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The Bird That Wouldn't Sing.

Gabrielli, the great prima donna, once "suffered" a twelve days' imprisonment for a whimiscal refusal to sing in her usual first rate style. It was the occasion of a state dinner given by the viceroy at Palermo. Gabrielli had been engaged for the function, but as she did not put in an appearance the dinner was delayed and a messenger dispatched to ascertain the cause of her absence. The messenger was promptly informed that Gabrielli was in bed, where she had become so absorbed in a favorite author that she had forgotten the engagement. Repenting the command for her appearance, the lady began by singing her very worst, and when the viceroy urged her to be less foolish she refused to sing at all.

"The viceroy may make me cry," said she, "but he can never make me sing."

For this freak Gabrielli was sent to prison, as we have indicated, for twelve days, during which time, having liberty to do as she pleased, she feasted her friends in great style and enjoyed herself in a variety of ways.

Hardest Water.

The Rev. Samuel Peters was the man who made Connecticut's blue laws famous by their publication in his history of that state. In that interesting volume the following original bit of natural history is to be found: "In the Connecticut river, 200 miles from Long Island sound, is a narrow of five yards only, formed by two shelving mountains of solid rock, whose tops intercept the clouds. Through this chasm are compelled to pass all the waters which in the time of floods bury the northern country. Here water is consolidated without frost, by pressure, by swiftness, between the pinching, sturdy rocks to such a degree of induration that an iron crow floats smoothly down its current. Here iron, lead and cork have one common weight; here, steady as time and harder than marble, the stream passes, irresistible if not swift as lightning."

Crossed Checks.

"There are no certified checks on the other side," said an English financier. "Any funny business in the shape of check kiting when the wherewithal is not in the bank to make good and you find yourself behind prison bars in short order. But they have 'crossed checks'—that is, two horizontal lines about half an inch apart are drawn across the check, and '& Co.' is written between them. That means when you get a crossed check you cannot at once go to the bank on which it is drawn and demand payment, but must deposit the check in your own bank first and let it take the usual course through the clearing house. This gives the other man a chance to finance his affairs, which just at that time may be very intricate and onerous, and prevents you from jumping at his throat right away."

The Japanese Language.

The Japanese language has some features which puzzle beginners in its use. In English when one has learned the name for rice that ends it. Not so in Japan. Begin with cooked rice, meshi. When eaten by a child it is called mama. In speaking to another person of eating rice you call it gozen. As a merchant sells it, uncooked, it is kome, and as it grows in the field it is ine. So a carpenter's foot, or shaku, is about twelve inches, but a tailor's is fifteen. A kin or pound of beef is fourteen ounces, of flour twenty-one, of sugar over thirty. The ri, or mile, varies in different provinces, and on the Fusiyama ascent half a ri is marked a ri because it's so much harder work going uphill.

The Jeweler's Carat.

The carat is a standard used by the jewelers to express both weight and fineness. When it is used as a weight it is equal to four grains, or the one hundred and twentieth part of an ounce troy. In determining the fineness of precious metals twenty-four carats is considered the highest standard of purity. According to this standard, an eighteen carat gold ring contains three parts of gold and one of some base metal.

Original Meaning of "Snob."

"Snob" meant originally in the land of its origin a person of plebeian station, considered from the height of "birth." It was a word used with the downward eye and upward nose of superior station or assigned to the haughty by popular convention. Then Thackeray took it and rebuked with it the social ambitions of the vulgar.

The Fifth Nerve.

Sneezing is averted by pressing the upper lip, because by doing so we deaden the impression made on a certain branch of the fifth nerve, sneezing being a reflex action excited by some slight impression on that nerve. Sneezing does not take place when the fifth nerve is paralyzed, even though the sense of smell is retained.

Careful Auntie.

"You will never see your Aunt Maria again until you get to heaven," a little girl was solemnly told by her mother the other day, according to the London Globe. "Will she ask me to wipe my feet?" was her only response. It throws a flood of light on Aunt Maria's character and history.

False Ones.

There is a false modesty, which is vanity; a false glory, which is levity; a false grandeur, which is meanness; a false virtue, which is hypocrisy, and a false wisdom, which is prudery.—Bruyere.

Laughter is day, and sobriety is night; a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, more bewitching than either.—H. W. Beecher.

Middle Ages Perfumers.

The great perfumers of the middle ages were, it appears, the Arabs. The fashion of using perfumery came into west Europe through the crusades. Italians were the great dealers in it and often sold disguised subtle poisons in their perfumes. Catherine de' Medici, like many of her ancestors, gained her private and public ends through poisonous perfumes. Cardinal Richelieu first saw what a business could be created by distilling the field and orange grove flowers of Provence. Anne of Austria, the wife of Louis XIII., could not go a moment without her scent bottle and liked to have her linen scented. Voltaire spoke of the perfumed bath as the luxury of luxuries. The sunny hills of the Var became a mine of wealth and remain so to this day, for the scent distilled from flowers has a subtle delicacy which still gives it the primacy. The Empress Josephine gave another great stimulus to the scent industry. She constantly held before her mouth dainty lace bordered lawn pocket handkerchiefs, on which she had sprinkled some delicious perfume.—London News.

Bismarck and the Ambassador.

One day the Austrian ambassador to the federal diet, Count Rechberg, received a dispatch instructing him to vote with Prussia for a certain important measure, accompanied with a confidential letter directing him to induce the representatives of the other German states to vote against the measure and thus defeat it. In his haste he handed the wrong paper to Bismarck, who read and returned it, with the remark:

"There must be some mistake here." Rechberg saw his blunder and grew pale and excited. "Don't be disturbed," said Bismarck. "You did not intend to give me this document, and therefore you have not given it to me, and I am wholly ignorant of its contents." In fact, he made no mention of it in his official reports and thus won Rechberg's gratitude, besides having him henceforth "on the hip."

Minerals In Food.

Minerals in our food form an important ingredient as regards our nutrition. They seem to assist the digestion of our foods and are needed to complete the composition of many fluids of the body. Thus the salt in tears is poetic and proverbial both, and salt is also necessary for the perfection of the gastric juice of the stomach. The phosphate of lime (in which oatmeal, by the way, is rich) is needed for building bones, and there is not a fluid of the body, from the blood to the saliva, for which certain minerals are not necessary. Too much mineral matter, taken, for example, in overhard water, is injurious. Therefore all hard water should be softened before use. Such water produces constipation and dyspepsia and is apt to cause kidney troubles.

Rossetti's Use For an Elephant.

Gabriel Rossetti had a penchant for wild animals. He was with difficulty prevented at one time from purchasing for a very large sum a young elephant. Browning said to him, "What on earth will you do with him, Gabriel?" and Rossetti replied: "I mean to teach him to clean the windows. Then when some one passes by the house he will see the elephant cleaning the windows and will say, 'Who lives in that house?' and people will tell him, 'Oh, that's a painter called Rossetti,' and he will say, 'I think I should like to buy one of that man's pictures.' So he will ring to come in, and I shall sell him a picture."

Useless Expense.

An old couple fell ill of old age together. The husband died, but the wife had more vitality. On the day following her husband's death she was better, and the doctor was congratulating himself on the success of his treatment. But the woman's point of view was different. She complained bitterly, for, as she forcibly pointed out, "Ef ee'd lat me alone one funeral 'ud a done for us two, an' look what it'll cost now berrying two of us separately!"

A Prolific Writer.

While I was writing "Gladys Fane" I was doing my full work for the Leeds Mercury and was not only editing the paper, but was writing for it an average of twelve columns a week. "Gladys Fane" is a long story, containing 160,000 words. I wrote it during my scanty leisure in exactly sixteen weeks, or at the rate of 10,000 words a week.—Autobiography of Sir Wemyss Reid.

Door Keys In Sweden.

A door key hung outside a house in Sweden is a sign the family are not at home. The custom is more courteous to callers than the American practice of allowing the visitor to "find out by ascertaining" through futile bell ringing or button punching, but it requires a greater confidence in your fellow man, justifiable perhaps in Sweden.

Sympathy.

It may indeed be said that sympathy exists in all minds, as Faraday has discovered that magnetism exists in all metals, but a certain temperature is required to develop the hidden property, whether in the metal or the mind.—Bulwer.

A Mean Question.

Wedderly—Today is the tenth anniversary of my marriage. Singleton—Well, what do you expect? Wedderly—Which do I expect? Singleton—Yes, congratulations or sympathy?

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There is a curious legend in regard to Deadman's place, Southwark, London. An ingenious old writer says that the name originated as follows: "In Deadman's place, at St. Maryoverus, a manservant being buried at seven of the clocke in the morning, and the grave standing open for more dead Commodities, at foure of the clocke in the same evening he was got up alive againe by a strange miracle, which, to be true and certaine, hundreds of people can testifie that sawe him acte like a country Ghoste in his white peackled sheete." However, a more exact historian explained that the name was merely a corruption of Desmond's place.

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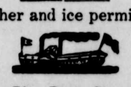

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