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THE WAY CABINETMAKERS CAN COPY ANCIENT FURNITURE.

Curious Inside Information That Was Gleaned by an Inquisitive Visitor at a Little Shop In an English Country Village.

Sober, he is one of the most interesting men I know. Unfortunately he is sober only three days a week. When I ask him the reason he merely says he doesn't know. Yesterday when I walked into the laboratory at the back of his little village shop he was a Band of Hope epitomized.

"There's something you'll like," he said, indicating a small bureau, old Spanish mahogany within, new satinwood veneer—so far unpolished—without. The veneer was inlaid with ebony lines and kingwood bands. The accuracy of the jointing was wonderful, the finish perfect.

"You must come in again when I've stained and polished it," he went on, "and then you'll think it one of the best Queen Anne pieces extant."

"Don't your customers ever find you out?" I asked.

"Lord, no, sir! When you've pulled seventeenth century furniture to pieces all your life and learned the things the tenons and mortises and the finish tell you, it's easy enough to get the right effect. The public hasn't any judgment, and, for that matter, many of the London dealers aren't much better."

"But this veneer—so very new," I hazarded.

"Ah, wait until you see it toned down and the drawers fitted with a set of old Boule handles and scutcheons I've got by me and a few little dents hammered here and there, especially about the feet, where they get kicked. You'll not know it then. See that little black knot I've left on the face of the third drawer? That knot would take in all Wardour street."

He is always frank with me about his fakes. He seems to take a pride in being able to deceive a trained eye and a satisfaction in explaining his dexterity.

I left the bureau and began examining a hoary looking oak settle gray with age.

"Looks ancient, doesn't it?" he observed.

"Looks!" I wondered. "Surely it's genuine?"

He shook his head with a wise old smile. "It's as genuine as dilute nitric acid can make it. Oh, you needn't go by the panels. They're purposely warped with hot ammonia. The sun and rain do the rest—bleach it, you know."

"But the carving?" I argued. "It's almost effaced in places."

"It would be after half an hour with a sand blast, a little thing of my own contrivance. The worm holes I make with a very fine punch. Beginners use shot, but that's a clumsy way. Of course the timbers it's made of are old. They are bits of a Charles I. table mostly. The hinges are ordinary trade copies that have lain in the wet all summer and got nicely rusted, and if you were to draw the screws that hold them you'd find they were rusty, too, and had no points. Those I filed off and then hammered the heads a bit."

"I didn't know you—treated metal as well as timber," I admitted.

"Sometimes. See that fireback?"

I went to the corner indicated and scrutinized the fireback. As far as I could tell, it was a beautiful specimen of hammer work bitten and worn by over two centuries of use, as its date, 1687, seemed to show.

"I bought a dozen of those of different dates from a man who makes them. They're only cast, but after they've had a bonfire over them in my yard for a week or two they get soft and look right enough, don't they?"

I admitted that they did, flinching a bit, though, at the adjective he used.

"There's a regular trade between the manufacturers of faked antiques and the country dealers—more than with the London ones. Why? Well, the manufacturers have discovered that people go into the country districts now hunting for antiques. They think the things they pick up there must be genuine. The simple countryman inspires confidence. There's nothing hardly that can't be imitated," he went on. "It's merely a question of time—and skill, of course—and it's only by accident, or talking as I'm doing, that the fact's discovered. But when a man knows he can take in an expert it's difficult for him to keep it to himself—that is, if he's got a sense of humor. Do you think that Syrian gold work they had at the Louvre would have been known as a forgery if somebody hadn't talked? No, indeed! There's china, now. People always think it's above suspicion, but you just look at those two china cows on the shelf there. One's genuine old Stafford. The other isn't. Can you tell the difference?"

I used a pocket magnifying glass this time, but at the end of several minutes I came to the conclusion that they were identical and said so.

"I gave one and nine for the imitation one, but I can't tell which now," he admitted.

"And the selling price?" I inquired.

"Six guineas each. One of them's worth that. After all, it doesn't really matter, for there's no difference between them intrinsically." — London Mail.

Angelic Temperament.

"He is good natured, is he?"

"Good natured! Why, I have known that man to wear a smiling face when he was speaking of taking off a porous plaster."

A civil guest will no more talk all than eat all the feast—Herbert.

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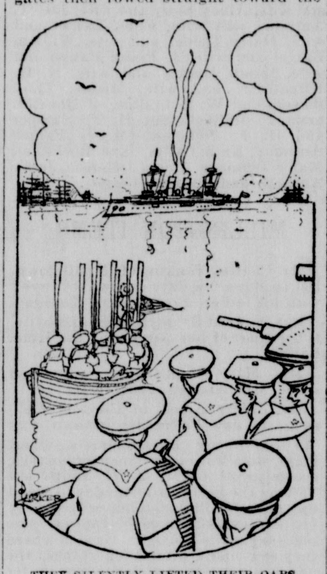
An International Boat Race

ONCE when the cruiser Philadelphia was in Panama waters her crew decided to celebrate the New Year by challenging the men of a British war vessel to a rowing race. It is not uncommon for such contests to be arranged between ships of the same navy, but an international struggle of the sort is unusual enough to arouse great enthusiasm. In this case the fact that the race was to be the beginning of the day's festivities made it an event of prime importance.

As is customary, the challengers selected their boatmen and asked permission from the Philadelphia's captain to visit the British cruiser. Lowering their boat, an eight oared one, the delegates then rowed straight toward the



THEY SILENTLY LIFTED THEIR OARS.

foreigner. When they came alongside they silently lifted their oars until the blades pointed skyward. In nautical language that meant:

"Have you got the nerve to match your skill and strength against ours?"

The answer was signaled affirmatively, and the challengers rowed back. After that the arrangements for the details of the race were left to the officers of the respective vessels. It is an interesting fact that the sailors, in a situation of this kind, have implicit faith that their superiors will do the right thing. They are even willing to trust in the officers of the rival cruiser. The Americans of the Philadelphia, for instance, were willing for the British officers to umpire or make the rules, and the Britishers were equally trustful of the Philadelphia's officers. It is always so, and if a sailor is making a wager on the contest he does not hesitate to leave his money with a lieutenant or ensign of the "hostile" vessel.

Over this race there was plenty of betting. The men put up all their accumulated pay, and the younger officers risked most of theirs. The gambling, in fact, came first in the preparation, and not until the money had been put up did the men begin to confer over the rules, the distance and the sort of boat to be used.

When they had decided to race over a three mile straightaway course it was discovered that the Philadelphia's small boats were of different measurements from those of the Britisher. Consequently one crew or the other must use a craft belonging to the opposing vessel. The Americans made this proposition:

"We'll let you take your choice of all our boats."

This was accepted. A committee came over to the Philadelphia and made a choice. The Britishers chose the worst boat on board!

The outcome was an overwhelming defeat for the Britons, and for a week thereafter the port was in the hands of the Yankee tars spending their ill gotten English gold.—New York Times.

The Promise of the New Year.

The best promise of the new year is a more perfect realization of the organic unity of humanity. I hope that men are slowly learning that "no man liveth unto himself;" that "we are members of one another." For some centuries we have been moving "from status to contract," and society has reaped large gains from the enfranchisement of the individual. Let us hope that the movement now in progress is from contract to fraternity, and that the enlarged powers of each will be employed with more and more of conscious purpose for the good of all.—Rev. Washington Gladden.

Welsh Moonshine.

In many parts of Wales to see one's shadow in the moonlight upon New Year's eve is believed to be an infallible sign that the person seeing it will die before the expiration of the coming new year, and there is also a popular superstition that if an unmarried woman should see her face reflected in water on New Year's eve it is an infallible sign that she is destined to live and die in a state of single blessedness.

January Proverbs.

Many old proverbs exist regarding this season of the year. Among them are:

"If the grass grows in January
It grows the worse for all the year."
"A January spring is worth nothing."
"Under water dearth, under snow bread."
"March in January, January in March."
"If January calends be summerly gay
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We Americans are a fun loving people, and we must and will have our jollity. Some one has said with certain truth: "With all our vanity, energy and unrest, we are not a dull, cheerless people. Sour faced fellows, yellow and dyspeptic, are to be met with in our cars and on our streets, but they are not the type of the American, for he is as ready for a laugh as for a speculation, as fond of a joke as an office."

And the joke is all the more enjoyable when it is spontaneous. The greater the stress and strain of life the greater the need and demand for humor, and no one deprecates the value of humor excepting those who have none of this good gift to their portion.

"Sunset" Cox, one of the wittiest men of his day, says in his book, "Why We Laugh:" "Eliminate from the literature and conduct of any one people the amusing and the amused faculty, and you produce a sterility as dull and uninteresting as the cinders and ashes of the volcanic fields of Iceland. But include the amusing element within the experience and history of mankind, and no description of luxuriance, with grape, olive, nectarine and orange, such as makes the vales of Portugal a perennial smile, is adequate to emphasize the contrast."

One could not well instance a more amusing blunder than that in a painting of the "Blessed Virgin" in an old church in Spain. In this painting the Virgin is represented as sitting on a red velvet sofa fondling a cat with one hand, while with the other she is pouring coffee from a silver coffeepot.

This is as amusing as a painting in a German church representing the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham. In this painting Abraham is about to discharge a huge pistol at Isaac when an angel descends and pours a pitcher of water on the pan of the pistol, thereby saving Isaac.

The writer once saw a crude painting of King Herod with a pair of spectacles painted on his nose. There is a very old painting of St. Peter denying the Saviour, and several of the Roman soldiers in the background have pipes in their mouths.

Those who are on the lookout for them will find many amusing blunders in the daily papers and in periodicals of all kinds. It was but the other day that the writer saw Miss Fanny Crosby referred to in a religious paper as the "author of so many blind poems." And it was a great metropolitan daily that one morning gave its readers the following information regarding the wrecking of a ship the night before: "The captain swam ashore and succeeded in saving the life of his wife. She was insured in the Northern Marine Insurance company and carried a cargo of cement."

Equally amusing as an instance of unconscious humor was the statement made by another paper regarding the capsizing of a boat at sea. It said that "but one life was lost, and that was found afterward."

He must be sadly deficient in humor who does not find himself amused by a sign like the following seen in the window of a shoemaker: "Any respectable man, woman or child can have a fit in this shop." It was an enterprising furrier who placed a card in his window stating that for the benefit of the ladies he would make "muffs, boas, etc., out of their own skins."

A prolific source of amusement to manuscript readers is the surprising way in which aspirants for literary honor and glory often "put things." We find one young woman saying of her heroine: "The countess fell back in a deadly swoon. When she revived her spirit had fled."

Another young writer places her heroine in a very perilous situation and then says of her, "Her lips quivered; her cheeks grew pale; her breath came in short pants."

A third writer gives this amusing description of the appearance of some one she referred to as "the belle of the ball:" "She was clad in some soft, clinging, fleecy, vapory stuff of purest white that gave the appearance of a bit of detached cloud floating in the sky. She wore no ornament with the exception of several bits of rare bric-a-brac gathered in a foreign clime."

A charming bit of purely unconscious humor was that noticed by some visitors to a great English coal mine. At the mouth of the great central shaft hundreds of feet deep was a placard bearing these words:

"Please do not tumble down the shaft."—Detroit Free Press.

Market Rate.

Some of these big magazine editors are humorous at times. In response to this inquiry from an amateur, "What does poetry bring in New York?" one of them replied:

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He is great who is what he is from nature and who never reminds us of others.—Emerson.

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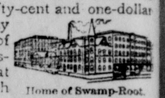

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