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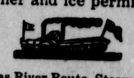

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A WAGNER ANECDOTE.

How He Showed His Joy at a "Parsifal" Rehearsal.

The following anecdote of Wagner is told by Alfred Reisenauer, the pianist, who, as a pupil of Liszt, knew the composer of "Parsifal" personally.

"Wagner was always more or less self conscious," says Reisenauer, "and only at rare intervals did his friends see him in moods that could be called anything but premeditated. In Baireuth I saw him in a highly characteristic situation, and I never shall forget it. It was at a rehearsal of 'Parsifal.' The garden scene had just been admirably sung and danced, whereupon Wagner, in his exuberant joy, hugged and kissed the artists, and then, quite beside himself, got down on all fours and barked like a dog, concluding his exhibition by throwing his legs in the air and balancing himself on his head.

"At this interesting moment Liszt and several of his pupils, including myself, walked on the stage. Quick as a flash, Liszt, who always played the role of Wagner's self constituted defender, said grimly, 'Well, if that's a pose, it's the hardest one in the world to hold, by thunder!' For the sake of the meister we tried to restrain our mirth, but the effort was not wholly successful. I firmly believe, however, that Wagner himself was secretly pleased at the sensation for which he was responsible."—Harper's Weekly.

EFFECT OF IMAGINATION.

Man Bitten by Harmless Snake Believed He Was Dying.

An English physician in India once told of an extraordinary case of the effect of imagination on the physical system. He says:

"Some time ago on visiting the hospital one morning I was told that a man had been admitted during the night suffering from a snake bite and that he was very low. I found him in a state of severe prostration; he was hardly able to speak and seemed to be in a state of great depression. He and his friends said that during the night in going into his hut a snake bit him on the foot; that he was much alarmed and rapidly passed into a state of insensibility, when they brought him to the hospital. They and he considered that he was dying and evidently regarded his condition as hopeless.

"On being asked for a description of the snake, they said they had caught it and brought it with them in a bottle. The bottle was produced, and the snake turned out to be a small, innocent lycodon. It was alive, though somewhat injured by the treatment it had received.

"On explaining to the man and his friends that it was harmless, and with some difficulty making them believe it, the symptoms of poisoning rapidly disappeared, and he left the hospital as well as he ever was in his life in a few hours."

DOLL AVERTED WAR.

Kindness to Apache Child Prevented Trouble With the Indians.

A doll once averted a war with redskins. An American general was trying to put a band of Apaches back on their own territory, from which they had persisted in breaking out, but could not catch them without killing them, and that he did not wish to do.

His men captured a little Indian girl and took her to the fort. She was quiet all day, but her beady black eyes watched everything. When night came, however, she broke down, just as any white child would have done. The men tried in vain to comfort her, but finally the agent borrowed a beautiful doll from an officer's wife, which had belonged to her little daughter, and promised the Apache girl that she could have it if her sobs ceased. She then fell asleep.

When morning came the doll was clasped in her arms. Eventually the little Apache girl, with her doll, was sent back to her people. When the child reached the Indians with the doll in her chubby hands it made a great sensation among them, and the next day the mother came with the child to the post. She was hospitably received, and through her the tribe was persuaded to move back to its own territory.—New York Herald.

A Venomous Retort.

"Don't take it so hard, Mr. Playnman," said the young woman mockingly. "There are other girls, you know. There's Lil Gumplins, Sallie Plimborn, Kate Isnoggles and Fan Billiwink. Any one of them would make a better wife for you than I would."

"I know it," he said, swallowing a lump in his throat and turning to go. "If any one of those four girls had said yes, do you suppose I would ever have thought of coming here for a wife?"—Chicago Tribune.

Facing It.

"Are you ready?" asked the first man.

"I am," came the answer in a firm tone.

"Then come. We may as well know the worst."

Closing the door behind them, they resolutely descended the stairs.

When they rose from the boarding house table, however, they agreed that the meal had been no worse than usual.

His Public Address.

Mrs. Littlewit (proudly)—Only just think! Charles has gone to address a public gathering. Friend—I didn't know he was a speechmaker. Mrs. Littlewit—Nor I, but he has been called upon to make a statement before a meeting of his creditors.

If a man makes me keep my distance, the comfort is he keeps his at the same time.—Swift.

BURIED LIVING PERSONS.

Horrible Custom of Japanese Prior to Year 646 A. D.

Prior to the year 646 A. D. the Japanese had one of the most horrible burial customs that can be imagined—that of burying all the immediate friends and retainers of a prince or other person of note in a standing position around the potentate's grave and leaving them in the earth up to their necks to perish of thirst and hunger.

The custom cannot be said to have been general as late as the date given, for the Japanese records prove that in the time of the Emperor Suinin (97-30 B. C.) the burial rites of royal personages were so modified as to partially abolish former cruelties. Speaking of a young brother of Suinin, who died and had his retinue buried standing around his grave, the old record says: "For many days they died not, but wept and cried aloud. At last they died. Dogs and crows assembled and ate off their heads. The emperor's compassion was aroused, and he desired to change the manner of burial. When the empress died, soon after, the mikado inquired of his officers if something in the way of a change could not be suggested, and one proposed to make clay figures of men and bury them as substitutes."

That this did not entirely do away with the former custom is proved by an edict issued in the year 646 A. D., the date given first above, which forbid the burial of living persons and provided a penalty for further adherence to the awful rite.—St. Louis Republic.

VAMPIRE BATS.

They Are Fond of Veal Blood and Cause Death of Many Calves.

Vampire bats are found by thousands in Veragas and Ciriqui. They are particularly fond of veal blood, but older stock and horses, colts, mules and burros all suffer. I did not catch a vampire at his work, though I saw hundreds of them, but the cattlemen all tell the same story. The vampire settles somewhere on the back of the beast in the pasture at night and then, while slowly fanning its wings to and fro, cuts a circular piece of skin one-quarter of an inch in diameter. Through this hole he sucks the blood till satisfied.

One wound would be of little consequence, nor would the loss of blood do much damage were that all, but half a dozen vampires may feast on one poor calf or on the back of a saddle horse in one night. The calf is badly weakened by the loss of blood, while a saddle horse so served is worthless until the wounds are entirely healed. But that is not the worst result of the bite. The region swarms with a pestiferous fly that soon after daylight finds the wound and lays eggs in it. Unless the wound is properly cleaned and dressed with a waxy salve within forty-eight hours after the vampire's attack the animal will be destroyed by the progeny of the fly. The percentage of calves thus killed is large in spite of the watchfulness of the cow herders.—Panama Correspondent.

Smoking Customs.

Among the Bechuanas of Africa it is the custom for the people when smoking to take a limber twig, which they bend into the form of a semicircle and then bury in mud. This is well pounded down, and when the earth is sufficiently set the twig is withdrawn, leaving a hole which answers the purpose of a pipestem. Tobacco is placed in the excavation.

The Hawaiian natives habitually swallow the smoke, and a few whiffs are enough to produce intoxication. This drawback, however, has its compensating advantage, since the exhaustion of a single pipe is enough to produce wholesale inebriation, as it is passed from mouth to mouth.

The Kaffirs smoke dagha tobacco, a species of hemp, in a water pipe resembling the hookah.

A Solemn Occasion.

When a certain well know comedian, who prided himself on his fun making ability, was "starring" in Edinburgh his landlord, who seldom attended any public place save the kirk, asked him if he would oblige him with a "pass for the playhouse." This favor was readily granted, and the "gude man" donned his best black suit and witnessed the comedian's two greatest humorous impersonations. Meeting his landlord the next morning, the comedian asked how he liked the performance.

"Weel," said the Scotsman, "it pleased me in fac' gey weel, and I conseeder you played unco' natural-like, but heigh, man, I had a hard job to keep mysel' frae laughing."

Holmes on Poetry.

When I feel inclined to read poetry, I take down my dictionary. The poetry of words is quite as beautiful as that of sentences. The author may arrange the gems effectively, but their shape and luster have been given by the attrition of ages. Bring me the finest simile from the whole range of imaginative writing, and I will show you a single word which conveys a more profound, a more accurate and a more eloquent analogy.—"Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

The Family Scrapbook.

Mrs. Sauers (to Willy, as minister calls to see Mr. Sauers)—Willy, is your father in? Willy—Yes, he's upstairs looking over your scrapbook. Mrs. Sauers (puzzled)—You mean my family account book? Willy—Well, it's all the same. He and you always have a scrap every time he goes over it.

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He—My mott[illegible] She—Yes; I've f[illegible] a crowded st[illegible] Record.

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The Satan of the Greeks.

The Greek conception of the evil one, whom they call Yama, makes that personage one of the most satanic of the whole evil tribe. According to their ideas of him, he is 240 miles high and the hairs on his body stand out like palm trees on a mountain side. He punishes the doomed being submitted to his charge by putting them in beds of boiling oil, sawing their bodies in two, pouring molten lead in their ears and such other little pranks as pulling out their tongues, toe and finger nails and gouging out their eyes. He is a heartless old fiend of the most fiendish kind and has many other exquisite little tortures laid up for the helpless wretch consigned to his "chamber of horrors."

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Madison's Mint Julep Bet.

Among the trees at the edge of the lawn on the right hand side of the house as you face the mountains James Madison built an icehouse. This was in 1809, and it was the first icehouse in Orange county, Va. Ice in summer! His servants were incredulous. And he bet his overseer an iced mint julep on the Fourth of July, against which the latter wagered a wild turkey. Of course Madison won the turkey.—Country Life In America.

The Common Mistake.

"Bliggins says that when he went to school he was one of the brightest boys in his class."

"Yes," answered the sporting man; "that's where so many of us fall down—getting out of our class."—Washington Star.

A Vast Difference.

She—Mr. Riche says very bitter things about those lazy sons of his, but his wife is always making excuses for them. He—Yes, she makes excuses, but he has to make allowances for them. That's what angers him.

Thoughts go forth to purposes, purposes go forth in actions, actions form habits, habits decide character, and character fixes our destiny.—Tryon Edwards.

Every Bit as Good.

"Have you a belt that will go about my waist?" asked the young lady with a smile as she entered the dry goods store.

"No, but I have something just as good," replied the young man who formerly worked in a drug store.—Yonkers Statesman.

Evolution of a Joke.

"What becomes of a joke when it gets too old for the almanac?"

"The theatrical programme gets it."

"And from there it's but a step to the musical comedy, eh?"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Had Him Held.

Pa Twaddles—I can't see why that young idiot who is calling on Molly hasn't sense enough to go. It's midnight. Tommy Twaddles—'Tain't his fault. He can't go—sister's settin' on him.—Cleveland Leader.

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