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BLAINE'S MEMORY.

NEVER FORGOT A FACE OR THE NAME OF AN ACQUAINTANCE.

The Wedding Notice He Wrote When an Editor—Some Striking Incidents That Were Related by Ex-Governor Cumback of Indiana.

Upon taking editorial charge of the Kennebec Journal Mr. Blaine soon familiarized himself with Maine politics by studying the files of The Journal, and he studied them closely as far back as 1825. By this means he soon became the best posted man in the state on Maine politics, and he was looked upon as authority. His able editorials during the campaign bringing up political matters of the past showed careful research, and they were copied widely. It was while editor of The Journal that he was one day stopped on the street by an old lady whom he had never seen before and asked to write up the wedding of her daughter, which occurred the night before.

Blaine had served his time in congress and went to Maine to speak during his campaign, when at the close of his speech he began shaking hands with the masses crowded around him. An old lady with wrinkled brow and withened hair, bearing a babe in her arms, approached and offered her hand.

"Why, how do you do?" said Mr. Blaine. "Where's that daughter of yours I wrote up that wedding notice about?"

"Poor Lucy is dead," said the old lady, and her eyes filled with tears. "This is her child."

The man with the big, kind heart reached over and kissed the little blue eyed girl.

During the Greeley campaign in 1872 ex-Governor Cumback of Indiana spoke with Mr. Blaine in Springfield, O. This was early in the campaign. Just before the election Mr. Cumback was sent up in Blaine's state to make a speech. He was told by the committee that he would find Maine people very stiff and inhospitable and quite different from the western people. Mr. Cumback was surprised, however, at his enthusiastic reception, there being large crowds everywhere, and he never had a more enthusiastic meeting than at Augusta. He told Blaine of the incident and his agreeable disappointment.

"Oh," said the statesman, "they had a man of unusual stuff to get them stirred up! Such a man on a speech as you are would have a good reputation anywhere."

"But what do you know about my speech?" asked the governor.

"Didn't you speak with me over at Springfield?" said Blaine in a way as a reminder. Then he went ahead and told Mr. Cumback all about his speech, of the crowd present and gave promptly all the main points of the speech and even named the party with them. He also remembered at what hotel they put up and what day of the week it was.

Another instance of Blaine's great memory is cited in the following story, as told by Mr. Cumback:

During the Garfield campaign Mr. Blaine spoke in Cumback's town. He was entertained by Mr. Cumback and driven over town.

"There's a sick man in that house there that has been talking you up for president for four or five years," said the governor, "and he thinks there is no one like Jim Blaine."

"Me for president?" said Blaine.

"Yes, you for president. Do you want to stop and go in to see him a minute? Nothing would please him better."

They went in and remained a few minutes. Blaine trotted the children on his lap and talked freely with the sick man, whose name was David Kerr.

Blaine and the governor met at Garfield's inauguration.

"How are you, Will?" asked Blaine. And he asked all about the men he had met in Cumback's town several months before and called nearly all of them by their first names. "Oh, yes," he said, "how is Dave Kerr? Did he ever get well? Poor fellow, he suffered terribly. And those little children, how about them?"

This may be considered a wonderful feat of memory. It was in October when he met these people, and it was on the 4th of March, nearly five months afterward, that he recalled his visit, remembering the name of every person he was introduced to on that day. He had seen a million people since that time and had shaken hands with and met thousands.

Mr. Cumback accompanied Mr. Blaine on his speaking tour through Indiana during his campaign in 1884. It was just ten days before election. Cumback left him at Lafayette, saying that he wouldn't see him again until the inauguration.

"I don't know," said Blaine doubtfully. "I'm afraid it won't be."

He had an unusual, vacant, faraway look in his eyes, and he was very serious. His words came slowly and hesitatingly. Mr. Cumback assured him that there was no doubt, but Blaine shook his head.

"I don't know," said he. "I've had a sort of feeling for the last week that I wouldn't be elected. I hope I will, but the outcome is doubtful, and I feel now as if it were very doubtful. But if I am defeated I will go to work the next day on my book."

And he did. He began the second volume of his "Twenty Years of Congress" the next day after the election.—Chicago Times-Herald.

He Laid.

"Don't waste your time in clipping off the branches," said the woodman to his son, "but lay your ax at the root of the tree." And the young man went out and laid his ax at the foot of the tree, like a good and dutiful boy, and then he went fishing. Truly there is nothing so beautiful as filial obedience.—Strand Magazine.

To Rid the House of Black Ants.

You may exterminate black ants by first keeping out of their reach all sweets. Stand your cake and sugar boxes in a pan of water, then around the shelves put either lavender, ground cloves, or, better, camphor.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Her Point of View.

They were discussing the construction of a new gown.

"From a hygienic point of view and merely as a matter of health," suggested the dressmaker, "I think it should be made"—

The haughty beauty stopped her by a gesture.

"Hygienic point of view!" she exclaimed. "Matter of health! What has that to do with it? When I want health, I will go to a doctor. When I want style, I come to you. We will now eliminate all absurdities and discuss this purely from a common sense standpoint. Will it be fashionable and becoming?"—Philadelphia Times.

"De man dat boasts ob his cha'ty," said Uncle Eben, "makes some folks criticise. But he ain' ez bad ez de man dat ain' got no scuse fob boastin, eben if he wanted ter."—Washington Star.

The man who has begun to live more seriously within begins to live more simply without.—Bishop Brooks.

THE INCONSISTENT SEX.

"Dear baby spoke today!" she cried.
"He said 'Mamma' as plain as plain could be,
And it was sweet his dimpled smile to see
And sweet his gurgling baby laugh to hear.
Come quick! Perhaps he will again. The dear!
And, oh, I am so happy!

"Baby is growing big so fast,
And, oh,"—the sudden tears gushed to her eyes—
"He'll speak and walk and grow so big and wise,
And love another best and woo and wed
And have no longer need of me," she said,
"And I am so unhappy!"
—J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

A LESSON IN ECONOMICS.

A Young Woman Gives a Young Man Some Valuable Tips.

Again it is a Washington girl.

This time she appears as an angel of economy to a young man who needs that kind of angelic administration about as much as any other young man in the Capital City, and she is just as successful as if she were trampling him under her scornful heel and making him feel how utterly helpless man is in conflict with the irresistible.

"By Jove" he was saying, "this sort of thing is simply intolerable!"

"What sort of thing?" she inquired, with admirable poise.

"Why, I have just had to pay a messenger 40 cents to deliver a note up town for me, and he was gone less than half an hour. It would be cheaper to have hired a cab and horse and driver, and still cheaper to have sent it by mail under a special delivery stamp."

"What was the note?" she asked, womanlike, before she thought.

"A response to an invitation to dinner."

"Forty cents is cheap for a good dinner," she smiled.

"But I couldn't go," he wailed. "It was a declination, and the 40 cents on top of that. Really, though, this messenger service is a rank imposition and should not be tolerated. Twenty-five cents an hour is ample, with short distances at 10 or 15 cents. The convenience is easily worth that, but more than that is plain extortion and the greed of monopolies."

"You have my sympathy. You are the more entitled to it because you don't seem to know any better. Now, why aren't you as bright as a man I know, who hasn't any more money than you have? When he has a note or a book to send to a girl, he doesn't waste 40 cents on a grinding monopoly—oh, that's what it is," she laughed, as she noted his look of surprise, "we have a call in our house, and I am compelled to use it sometimes—but he does a much better thing. He just adds 10 cents to his 40, slips around to the florist's, orders 50 cents' worth of violets sent to the girl, puts the note in with the flowers, and there you are. See? Only 10 cents out, and think how much in—for girls do love flowers, even 50 cents' worth."

The young man began gasping for air.

"Or," she went right on, "if it is the season when flowers are more expensive than messenger service, just substitute candy for flowers. You can get something perfectly lovely for 60 cents, and to add a book or pleasant note to it makes it well worth the girl's kindest thought and your 20 cents extra. Now, is the plan clear to your stupid brain?"

Whether it was or not the young woman that very afternoon received a delightful note of thanks for valuable information, accompanied by a 50 cent bunch of violets from a well known florist.—Washington Star.

Precious Meals.

Almost any dish which had to recommend it rarity, costliness, indigestibility, and, to our way of thinking, nastiness, was sure to take with the Roman epicure. And if he were unable to make it costly any other way he would add powdered precious stones or gold dust. Nero dined on one occasion from a peacock which was sprinkled with diamond dust, and specimens of that bird dressed with gold or with crushed pearls were by no means a rarity at the triclinia of the moneyed Romans. A dish of parrots' tongues was a great delicacy. But a dish of parrots' tongues which had been capable, when in their proper place, of framing words, was of almost incalculable value, which increased in a direct ratio with the vocabularies of the defunct parrots.

Another bird for which the Roman epicure was in the habit of paying fabulous prices was the phenecoptrix, which is believed to have been the ptarmigan. It had its home in the most northerly parts of Scotland and Norway, and as this made it hard to get at the Romans appreciated it all the more and put it in the same rank with ostriches, buzzards and peacocks. The tongues of these birds were specially prepared, together with the brains, and took the place which a hors d'œuvre would now take.—New York Post.

NAVAL MISHAPS.

We Make Too Much Fuss and Sensation Over Trifles.

We have a good navy, and we do not appreciate it. As a matter of fact, casualties to our new armorclads and cruisers have not been particularly frequent when their size and their number are considered. In this country every trivial mischance is caught up and exploited by the sensational newspapers, but nothing is said of similar accidents in foreign navies. Barring the destruction of Admiral Kimberly's fleet by the Samoan hurricane in 1889, which no skill or foresight could have prevented, our naval service for many years has been remarkably free from really serious disasters.

There is nothing in our records to compare with the capsizing of the British frigate Captain with half a thousand men in 1870, or the fatal collision of the British ironclads Vanguard and Iron Duke in 1875, or that of the German ironclad Kaiser Wilhelm and Grosser Kurfurst the year following, when 300 men perished, or the loss of the British training ships Eurydice and Atlanta in 1878 and 1880 with 600 officers, sailors and apprentice boys, or the sinking of the British flagship Victoria, with Admiral Tryon, 22 officers and 330 sailors, by collision with the Camperdown on June 22, 1893, in the Mediterranean, or the wreck of the Spanish cruiser Reina Regente, on March 10, 1895, with 420 officers and seamen.

The list of minor accidents to foreign naval vessels in the past few years would be too long to enumerate. But the stranding of the British ironclads Howe and Anson, the flagship Amphion and the cruiser Sultan were far more grave affairs than any such accidents which have occurred to any of our own heavy vessels within this period. We have had our fair share of troubles, perhaps, but no more than that.—Boston Journal.

Many animals feign illness. In military stables horses are known to have pretended to be lame in order to avoid going to a military exercise. A chimpanzee in the Zoo had been fed on cake when sick. After his recovery he often feigned coughing in order to procure dainties.

Old wood best to burn, old wine best to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.—Alonzo of Aragon.

CO[illegible]

The Am[illegible]

In St. [illegible] Beard writes of "[illegible]" which was one of his pets while he [illegible] engaged in engineering in southern Arizona. Mr. Beard says he was very fond of the lizards with which these plains abounded, and one large variety, called swifts, from their remarkable speed in running, seemed to be especially coveted.

Whenever one of these was caught, which was not often, Moses would be brought out, and, after the swift had taken a ten foot start, would be set free. The lizard would promptly resolve itself into a white streak across the desert, and, screaming with excitement, half running, half flying, Moses would pursue, followed by the laughing crowd, of which only those on horseback had much chance of keeping up. It was in no sense a cruel sport. It amused Mos[illegible] and us and didn't hurt the swift, f[illegible] he got away every time, and if the fe[illegible]ings of our pet were a trifle injured [illegible] he returned, perched on some [illegible] wrist or saddle horn, from his fru[illegible] hunt these were speedily soothe[illegible] the prompt gift of a nice bit of [illegible] beef, so no one was the worse. Th[illegible]ards, however, he seemed to view [illegible] sort of dessert, and as he could al[illegible] an unlimited quantity they were [illegible]ways in demand.

A certain stick kept on the vera[illegible] of our office was generally under [illegible]eye, and when any one picked this [illegible] and started for a walk across the de[illegible] Moses would hop gravely along behi[illegible] sure that some of his favorite daint[illegible] would soon be forthcoming.

Of course Moses was perfectly w[illegible] able to catch the smaller kinds of li[illegible]ards for himself, but there was less ex[illegible]ertion in allowing some one else to d[illegible] it for him, and exertion at this perio[illegible] of his life was a thing to which Mose[illegible] was violently opposed. These occasion[illegible] were almost the only ones when h[illegible] would be silent for any length of tim[illegible] for he seemed to understand perfectl[illegible] that at the first note of his voice every lizard within hearing would run for it[illegible] life to the nearest refuge, and onl[illegible] when a blow of the stick failed for th[illegible] second or third time to reach its mar[illegible] would he give utterance to his deep [illegible] disgust at such clumsiness.

PASSAGE OF THE JAMES.

The Brilliant Military Spectacle Presented by the Advance on Petersburg.

In The Century General Horace Porter writes of "Grant's Dash For Petersburg" in his series of papers on "Campaigning With Grant." Of the passage of the James, General Porter says:

As the general in chief stood upon the bluff on the north bank of the river on the morning of June 15, watching with unusual interest the busy scene spread out before him, it presented a sight which had never been equaled even in his extended experience in all the varied phases of warfare. His cigar had been thrown aside, his hands were clasped behind him, and he seemed lost in the contemplation of the spectacle. The great bridge was the scene of a continuous movement of infantry columns, batteries of artillery and wagon trains. The approaches to the river on both banks were covered with masses of troops moving briskly to their positions or waiting patiently their turn to cross. At the two improvised ferries steamboats were gliding back and forth with the regularity of weavers' shuttles. A fleet of transports covered the surface of the water below the bridge, and gunboats floated lazily upon the stream, guarding the river above.

Drums were beating the march, bands were playing stirring quicksteps, the distant booming of cannon on Warren front showed that he and the enem[illegible] were still exchanging compliment[illegible] and mingled with these sounds we[illegible] the cheers of the sailors, the shouting [illegible] the troops, the rumbling of wheels a[illegible] the shrieks of steam whistles. T[illegible] bright sun, shining through a clear s[illegible] upon the scene, cast its sheen upon [illegible] water, was reflected from the burni[illegible] gun barrels and glittering cannon [illegible] brought out with increased brilli[illegible] the gay colors of the waving ban[illegible] The calmly flowing river reflected [illegible] blue of the heavens and mirrored [illegible] surface the beauties of nature that [illegible]dered it. The rich grain was stu[illegible] high in the surrounding fields [illegible] harvest was almost ripe, but the [illegible]vesters had fled. The arts of civili[illegible] had recoiled before the science of [illegible]struction, and in looking from [illegible] growing crops to the marching colu[illegible] the gentle smile of peace contr[illegible] strangely with the savage frown of [illegible]

It was a matchless pageant [illegible] could not fail to inspire all behol[illegible] with the grandeur of achievement [illegible] the majesty of military power. [illegible]man whose genius had conceived [illegible] whose skill had executed this mast[illegible] movement stood watching the speci[illegible] in profound silence. Whether his m[illegible] was occupied with the contemplati[illegible] its magnitude and success or was b[illegible] with maturing plans for the futu[illegible] one can tell. After a time he woke [illegible] his reverie, mounted his horse and [illegible] orders to have headquarters fe[illegible] across to the south bank of the riv[illegible]

Washington Well Fortified.

In view of the fact that the nati[illegible] capital was once taken and burned [illegible] foreign enemy it is reassuring to k[illegible] that a calamity so humiliating is n[illegible] likely to occur again, even in case [illegible] sudden war.

Washington is the best defended cit[illegible] in the country. A hostile fleet could not now ascend the Potomac, as was done in 1814, when President Madison and his wife were compelled to make a hurried escape across the Potomac to avoid capture by the British.

For military and prudential reasons little has been allowed to be made known concerning the new works and the heavy ordnance recently installed below the city, but for some years engineers have been busy at the river forts. Some very formidable guns are now in position there, and a system of torpedo defenses has been perfected which would render the approach of an enemy's warships within 12 miles of Washington practically impossible.

The defensive works are located at the "elbow," or turn, of the Potomac where old Forts Washington and Sheridan stood, and where at one point the channel for vessels of deep draft is but 600 yards wide.

The guns are protected on the water side by emplacement walls of stone and concrete 70 feet thick, and on the land side by redoubts for infantry.

The rapidly increasing wealth and importance of Washington, the grand new public buillings and the vast sums of money and bullion in the treasury render these protective and defensive measures a matter of national importance and necessity.—Youth's Companion.

Noticed Before.

"I see that the scientists have discovered that solid metal actually evaporates."

"Gee! I bet that is what comes of all my money."—Indianapolis Journal.

A prominent western newspaper recommends flax seed tea as an excellent remedy for whooping cough. It may be good but it is not to be compared with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation will allay the violent fits of cough and make them less frequent and less severe. It also liquefies the tough mucous, making it easier to expectorate. Complete recovery is much quicker, too, when this remedy is given. There is no danger in giving it to small children, as it is a pleasant syrup and contains nothing injurious. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per b[illegible] by M. A. Toulson druggist.

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