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Mr. Andrew Ford, a blind compositor at Ealing, England, has hammered out the whole of the English Bible in Braille. "I have learned to see with my fingers," he said cheerily, "and most of the plates for the books pass through my hands. I seldom use my tools now; I allot my work as it comes in, and I read the plates to detect errors, of which there are comparatively few—so careful are our workers."

Mr. Ford was born at Plymouth, and at the age of sixteen he came to London, obtaining employment with a firm of printers in Holborn, where he lost his sight in '75. He mastered the Braille system, and being introduced to the late Dr. F. R. Armitage, who founded the association, which is now known as the National Institute for the Blind, he was informed, "You are the very man we want," and was given employment as a stereotyper.

"It was in 1878 that I started upon the Bible, beginning with Gospel of St. John," he said, "and followed that with the Book of Psalms. My experience as a compositor was a great help to me, and the work all appeared straightforward. The words were read to me, and I tapped them out with the puncher—three taps to each dot.

"Had I continued to work steadily at the Bible I should have completed it in three and a half years, but as a matter of fact I did not finish it until ten years after I had started. One of the most difficult points to me was the names and genealogies, as so many had to be spelt out letter by letter. There were thirty-nine books altogether, and they averaged between sixty and seventy plates apiece. I calculate that I had to strike a total of twenty million blows on the punch."

Mr. Ford has also produced works in Arabic, Hebrew, German, French, and Hindustani, and he added, "I want to go on producing books for the entertainment and education of my blind brethren. Up to the present I must have superintended the making of some thousands of volumes."

The woman whom every other woman likes is one whom no man will ever like.

Adam was the only man in the world who never gave his wife cause for jealousy.

RETURN TO SIMPLICITY

Old Fashioned Kitchen With Garden In Rear Sorely Missed

Says a writer upon the real art of domestic enjoyment, "Home lies mostly in the kitchen and the back yard." And one knows immediately the sort of hominess, the type of home, which the author has in mind. And there is something refreshing just in the thought of it. A place where the primary interests of life are not too deeply obscured by the things which we have put about them—a house where one sees glimpses of the culinary processes, where one knows by actual eye-witness what is going to be had for dinner. It was this style of home which lay at the bottom of our fundamental strength. It was the pioneer habit of associating with rude actualities which bred a wholesome sturdiness and simplicity we can ill afford to lose. Something of the charm of an old fashioned kitchen, with warmth and sunshine and open windows, something of the democracy of an intimate touch with production and consumption, something of the lonely life that radiates genuine comfort, is needed in our present somewhat jumbled scheme of things. Not that we are without kitchens and backyards and even, vegetable gardens. But we are inclined overmuch in the direction of cramped or even elegant apartments of complicated households just a shade beyond our grasp, of extravagant tastes which are out of accord with our economic power of production. We need to return to spirit and in truth to some of the vanishing simplicity of the old fashioned kitchen and the neighborly, intimate, currantbush type of sunshiny backyard.—Haverhill Gazette.

Revenge on the Doctor

There's one Toronto doctor who will be hanged, drawn and quartered if he ever lands in Scotland. His name is Clark, and he said that porridge, as a food, was a back number.—New Westminister News.

Respect For the Stage

All German actresses, whether married or single, are, in accordance with the ruling of the German Theatrical Union of Berlin, to be henceforth styled "Frau Schauspielerin" ("Madame the Actress").

Penalty of Snoring

At a meeting of Marlborough Guardians the master reported that one of the male inmates had attacked another, inflicting serious bruises. He gave as his reason that the man disturbed his rest by snoring loudly. The master said he had placed the snorer in an isolation ward.

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