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HUGO'S SHORT MEMORY.

Told Different Versions of a Story on Three Occasions.

The Revue Hebdomadaire publishes an anecdote on Victor Hugo which by many will be considered very characteristic. It tells of Napoleon III.'s coup d'etat. Victor Hugo and Schoelcher, a well known politician of that period, fled together from Paris. A short time afterward, when Hugo met Schoelcher at his table in Brussels, the poet said: "Yes, my dear friend, you can boast of having once scared me very much. I had no doubt but that we were done for." Turning to the other guests, he explained:

"We were on the way to the Northern railroad depot and were sitting silent and uneasy in the omnibus, our hats drawn deep over our foreheads. Presently a regiment of infantry passed by with flying colors and resounding music. At the sight Schoelcher forgot all caution and, leaning out of the window, shouted, 'Down with Caesar!' Instantly I caught hold of him and closed his mouth with my hand. One word more and we should have been done for."

Two years later Schoelcher visited his friend Hugo in Guernsey. At dinner again the coup d'etat was discussed, and the poet called forth recollections of times past. "Do you still recollect, Schoelcher," he asked, "the day of our flight? We really came off very lucky. But didn't we act like madmen, shouting 'Down with Caesar!' when that regiment was passing by? Of course we were too indignant to be able to keep our temper."

Several years lapsed, and again Schoelcher was a guest in Hugo's house. Conversation turned to civic courage and the like. "Well, my dear Schoelcher," Hugo said to his friend, "I must tell you something I have had in my heart for years. In a critical moment of your life you showed a weakness which grieved me deeply. You will recollect that day when we, after the coup d'etat, left Paris and how I, while a regiment of infantry was passing by, at the sight of these killers of our liberty and in a rage, having no command over myself, shouted out, 'Down with Caesar!' I still have you before my eyes trembling with fear, catching hold of me by the lapel of my coat and forcing me down on the seat, so concerned you were for your precious life."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

When fish bite freely they're little ones.

The impudence of some people is the only great thing about them.

To burn a letter may show a lack of sentiment, but it is in many cases a mark of good judgment.

You often hear a mother say to her child, "How often must I tell you?" How often must you be told?

There is one thing you should put off till tomorrow that you might do today, and that is sitting down and counting up your troubles.

Some men not only feel that the world owes them a living, but are sore because there are no collection agencies to collect it for them.

If you brag that you are contented people say you might as well be a cow, and if you are discontented people say you have a grouch, and there you are. —Atchison Globe.

Animals at Play.

Animals have a keen sense of "making believe," which is the essence of play. A child's first game is bopeep—make believe. When a couple of dogs have a jolly tussle they make believe to engage in deadly combat. A striking instance of this occurred to a writer some years back. He gave a dead mouse to a kitten. It was the first time she had seen one, and she sniffed at it inquisitively before deciding to toss it about. A pair of slippers lay on the floor. She dropped the mouse into one of them and immediately proceeded to look for it most zealously in the other slipper till I took up the first, which contained her booty. Then she showed that it was no real lack of memory that had sent her on the bootless search.

The West End.

Why is it that in most of the cities of the world fashion makes its home in the northwestern quarter? Why is it that the "west end" is so often the aristocratic section of the city and "east side" and "south side" so often the residence of the poorer classes? It is a fact, and there is a ruling cause for it. Is it this—that the prevailing winds of the earth are northwesterly? They are in general northwesterly, and their tendency is to blow the dust, smoke and odors of a city to its eastern or southern side. This makes the opposite quarter the more desirable for residence.

Rough on the Kirk Rats.

It was a young Scot's first sermon after he received his license, and unfortunately he became very nervous, lost control of his voice and spoke very loudly indeed. Nearly all his friends went to hear him preach, but one who was unable to attend inquired at the first opportunity as to how he got on.

"I'll tell ye one thing," was the candid reply, "it's many a day since the rats in Boulton kirk got such a fright!" —Dundee Advertiser.

The Ruler.

"Now that you've gone to housekeeping, which rules, you or your wife?"

"Neither of us. We have a provisional government."

"What is that?"

"The cook's."—Baltimore American.

TIDES OF THE OCEAN.

Regularity of the Flow and Ebb of the Restless Waters.

Of all the operations of nature in the whole world there are none more regular in their courses than the tides of the ocean. So perfect is their action and so constant are they in their ebb and flow that the big maritime governments are able to figure out the height of each and every tide for every day and night more than a year in advance for any part of the earth's surface.

In most places the tides run about four to the twenty-four hours, two being flood, when the water sweeps in from the sea and makes what is known as high water, and two being ebb, when it sweeps back to the ocean, leaving low water.

Each of these tides lasts about six hours—that is, for five hours or more the waters are on the move, rushing in or out, and they cease for a time, standing quite still in some places.

Sometimes a tide will run flood on the surface while it is running ebb below near the bottom. Places where this happens are always likely to make danger spots for the mariner.

In the majority of places the tides rise and fall only a few feet, but on shores where the banks are very steep, falling off abruptly into deep water, it often happens that the tide when it rises comes in so fast that it pours through all narrow openings in cascade-like torrents, making such things as the famous "bores" which may be seen in places like the bay of Fundy.

In other places, again, there will be more or less than four tides in the twenty-four hours. Furthermore, there are localities where hardly any tidal action at all can be observed. All these peculiarities have been studied and are taken into account nowadays by the observers who make up the tidal tables.

MAN AND HIS HAT.

They Are Firmly Bound Together by the Red Tape of Society.

There are things, it is a comfort to know, which even a man cannot do, and a man is supposed to be able to do almost anything. Now, a novelist may put his heroine's hat on her head at any angle he chooses—it is one of the few privileges of womanhood—and leave her not a bit less charming or dignified, but I defy him to put his hero's hat at a rowdy angle over his ear at a crucial point in his career and leave him still heroic! The Achilles heel of a man is his hat! He must guard that as he does his reputation, for it is at once his strength and his weakness.

It would hurt an archbishop—and an archbishop necessarily stands for all that is good and great—less in the eyes of the public to commit a crime than to wear his hat on the back of his sacred head—real back—and so exhibit himself to his distressed diocese. He may have all the known virtues and many that are not known, but even an archbishop cannot with impunity defy convention. Still, if he is so inclined, why should not a good and great man wear his hat over his nose without creating unfavorable comment? The fact is he cannot. He is ruled by convention, and convention is the red tape of society.

The cast iron laws of fashion, which is only another name for convention, are such that if the greatest man in England were to walk with all his accustomed dignity from the Marble arch to the bank with a trailing peacock's feather attached to the band of his immaculate silk hat he would be followed by a mob in two secouds, and by the time he reached Vere street the outraged majesty of the law would take him into custody as a suspicious character.—Mrs. John Lane in Putnam's Monthly.

Happens Once Every 2,500,000 Years.

A remarkable freak in moon phases was noted in the month of February 1866, a month which has gone into astronomical annals as "the month without a full moon." In that year January and March each had two full moons, but February none. A writer in a leading astronomical journal uses the following language in describing it: "Do you realize what a rare thing in nature it was? It has not happened before since the beginning of the Christian era or probably since the creation of the world! It will not occur again, according to the computations of the astronomer royal of England, for—how long do you think? Not until after 2,500,000 years from 1866!"

Domestic Weather Prophets.

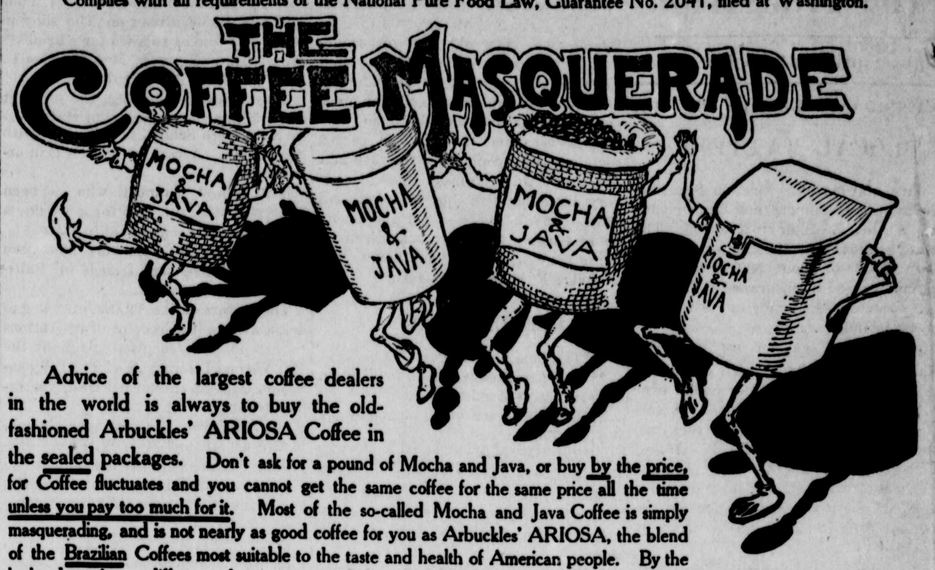
Probably everybody knows that there are hygroscopic plants which indicate more or less clearly the quantity of moisture in the atmosphere. A strip of seaweed hung in an exposed position frequently does duty as a popular and easily comprehended weather glass, although it may be doubted whether its predictions are of much value. More reliance can be placed in the behavior of a pine twig, which may very readily be pressed into service as a domestic weather prophet.—Cologne Gazette.

His Pronunciation.

She—That Mr. Planz, the architect, has a funny way of pronouncing things, hasn't he? He—I haven't noticed it. She—Why, yes. Didn't you hear him allude to a sore throat? He—A sore throat! She—Yes. I heard him mention a gargoyle several times. We always call it gargle, you know.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Don't wait for Dame Fortune to knock at your door. She may be kidnaped by some one who is willing to meet her halfway.—Chicago News.

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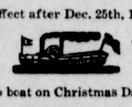
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