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Two Historic Drinks.

Sir Philip Sidney received his death wound before the walls of Zutphen on Sept. 22, 1586. Parched with thirst, he called for a drink. As he was putting the bottle to his mouth his eyes fell upon a desperately wounded soldier who as he was being carried past threw him longing glances, "which Sir Philip perceiving took the bottle from his lips before he drank and delivered to the poor man with these words: 'Thy necessity is greater than mine.'"

At the battle of Ravenna in 1512, when the allied Spanish and papal forces were defeated by the renowned Gaston de Foix, Dumolard, one of his captains, played a conspicuous part. After a gallant charge, by which he had driven back the enemy, he determined to publicly drink the health of his enemy's brave ally, Jacob von Empser, the leader of the 5,000 German lasquenets. Wine was brought upon the field, and, having sat down, each hero filled his goblet. At that moment, while they were in the very act of pledging each other's health, a cannon ball from the enemy's lines killed them both.

Quick and Cheap Legal Work.

The French tribunal of commerce is presided over by a judge without a jury. The plaintiff's lawyer argues his own case before the judge, simply to show that he has a case and the nature of it. The defendant does not plead, but if he can disputes the facts. If the judge considers there is no case he dismisses the plaintiff. In the contrary case he appoints an assessor out of a dozen chosen yearly of the town's reputed merchants to decide upon it. The following day the assessor calls the parties to his room in the court. He hears each of them separately without any lawyers. Within fifteen minutes he gathers their documents and dismisses them. Two or three days later he communicates his judgment to the solicitors through the court, and the business is ended. The costs of lawyers and the court fees come to about £6 a side. The same case in England would take six months at least and cost no less than £150 for a claim of £50.—London Mail.

When Bismarck Went Dry.

Bismarck was not without superstition, and this always was noticeable on the eve of the new year. From 9 o'clock that night until after midnight he would not take water in any circumstances from a glass. It was an ancient tradition in the chancellor's family that any one who set the legend at defiance would pass through a serious illness. If another tradition is true the observance of the family legend must have been a sore trouble to the iron chancellor, for the Paris contemporary from which we take the foregoing says that Bismarck not only loved war, but beer and wines, especially French wines. He was not averse to punch and grog, but on New Year's eve grog was under the ban, for it contains water.—London Globe.

Gambling in Wood.

"To most people my business would seem to be devoid of chances," said a dealer in fine woods, "yet as a matter of fact I know of nothing that is more of a gamble. On every log of wood we buy we take a chance that the inside is as good as the outside. At a recent auction of fine woods in London my partner and I paid $9,000 for a mahogany log that looked all right so far as we could tell. If the inside was sound we stood to make a good profit, but worm holes or rotten spots at the core would mean a heavy loss. Not until we got the log to this country and got it opened up could we be certain. As a matter of fact this particular log was perfect, and we cleaned up $3,000 on the deal. But it was gambling pure and simple."—New York Sun.

Not From Politeness.

This was heard in an overcrowded Boston elevated train:

"Say, Dick," said the young man whose football tactics had won him a strap in the rush—"say, Dick, I've been riding in on the 'L' every morning except Sundays and holidays for two years, and I've never given up a seat to a lady yet."

"You're a polite one," sneered Dick.

"Nothing of the kind," retorted the young man. "I've never had a seat to give up."—Boston Post.

Sweet Sarcasm.

"Daddy, what makes your nose so dreadfully red?" asked a little boy of his father one day at dinner.

"The east wind, of course!" the father answered gruffly. "Pass that decanter and don't talk so much."

"Yes, Tommy," said the boy's mother sweetly, "pass your father the east wind and be careful not to spill any on the tablecloth!"—London Mail.

His "Turnout."

Clerkley—Isn't this earlier than your usual time for going home?

Barkley—Yes, but my wife said if I came out by the 3:45 she'd meet me with the carriage.

"I didn't know you kept a horse and carriage."

"Er—er—it's a baby and carriage."

Spiritism Said to Be Demonism.

A most interesting little brochure has recently come off the press setting forth with Bible proofs that the communications received by and through Spiritist Mediums is of Demon origin. The writer traces his subject through the Scriptures from the time when certain of the holy angels became disobedient. He proves from the Scriptures that these fallen spirits personate the human dead, with whose past history, spirits, though invisible, are thoroughly acquainted. He shows that they also frequently personate the Creator and the Redeemer, commanding their deceived ones to pray, do penance, etc. This, however, is merely to lead them on and to bring them more thoroughly under demoniacal control. Sometimes by breaking down the natural barrier, the human will, they possess their victim, and rule him more or less to his ruin—frequently sending such to the mad-house. Numerous illustrations, Scriptural and otherwise, are given. The price of the little book is but ten cents; it should be in the hands of all interested in Spiritism or who have friends interested therein. Enclose five two-cent stamps to the Bible and Tract Society, 17 Hicks street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

His Frankness Won.

The late Senator Dolliver said that in politics it paid to be frank and honest with the people.

"My predecessor in the senate," he said, "was John H. Gear. On one occasion the prohibition spirit was running high, and a public meeting was held, with a well known Quaker as chairman. Gear was invited to the meeting. He accepted the invitation The old Quaker called him to the platform and said:

"'We learn that thou dost not belong to any temperance society and also that thou dost drink liquor at thy discretion. Is this true?'

"'Every word of it is true,' replied Gear, 'but did you ever hear of my doing anything dishonorable?'

"'Nay, Mr. Gear,' replied the old Quaker chairman—'nay, we have never heard anything else to thy discredit. Thy frankness is more to be commended than thy habits. But thou hast not lied to us, and we will support thee.'

"And they did," said Senator Dolliver, "and elected him too."—Washington Star.

Her Bridge Prize.

A decided coldness between two women who had been friends for many years is the result of a mistake made by the maid of one of them who had had a four table bridge party one afternoon recently. In keeping with the custom, she had provided a prize for each table, to be brought to the card room just before tea was served and placed on the tables which bore the corresponding numbers. It was a "lovely party" in every respect, with never a hitch until the woman at No. 3 opened the parcel which was supposed to contain her trophy of victory over her three competitors, but which really contained a piece of perfumed soap. Unfortunately, the hostess was not in the group when the package was opened, and much had been said before she discovered that the wrong bundle had been brought downstairs.—New York Tribune.

The Seal's Marvelous Instinct.

The instinct of the seal is marvelous. It will leave its young on the ice in the morning and, going down through a hole, remain away all day swimming in search of food. Returning in the evening, it will locate its offspring in the same "patch" among hundreds of thousands of other baby seals notwithstanding that the ice may have wheeled or drifted fifty or sixty miles during the day from wind and tide and notwithstanding that the patch may extend thirty or forty miles from one end to the other. Whether this instinct is of the class that enables the bird without any mark or chart in a forest with millions of trees alike to find its way back with ease and precision to its nest I do not know, but it is one of those wonders in nature before which human knowledge is brought to a full stop.—Sir Edward Morris in Wide World Magazine.

The Jekyll and Hyde Idea.

"I was in Stevenson's company," says Charles Brookfield in "Random Reminiscences," "at the moment that he conceived the germ of the idea of 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.' He was inveighing against a man with whom he had done business and with whom he was dissatisfied. The man's name was Samuel Creggan, or something like it. 'He's a man who trades on the Samuel,' Stevenson declared. 'He receives you with Samuel's smile on his face, with the gesture of Samuel he invites you into a chair, with Samuel's eyes cast down in self depreciation he tells you how well satisfied his clients have always been with his dealings, but every now and again you catch a glimpse of the Creggan peeping out like a white ferret. Creggan's the real man; Samuel's only superficial.'"

The Louvre.

The Louvre dates away back to the reign of Dagobert in 628. In 1204 it was a prison and in 1364 was made into a library. The new building was begun by Francis I. in 1528 and enlarged and adorned by successive kings, principally by Louis XIV. But it was Napoleon I. who gave the Louvre its real glory. Turning it into a museum, Napoleon deposited in it the finest collection of paintings, statues and art treasures known in the world. The magnificent buildings of the new Louvre were begun by Napoleon I. and completed by Napoleon III. about 1857.

Not an Inviting Ideal.

"My son," said Harker as he pointed to the ivy in front of the cottage, "always be like the vine—climb."

The little boy was thoughtful.

"I don't think I'd like to be like that vine," he responded seriously.

"And why not, Tommy?"

"'Cause if I was I'd be a porch climber."—Chicago News.

Trimming Him Down a Little.

Elderly Swell—What has become of the—aw—the other pretty manicure lady I used to see at this hotel? Comely Damsel—I presume you mean my mother. She's looking after a husband and a houseful of children. What can I do for you, sir?—Chicago Tribune.

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