

IT REMINDED HIM OF HOME

Big Gale at Sea Had No Terrors for the Passenger From the Cyclone State.

A native of one of the most western of the United States of America was crossing the Atlantic in rough weather.

One morning he went up on deck when a big gale was blowing. "Nobody was in sight except the captain."

"Go below there!" shouted the captain.

The passenger looked around to see to whom he was talking.

"You mean me?" he yelled back, as there was no one else in sight.

"Of course I do. Go below!" and the captain came alongside.

"Well, I guess not," protested the passenger. "I'm up here to see how one of your mountain-high waves and your terrific gales compare with what we have at home in the way of cyclones. This ain't a patch to what I've seen out our way."

A big wave just then broke over the deck, sweeping the speaker aft. They picked him up with a broken leg, a twisted shoulder and a sprained wrist.

"Captain," he said, feebly, "that reminded me of home, only it was a sight wetter."—Variety Life.

BIGGEST CITIES OF WORLD

London Still Far in Lead, but New York is Growing Faster Than Any Other.

London, the largest city in the world, has a population, as now officially announced, of 7,252,963, as against 6,581,403 in 1901—an increase in ten years of 671,561, or only 10.2 per cent.

Lo! the Canteloupe. Basking in its bed of gauzy tissue, or loling indolently in pyramids of its own kith and kin, the lying, deceitful canteloupe is again in our midst.

Trust her not. She is fooling thee. No such extravagance of deceit and untruth was ever encompassed in so small a space.

And yet, if perchance, as the dusky diamond dagger, once in a generation or a lifetime, unearths from the blue clay a Kohlinoor or a Cullinan, one greatly favored by fortune, a child of destiny, luckily pivots from the sordid piles of promise a melon in which the elements have mingled and blended sweetness and fragrance and perfection.

Successor. Miss Annie S. Peck, the famous mountaineer, was talking at a garden party in Boston about her contemplated climb in the Andes.

Simply to perseverance, to assiduity, the other answered. "That is the secret of all success. A great department store keeper put the idea, though, more neatly than I have done.

Jumping to a Wrong Conclusion. Jimmy, like all healthy boys, was fond of playing outdoors, and like boys in general he usually got himself scandalously dirty.

Up-to-Date. "Mr. Cleaver, how do you account for the fact that I found a piece of rubber tire in one of the sausages I bought here last week?"

"My dear madam, that only goes to show that the motor car is replacing the horse everywhere."—Exchange.

HER RUBBER WEDDING SHOES

Bride Discovered to Her Dismay She Had on Her Mother's Largest Galoshes.

"It was not until after the ceremony had been performed and I was coming down the aisle on my husband's arm," said Mrs. June Bride, "that I discovered—she paused and a tremor passed over her delicate features.

"That you discovered"—prompted her.

"There was not a prettier wedding in Rechercheville this spring than mine," she resumed retrospectively. "My gown was a dream and I must admit I looked very well. It rained in torrents on the morning of my wedding day, and when we were about to start for church somebody hustled me into a rain coat and rubbers, so I might not get damp going from my door to the carriage.

"Dearest," whispered Jack, "what under the canopy have you got on your feet?"

"My feet!" I murmured, and glancing down, perceived that my snow, shimmering wedding gown was now long enough to conceal the dreadful fact that I wore ma's oldest and largest pair of rubbers!"

EACH BEGAN WITH NOTHING

Twenty-Five Directors of a Kansas City Bank All Started Their Careers Practically Without Money.

Dr. James T. M. Johnston, president of the National Reserve Bank of Kansas City, at a recent meeting of the directors of that bank, arose and asked that each one present who had begun business with a capital of \$10,000 stand up.

The twenty-five directors looked around at each other, but not one of them stood up.

"Each of you who had \$1,000 stand up," persisted Dr. Johnston.

Diminution of French Birth Rate. The Journal Official has just published the French vital statistics for 1910. The most striking fact is that the excess of births over deaths is only 70,581, as against 94,061 in the previous year.

The Yellowstone Wonders. Dr. Arnold Hague shows that there is a strong contrast between the geological conditions connected with the geysers of Iceland and those of the Yellowstone park.

First to Graduate. Miss Marjorie Patterson of Franklin, Mass., was the first woman to receive the A. B. degree at Jackson college. This is the woman's department of Tufts college, which was until last year a coeducational institution.

The Suffrage Flag. Mrs. James Lee Laidlaw has presented a suffrage banner that was used in the May parade in New York.

The Uphill. "Is she a help to her mother?" asked one woman.

LOCKING UP THE JURYMEN

Outrageous and Possibly Illegal Custom That Has Come Down From Old Times.

Some of the shabby brocade of court etiquette has been cleared out of our courts, such as gowns and wigs. Some that still hangs in faded shreds is dusty, but inoffensive.

For instance, the outrageous habit of locking jurymen up. Why? During the progress of a civil case which lasts three or four days jurymen can go home nights. But when the case is given to the jury, the jury must go into continuous session, under lock and key, until it reaches a verdict.

I am willing to give a portion of my time, without pay, to public business; but I resent the turning of the sheriff's key behind my back.

MODERN WOMEN LACK GRACE

Famous Artist Says Fair Sex Never Before Walked or Carried Itself so Badly.

Marcus Stone, R. C., the famous artist, says: "I do not believe that women—or men either, for that matter—have ever walked or carried themselves as badly as they do now.

"Of course, as an artist I am at war with fashion and its constant changes—which prevent woman evolving a dress which expresses her individuality—but especially with the fashion of wearing corsets, which, to my mind, destroy the outlines of the figure and cramp the freedom of woman's movements.

Anne Boleyn's Coach. "Headless coaches" are fairly numerous. The most famous is the one that drives once a year, on the anniversary of Anne Boleyn's execution.

Where Asparagus Grows Wild. Asparagus was not introduced into Britain by the Romans, who applied the term asparagus to tender shoots which, according to Juvenal, grew on mountains (Montani asparagi).

Net His Habit. One of the best things W. B. Gilbert said was about Rutland Barrington, whose portly, unctuous humor was such an inimitable addition to the old O'Doy's Carte company.

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ARTIST WHO HAD NO ARMS

Miss Sarah Biffen Held Mentholon and Hiles Bitten Brushes in Their Teeth or Toes.

Miss Sarah Biffen was a conspicuous example of the skill which armless people sometimes acquire in spite of their affliction.

She was born without arms, but as a girl having a great wish to become an artist, she worked earnestly for years until she could paint by holding the brush in her teeth.

Mr. Hiles lost both his arms in an accident, being run over by a street car when he was only 8 years old.

When Things Look Good to One That Everyone Else is Criticizing Harshly.

"Everything has its compensations," declared the man whose hair is graying over his ears and who can't read fine print as easily as he could ten years ago.

Seagulls of Lerwick. The seagulls are the sparrows of Lerwick, and as such they have a greater share in the town's life than have the sparrows of London.

School Becky Sharp Attended. If one had to select a single Thackeray shrine in London for a pilgrim it might well be Walpole House on Chiswick Hill.

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THESE ARE YOUR ANCESTORS

When One Considers Their Vast Number Pride of Descent Seems Very Foolish.

Are you proud of your ancestors? Of how many of them?

Since the beginning of the Christian era—a mere 1911 years—you have had 139,235,017,489,534,974 ancestors.

How futile, then, is ancestor worship! Every one of us, high or low, has had in his ancestry kings and peasants, criminals and saints.

NOT UP TO EXPECTATIONS. Mankind and the World Frequently Disappointing to Hopeful Youth, Says Theodore Parker.

I suppose many of us are a little disappointed with mankind. The world of the girl's dream is not the world of the young woman's actual sight and touch.

Rank Materialists. In their outlook on life most Chinese are rank materialists, says a writer in the Century.

Remorse. An agent in a flourishing western town writes as follows regarding pangs of conscience experienced by a former loss claimant.

Sterilizing Liquids. Perfect sterilization of liquids by means of filtration only seems to be made possible on a large scale through a process originated by two French scientists.

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NAVY BUILDING IN EUROPE

Austro-Hungary and France Plan Extensive Operations for the Shipbuilders.

The Hungarian delegations have approved the Austro-Hungarian naval program, which calls for an expenditure of \$85,000,000 in building four Dreadnoughts, three fast cruisers and a number of torpedo boats.

Turkey has definitely arranged with the Armstrongs for the construction of two first-class battleships at once. A special commission is visiting foreign navy yards in search of information in order to determine on the placement and armament.

PASSING OF TUATARA LIZARD. Is One of Most Ancient Forms of Animal Life Now Found on Earth.

The tuatara lizard, found in New Zealand, is one of the most ancient forms of animal life now found on earth. Originally this lizard possessed four eyes, but in the course of the ages it has lost one pair and now has only two.

An Officer's Ready Wit. An ancestor of Tolstoy's, an army officer, was an excellent mimic.

Did you ever notice, inquired the woman who has just moved to the country, "that when you hear a rooster crow early in the morning it always sounds a long way off?"

The Crying Need. An irate old lady, the wife of a prosperous farmer on the outskirts of Philadelphia, stepped off a train in Broad street station the other day with a face like a thunder cloud.

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