer in the Women's Home Companion. "So so by all means, but remember that numerous pieces of hand luggage are more vexatious than one trunk."

"A girl I know compressed her entire wardrobe into one suit case, and a leather one, but a light wicker telescope with strong shawl straps and a comfortable handle. A tiny pithoch was fastened securely through the strap when it seemed wise. To make the case fairly damp proof she covered it neatly with dark green damask, which matched her traveling suit in color. A folding umbrella was slipped lengthwise under the straps at the top; her raincoat when not in use was strapped flat on the side; there was room in the case for her short jacket. Instead of the inevitable handbag a leather side bag with several pockets held the needed tickets, cards, keys and so forth. "In the outer part of lid of the case she tucked a piece of denim with fitted pockets of different sizes to hold not only toilet articles, such as soap, sewing and writing materials and all small things. Instead of unpacking this when she reached each place she simply lifted the lid off into a drawer and used the articles from there, replacing each after using, so there was no waste of precious time collecting 'be' belongings at each departure. "On the other side of the case were eight rolls of underclothing; over a she laid two dimity sweaters, one of the case, in which were her houses and the silk gown. "A crumpled blouse and Shalimar silk were most satisfactorily without wrinkles. "Having a raincoat and the silk skirt, she found her one cloth skirt quite enough, and also only one petticoat, which was of strong silk lined throughout with tan muslin; on the inside of it she sewed two large flat pockets with buttoned flaps, which on short excursions held a veil, extra handkerchiefs and even her light rubbers."

The Ashes of Columbus. Columbus died at Valladolid, Spain, May 20, 1506, and was buried in the Franciscan Monastery of that city. In 1815 his remains were removed to the Monastery of La Cruz, at Seville. Ten years later they were taken to Hispaniola, to the Cathedral of San Domingo, whence they were later transferred to Havana, Cuba. As a result of so many removals it is now next to impossible to say just where the great man's dust reposes, but probably they rest at Havana. If so, there, then the whole matter is a mystery.



Mrs. Gatti-Casazza.

A Live Town. Some are inclined to call this a dead town, when for some time there has not been a night that something hasn't been going on worth mentioning. A moving picture show every night, a revival at the Methodist church, with good music and gospel preaching, and a skating rink and lodges, and everything that human inclination for variety could wish, and then to think the town dead. If there is anything about the town that is dead you are it. You had better wake up some. Just this of a town this size with two bands (Mount Airy) is a dream.

Style in Writing. Many things go to make a great writer, says Conan Doyle. One is style. No man in the world has a natural style. To get style he must turn to the best writers and imitate them. He must help himself with a lame dog into a "style." The young writer also needs never-ending patience. When I began to play a game of ping-pong with myself on one side of the net and editors on the other, and my manuscript as the ball, I needed as much patience and philosophy as any man upon this earth.

A Village of Pelicans. On the lower course of the Casamance River in West Africa exists what a French writer has described as a "village of pelicans." The birds have been so mercifully hunted that they avoid the presence of man, but in the neighborhood of their "village" they show comparatively little fear. There are even native African huts under the enormous yucca-trees in which the birds have established their community. The nests are placed at the ends of the branches, five or six in each tree. Dry branches, rudely interlaced, form an insecure-looking platform covered with a thick layer of down, and there the young birds, laughably big and awkward in such a situation, may be seen maintaining an unstable equilibrium, yet never losing their balance.

EARLY TRAINING OF SINGERS.

Many of the "Golden Throats" Were Perfected by Nature. As some of us know, Adelina Patti sang as a child. Her voice required little or no training. Its beauty and placement were God-given. All Patti's wise guardians did was to protect her against exposure of all kinds. Patti made her operatic debut at an age when it would be a crime to begin the vocal training of the average girl. Melba Melba is another whose golden throat was perfected by nature. When Melba left her Australian home for Paris, where she acquired some "trills," her voice was perfect, so no one, unless it be the unknown teacher in far-away Melbourne can honestly claim any credit for Melba's "vocal method."

An Incomplete Landscape. Mr. Krocous, the multifunctionaire, was entertaining a friend at his elegant country home. "I was born and brought up in this neighborhood," he said, "and when I was a boy I used to think what a fine thing it would be to have a house on this hill, the highest point of ground, you see, notice, with a circuit of seven miles, and the view from here is extensive." "It is magnificent!" exclaimed the visitor. "Yes, and when the time came that I could afford it I gratified my boyish ambition by buying the land round here and putting up this house." "I have been in a great many places and I have never seen a finer landscape than this." "That's what I used to think, but I don't like it now as well as I did when I was a boy." "What makes the difference?" "It isn't complete." "Not complete? Why, you own 'landscape, don't you?" "That's the trouble. I own all of it but that eight-acre patch over there beyond the creek, about six miles away. The old crumplehead that owns it won't sell it to me at any figure." And Mr. Krocous sighed desolately.

And Drink Only Tea. Mrs. Meek—Bacon is so delicious. Have you ever tried that fat? Mrs. Clerk—Only once; my husband is such a golf fiend he won't eat any kind but the links.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE First National Bank of Milford in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, June 30, 1910.

Assets and liabilities	\$ 68,125 70
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	105 00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	90 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	0 07 50
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1 886 00
Due from approved reserve agents	11,471 40
Checks and other National Banks	107 80
Notes of other National Banks	12 00
Residential paper, currency, checks and drafts	13 30
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank	18 00
Special deposits	\$ 8,368 00
Legal-tender notes	20,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury (2% of circulation)	120 00
Total	\$108,102 91
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,610 00
National Bank notes outstanding	20,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	102,999 91
Demands certifiable on deposit	1,245 00
Certified checks	150 00
Total	\$108,102 91

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