Where Thackeray Lived.

It was at Willis' rooms, the old Almack's, in King street, Pall Mall, that Thackeray delivered, in 1851, his lectures on the "English Humorists." In the vicinity of Brompton and Kensington his life as a successful author was mostly passed. Becky Sharp, on her marriage, retired to snug little Brompton lodgings, and in a cottage in a street leading from the Fulham road, with the romantic title of St. Adelaide villas, Anna Maria road west, old Mr. Sedley hid his head with his wife and daughter when the crash came.

There is a touch of Dickens in Thackeray's description of this neighborhood, "where the houses look like baby houses; where the people looking out of the first floor windows must infallibly, as you think, sit with their feet in the parlors; where the shrubs in the little gardens in front bloom with a perennial display of children's pinafores, little red socks and caps, and where little porter pots hang on the railing sunning themselves."—Chambers' Journal.

Witnesses Feared by Lawyers.

The best witnesses are nervous ones, who are afraid that they will never be able to speak so as to be heard in court. And the worst ones to tackle are those who are telling the truth. If a witness has truth on her side she may be ever so timid, but she will tell a straight story, and the most astute lawyer in the world can neither shake nor break her word. If a witness is telling a lie a clever lawyer will make her tell another and another and another, until she has woven such a network of lies around herself that it is comparatively easy to break up one of them, and so the whole structure falls through.

It is easy to win a case for a woman. The natural chivalry of American men makes them in sympathy with a woman when they would feel none at all for a man. Any able lawyer will tell you that he finds it easier to carry through one weak case for a woman than half a dozen strong ones for a man.—Abe Hummel in New York Press.

Saw His Tombstone Every Sunday.

A somewhat eccentric man, a stonemason by trade, died at Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire, recently. On the death of his wife, many years ago, he engraved a tombstone, which read as follows: "Erected to the memory of William and Sarah Swain, who departed this life in the Nineteenth century." The stone was then erected at the end of his wife's grave, and from that time until his death he passed it on his way to church every Sunday.—London Tit-Bits.

No Chance About It.

"You have been allowing games of chance in your house," said a Great Unpaid to a delinquent publican.

"No, your worship, no," was the defense; "everybody cheated!"—London Tit-Bits.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Kansas has 24,743 railroad employees.

The room in which Napoleon I died is now a stable.

Chicago is to have electrically propelled vehicles.

Aniline dyes were discovered by Unverdorhen in 1826.

Desertion from the army costs England $600,000 annually.

A resident of Marietta, Ga., claims to have a petrified chicken.

A woman can say "no" in such a low voice that it means "yes."

The Roman Emperor Maximian was the son of a common soldier.

Only 10 per cent. of German schoolboys are said to go in for athletics.

We are assured by an artist that only one person in 4,800 has a perfect nose.

Florida fig trees are said to be at present bearing their third crop this season.

Calhoun county, Ills., has no railroad, telegraph or telephone within its borders.

General Hancock was never in chief command of the army of the United States.

Waiting on a young prince and grooming a spirited horse are two very difficult things.

Quite a large gold nugget was recently gotten out of the Swank mines in Washington.

Whittier, after sixty years of labor, died poor. Corbett made $45,000 in a two hours' prize fight.

A Portland (Me.), woman, who has a mania for canceled postage stamps, has over a million of them.

Hyphenated names are increasing among New York's fashionable people at a rate that suggests a fad.

A Turkish proverb says: If you come empty handed they will tell you "the effendi is asleep." If you come with a present they will say, "Effendi, pray step in."

The Relation of Sounds, Colors and Taste.

The peculiar association of a color with a sound by which a certain sound will at once vividly arouse a definite color is a physical phenomena quite frequently mentioned in medical works. The association of color with smell and taste is, however, of much rarer occurrence. Dr. Fere gives an account of a woman who, after taking a spoonful of vinegar, saw everything red for a few minutes, when there was a sudden change, everything appearing of a bright green for the next hour. Drs. Mason and Kinne say that this is due to a "similarity in the subsidiary emotional effects accompanying the sensations and communicated to the nerves of hearing, sight and taste simultaneously."—St. Louis Republic.

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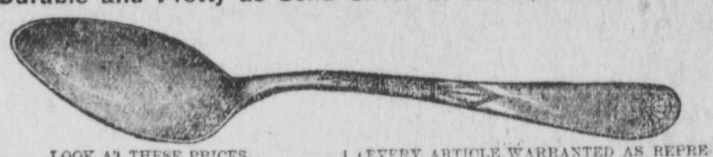
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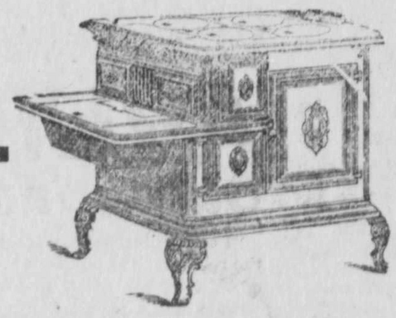
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