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Chicago's Queer Indian.

An Englishman of rank and money visited Chicago recently and with him came his private secretary, a young, fresh faced, jolly fellow just out of Oxford university. The secretary brought letters of introduction to a Chicago man from a well known London actor and an equally prominent man of letters. The Englishman came direct to Chicago, making no stop in New York. The secretary called upon the Chicago man to whom he had letters and who did a little entertaining, inviting three city friends to meet the private secretary at luncheon at a noted restaurant.

It was after the cigars were lighted that the conversation turned upon things American. The Chicagoans knew that the Britons were credited with believing that they could shoot buffaloes under the shade of the Auditorium and shoot grizzlies along the Shokie, but they were not quite prepared for what was to come. The little luncheon party had been waited upon by a coal black negro with crisp hair curled tight to his head. The secretary throughout the repast had eyed the attendant with interest. When the waiter finally had left the room, the English guest turned to his host and said:

"Mr. Nelson, it seems to me that I read somewhere that the American Indians had straight hair. The hair of the one who waited on us curls like astrakhan."—Chicago Tribune.

Married With a Bump.

The marriage customs of the Negulos are peculiar. The young man who seeks a bride first obtains the favor of her parents and then pursues her, catching her in his arms. She breaks loose and runs and does not yield until he has caught her several times. Finally he leads her in triumph to her home. Here her father drags the youth up a ladder to her floor of their hut. The mother drags up the maiden. They are then made to kneel, and the father pours over them a coconaut shellful of water. He then bumps their heads together, and the ceremony is completed. They spend their honeymoon in the depths of the mountains and for five days and nights are lost to sight, after which they come back to everyday life.

There is another marriage custom which is worth describing. Instead of the youth and maiden being dragged up the hut ladder they are made to climb two saplings that grow near each other. Then an elder of the group grasps the saplings and draws them together until the heads of the young couple touch, with a kiss or a bump, according to the force used. This makes them man and wife.—Forum.

Taking Umbrage.

A few idlers (no very unusual thing) were lounging in front of the shop of the bailie of the burgh, among whom the laird espied the village Aesculapius, who was his political oracle, and thus addressed him:

"How's a' wi' ye the day, doctor? Ony political news?"

"Nothing very particular," replied the doctor; "only it is said that the Dutch have taken umbrage at"— Here the doctor got a touch on his shoulder from his shop boy, who acquainted him that a valuable patient was waiting for him, and he broke off abruptly from his political laird.

"Ta'en Umbrage!" exclaimed the laird. "Mercy upon us! Hae they ta'en Umbrage? Bailie, ken ye if it's a wa'ed town or no?"

"A wa'ed town!" said the bailie; "nae sic thing. It's a sugar island and ane o' the sweetest o' them. The article's up already, but ye shall hae a stane weight hame wi' ye at the auld price."—Cornhill.

An Expensive Knife.

An old man went into a cigar store where pocketknives are on sale. He had a fancy for one of the knives, but thought the price, 75 cents, too high. After a parley with the proprietor he concluded to wager 75 cents against the knife and play a game of poker. He lost the money and then that much again. He continued to lose until he lost $121, all the money he had, but the proprietor made him a present of the knife.

In the afternoon he returned, saying he was dissatisfied with the knife. He had paid $121 for it, but would willingly exchange it for a $1 article. The dealer kindly made the exchange, and the man went his way rejoicing. He had no money to trouble him, but he had a knife, and, after all, a knife is a good thing to have.—Arizona Republican.

Significant Signs.

It has been insinuated that the Appleton-O'Bryanne wedding is off. If you want to know, go past the Appleton house. The sound of a half dozen sewing machines can be heard there from daybreak till late at night. When a marriage is given up for good, the sewing machine is idle, except when patches must be put on the old man's underclothes.—Atchison Globe.

The Druggist's Work.

There is a druggist in one of the suburban districts who advertises:

"The doctor prescribes; we execute."

Such advertising cannot fail to appeal to those who desire to be executed.—Boston Journal.

He Needed No Help.

"Help, help!" cried the man who was being relieved of his valuables.

"Calm yourself, my friend," said the easy going footpad. "I can take care of this job without any assistance."—Ohio State Journal.

Settling Down.

"I'm anxious to get married and settle down," said the fagged bachelor, "so that I can pick out one good club and stick to it."—Philadelphia North American.

Not Amusement.

"I am willing to do almost anything for amusement," panted the portly member of the Tourists' club, who had dragged himself half way up the mountain side and stopped to rest, "but this is a little too much."

"This isn't amusement," explained one of the other members of the club. "This is sport."—Chicago Tribune.

Those Loving Girls.

Helen—See my new engagement ring. Don't you think George has good taste?

Mattie—He certainly has—in the selection of a ring.—Chicago Record.

Dig down to the *cause* of your sickness if you want to get well and stay well. Most likely it's indigestion. The irritating poisons of fermenting, putrid food, left in the stomach by indigestion, cause headache, neuralgia, nervousness, dizziness, stomachache, nausea, irritability, and all the other well-known symptoms of indigestion.

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A PART OF HIS STORY

ONE CHAPTER IN THE LIFE OF A YOUNG ADVENTURER.

A Dramatic Incident In a Career Which May Have Ended Behind Prison Bars or Which May Now Be Brimful of Happiness and Hope.

"These little detached passages in other people's stories that we are continually running into by pure chance," said an old reporter off duty, "are the most fascinating and tantalizing things in life. Sometimes we get a whole chapter, sometimes we get nothing more than a scrap of dialogue, and as often as not it's only a glance of the eye or a gesture of the hand, but we realize all the same that we have accidentally intruded upon some poignant human document of which we are never to know either the beginning or the end. I have often amused myself by taking such fragmentary morsels and attempting to reconstruct around them a logical sequence of events, just as naturalists build up fossil monstrosities from small sections of their big toes, and I may add that the invariable result of my efforts has shattered my faith in comparative zoology. I am forced to believe that the naturalists are faking us. However, when"—"Oh, well," said somebody in the office, "go ahead and tell the story and have done with it!"

"The incident I had in mind," continued the old reporter, looking somewhat injured, "was narrated to me by a gentleman of this city who is now manager of an extensive orange grove, with offices in New Orleans. Eight or nine years ago, before he assumed his present position, he had charge of a large sugar plantation up the river, and one day during the grinding season a young Englishman came to his office and applied to him for work.

"The young fellow said his name was John Mason, and his shabby clothes and a hungry look in his eye confirmed the statement that he was badly in need of a job. The manager liked his face and manners and put him at light work with a gang at the cane carriers. Mason proved a very good hand. He was steady and sober, but he attracted no special attention, had no intimates and never let drop a word about his history. At the end of the season he drew his money and went away.

"About a month later the manager received a letter from a lady in England inquiring about her son, John Mason, whom she understood was working on that plantation. The letter went on to say that he had left home believing he had killed a young woman to whom he was engaged. He had struck her with something in a fit of insane jealousy. The woman was not dead, and the trouble had been fixed up. Meanwhile the young man had come in for a legacy of £5,000, and his mother wanted him to return at once.

"The letter was evidently written by a person of culture and refinement and seemed sincere, but, having no idea of Mason's whereabouts, all the manager could do was to reply to that effect. That closed the correspondence.

"One evening next grinding season a very ragged, trampish looking man came to the office window and asked for work. Dirt, privation and a heavy beard had changed him considerably, but the manager recognized him as Mason at a glance. 'Didn't you use to work for me?' he asked. 'No,' replied the man. 'I was never south before in my life.' 'Well,' said the manager, 'I have no work for you, but you reminded me at first of a fellow I want to see, a fellow named John Mason.'

"The applicant stood for a while irresolute. 'I used to have a partner by that name,' he said finally; 'may be it was him. What was it about?'

"The manager looked him in the eye. 'I wanted to tell him that that woman was not dead,' he replied.

"Mason grabbed hold of the window sill and turned white as a sheet under his dirt. His jaw trembled for a minute, and then he began to blubber like a child. The manager came out, led him in kindly, and as soon as the Englishman saw the letter he admitted the story of his flight was true. The reaction was so great that he became half hysterical, but at last he was persuaded to go to his old quarters for the night, and the manager assured him that he would make arrangements next day for his immediate return to England."

"Well?" asked several listeners.

"That's all there is to the story," said the old reporter. "Next morning John Mason wasn't there. His bed had not been slept in; nobody had seen him; nobody has ever seen him since. Where he came from, what became of him, who he really was, nobody knows. The manager wrote to the mother and got no reply, and the question arises, Was it his mother after all? Might not the letter have been a decoy? How did the writer learn his address? Was the girl actually alive or dead? True, the manager might have settled some of these problems by further inquiries at the English end, but he is a wise man and has learned that it is not well to meddle with detached chapters. It is an excellent rule."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

HIS WIFE'S ICY STARE.

Why It Was Taken on and How It Was Banished.

He is a prominent lawyer in this city. His daughter is 7 years of age and walked to the gate with him one day last week. The little girl kissed her hand to him until he turned the corner. He returned the salutation each time. That night when he came home his wife had an icy stare for him. He wanted to know the trouble, but she only answered, "Nothing." Any question from him received a short, sharp "yes" or "no."

After supper she called him into another room and said: "Mr. ——, Mrs. ——, our next door neighbor, was over to see me this afternoon. She informed me of your conduct when you walked down the street, throwing kiss after kiss to her. She said her husband was not at home or he would shoot you. Will you please invent some plausible excuse that I can give to my neighbor to explain away your reprehensible conduct?"

He was up against the knottiest proposition of his life. He thought long and hard, and finally the light dawned upon him. He rushed frantically out of the room and returned with his beloved child in his arms. "Daughter," he said, "please tell your mother what you and papa were doing after dinner today."

"We was throwing kisses at each other until pap turned the corner."

So quickly was the prosecution dismissed and in such a convincing manner that the lawyer swooned away when he thought of his narrow escape. Suppose the child had forgotten the occurrence! There would have been a hot time in town that night. But there's a decided coolness now between the two women.—Owensboro Messenger.

Orthodox Mohammedans are forbidden to make or use any "graven image." Consequently their chessmen have no resemblance to human figures.

If a man sows the wind, he is liable to catch a cyclone in his self binder some day.—York (Neb.) Times.

THE PIANO DETECTIVE.

Work That Keeps a Sleuth Busy Most of the Time.

"Did you ever hear of a piano detective?"

The city hall detective scratched his head reflectively and then was compelled to admit that he had never heard of such an individual.

"Well, there are a dozen or more of them in Philadelphia, and they make good money too.

"Their work is simple. You see, a great many piano firms sell instruments on the installment plan. That is, the purchaser pays, say, $50 down on a $500 or $600 instrument and agrees to make good the remainder at so much a month. By far the greater number of such purchasers are as honest as the day is long, but once in a while a man comes along whose little scheme is to move out the piano a day or two after it is delivered and sell it for a couple of hundred.

"It is the business of the piano detective to circumvent this sort of thing. As a rule, some suspicious movement on the part of the would be defrauder of the piano dealer causes him to be placed under suspicion. The dealer can't step in and take his instrument away under the contract, and the only thing he can do is to watch it. Here is where the piano detective comes in. He hovers around the house in which the suspected purchaser lives, night and day, watching any attempt to make way with the piano. Usually three or four weeks are long enough to settle the question one way or another. If the piano buyer is crooked, he is practically certain to make some sort of a move before the expiration of that time. If he doesn't, it is pretty safe presumption that the suspicion is groundless and the piano detective is called off by his employer, with no one but himself and two or three others the wiser. But the precaution is a necessary one."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

RECIPE FOR RAINMAKING.

Subsulphuric Acid, Water and Zinc Create Artificial Storms.

Some years ago Kansas was overrun with so called "rainmakers" who did a thriving business in vicinities afflicted with drought. The Rock Island railroad had a rainmaker who traveled about the country in a special car and made rain from Texas to Iowa. At the time the process employed was guarded as a secret, and no doubt the mystery surrounding the operation had much to do with the interest aroused among the people. But now comes George Matthews in the Wichita Eagle with a full exposition of the means employed by the Rock Island wizard and others, and the following is the recipe given by him:

"Ten fluid ounces of subsulphuric acid.

"Fifty fluid ounces of water.

"Five ounces of zinc.

"Renew every hour and stir every 30 minutes day and night until rain comes. The moment rain begins to fall remove jar or crock. In territory west of Kansas use one-third less; at sea level use double the quantity. In Kansas work only on southerly winds, which are the moisture bearing winds. Begin an experiment only in a clear sky. One station of the experiment, if successful, will produce a rain 30 to 50 miles in diameter. A better and more certain result can be secured by having three or more stations 40 or 50 miles apart."

According to Mr. Matthews, this mixture left in an open mouthed jar generates hydrogen gas, which rapidly ascends. The theory is that this gas ascending creates a shaft through the hot air down which the cold air rushes, creating a storm center and gathering moisture for precipitation. Matthews claims that of the 200 experiments made by him at least 180 were successful.—Kansas City Journal.

HOW A BULLET TRAVELS.

Lessons the Soldier Is Taught In Learning How to Shoot.

The soldier is taught that the bullet travels through the air in a curved line called the trajectory, and that three forces act upon it—first, the exploded charge, tending to drive it forward in a straight line along the line of fire; second, the force of gravity, and, third, the air resistance. At 200 yards, owing to these forces, the bullet, traveling at the rate of 2,000 feet a second, will have fallen about two feet. In the excitement of firing at close quarters the aim will invariably be too high.

It has been calculated that when the enemy approaches within 350 yards the soldiers will instinctively fire as much as two feet or three feet above their heads. Now, it has been found by experiment that the fact of fixing bayonets will cause the bullet to drop a distance of about 2½ feet in 350 yards, and therefore when about this distance from the enemy soldiers are instructed to fix bayonets, in order to counteract the excessive elevation of their aim.

The recruit learns that the mean extreme range of the bullet is 3,500 yards, and that the longest shot ever observed was 3,760 yards. He is taught the penetrating power of his weapon, a subject full of interest. To take one or two examples, rammed earth gives less protection than loose; bullets easily find their way through joints of walls, while a concentrated fire of about 150 rounds at 200 yards will breach a nine inch brick wall.

Only experience can teach a soldier how much he must aim to the right or left of his mark to counteract the force of the wind. A side wind has more effect on the flight of the bullet than a wind blowing directly toward the firer. The soldier must learn the habits of his rifle, since some shoot higher or lower than others. Every rifle, like every marksman, has its own individuality.—Pearson's Weekly.

If a man is known by the company he keeps, what shall be said of the average sheriff?—St. Paul Globe.

His Present Fad.

"You don't seem to be buying many rare books nowadays," said Perkins to Jimpsonberry. "Got tired of collecting?"

"No," replied Jimpsonberry. "Changed my hobby, that's all. My boys have grown some in the past seven or eight years, and I've taken up the fad of collecting derby hats and trousers and shoes and other things of that kind. I have a splendid collection of school bills, too, I'd like to show you."—Harper's Bazar.

A Man of Means.

"Mamma," said little Ethel, "papa must be just awfully rich."

"Why do you think that, my child?"

"I heard him tell grandma that he was going to buy Boston and Albany today."—Brooklyn Life.

A fly so minute as to be almost invisible ran three inches in a half second and was calculated to make no less than 510 steps in the time a healthy man would take to breathe once. A man with proportionate agility could run 24 miles in a minute.

Originally clocks had only the hour hand, but the minute was added later, as it became fashionable to make the dials as decorative as possible.

KILLED BY A BEAK BLOW.

The Loon Is a Dangerous Bird With Which to Battle.

The loon, or great northern diver, is a powerful bird. The following instance of one of them conquering a man happened a few years ago:

A young Micmac Indian, living at Grand Lake, N. S., wanted to get the skin of one of these beautiful birds to present to his mistress on her birthday.

One day the youth, who was an adept at imitating the peculiar sobbing cry of the loon, succeeded in calling a bird within shooting distance. His shot, however, failed to kill outright, and the bird, although so severely wounded that it could neither swim nor dive, yet retained sufficient life and strength to remain upright in the water.

The boy, thinking that his game did not need another shot, swam out to retrieve it, but when he approached near enough to seize the bird it suddenly made a dash at him, sending its head and neck out with a spring like an arrow from a bow. It was only by a quick duck of his head that the Indian succeeded in evading the blow. He swam about the loon several times, attempting to dash in and seize him by the neck, but the wary bird succeeded in foiling each effort by continually facing him and lunging out with his powerful neck.

The Indian then swam up to within a few feet of the bird and, diving under him with considerable skill, caught him by the legs. He carried him under, and, although the bird struggled fiercely, managed to retain his hold. But when they both rose to the surface again a battle royal began, the Indian seeking to carry his prize ashore and the bird attempting to regain his freedom. The bird, however, was too much for his foe and before the Indian had covered a yard on his shore bound course disabled him with a vicious blow from his beak full on the naked chest.

The effect of the blow was almost instantaneously fatal, for the beak penetrated close to the Indian's heart.—Youth's Companion.

STORY OF NOSES.

Why Renowned Generals Had a Nasal Organ of Roman Type.

The features are developed by the mind. A child that is reared amid pleasant surroundings and whose mind is filled with pleasant thoughts, will have a pleasing face. The shape of the nose and chin will depend entirely upon the strength and character of the mental faculties.

At 10 a boy's nose may be small and turned up at the end, at 15 it may have grown larger and be straight and at 25 it may be pronounced Roman. It all depends upon his mind.

The Romans had big noses with high bridges because they were a steady and determined race of people. Sturdiness and determination will give a man a Roman nose, no matter how little or how snubby his proboscis may have been when he was born. The Greeks had straight, delicate, finely chiseled noses because their tastes are artistic and poetic. You never saw a poet or an artist with a Roman or snub nose, did you?

On the other hand, it would be hard to find a great general who had not a Roman nose. Get pictures of Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Wellington, Washington or Grant and see if they have not all got big, strong noses of the Romanesque type. Yet it is quite safe to say that if we could have portraits of all these personages, taken in infancy, we would find their olfactory organs little pudgy affairs, like those of the common run of babies. These men were not great generals because they had Roman noses; they had Roman noses because they were great generals.—San Francisco Bulletin.

A Reliable Cowcatcher.

By this whimsical incident the Chicago News reminds us that in real life as well as in the dictionary words have more than one meaning:

"Pardon me," said the tourist as he gazed at the country's first locomotive, "but why is that lasso hanging under the smokestack?"

"That," responded Amber Pete, acting engineer, "is the cowcatcher. Thar was an iron concern that came with the engine, but the boys didn't exactly understand how it could catch a cow, so they unscrewed it and put on one that they knew something about. It's the best cowcatcher this side of Denver too."

Treating Insomnia.

So many people suffer from insomnia nowadays that it is a wonder they do not adopt the time honored custom of French kings and indeed of our ancestors generally, the "en cas" by the bedside, the meal of fruit or bread and cold chicken, put ready in case of wakefulness. Many a merry little meal might be eaten in the middle of the night, when thoughts crowd on the mind and care sits heavy. It is the wakeful digestion that claims its due and clamors to be fed. Our forefathers were wise, and many a hunter after old furniture knows the quaint little cupboard with a grated door which served for the night meal and is now sometimes labeled a cheese cupboard. A bedside book is of no use when the pangs of hunger make for mastery, but with a book and a "snack" one can contrive to pass some pleasant hours, even when sleep does not touch one's eyelids and the sweet boon of unconsciousness evades one's grasp.—New York Times.

Edible Birds' Nests.

The nests of the little swift (a kind of swallow), gathered along the rocky cliffs with so much difficulty and yet in such quantities on account of the Chinese demand, are formed of a salivary secretion which soon becomes firm on exposure to the air. It is a glutinous white substance with little red dots. They are clean, the nests being taken as soon as completed. The little swift, being repeatedly robbed, is at last compelled to eke out its waning supply of secretion with little sticks and grass and is thus enabled to lay its eggs and hatch its young, as only nests free from foreign material are merchantable.—"A Sketch of the Philippines" in Self Culture.

Horse on Him.

"Got a good joke on myself," said the man who has accumulated a little property by hard work. "I asked my wife what was the difference between me and a horse, intending to say that I was a forehanded man and the horse was a four footed beast. What do you suppose she said?"

"Give it up," said the other man.

"Said she guessed it must be the length of my ears."—Indianapolis Journal.

"I wish to express my thanks to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, for having put on the market such a wonderful medicine," says W. W. Massingill, of Beaumont, Texas. There are many thousands of mothers whose children have been saved from attacks of dysentery and cholera infantam who must also feel thankful. It is for sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist, Chestertown.

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