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THE VANITY OF MAN.

Illustrated by the Way He Feels About His Photographs.

The man was about fifty-five. He was rather bald. His wrinkles were many. His mustache was gray. Nevertheless he looked vigorous and intelligent. He was handsomer, take him altogether, than he had been at forty. But he brought out a photograph of himself at forty, which hardly resembled him, so much had he changed, and "if you want to print my picture use this," he said to the reporter. "But don't lose it, for it's the only one I've got of myself at that age, and I'd like to keep it, for, you know, I don't grow any younger." "I'd rather have your picture as you are today," said the reporter, "for you are handsomer now than you were at forty." "Oh, no. I am too old and wrinkled and bald now," said the man. "Use the forty-year-old picture." The reporter exclaimed, with a puzzled laugh: "So many men are like you. Though they are old, they insist on having young pictures printed. They fail to realize how much more interesting and pleasing their face is in old age if they have lived a fairly wise and industrious life. I've had men of seventy actually who have given me for reproduction photographs of themselves at thirty-five. Women don't do this. I believe men hate old age more than women do." "I hate it," said the other grimly.—Exchange.

THE NATURE OF STARS.

Why They Range From White to Dull Red In Color.

The very constitution of stars implies the presence of some that are dark. Every one of them is more or less quickly using up fiery matter which is never long at one temperature; hence their range of colors, from incandescent white or bluish white to dull red preceding darkness, the ultimate goal of all.

The so called temporary stars, of which no fewer than twenty-seven have been noticed in historic time, wax and wane with maximum and minimum brilliancy, sometimes within the short period of sixteen months, as Tycho's star in 1572, and then become dark bodies only to be lit up afresh by the downfall of a vast mass of meteoric matter from some neighboring swarm.

Many bright stars are known by the periodic doubling of certain spectral lines or by curious perturbations to be attended by dark companions. The companion of Sirius was found shortly after its existence was pointed out by Bessel; so was the tiny green fellow to the fiery red Antares, while the dark companion of Procyon still eludes astronomers.

The absorption of light in passing through space, especially in distances so infinite, causes the number of faint stars to exceed by millions the bright ones, and this is supposed to render many of them quite dark to us.

The Cream of Tartar Tree.

The oldest tree now extant is probaby the baobab (Adansonia digitata) of Africa, alias the sour gourd or cream of tartar tree (Adansonia gregorii) of Australia. This remarkable tree has a rather short and branching trunk not more than sixty or seventy feet high, while its girth at the ground is from eighty-five to ninety-five feet. One of them has names cut upon it which date back to the fourteenth century, and the naturalist Adanson, who gave the genus its botanic name, calculated from certain data that its age must be upward of 5,000 years. The hollow trunks of these trees, which are capacious enough to hold comfortably thirty or forty bodies, are used as tombs by the native Africans, where the suspended corpses soon become thoroughly mummified and preserved.

Her Double Turn.

"Is there any foundation for the popular belief that the constituents of man's body are renewed once every seven years?" inquired the female medical student.

"I do not know how it is with a man," replied the grumpy old professor, who does not approve of having women attend his lectures, "but I have read of a certain female whose body underwent two complete physical changes in the course of a very few minutes."

"How and when did such a wonderful thing happen?"

"It was Lot's wife. You remember, she turned to rubber and then almost at once turned to salt."

Security For the Future.

Wife—Darling, we dined at the Squatsons just one week ago tonight. Do you realize that we must make our dinner call? Husband—Suppose we don't. Wouldn't they like it? Wife—Why, they never would forgive us. I'm sure they would never ask us again. Husband—Good! Then we won't go.—Brooklyn Life.

What He Wanted to Say.

"So," demanded the cross examining lawyer, "you desire to make a categorical denial of all these charges, do you?"

"No, sor," answered the witness, "but I'll say there ain't a worrud of truth in any of them."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Wifely Optimism.

Husband—When I see all these bills I am tired of life. Do you think the time will ever come when we shall be out of debt? Wife (cheerfully)—Why not, darling? You know that you are carrying an exceptionally large life insurance.—Harper's Bazar.

When She Listens.

He—A woman would rather talk than listen. She—Well, that depends. He—Depends on what? She—Whether or not a man is making her a proposal.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Rather Fruitless Advertising.

It is an open secret that tailors make presents of elegant clothing to prominent persons, in consideration for which the latter are expected to mention the maker, casually, to be sure, but as often as possible. Other firms are known to employ persons who, when occasion offers, say in a crowded street car, converse naturally, but quite audibly and energetically, on the merits of their employer's establishment.—International Quarterly.

The Wail of the Victim.

"You can't get something for nothing," said the man who affects proverbs.

"No," answered the easy man; "I can't. But the people with whom I do business seem to manage it every now and then."—Exchange.

Social Tact.

Mrs. Chic—In the closest analysis, what is social tact? Mrs. Au Fait—My dear, it is getting familiar with all sorts of people without letting them get familiar with you.—Indianapolis Journal.

We must not sit down and look for miracles.—Eliot.

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