

Her Dream.

Fold your arms around me, sweet,
As mine against your heart doth beat.

THE APERTYX.

Four Wingless Birds From New Zealand
Reach England.

The Zoological Society in London has just acquired two specimens of the apteryx in addition to the two which have been already exhibited for some months.

AS TO COLD TOES.

People Addicted to Rubbers Are Usually the Worst Sufferers.

Many people, especially women and children, suffer the whole winter through with cold feet. This is mainly due to the fact that they wear their shoes too tight.

One Useful Invention.

A very useful invention, tending to lessen the possibility of accidents in factories, is now being extensively adopted in England.

There is a queerly matched couple in Atlanta. The husband weighs 130 pounds and the wife 300 pounds.

THE AMERICAN ARMY.

How it Appears to an English Observer from His Standpoint.

The rank and file of the American army are composed of all nations who can speak the English language sufficiently well to be understood and to understand the word of command.

Running to English.

My business takes me among the best people, and that is why you mustn't use my name. You may have noticed that my articles, if you ever read them, contain a dash of recklessness here and there.

Paris Beds for Strangers.

The London Morning Advertiser's Paris correspondent includes in a recent letter some interesting figures as to the visitors to the Paris Exhibition.

William Hammond, of Wilkesbarre Heights, aged 79, has worked continuously in the coal mines for over 70 years.

"The Angelus" will go to the Chicago Exposition after the 15th of January, where it will have a room to itself.

PERSONAL VANITY.

Within Proper Bounds it is a Valuable Attribute of the Human Family.

What is vanity? If we are to pin our faith upon Noah Webster, it is "empty pride inspired by an overweening conceit of one's personal attainments or decorations."

The usual analogue for vanity, says the San Francisco Chronicle, is the peacock. He has been held up to scorn for centuries as the embodiment of vanity.

It may be shrewdly suspected that those who are so severe upon vanity have little or nothing of their own about which to be vain. There are no such severe or cruel censors as those who can have had no personal experience upon the subject against which their censure is directed.

The truth is that vanity, within due and proper bounds, is one of the most valuable attributes or qualities that the human family possesses. It is incentive to innumerable acts of kindness, of goodness and of justifiable ambition.

Nothing Commonplace About Our Own Death.

It is very commonplace to say that all men must die, but it is not commonplace to say that you, John—you, Mary—you, George—you, Jane, are going hence after 135,000 working hours, more or less.

Unprofitable Crops.

"Ah, Mr. Wealthy, I see your son is home from the south. How did he make it down there?"

THE SLEEPING ROOM.

Try to Have It the Sunniest and Cheeriest in the House.

A sleeping-room should never be a small one, dependent for most of its air on an open window. Such a room is seldom safe, and in certain states of the weather the air is sure to be shut off.

Novel Reading and Divorce.

Ex-Minister Phelps adds a curious chapter to the discussion of the marriage question. It is his theory that the sensational and highly emotional novel of modern times is at the bottom of most divorces.

The Late Bishop of Durham, Eng.

It may be interesting to some of our readers to know something of the life of the late Bishop of Durham. He was born at Liverpool in 1828, and received his education at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Domestic Felicity.

Wife—And you won't give me the price of a winter bonnet?
Husband—No.
W. (with a sob)—You are one of the meanest men; one of the smallest.

she Didn't Say.

"Madam," he said, as he leaned across the car, "it is in your power to settle a dispute between me and my wife."

Spanish Religious Orders.

During the last fourteen years there has been a marvellous increase in the religious orders in Spain, and statistics recently compiled show that within that period the number of monks in the country has sextupled and the number of nuns has more than doubled.

Freezing Reception.

Freddy (downhearted at the cool reception)—Really, Miss Snell, I would think you would go to St. Paul for a while.

HEALTHFUL TEA.

But it is Properly Brewed and is Not a Decoction of Tannin.

In the old days on Wall street it was the custom for many of the brokers to renew their energies with frequent stimulations during the day.

Within a few years there has been an entire change in the custom of the brokers. One of the leading brokers of the street told me that it had been found that tea, well brewed, not too strong, was the very best stimulant in the world for the kind of mental activity involved in the dealing with stocks and securities.

What Americans Say of England.

Says Charles F. King, the American educator: "The great commercial countries to-day are, according to value, Great Britain, United States, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Russia, Austria."

"England has over twenty thousand merchant vessels, manned by over two hundred thousand seamen. Her commerce is protected by the largest navy in the world. She has established fortified naval depots for coal and provisions along all the great routes of commerce.

"Every natural deficiency is compensated by wonderful energy. The country, though foggy and rainy, has furnished the world with astronomical observations. Its short rivers do not afford water-power, but the land shakes under the thunder of the mills. With no gold mines, there is more gold in England than in all other countries.

The Greatest Lighthouse.

The new lighthouse at Housholm is the most powerful in the world. The beam is of 2,000,000 candle power, and shows clearly at Blokhus, a distance of thirty-five miles.

Example and Precept.

Angry Father—See here, Johnny, your mother tells me that you have been smoking cigarettes.

M. Rothschild has presented \$20,000 to the city of Paris for the relief of the poor who are suffering from influenza in that place.