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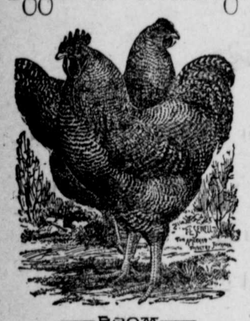

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The Peculiar Fashion In Which He Showed His Faithfulness—Always Acted As if His Wife Was Still With Him—The Pathetic Story Told by a Hotel Clerk.

The Sun reporter was leaning in a graceful attitude against the counter of an up town hotel office, conversing in an insouciant and nonchalant manner with the haughty and imperious clerk, as reporters always do, when a nice looking old gentleman, with just enough provincialism in his appearance to show that he was not a New Yorker, though he might have come from Philadelphia or any other rural district, came up to the register as if he had been there before and wrote his name and address. In a few minutes the clerk had sent him off to his room with a bellboy and resumed his conversation.

"Queer old chap," he said, nodding in the direction of the departing guest.

The reporter whirled the register around to look at the name.

"Yes?" he replied questioningly. "I see that he has signed himself and wife. Where's the wife? In the ladies' parlor?"

"That's the queer part of it," continued the clerk with an evident purpose of telling a story, and the reporter became interested. "There isn't any wife. He's a widower, and has been for 15 years, but he has been signing it that way for the ten years I have known him. He is now 60, and was married at 40, and the romance is as pretty as it is pathetic."

"And unusual," ventured the reporter, "if he is faithful to the memory of one woman, and that woman his wife. Widowers are not all so."

"That is why this one's story is the more interesting. Let me tell you. At 25 he was a poor young clerk in a western town and was romantically and deeply in love with a pretty girl of 20. It may be said that she was in love with him, too, but he had queer notions, and as they were both poor, and a rich man was anxious to marry the girl, he never told his love, but let concealment, like a worm in the bud, feed on his damask cheek, as it were, and he pined in thought and with a green and yellow melancholy sat, like patience on a monument, while the other man married her.

"At 34 she was a widow and poor, for her husband had dissipated his fortune, and our friend here, still a bachelor and as much in love as ever, was a successful merchant. This time he was braver, for he was possessed of the sinews of war, and within a year's time he had married her. It was rather hasty on her part, possibly, but he had waited long enough and was so importunate that she compromised with him on one year instead of the regulation two of widowhood. They came to this hotel on their wedding tour and were here two weeks, and one of the proprietors of the hotel informs me that he never has seen a couple more suited to each other and better satisfied with each other. After that he came to the city in the spring and autumn to buy goods, and she always accompanied him, and they seemed to be no farther away from the honeymoon season with each recurring year.

"At last, after the fifth spring trip, he did not come, but his manager did, and he said that the wife had died and the husband's mind was affected, though they hoped he would come around all right in time. In the following spring he came again, but he was not the same man any more. His mind was clear on all business matters, but he was 'queer' about his wife, and a sadder faced man couldn't be found anywhere. The old clerk, who had been at the counter on his previous visits, was there when he came again, and after greeting him pleasantly turned the register around for him to sign it. He responded as usual, and when the clerk looked at the name it was followed as before by 'and wife,' as he had been accustomed to sign it. The clerk was about to call his attention to it, but a second thought prompted him not to notice it, and he sent the guest to the bridal chamber, the room he and his wife always occupied, as they did on their first visit.

"During his stay of a week he had very little to say, and if any reference was made to his wife he responded as if she were still alive and was with him at the hotel. At the table, too, he had a place for her, and her meals were served as if she had been there to eat them. When he was ready to go and came for his bill, it was made out as usual, and he paid for two people without comment. Ten years ago, when I came into the office, I received my instructions concerning our peculiar guest and have since my first meeting him acted with him exactly as if he were accompanied by his wife. I have learned that he follows the same course in all that he does in any way connected with her. He buys two railroad tickets, two theater tickets, two places in any conveyance, two everything, where she might have gone with him, and on trips where she would not have accompanied him in life, such as short trips from his town or to affairs of any kind where it was probable she would not have cared to go, he provides only for himself. He seems to understand what she would be doing all these years and acts accordingly. You noticed him sign that register and go off up stairs?" concluded the clerk. "Well, he does all the rest in the same confident way, just as if she were with him and his first consideration was for her."

"You may not be a poet," said the reporter, "but the story you tell is a poem that all men should learn and cherish in their hearts."—New York Sun.

A Remedy at Hand.

Customer—I'm half sorry I bought that necktie now. It's too loud.

Salesman—Let me sell you a muffler.—B. K. & Co. Monthly.

Where the Bee Works.

Properly considered, a beehive is a wonderful shop, and each individual insect is a curiosity. The inhabitants of a hive are classed as drones, workers and queens. The queen is the mother of every insect in the hive unless she has been installed instead of a queen who had died and left the hive without a mistress. The queen bee is the wonder of the whole insect tribe as far as egg laying is concerned, often depositing 4,000 eggs a day for days in succession during the most productive season. The chief wonder connected with the worker bee is the admirable manner in which his body is shaped and fitted with instruments for honey gathering. These natural instruments consist of cups, combs, brushes, knives, funnels, scrapers, etc., each of which is worthy of a week of careful and painstaking study under a high grade microscope.—Chicago Chronicle.

Maud's Presence of Mind.

Minnie—Did you hear of Maud Edith's wonderful presence of mind?

Mamie—Dear me, no. What was the occasion?

"Why, when her wheel began to run away down hill, she pulled back on the handle bars and screamed 'Whoa!' as loud as she could."—Indianapolis Journal.

The barber's art in Europe dates from the time of Alexander the Great, B. C. 330. He ordered every soldier to shave, lest the beard should give a handle to their enemies.

The birds of the south polar regions migrate north on the approach of winter.

Letter writers in Spain receive about 10 cents a page for writing letters. If required to take extra pains, as with a young woman's love letter, they charge 15 cents.

Rhode Island over 100 years ago was called Little Rhody, an allusion to the diminutive size of this commonwealth.

GROWTH.

Blow, winds! Your rage but shakes the tree
And roots it surer in its place.
Scatter your rain, ye cloud and free
The buds that wait your frowning grace!
Roll down, O river, to the sea
And widen in your onward race!

Peace through a sunny span may keep
His garden in some quiet glen
Whilst others sow for him and reap
And tend his flocks on moor and fen.
The flowers of peace are death and sleep.
The strife of living makes us men.

Ah, joy it is to win the goal
By tireless work and dauntless will,
Yet may the life rise orbed and whole
From clouded hopes and loss and ill.
Our baffled toils upbuild the soul,
And failure so is victory still.

—A. St. John Adcock in Spectator

TACKS.

Made In Great Variety and For Many Different Uses.

The best tacks are made of imported Swedish iron, the next grade of American soft steel and the cheapest of common American iron. Tacks are also made of copper. Some tacks are tinned, and for ship use tacks are galvanized. Tacks are made of sizes ranging from a half ounce to 24 ounces. The tack commonly used as a carpet tack is an eight ounce tack. A 24 ounce tack is about 1½ inch in length.

There are many kinds of tacks, made for a great variety of uses, and they are put up in many different forms. There are gimp tacks, looking glass tacks, upholsterer's tacks, trunk tacks, lace tacks, basket tacks, brush tacks, coffin tacks, shank tacks, lasting tacks, miner's tacks, cheesebox tacks and tacks for many other uses. Within the past dozen years the sale of double pointed tacks has increased tenfold with the greatly increased use of electrical wires. Double pointed tacks are also used for tacking down straw matting and for other purposes.

Tacks that are sold in papers are put up in full weights, half weights, and quarter weights, the weight indicating the size of the package. Almost all kinds of tacks are also sold in bulk in 25 pound and 50 pound boxes and in 100 pound kegs.

A one ounce tack machine will make in a day about 100,000 tacks altogether. The iron is fed into the machine in a plate which is of a width a little greater than the length of the finished tack, so as to allow of material to be upset for the head. An eight ounce machine will make about 200 pounds of tacks a day—1,250 to the pound, about 250,000 tacks. Tacks that are put up in papers are weighed out and the papers filled by hand. Comparatively few tacks are put up nowadays in tied up papers. They are put up mostly in little pasteboard boxes. These boxes are packed in larger boxes and in turn in cases for shipment. A common tack package is a case weighing about 100 pounds.

The annual tack product of the country is estimated at about 20,000 tons. If these tacks were all put up in papers of the usual assortments of sizes and weights, the papers would number about 300,000,000, or something more than four papers per capita of the population.—New York Sun.

How Edison Learned to Tell Stories.

"It seemed like a waste of time," said a gentleman who passed an evening with Mr. Edison, in Norwalk, O., recently, "to hear Mr. Edison rolling off story after story, and demanding of all his acquaintances to tell him more, when we knew how much information we might have received from him. I finally asked him how he got to be such a story teller. 'Well,' he replied, 'when I was quite a young man I was a telegraph operator during the war. I was stationed at St. Louis, which was a sort of distributing point for a large district, and when we would get our batch of stuff off and we still had several hours to put in, I used to get pretty tired. Then we would begin to call up the operator at the other end of the line and gossip with him. I always liked stories, and if Chicago had a good one, he would wire it to me. Then I would send that off to Louisville and New York and Cincinnati, and hear them laugh over it by wiring back, "Ha, ha," over the wire. In this way we would get all the best stories there were going, and we would always write them out for the day men. It got to be a sort of passion after awhile, and has stuck to me ever since.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Japanese Explorers.

Japan, too, has keen explorers. The professor of astronomy in the university of Tokyo, Mr. Nomaka, accompanied by his wife, last October ascended Mount Fujiyama, 13,000 feet high, to make meteorological observations in the course of the winter. A short time ago word was received that the professor was dying, and a relief expedition was fitted out. With great difficulty the members of the expedition reached the snow covered hut. Professor Nomaka was found to be exceedingly weak and unable to move, but his wife had suffered no evil results from the exposure. Nomaka was taken back to Tokyo, but he declares he will return next winter, and his wife says she will accompany him again.

WHY HE SHAVED.

Senator Bacon Did Not Want His Whiskers Pulled.

There was a time when Senator Bacon of Georgia wore an ornate and lavish hirsute adornment, and pictures taken at the time he was president of the Georgia senate so represent him. Now he contents himself with a simple mustache. How he happened to shear his beard was told by the senator himself recently.

"It was," he began, "when the roller skating craze broke out and invaded the best families in the south. It struck Macon, and somehow it found a victim in me. Everybody was going to the skating rink, and consequently I went. I soon acquired a remarkable degree of grace in gliding dreamily over the floor to the pulsation of exhilarating waltz strains, and my company was in great demand by ladies who were still somewhat distrustful of their own skill. I shall never forget. I was acting as the guardian angel one evening of a lady whose main support I was in her feeble efforts to prevent a collision with the floor, and we were rather tremulously gliding hither and thither among the crowd, when an invalid on skates approached us from the opposite direction. I saw at a glance that the man had lost his compass and nothing but a blind reliance in providence was deferring his fall. That moment came when he crushed against me. The collision disturbed the center of gravity in my fair companion, while at the same time it hastened the downfall of the other. Before I knew what was up the man, in order to save himself, grasped hold of one side of my whiskers, while the lady fastened her grip in the other half, and both held on for dear life while their feet were describing geometrical figures on the slippery floor. Considerations of gallantry prevented me from turning on the wretched being who was clinging to my beard like the proverbial straw on one side, and there I was with two struggling fellow creatures in the stress of despair dangling on each side of my whiskers. That experience determined me to sacrifice the whiskers and to circumscribe my indulgence in that line to a modest, unobtrusive mustache, which affords no comfort to unskilled skaters."—Washington Post.

English laborers, taken the country over, average about $4.86 a week, from which they are expected to board and clothe themselves and their families.

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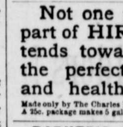

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STEAMER B. S. FORD

will leave Centreville at 7 A. M. daily, except Sunday, for Baltimore, stopping at landings on Corsica River, Jackson Creek and Rock Hall. Leave Jackson Creek at 8.15 A. M., Rock Hall 9.15 A. M. Returning, will leave Baltimore daily except Sunday, 2.30 P. M. for above landings.

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Returning, leave Baltimore, Pier 6, Light street, daily at 5 o'clock, (except Friday), lay over until 2.30 P. M., on Saturday, stopping at Buck Neck and Gale's and all the landings on Sassafras river except Turner's Creek, trip up.

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A GREAT SHOT.

But He Learned That Cold "Pisen" Had Beat the Gun.

It was on a California ranch in early springtime. John, the cook, aged about 17 years, had offered to slay several thousands of the myriads of blackbirds which were swarming around the ranch if Brown, the boss, would furnish powder and shot. The birds were so numerous that the wheat had to be covered as soon as possible after sowing. If this was not done, the ground would be cleaned as free of the seed in a very short time as if it had never been seeded. Under these conditions Brown was not slow in furnishing the necessary ammunition.

The next morning after the breakfast dishes were cleared up John made his appearance in the field, armed with the old muzzle loading, double barreled shotgun. After stowing away a liberal amount of ammunition in the old gun he took deliberate aim at a place where the blackbirds seemed to be most numerous on the newly seeded ground. With a tremendous report the old gun belched forth its deadly charge. When John recovered from the recoil and the smoke had cleared up, he was surprised and delighted at the havoc he had caused in the swarm of birds. Perhaps 40 or 50 lay dead on the ground, and others dropped every few yards as the birds flew toward a clump of trees about 150 yards distant.

Loading the barrel which had been discharged, John proceeded toward the trees, intent on securing another shot, but as he drew nearer he was surprised to see the birds still dropping to the ground. When within about 30 yards of the trees, he stopped, undecided as to whether he had better fire again or not, for it seemed as though he must have wounded all of the birds, so continuously were they falling. As the birds did not seem to be alarmed by his presence, he concluded to count the dead ones, and find out how many he had killed with one load. Cautiously making his way under the trees, he commenced counting, and the birds kept falling. After counting about 200 dead birds, and seeing that they were still falling, he commenced to feel a little suspicious, and noticed that the birds were acting in a very unusual manner up in the tree.

"Ha, ha, ha!" yelled Brown, who had been taking it all in at a short distance, unseen by John. Laughing until he could scarcely walk, Brown approached, and John, who was sure something was wrong, demanded an explanation. "Well," said Brown, "I had just sown about a peck of poisoned wheat when you came out, and the poison commenced taking effect just after you fired."

The boys all call him "Blackbird John."—Forest and Stream.

The Beneficent Crow.

If farmers would make a study of natural history and its bearing on their property—the relation of hawks to their hencoops, for instance—there would be better paying crops.

The "Year Book" of the department of agriculture tells about crow blackbirds and what they eat. About 2,300 of their stomachs have been examined, and of these 2,258 contained food. The birds were killed in 26 states. Forty-eight per cent of the food was animal, 48 per cent vegetable and 4 per cent was mineral. The blackbird has a variety of things it eats.

"The animal food," says the report, "consisted of insects, spiders, myriapods (thousand legs), crawfish, earthworms, sowbugs, hair snakes, snails, fishes, tree toads, salamanders (newts), lizards, snakes, birds' eggs and mice." To these might have been added young birds, fish cast up by the tide, minnows caught while swimming in shallow water and probably meat and carrion of various kinds. Most of the animal food is, of course, insects. These constitute 46 per cent of the total, the other 2 per cent being the larger things, like mice. The animal food is taken mostly in the summer. In winter the food is mostly vegetable matter. The insects the bird kills more than make up the damage he does, especially as his nest robbing appears to be only an incidental habit not often indulged in. A large flock of the birds would, of course, destroy a lot of grain. Some 50,000 would eat about 3,000 pounds a day, but they would consume as many insects, which would more than destroy the amount the bird does.—New York Sun.

Blue Blood.

The "American physician" who makes some amazing medical or scientific discovery about once a week with undeviating regularity, and has long since become an established journalistic institution, shows signs of a tendency to abuse the hospitality so lavishly accorded him by the newspapers of two continents. His story of having found actual blue blood in his own veins, for instance, which was cabled from Philadelphia, is only fit to be told to the ultramarines. If blue blood is ever found anywhere, it will probably be elsewhere than in the United States.—London World.

Troublesome Creek's New Woman.

There lives on Troublesome creek, in Knott county, Ky., Aunt Mary Crabtree, who will be 91 years old the 15th day of August. Aunt Mary is now in possession of all her faculties, has cut a new set of teeth, and can read without glasses. The most remarkable fact of all, however, is that her hair, which was snowy white, began to turn dark again 18 months ago, and now is of a dark, glossy brown, just the color it was when she was a girl of 18.—Philadelphia Press.

Palms.

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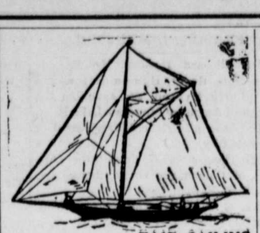

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