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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

There is no such thing as a secret. A reasonable probability is the only certainty. Men who have violated the law say it is not hard to do. Romance is like fire—if you play with it you are liable to be burned.

a diploma in medicine, so on the conclusion of her first year's examination she began to study for matriculation. Though knowing nothing of algebra, Euclid or Latin, she nevertheless completed her task and obtained her certificate in September, thus performing the remarkable feat of taking what is usually considered a four year course in only four months.

LEGEND OF THE GARYER.

Contradictory Versions of the Foundation of the Order. I knew, as every schoolboy knows, the legend that a certain Countess of Salisbury dropped her garter at a ball and that the king, picking it up amid the smiles of courtiers, handed it to her with the happy and now immortal phrase, "Honi soit qui mal y pense."

One of the Wonders of Physics.

An experienced mechanic who was asked what he regarded as the most wonderful thing for general utility replied: "The tracking of a car wheel is the most wonderful thing to me in the whole range of science and invention. Here are two rails, uphill and downhill, round the sharp curves and along false tangents, and upon them fly more than a mile a minute, without jar or jostle, a dozen heavy cars drawn by an engine weighing sixty tons.

Hide Your Fruit Trees.

As lawn specimens fruit trees are nearly always disappointing. They have more insect enemies and fungous diseases than first class ornamental trees and shrubs. If you spray them they are unsightly; if you do not your lawn is covered with wormy fruits, which look bad and smell worse. The peach is a short lived, delicate tree which is particularly subject to San Jose scale. Plums and cherries are sure to yield wormy fruit unless you jar the curculios out of them long before breakfast or unless you let the chickens run beneath the trees.

A Natural Inference.

For no other reason than that his poultry book told him to feed lime he slavishly fed lime and asked himself no questions. The hens were variously affected. The Leghorns found difficulty in keeping their hot Italian blood from open revolt. The Cochins, with true oriental apathy, said it was fate anyway. But the old Plymouth Rock had the American sense of humor.

No Back Action.

Mr. Gladstone knew how to admit that he was in the wrong. On one occasion he went so candidly and handsomely, as to become a gentleman. But, so to speak, he became a gentleman, and he preferred to keep clear of the necessities for apologies and had scant belief in their efficacy. "You can't unpull a man's nose," he once said to his private secretary, Sir Algernon West.

A Clever Student.

Dr. A. L. Mal Wong, the first Chinese girl to graduate from a Canadian college, has just come to her home in the Celestial Empire. On the Saturday afternoon prior to her departure she held a reception at the home of Rev. Dr. Stephenson, Czar street, to say farewell to her many friends, say the Toronto World. Miss Wong is a native of Shanghai, where her father was the first native preacher of the American Church mission. Through Dr. Heasley a lady medical missionary, Miss Wong became interested in medical work. She came to Canada in 1904, and entered college here. Not having a certificate of matriculation, however, she found she would be unable to take out

PURE NICKEL COINAGE.

Suggestion Advanced by Prof. Coleman—An Interesting Report.

The famous Sudbury nickel field is described in part three of the report of the Bureau of Mines, just issued. It embodies the final report of Prof. A. P. Coleman on the results of the field work which he has carried on for the past three summers, with "the object of determining in detail the boundaries of the nickel-bearing rock, and of examining the geological relationships of the known ore bodies, special attention being given to working mines."

In a chapter devoted to the uses of nickel it is pointed out that Switzerland, Austria-Hungary and France within the last few years have adopted pure nickel instead of the nickel-copper alloy for their coinage. The pure metal does not oxidize or change color, but keeps bright and attractive, and as it is harder, the imprint stands as much better. "It is more difficult to counterfeit, since the minting requires more powerful presses."

An International Difference.

In France—The Girl's Father—And now, having settled the financial matter to our mutual satisfaction, I will speak to my daughter, and you may present yourself to her in the character of fiance. The Suitor—Monsieur is graciousness itself. In America—The Girl—Papa, Harold and I are engaged and will be married. The Girl's Father—Well, I suppose it's all right. Does he look like anybody I know?—Judge.

Keeping a Secret.

Banquo—I say, old man, can you keep a secret? Well, Smiggins told me in confidence that—Elmore—Hold on! Can you keep a secret? Banquo—? Why, yes; certainly. Elmore—Then why'd better do so.

Three Sea-Songs.

The very sails are singing A song not of the wind; A fire-dance is screaming Our wake that runs behind.

SENT AID TO THE JAPS.

Canada's contribution to the Japanese famine relief fund reached the splendid total of nearly \$70,000. The following sums passed through the hands of Hon. T. Nourse, the Japanese Consul-General at Ottawa: Through The Halifax Herald, Halifax, N. S., \$12,354.45.

Franklin's Kite Experiment.

Commenting on Benjamin Franklin's kite experiment, which proved that lightning and electricity are the same, a scientist says: "It was one of the most brilliant examples of luck yet recorded. To attempt the extraction of lightning flashes from a lowering sky was almost suicidal. Even at this late day timid persons occasionally fly to feather beds, sit on glass legged chairs or find refuge in rubber boots during thunderstorms. A repetition of Franklin's experiment cost his immediate imitator his life."

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BERLIN IS MACHINE MADE.

English Writer Calls It Stiff, Rigid and Rectilinear.

Was Berlin made last year or the year before? It is impossible to say from looking at it. Some of the trees in the streets look at least ten years old, but they must have been planted long before the city was thought of. The houses and the streets and the lamp-posts and the statues are all much too neat and new to have endured the rains of more than one winter. It is all, in fact, quite too new to be comfortable. One feels afraid to sleep in any of the houses lest rheumatism should be lying in wait in rooms where the plaster has not had time to harden.

Gen. Brock as a Student.

As a student we must also enrol Brock, writes Miss Janet Carnocean of Niagara to the York Pioneers. We read that, in spite of the jeers of his companions, he frequently looked himself up to study. He was a good French scholar and a letter to his brother tells how he passes his spare time at Fort George and the list of books in his library shows that besides technical military books he was a general reader and showed good taste in his selection, and his military despatches as well as his letters and proclamations and speeches all show a well trained mind and command of language, a style vigorous, terse, pure. In a letter to his brother, Irving, dated Niagara, Jan. 19, 1811, he says: "I have every spare evening are passed solus. I read much, but good books are scarce and I hate borrowing. Should I remain here I wish you to send me some choice authors in history, particularly ancient, with maps and the best translations of ancient works. I read in my youth Pope's tragedy of Homer, but till lately I never discovered his exquisite beauties. As I grow old I acquire a taste for study. In addition to the last daily paper, send me likewise the Observer or any other weekly. You who have passed all your days in the bustle of London, can scarcely conceive the uninteresting life I am doomed to lead in this retirement." Brock was soon to exchange this quiet life for days and nights of action when every moment was filled for mind and body.

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A Wonderful Grasshopper.

The number of astonishing and often absurd blunders perpetrated by translators is without limit. The first man to translate Cooper's novel "The Spy" into French made numerous errors, among which are these: The translator came to the word "Locusts," which was the name of the Whartons' residence in the story, he turned to his dictionary and found the rendering of the word to be "Les Sauterelles" (the grasshoppers). He was a trifle puzzled later when he came to the passage in which a dragon was represented as trying his horse to one of the locusts on the lawn. He had never been in America; but, taking it for granted that the grasshoppers of that country must be of tremendous size, he solemnly informed his readers that the trooper fastened his horse by the bridle to a grasshopper which was standing near the door of the house.

Eclectic John Underwood.

John Underwood, who died at Whiteless, England, in 1730, left some odd instructions for his burial. His fortune of \$5,000 went to his sister, provided that no bell was tolled at his grave, no relative followed his coffin and various other arrangements were carried out. Six men only were invited and requested not to come in "black," who received 10 guineas each for their services. Service over, an arch was raised over the green painted coffin, with "Non Omnis Moriar, 1733," inscribed on white marble. The six men sang the last stanza of the Twentieth ode of the second book of Horace. The deceased, who had been confined fully, crossed, had under his head Sandow's "Horace," at his feet Bentley's "Milton," in his right hand a Greek Testament and in his left hand a small "Horace." The six on repairing to his house to a cold repast had to sing the Thirty-first ode and drink a cheerful glass before retiring at 8 p. m. This done, directed the will, "Think no more of John Underwood."

Two Views—It.

Parson—Do you take this woman for better or for worse? Bridegroom—Well, I can't exactly say. Her people think it's for better, but mine think it's for worse.

The Price.

Whenever I have heard people railing at the vast fortunes of some of the California millionaires, says an English writer, I have always replied that no man became a millionaire in the early history of California who had not earned his fortune by the risks he had had the courage to face. I remember an old Irishman named Bill Duppy bringing home to my mind what these pioneers had encountered when he told me how he and a companion had fared in a journey across the continent. The companion injured his leg. Duppy had to cut it off with an ax and then, going forward through the dark untraced woods to search for the trail and for food, had to leave his friend behind by the side of a stream and with a single tin of biscuits to keep him up till his friend's return. Then I saw what the pioneers of 1849 had faced, and I felt that they merited such rewards, however great, as fortune had afterward bestowed upon them.

THE SPANIARD.

His Courtesy, His Cigarette and His Lottery Ticket. Of the courteous manners of all Spaniards a traveler writes: "So anxious is every one to be of service to others that the stranger is apt to consider the Spaniards very inquisitive people. An experience in a Madrid tramcar was enlightening in this direction. A woman in getting into the car appeared to have slipped and hurt her foot. She and her husband began an animated discussion upon the incident, and or the dozen others in the car every one except ourselves craned forward to listen. The passer-by were well assorted, ranging as they from a capitalist in uniform down to a woman almost of the beggar class. But one and all in turn joined in the discussion without exciting the least resentment, opinions being apparently welcomed. Gentlemen arriving at their destination ceased arguing, raised their hats and went out, leaving others in possession until the principals left."

A Serious Breach.

Intimate Friend—What was the breach of senatorial courtesy of which you accused Senator Graball? Senator Grafton (heavily)—Why, the scoundrel approached the interests I represent and offered to work for 25 per cent less legal expenses than they're paying me!—Puck.

There is no hour of the day or night which a Spaniard deems inappropriate to the practice of smoking," the same writer observes. "Whenever he finds time hanging heavily, which is frequently, he lights a cigarette. Time hangs heavily on a Spaniard's mind in the brief interval between the courses at lunch and dinner, whenever he wakes at night, when traveling between station and hotel in an omnibus and always when in a railway train, regardless of ladies. The practice of smoking is so universal in Spain that railway compartments for nonsmokers exist in theory only, and the habit, combined with that of loud talking at all hours of the night and morning, makes the average Spaniard undesirable as a traveling companion, especially of the night."

Of the study beggars who overrun Madrid: "The beggars usually have some pretense for asking alms in the shape of a decrepit quill or fiddle mender the clock, where it fiddle mender places is the sale of lottery tickets, the lottery being a great institution in Spain. Each ticket costs 5 pesetas (about \$1), and beggars in absolute rags, as often as not children, rush about with strings of these for sale."

WIT IN CONGRESS.

Some Famous Retorts Made During the Heat of Debate. One of the most famous of Reed's retorts was made at the expense of Springer of Illinois. The "Maine giant" had just read one of Springer's own speeches in refutation of the latter's argument. Reed concluded, "The Illinois man launched into philosophy upon the privilege of progressive thinkers to change their opinions. "I honor them for it," he continued. "An honest man is the noblest work of God. As for me, Mr. Chairman, in the words of an eminent American statesman, I would rather be right than be president." "The gentleman from Illinois needn't worry, Mr. Chairman," drawled Reed. "He'll never be either!" During the bitter fight against "Reed rules" the house was thrown into convulsions by General Spinola, pointing to the painting of the "Siege of Yorktown" hanging in the hall, gravely accused Speaker Reed of counting the Hessians in the background of the picture in order to make up a quorum. "The general always wore a tremendously high collar, so high, in fact, that Representative Tim Campbell tapped it one day with the tulle of his cane and inquired, to the amusement of the house, "Is General Spinola within?" During the famous deadlock fight in the house over the civil rights bill General Ben Butler favored a Sunday session. "Bad as I am, I have some respect for God's day," replied Sam Randall of Pennsylvania. "Don't the Bible say that it is lawful to pull your ox or ass out of a pit on the Sabbath?" asked Butler. "You have their ox," he says on your side of the house, "I wish to get them out of this ditch tomorrow. I think I am engaged in holy work." "Don't do it," replied Randall. "I expect some day to see you in a better world!" "You'll be here, as you are here, a member of a lower world," flashed back the gen'l with ailing effect.

A Very Good Lesson.

A peep into the heavens through a modern telescope is a peep into the very depths of mystery. With such an instrument one may gaze upon 100,000,000 stars, each of them a burning, blazing sun. From what little we know of creation we cannot but believe that each of those suns is giving light and heat to a train of planets, just in the same manner that our sun gives light and life to his little flock of worlds. Beyond those 100,000,000 suns there may be hundreds of millions more. Thus they may continue "system after system and worlds without end."

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