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Ground to a powder and taken inwardly, it is said to cure the stone and venomous bites, and in particular it is a potent charm to drive away serpents of all sorts.

Though soft enough to be easily cut or turned, serpentine admits of a high polish and is much prized for ornamental purposes.

Beauty and the Beast.

There was as much truth as boasting in the statement of John Wilkes, the famous London alderman, "Ugly as I am, if I can have but a quarter of an hour's start I will get the better of any man, however good looking, in the graces of any woman."

Of Wilkes' abnormal ugliness there was never any question. "The children in the street ran away affrighted at the sight of him."

And yet his powers of fascination were so great that women of beauty and fashion vied with each other for his notice, while handsome men of all courtly graces were neglected.

It was said that there were few beauties of the day whose hand Wilkes might not have confidently hoped to win. He married one of the richest and loveliest women of his time.

"Beauty and the beast, they call us." Wilkes once said to a friend, "and I cannot honestly find fault with the description."

Mark Twain and Whistler.

Mark Twain thus described his first meeting with James MacNeill Whistler:

"I was introduced to Mr. Whistler," he said, "in his studio in London. I had heard that the painter was an incorrigible joker, and I was determined to get the better of him if possible. So at once I put on my most hopelessly stupid air, and I drew near the canvas that Mr. Whistler was completing.

"'That ain't bad,' I said—'it ain't bad; only here in this corner'—and I made as if to rub out a cloud effect with my finger—'I'd do away with that cloud if I was you.'

"Whistler cried nervously:

"'Gad, sir, be careful there! Don't you see the paint is not dry?'

"'Oh, that don't matter,' said I. 'I've got my gloves on.'

"We got on well together after that."

Pascal's Early Observation.

Blaise Pascal, who wrote a remarkable treatise on the laws of sound, was constantly observing the familiar occurrences about him even as a boy. When he was only ten years old he sat at the dinner table one day striking his plate with his knife and then listening to the sound.

"What are you doing with that plate, Blaise?" asked his sister.

"See," he replied. "When I strike the plate with my knife it rings. Hark!"

Again he called forth the sound.

"When I grasp it with my hand so," he continued, "the sound ceases. I wonder why it is."

Michael Angelo.

Michael Angelo, while painting "The Last Judgment," fell from his scaffold and received a painful injury in the leg. He shut himself up and would not see any one. Bacio Rontini, a celebrated physician, came by accident to see him. He found all the doors closed. No one responding, he went into the cellar and came upstairs. He found Michael Angelo in his room, resolved to die. His friend the physician would not leave him. He brought him out of the peculiar frame of mind into which he had fallen.

Brazilian Coffee.

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Mrs. Billus (after the company had gone)—Johnny, you shouldn't have eaten those preserved fruits. They were not intended to be eaten. They were put on the table to fill up.

Johnny Billus—Well, that's what I used 'em for, mamma.

An Exception.

Ascum—He's particularly pleasant when you get him in a reminiscent mood, don't you think?

Borroughs—Not always. He was in just such a mood the other day and recalled a loan of $5 he had made to me.—Exchange.

The Better Way.

"Shure an' I hate to be l'avin' ye, Dennis."

"Ach, Nora, me darlint, I can't bear the siperation. If we must part let's go t'gither."—Kansas City Journal.

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