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CARDINAL MEZZOFANTI.

He Was a Monster of Languages and a Walking Polyglot.

Lord Byron said of Giuseppe Gaspardo Mezzofanti, who died in Rome March 15, 1849, that he was a monster of languages, a Briareus of parts of speech and a walking polyglot. The description was a just one. Even in his early youth Mezzofanti exhibited his peculiar talent for mastering languages. He had an extraordinary memory, and before he was of age had acquired Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Coptic, Spanish, French and Swedish. At twenty-three he was Professor of Arabic at the University of Bologna. As chaplain of a hospital in the same city he made the acquaintance of all the foreign patients there, and while ministering to the wants of the invalids acquired their languages. In this way he learned German, Hungarian, Bohemian, Wallachian, Servian, Russian, Polish and Croatian. Whenever strangers arrived at the hotels he made their acquaintance for the sole purpose of studying the peculiarities of their phraseology and pronunciation. Becoming chief keeper of the Vatican Library in Rome his opportunities for linguistic study were greatly increased, and he made further additions to his already immense vocabulary. He became proficient in Irish, Welsh, Lappish, Sanscrit, Persian, Georgian, Armenian and Chinese, and was so thoroughly at home in the dialectical varieties of the languages of Europe that he could pass from one to the other with the utmost ease. Though Mezzofanti knew much he produced little. He was the author of but one book, and that was of an unimportant character.

A Romance of To-Day.

This world has a good deal of romance, and romance is the silver lining to the cloud of hard materialism of which life is largely composed; and the romantic is not confined to the narrow region occupied by poets or painters, but is met in the workshop, in the harvest field, and in the woodland, and all men are the better for meeting it.

Only a little while ago a hired man who lives near Chicago went to town to purchase a pair of overalls, little dreaming of what was to follow. He was not an imaginative hired man. Along the cool, sequestered way of life he kept the noiseless tenor of his way, and his hopes and dreams never soared above the plow and harrow and the luscious bales of hay.

However, to return to our theme, as the "solitary horsemen" novelists say, the hired man went to the store and purchased a shapely pair of overalls, for which he paid seventy-five cents in coin of the realm, and then he returned to his home and donned the princely clothes. It is not recorded whether they fitted him, but little boots it whether they did or not; no man can expect to purchase a bridegroom's outfit for seventy-five cents.

He naturally put his hand in the pocket of his new garment, and there discovered a note written by the girl who made the overalls, and asking the purchaser to write to her. The mind of the hired man grasped the possibilities of the situation; he wrote to her. Could anything be more romantic, more like a novel than this? He received the following answer from the young lady:—

"I am glad you wrote to me; I wanted to know if there really was a man fool enough to buy seventy-five cent overalls."

Superstitions of Scotch Fishermen.

Some still existing superstitions among fishermen are communicated by a resident. At the beginning of the herring season the crew all try to seize the herring first on board to see if it be a male or a female. If it is a male their fishing may be expected to be a poor one; if a female a good one. Sometimes, however, the skipper secures it, and hides it away, salting and laying it aside for the season. The boat must not be turned against the sun.

Certain animals considered of ill omen must not be spoken of in the boat, and ministers in this respect occupy the same place as rabbits, hares and pigs. Fishermen do not like to lend anything to a neighboring boat lest their luck should go with it. If they lend a match they will contrive—secretly, if possible—to break it and keep part, hoping thereby to retain their luck.

Their dislike to have anything stolen is increased by the fear that the thief may have stolen their luck with it. To ask the question, "Where are you going?" of any one who is going on board is equivalent to destroying all his chances for that time. Persons of certain names are held to be of bad omen, the dreaded names being different in different villages.

The Making of Scissors.

Though no complexities are involved in the making of scissors, or much skill required, yet the process of manufacture is very interesting. They are forged from good bar steel heated to redness, each blade being cut off with sufficient metal to form the shank, or that destined to become the cutting part and bow, or that which later on is fashioned into the holding portion. For the bow a small hole is punched, and this is afterward expanded to the required size by hammering it on a conical anvil, after which both shank and bow are filed into a more perfect shape and the hole bored in the middle for the rivet. The blades are next ground and the handles made smooth and burnished with oil and emery, after which the pairs are fitted together and tested as to their easy working. They are not yet finished, however. They have to undergo hardening and tempering and be again adjusted, after which they are finally put together again and polished for the third time. In comparing the edges of knives and scissors it will be noticed, of course, that the latter are not in any way so sharply ground as the former, and that in cutting, scissors crush and bruise more than knives.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific RAILWAY.

THE popularity of the "GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE" as a Colorado line has compelled the management to increase its present splendid service by the addition of a train that is

ONLY ONE NIGHT OUT,

Chicago to Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo. It is known as the "Rocky Mountain Limited," and leaves Chicago daily at 10.45 a. m., arriving at Denver in the afternoon of the next day, earlier than any of its competitors. It is

A LIMITED TRAIN,

and, best of all, no extra charge is made over the usual ticket rate; its running time speedy, and equipment will consist of but one baggage car, one chair car, two sleeping cars and a dining car.

Tourists *en route* for Pueblo and Colorado Springs can by this train go direct in sleeper from Chicago without change. Travelers will note the fact that this train leaves Chicago after the arrival of all fast trains over trunk lines from the east. The train is vestibuled. Its equipment has been built especially for it. The cars are lighted by gas and heated by steam from the locomotive.

The popularity of the "*Rock Island*"

DINING CAR SERVICE

is another guarantee that this train will secure patronage, and all passengers *en route* have this luxury through to destination over the "*Great Rock Island.*" No money is spared to make its service what our patrons always say—"the best."

The traveling public are advised that our "Big 5" will continue to run as usual, leaving Chicago at 10 p. m. daily, and arrive at Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo the second morning, being but one day out; and our No. 11 will leave at 6 p. m. daily, and *via* Kansas City will reach Denver at same hour as the "Big 5."

Tourists should remember that this is the direct line to Manitou and other important summer resorts, and by taking the

"GREAT ROCK ISLAND"

time is saved and through sleeping cars secured.

The Colorado service of the "*Rock Island*" is now made perfect by this new Limited Train and the "Big 5," and gives to travelers two flyers daily each way.

JOHN SEBASTIAN,
General Ticket and Passenger Agent,
E. ST. JOHN, Chicago, Ill.
General Manager,
Chicago, Ill. [April 8—10t

FOR SALE.

Four Desirable Building Lots

55 BY 165 feet, fronting on Washington street, and—

TWO LOTS,

same size, improved by a frame DWELLING HOUSE, situated on McCulloh street. Apply to CLAYTON PURNELL,
May 27 Executor.

John G. Dennison,
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

ALL business entrusted to his care will be promptly attended to.

Pension Claims a Specialty.

Office on South Water street, opposite the English Lutheran Church. [March 25

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FREE!

SEND for one of our Illustrated Sporting Goods Catalogues. *FREE!* Base Ball, Foot Ball, Tennis Hammocks, Games, Croquet, Indian Clubs, Dumb Bells, Sweaters, Boxing Gloves, Books, Stationery and Newspapers. JNO. A. FULTON & CO.,
Bookstore opposite postoffice,
April 15 Cumberland, Md.

Bicycles and Watches given to Boys and Girls. Write for particulars.
AMERICAN TEA CO.
336 to 346 5th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
May 27—1y

PERSONS

MONUMENTS, HEADSTONES,

WANTING

Memorial Work

BEFORE

DECORATION DAY,

SHOULD place their orders AT ONCE with

J. B. WILLIAMS.

Feb 4

—THE—

CUMBERLAND

Brewing Company,

BREWERS and BOTTLERS
—OF THE FAMOUS—
Reingold, Erlanger,
—AND—
Export Bottle

BEER

CUMBERLAND, MD.
March 4

FIN DE SIECLE COURTSHIP.

Free from the Social Conventionalities of Bygone Days.

They had thoroughly agreed that they were fortunate living in an age free from the ridiculous social conventionalities of the days agone, with their irksome restraint upon the healthy promptings of natural instincts. Suddenly he thrust his chair away from the glowing grate and changed the subject with something of impatience in his manner, says the Detroit *Tribune*.

"Will you," he casually inquired, lighting a cigarette as he spoke, "be mine?"

The elegant lady became serious in an instant. A smile had been playing about her finely chiselled lips, but it fled the moment the significance of his words dawned upon her.

"Wait," she replied in full, melodious tones.

With a deft movement of her taper fingers she produced from the folds of her gown a dainty notebook.

"I must consult my diary."

Rapidly she turned the leaves, pausing now and then to scrutinize a page.

"I fear—"

Her face was sober without doubt.

"That I cannot."

There was a tinge of regret in the mellifluous voice.

"Yes, I am sure. I must decline."

The suitor rested his russet shoe on the brass cuspidor and blew smoke through his nose.

"Curse it," he observed.

She sighed.

"No," she proceeded, thoughtfully, "I can not be yours. At least not this eve. I find upon consulting my diary that yesterday morning I became engaged to marry another. The option runs for forty-eight hours and it won't expire until to-morrow."

He arose from his seat and fingered his hat nervously.

"I so sorry," she faltered.

He bowed.

"Can't you wait a day?" she inquired, with just a suggestion of eagerness.

He shook his head.

"I expect ere then," he sadly replied "to have asked the hands of no less than four ladies in succession, not counting yourself. It is not to be expected that all will refuse me."

"True."

He could not help but notice that a shade of vexation crept across her countenance.

"Perhaps," he remarked with the final whiff from his cigarette, "I may get around to you again some time next summer."

She retained perfect composure, but it was easy to see that she was pleased.

An Inauspicious Start.

The man, whoever he was, who coined the epithet "pink of propriety" must have known our family physician, Dr. Curtiss. Fastidious and dainty in externals, he is no less so in all that pertains to the real man. More fallible people look on him as a stranger to human mistakes and foibles, and some who respect his skill fear to expose to him their weaknesses of body and soul. Imagine, then, the relish with which a mischance of his is enjoyed.

The other morning, after a particularly hard night, Dr. Curtiss was roused very early by repeated calls from his telephone. Everybody knows the innate maliciousness of telephones, especially at seasons when "Central" is sleepy or has important business on hand. This time the instrument exhibited total depravity, and it was only after a prolonged series of vain efforts that the doctor succeeded in communicating with his patients. When, therefore, he came down to breakfast his overtaxed nerves were still tingling; but he controlled himself, and sitting down in his place, bowed his head to ask the customary blessing. An exclamation of horror from his wife cut short the petition. He had begun the solemn and devout formula with "Hello!"—Harper's.

Wonderful Canal System of France.

An official document shows that the length of navigable water-ways in France is some 8,000 miles, of which 650 are returned as tidal, 2,100 miles navigable without works, 2,250 miles canalized rivers, and 3,000 miles of canals, and of this vast network of interior navigation the government has all but 7 per cent in charge, the system having been brought to its present condition at a cost of $300,000,000 for construction and purchase and $25,000,000 for concessions, with an annual cost, also, of $325 per mile, average, for maintenance. The number of vessels employed on the water-ways is about 16,000, and of these 26 per cent have a capacity of 300 tons or more, while more than half have a capacity exceeding 100 tons; the number of foreign boats also using the French canals yearly is said to exceed 2,000. The motive power is now almost entirely furnished by draught animals, though a few steam tugs are used on the Seine, the Oise and some other rivers, and steam cargo boats are occasionally met. Cable towing and tow locomotives are to a limited extent resorted to.

An Excursion Postponed.

"When I was South last winter," said a woman a day or two ago, "I took a glass of eggnog every day, which I fixed myself at the luncheon table. One day my colored waiter, who had watched the operation curiously, asked me what it was. I told him, and offered him some. 'No, thank you, Missis,' he said, 'I allers takes my eggs fried and my whiskey barefoot.'

"Another of my darky friends down there was constantly bemoaning his sad fate that he was almost gone with rheumatism. Every morning he would limp into my room, groaning and grunting, and tell me he was just about to cross the dark 'ribber' to the shining shore where his old Sukey awaited him. One day when his condition seemed most desperate my husband told him to go in the next room where he would find some 'medicine' in a certain bottle, which, he thought, would limber him up a little. He obeyed with promptness, and came back after a little, his lameness gone, and with the announcement that he never felt better in his life.

"When Mr. R. referred to Sukey and the shining shore, the old fellow turned toward him, and half whispered, in a confidential way, 'I tell you what, Massa R., dat scursion's postponed."

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FLINTSTONE CANNED GOODS

Pack of 1891.

I INVITE the attention of the public to the superior quality of my "FLINTSTONE" brand of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, to be found on the shelves of all firstclass grocery stores in the county. My pack is as follows:

Cooking Tomatoes—Choice, fully ripe and superior flavor.

Extra Tomatoes—Finest whole Tomatoes, ready for slicing.

Dessert Apples—Selected varieties, packed in full syrup and ready to serve as dessert fruit.

Pie Peaches—Extra mountain Peaches, fine flavor, all full cans; nearly one-third more Peaches in can than Baltimore packed pie peaches.

Corn—Selected variety of Sugar Corn, packed when young and tender with utmost neatness and care.

My goods are sold to all merchants at moderate prices and will give full satisfaction in every particular.

Notice—All the corn packed at my Flintstone Canning House this season has on the label a *fac-simile* of my signature, thus:

B. L. Purnell

Any can which does not bear my signature was not packed this season. [Jan 16]

TO THE PUBLIC.

IF you must grow ill at times, remember that I still dispense

PURE MEDICINES

at the old stand according to prescriptions written by our good physicians. Also a full line of Standard Patent Medicines, together with Fancy Toilet Articles and Fancy Goods, Paints, Oils, Varnishes and Brushes, Window Glass of all sizes, and selling as low as the lowest. I desire particularly to call attention to my Glycerine Lotion, a preparation put up only by myself and guaranteed to cure the most aggravated case of chapped surface—either the face or hands. Try it; it is all I ask and if it does not give perfect satisfaction I will gladly lose the price asked—25 and 50 cents per bottle.

DAN. KRAPF, Jr.,
PHARMACIST.
Nov 12 Main street.

JOHN CHAMBERS,

—DEALER IN—
STAPLE AND FANCY

GROCERIES,

Flour, Feed and Provisions.
Queensware, Woodware, Tinware.
Canned and Fresh
Oysters
A SPECIALTY.
Main Street, - - FROSTBURG, MD.
March 29

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RESTAURANT.

Everything Seasonable and Fresh
Cuisine Unexcelled.

ELEGANT DINING ROOM for LADIES and GENTLEMEN on street floor. A pleasant home and place of refreshment for visitors stopping between trains.

C. Reichenbach,
RESTAURATEUR,
Nov 21 Frostburg, Md.

FOR SALE.

HOUSE AND LOT on Orman street and Houses and Lots in other parts of the town. [Feb 4] JAMES KANE.

Do You Eat Bread?

IF YOU DO YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Gold Medal Flour,

Made by Washburn, Crosby & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., the pioneers in the manufacture of Fancy Flour from hard Spring Wheat.

Made in the largest flouring mills in the world. Daily capacity, ten (10,000) thousand barrels.

Made of Hard Northern Spring Wheat, which makes the Strongest and Best Flour in the world.

☞ *Sold by all grocers.*

Oct 31

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A Rare Chance!

FURNITURE
At Cost!

OWING to the calamity which recently befel my store building, destroying the roof and third story, and not being able to get a place to remove my stock to keep it out of the weather, I am compelled to dispose of same at almost any price in order to save it from ruin by rain or snow, either of which is likely to occur at any time at this season of the year.

The stock comprises Walnut, Oak and Poplar Bed Room Suits; at least 25 Parlor Suits of the latest styles and upholstered in all kinds of Plushes, Brocatels, Tapestries, etc., ranging in price from $25 to $125; also a very fine lot of Upholstered and Rattan Easy Chairs, especially selected for the holiday trade, and a fine lot of Lounges, Bed Lounges, Side-Boards, Hall Racks, Wardrobes, Extension Tables, all kinds of Mattresses, Springs, and, in fact, everything pertaining to a first class Furniture store. Some of this Furniture has been slightly damaged, but the bulk is yet uninjured, and that which has been damaged in any way will be sold exceedingly low. This is an opportunity to get

GOOD FURNITURE CHEAP

which no one in need of same can afford to miss.

Trusting that my friends and the public in general will avail themselves of this chance to get cheap Furniture, and at the same time assist me in a time of need, I am,

Respectfully,

C. F. NICKEL.

Nov 28

Have You a House
THAT IS NOT INSURED?

IF so, you want to place a policy on it to-day or to-morrow before you dine.

You want the risk taken, too, by a standard company, such as D. P. MILLER, of Cumberland, represents. Any policy is good until a fire occurs, but then it is you want a pledge of indemnity worth its face in gold.

Rates not quite as low as wildcat figures, but the lowest consistent with certain and perfect iddemnity in event of loss. Apply to

J. B. ODER,
Dec 14 JOURNAL Office, Frostburg, Md.

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT
—OF—
GEHAUF & MAYER,

Where all will always find the **Largest Stock, Lowest Prices,** and **Latest Styles** of

Parlor, Bedroom, Library and Kitchen Furniture.

IN THE UNDERTAKING DEPARTMENT our facilities are unsurpassed. We are prepared to conduct BURIALS in a most satisfactory manner. All MODERN UNDERTAKING appliances. Competent management guaranteed. Metalic, Cedar, Walnut and Oak CASKETS and COFFINS, and a full line of BURIAL GOODS always on hand, and in quality second to none. Throughout this and all departments of our business we aim to be prompt, considerate, thorough and reliable.

Prices Reasonable.

☞ OPEN DAY AND NIGHT. Telegraphic orders promptly attended to.

Ravenscraft's Opera House Building,
MAIN STREET, . . . FROSTBURG, MD.
Feb 20

OUR STORE

Is not the child of chance, but the ripened fruit of

TRUTH, INDUSTRY AND ACCOMMODATION!

Truth—in the fulfilment of our obligations!

Industry—in our tireless effort to please!

Accommodation—in our endeavor to do all for our customers they cannot do for themselves!

We announce a continuance of our great sales in

Dry Goods,
Dress Goods
—AND—
Milinery,

and that we are better than ever prepared to promise delightful surprises in each department.

We will enter into no detail, preferring that each reader of this announcement shall come and see for him and herself that we are now as heretofore,

First in Style!
Best in Quality!
Lowest in Price!

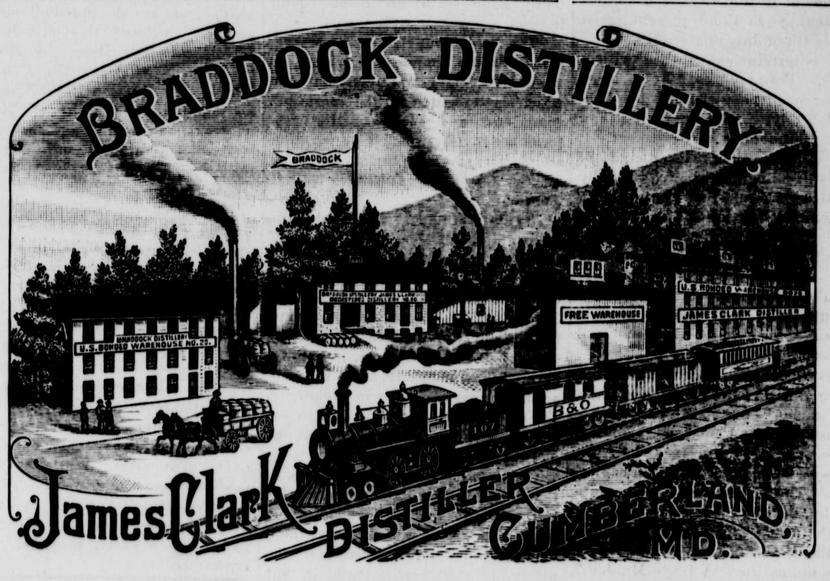
Under these circumstances the seed of dull trade cannot germinate in our garden, for popularity is the flower that blooms there in profusion, as rich as those which adorn our

LADIES' DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED HATS!

With the axe at the root of high prices, with the dross refined and none but the pure gold of uttermost perfection in all our lines, is it any wonder that our store is the Mecca of fashion-hunting pilgrims? Is it any surprise that all who properly appreciate solid goods and minimum prices should flock to our establishment as did the people of old to the glittering market-places of the Orient?

One suggestion, however, to those who are delaying—remember, it is just as sensible and important to be on time as to be in style. Come at once and see our new goods.

B. STERN & CO.,
FROSTBURG, MD.
April 23



To all those desiring a pure and unadulterated Whiskey for the Holidays, or for Medicinal Purposes, or as a Beverage, we take pleasure in recommending our

"BRADDOCK" PURE RYE WHISKEY,

DISTILLED FROM THE VERY CHOICEST

MOUNTAIN RYE AND SPRING WATER.

These goods are distilled under our own personal supervision, and we have, therefore, no hesitation in guaranteeing all our "Braddock."

We are the Largest Distillers and Dealers in all grades of fine

Whiskeys, Brandies, Gins, Wines, Alcohol, &c.,

in Western Maryland, and are fully equipped to supply the wants of our customers.

GIVE * THE * "BRADDOCK" * A * TRIAL.

THE BEST ALL-RYE WHISKEY MADE.

☞ Special and prompt attention given to all orders. Correspondence solicited. Read what Revenue Agents who have charge of our Distillery have to say regarding the purity of our goods:

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I hereby certify that during the time I was deputy collector internal revenue for District of Maryland James Clark, in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Rye Whiskey, according to the record from government books, used only rye and barley malt.

WEBSTER BRUCE.

OFFICE BRADDOCK DISTILLERY, CUMBERLAND, MD.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark, I hereby certify that in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Barley Malt Whisky only barley malt is used.

JOHN H. YOUNG.

OFFICE BRADDOCK DISTILLERY, CUMBERLAND, MD.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark while in operation I hereby certify that in the manufacture of the Braddock Pure Rye Whisky only rye and barley malt are used.

J. P. WILLARD.

JAMES CLARK AND CO.,

Distillers Braddock Pure Rye,

55 Baltimore Street, - - - - - - CUMBERLAND, MD.

Price List of Braddock is as follows:

We sell our Braddock Pure Rye at $2, $2.50, $3 and $4 per gallon, according to age. In ordering, always send money by Postal Note or Money Order. At offices where Postal Notes cannot be obtained and money is enclosed, 2-cent stamps can be sent for Jugs as follows: 1-gallon Jugs, 15 cents; 2-gallon Jugs, 30 cents; 3-gallon Jugs, 45 cents; 5-gallon Kegs, $1. When you desire goods packed in boxes, add 10 cents for box and packing; otherwise, goods will be shipped without boxing. ☞ *It is unlawful to ship Whiskey C. O. D.; consequently the money must always accompany your orders.*

Oct 29 JAMES CLARK & CO.