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A Wonderful Automaton.

In the year 1770 the most wonderful automaton that has ever been constructed was exhibited at Exeter exchange, London. This automatic wonder represented a country gentleman's house, and was of such intricate and elaborate construction that no one disputed the claim of the exhibitor when he declared that he had worked twenty-seven years in perfecting it. It showed the regulation English country house, with parks, gardens, cascades, temples, bridges, etc., besides over 100 appropriately clad human figures in the gardens, on the bridges, chopping wood and at various building operations. In the park were several deer moving naturally about and four horses and a coach following the meandering road. Besides the above the figures of boys were seen fishing from the bridges, while a boat load of ladies and gentlemen regularly rowed across an enlargement in the brook, much to the consternation of the natural looking figures of geese and ducks which were paddling about in the water. The whole of these animate and inanimate figures were inclosed in a space only four and one-half feet square.

A Winning Text.

When the Duke of Ormond, whose family name was Butler, was going to take possession as lord lieutenant of Ireland, he was driven by a storm on to the Isle of Man, where a Rev. Mr. Joseph, a poor curate, entertained him as hospitably as his means permitted. On his departure the duke promised to provide for him as soon as he became viceroy. The curate waited many months in vain and at last went over to Dublin to remind his grace of his promise. Despairing of gaining access to the duke, he obtained permission to preach at the cathedral. The lord lieutenant and his court were at the church, but none of them remembered their humble host till he pronounced his text, which, it must be acknowledged, was well chosen, "Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him." The preacher was at once invited to the castle and a good living provided for him.

The Theban Sphinx.

The Theban sphinx was said to be a monster sent by Juno to lay waste the country around Thebes. It had the head and bust of a woman, the body of a dog, the wings of a bird, the paws of a lion and a human voice. It at once became the terror of the neighborhood and devoured all who could not solve the riddle which it propounded, "What animal walks on four legs in the morning, two at noon and three at night?" Oedipus, attracted by the promise of King Creon of his crown and his sister in marriage, came to Thebes and declared that man goes on all fours in infancy, erect on two legs when upgrown and supports the infirmities of age with a staff. On hearing this correct solution the sphinx dashed her head against a wall, and the land had rest.

The Work of the Heart.

One of the most remarkable things about the heart is the amount of work it does. Considering the organ as a pump whose task is to deliver a known quantity of blood against a known "head," it is easy to show that in twenty-four hours a man's heart does about 124 foot tons of work. "In other words," says a contemporary, "if the whole force expended by the heart in twenty-four hours were gathered into one huge stroke, such a power would lift 124 tons one foot from the ground. A similar calculation has been made respecting the amount of work expended by the muscles involved in breathing. In twenty-four hours these muscles do about twenty-one foot tons of work."

A Chinese Custom.

A quaint custom practiced by Chinese mothers when a child is restless and does not sleep is to write the following verse and pin a copy of it on each of the four corners of the house, that the passersby may read and the child find rest. Literally translated the verse reads:

Brilliant sparkling heaven,
Brilliant sparkling earth,
In my house there is a child who cries at night.
The gentlemen coming from the four quarters behold
Peaceful sleep till break of day.

Strange Condition.

A negro woman was heard to remark that she "was going to build a condition to her residence so as she could ascertain her friends wid 'mo hostility."

She was "going to have a purgatory on top of the house and a memorandum all lit up wid indescent light for 'em to lemonade on."—Memphis Scimitar.

Read Your Letter Again.

Never mail a letter written at night until it has been reread in the morning. You may materially reduce the number of your correspondents by persisting in this course, but you will gain in reputation for prudence and common sense. What seems philosophy by candlelight is but folly by day, and the brilliancy of night lacks sparkle in the morning.

Personal.

"Do you really maintain that there exist dogs who are more intelligent than their masters?"

"Certainly. Such clever animals are rare, but I've got a pointer—what are all you chaps laughing about?"

This Life of Ours.

At the end of life we discover that we have passed nearly one-half of it in being happy without realizing it and the other in imagining that we were miserable.

Never yet was the voice of conscience silenced without retribution.—Jameson.

The River Jordan.

Concerning that unique stream, the river Jordan, Dr. Libbey, in "The Jordan Valley and Petra," writes: "Perhaps the strangest thing about this famous river is what none of the ancients ever guessed—that its course was mostly below the level of the sea. They journeyed up and down the valley since before the days of Abraham; they climbed down the roads from Jerusalem to Jericho and up into Moab and Edom; they built roads east and west of the Jordan; they built roads and bridges and cities far below the level of the Mediterranean and yet never seem to have suspected that this stream differed from most of the rivers of the globe in this respect. Greeks, Romans and Mohammedans, Jews, Christians and crusaders knew every nook and cranny of its winding course, but failed to realize that while its head and source rested high on noble Hermon's side its mouth in the Dead sea was far below the surface of the habitable world and all the surrounding oceans."

Calamities That Didn't Occur.

When the first use was made of the natural gas wells people of a certain class were much disturbed. All sorts of evils were predicted, and warning letters were received by the companies in charge. One man sent a caution against boring much into the earth. The world was a hollow sphere, he said, filled with a gaseous substance and floating like a balloon in space. If the gas were allowed to escape disaster would follow. Another, claiming to be a scientific man, assured the owners of a well that any fire coming in contact with the escaping gas would be communicated to the gas beneath and cause terrific explosions. "Men are too inquisitive," he said. "They peer too far. Let them beware." The gas companies have kept on boring, and the world has so far held itself together.

Michael Angelo's Vow.

The story is told, but with no solid foundation, that Raphael had undertaken to decorate the walls of the mansion of Cardinal Farnesina, on the banks of the Tiber, on the condition that no one should see his work until it was completed. Michael Angelo took an oath that he would stop this work. Finding his opportunity when the artist came late to work and disguised as a seller of cakes and wine, he distracted the attention of those round the scaffold that was prepared by offering to them his wares, and, ascending, he drew upon the wall a gigantic head of Jupiter and hurriedly left the building, his vow thus accomplished. When Raphael presently came he instantly exclaimed on seeing the sketch, "Michael Angelo!" and left the palace never to return.

Marriage of the Adriatic.

"The marriage of the Adriatic" was instituted in commemoration of a naval victory won by Sebastian Ziavi, doge of Venice, over Otto, son of Frederick Barbarossa, 1174. In consequence of this victory Pope Alexander III., who had been driven to take refuge in Venice, gave to the doge the sovereignty of the sea, and every year the doge used to go in grand procession in his state barge and throw a gold ring into the Adriatic, saying, "With this ring I thee wed." Flowers were then thrown into the sea, and the procession returned. The sentence delivered by the doge on the occasion was literally, "Despousamus te mare nostrum in signum veri perpetuique domini."

Bible Arithmetic.

Ezekiel's reed was nearly eleven feet; a cubit was nearly twenty-two inches; a hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches; a finger's breadth is equal to a little less than an inch; a shekel of silver was about 2s.. 8d.; a shekel of gold was £2; a talent of silver was £400; a talent of gold was nearly £6,000; a piece of silver, or a penny, was 8½d.; a farthing was equal to halfpence; a mite was less than a farthing; a gerah was 1½d.; an ephah, or bath, contained four gallons and five pints; a hin was three quarts and three pints; an omer was six pints; a cab was five pints.—London Globe.

Romance of a Song.

"I'll Hang My Harp on a Willow Tree" has attached to it a bit of royal romance. It was written by a young nobleman who became deeply enamored of Queen Victoria a year or so before she ascended the English throne, which event destroyed his hopes of winning her hand. The words first appeared in an English magazine and were set to music by Wellington Guernsey.

Thin as the Mist.

Scene, a town in the north on a very misty day.

Sandy McKay coming out of a public house and meeting his minister face to face)—Losh, sir, it's an awful deceivin' thing, this mist. D'ye ken (impressively), I wandered in there the noo, thinkin' it was the grocer's?—London Telegraph.

Important.

"John, I simply must have another gown."

"For what occasion?"

"The new cook is coming tomorrow, and I have nothing decent to receive her in."—Cleveland Leader.

Not Overstudy.

Lowe Comerdy—Yes, Starman, the tragedian, is hopelessly mad. Hi Tragedy—Overstudy? Lowe Comerdy—No, his understudy. He made a bigger hit in the part than Starman.—Philadelphia Press.

A Large Fraction.

"I see that Johnstone is advertising his goods for sale for a 'fraction of their real value.'"

"Yes, about eight-fifths, I think."

The Invincible Armada.

The invincible armada was a famous naval expedition sent by Philip II. of Spain against England in 1588. It consisted of 130 vessels, 2,430 great guns, 4,575 quintals of powder, nearly 20,000 soldiers, above 8,000 sailors and more than 2,000 volunteers. It arrived in the English channel on July 19 and was defeated the next day by Admiral Howard, who was seconded by Drake, Hawkins and Frobisher. Eight fireships having been sent into the Spanish fleet, they bore off in great disorder. Profiting by the panic, the English fell upon them and captured or destroyed a number of their ships, and Admiral Howard maintained a running fight from July 21 to July 27, with such effect that the Spanish commander, despairing of success, resolved to return home, and as escape through the English channel was prevented by contrary winds he undertook to sail around the Orkneys, but the vessels which still remained to him were dispersed by storms or shipwrecked among the rocks and shallows on different parts of the Scottish and Irish coast, and upward of 5,000 men were drowned, killed or taken prisoners. Of the whole armada fifty-three ships only returned to Spain and these in a wretched condition. The English lost but one ship.

The Maroons.

The Maroons were the descendants of African slaves, brought to Jamaica by the Spaniards. During the conquest of Jamaica by the English the Maroons, deserted by their masters, fled to the mountain fastnesses, where they lived a fierce, wild life. Increasing daily in number by the many deserting slaves, the Maroons soon became formidable to their white neighbors, whom they plundered and killed. In 1738 an agreement was made which secured to them an independence, which they maintained for 140 years, but the English finally determined to exterminate them and for this purpose pursued them barbarously with bloodhounds. Hemmed in on every side and hunted down, they were compelled to submit, and only 600 escaped, who were transported to the bleak shores of Nova Scotia, where they perished miserably.

The Sunday Stone.

The "Sunday stone" of the Oxford museum was taken from a colliery drain and is a perfect calendar of Sundays and holidays. It is composed of carbonate of lime. When miners were at work, the water running through the drain left a black deposit colored by coal dust. At other times the water ran clear, leaving the stone deposit white. In course of time these black and white layers formed a stone of considerable thickness, which constitutes a very complete calendar. Each day of work has as its record a black streak, followed by a white streak, which marks the hours of rest at night. Wider white streaks mark the Sundays and whole holidays, and thus it has taken its name as the "Sunday stone."—London Mail.

Rossini's Memory.

Rossini's memory was lacking in retentiveness, especially in respect to the names of persons who had been introduced to him. This forgetfulness was frequently a cause of amusement whenever Rossini was among company. One day he met Bishop, the English composer. Rossini knew the face well enough and at once greeted him. "Ah, my dear Mr."— but the name escaped his memory, and to convince him that he had not forgotten him Rossini began whistling Bishop's glee, "When the Wind Blows," a compliment which "the English Mozart," as Bishop had been dubbed, recognized quite as readily as if his ecclesiastical surname had been mentioned.

A Mob.

A mob is usually a creature of very mysterious existence, particularly in a large city. Where it comes from or whither it goes few men can tell. Assembling and dispersing with equal suddenness, it is as difficult to follow to its various sources as the sea itself, nor does the parallel stop here, for the ocean is not more fickle and uncertain, more terrible when aroused, more unreasonable or more cruel.—Dickens.

Choosing a Wife.

The plainest features become handsome unawares when associated only with kind feelings and the loveliest face disagreeable when linked with ill humor or caprice. People should remember this when they are selecting a face which they are to see every morning across the breakfast table for the remainder of their lives.—N. P. Willis.

Real Enjoyment.

"Yes, you can spend the day at grandpa's, but be a good boy or your papa will whip you."

"Yes'm."

"I don't see how you get so much enjoyment out of talking to grandpa."

"I get him to tell me about the lickings he used to give pop."—Houston Post.

Sympathetic Courtesy.

He who can put real human sympathy into the conventional phrases of courtesy is indeed a man of tact.

Le Rire represents a dentist's servant opening the door to a patient.

"And whom, sir," asks the servant, bowing low, "shall I have the misery of announcing?"

An Excuse.

Patience—What reason had she for marrying him? Patrice—Why, he had money. Patience—That is not a reason; that's an excuse.

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