FOUND IN LIBRARY BOOKS

CHEQUES, PAPER MONEY AND LOVE LETTERS.

Absent-Minded Readers of Books Leave All Kinds of Queer Things Between Pages.

That strange things are sometimes found in library books is well known, though, as a rule, librarians are not very willing to disclose information on the matter. The writer, however, recently interviewed a gentleman who has charge of one of the biggest of our public libraries, and from him were gleaned some facts which are well worthy of record. It may not be generally known, perhaps, that in most libraries all returned books are thoroughly examined, dusted with the "disinfectant rag" (as it is termed in library parlance), and, if necessary, repaired before being replaced on the shelves. As a rule, books are treated fairly well by their borrowers, but at times one comes back in so dilapidated and soiled a condition that it has to be destroyed. In such instances, if the delinquent is known, he or she is made to pay for a new copy and membership is suspended for a time. These instances, however, are very rare, says a writer in London Tit Bits.

ETERNAL HAIRPIN.

In every big library, said my informant, after cogitating deeply as to whether he should give the information requested or not, there is one man whose sole work consists in examining books that have been returned, and that he occasionally finds queer things between the leaves is perfectly correct. Whatever he finds he brings to me, and I am sometimes amused at the kind of articles which find a hiding-place within the covers of our books. Few volumes, for instance, borrowed by lady readers come back without at least one hairpin which has been used as a book-marker, but I would rather they used that implement of feminine usefulness than turn down the pages, which is unpardonable.

KITTY'S SECRET.

Many letters fall out of volumes which have been returned to the library, and in one case I remember the missive, which we were unkind enough to read, contained a proposal of marriage addressed to "My Own Dear Kitty." The letter was not in an envelope, and, though we might have found the name and address of the owner, we are far too busy to return such unimportant things as love letters. But the next day a pretty young girl appeared, asked to see me, and then, with many blushes, explained that she had left a letter in "The Heart of Midlothian," and would be glad to have it back. I had the missive in my desk, and when I drew it out and handed it to her so rapt a look of pleasure came into her face that I felt sure as to the nature of her answer, and rather envied the happy man who had won her.

BEST KIND OF "LOVER."

Paper money and cheques are sometimes found between the leaves of books returned to a library, and occasionally the sums involved amount to quite a high figure. I read recently that in a certain well-known library a copy of "Much Ado About Nothing," was returned with a ten-pound note pinned between the leaves, together with a letter written in a lady's hand, which read as follows: "As nearly every person is always more or less in need of this wretched thing we call 'money,' I feel sure that this ten-pounds will fall into the hands of one who needs it. With it goes my best wishes. From one who has money to spare and is a lover of Shakespeare."

PARROT FRUSTRATES BURGLARS.

A parrot at Walmer (England) railway station prevented a burglary there recently. Thieves got into the booking office, where the bird was kept in a cage at midnight, and commenced to ransack the place. The parrot awakened the station-master by its piercing cries and calls for "Harry! Harry!" The official ran down to the office, and the burglars had decamped, leaving their booty behind.

The average life of a horse is twenty years, but horses have been worked up to forty-five years.

WEAKENED BY LA GRIPPE.

Health and Strength Regained Through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

The after effects of la grippe are more serious than the disease itself. Its victims are left low spirited and depressed; they are tortured with headaches and backaches; fever and chills. It leaves the sufferer an easy prey to bronchitis, pneumonia, rheumatism and often that most dreaded of all diseases, consumption. For the after effects of la grippe there is absolutely no medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose helps make new, rich, red blood that drives disease from the system, and makes weak despondent men and women bright, cheerful and strong. Miss Eugenie Donaldson, of St. Jerome, Que., found a cure through these pills after other remedies had failed to help her. She says: 'I took la grippe and did not seem able to shake it off. It developed into bronchitis; I coughed day and night and grew so weak that I could hardly move about. I tried remedy after remedy, but as nothing seemed to help me I began to dread that consumption was developing and that my case was incurable. A friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and following that advice I got a supply. For two months I took the pills faithfully, following the directions given for their use. I am thankful I did so for they fully restored my strength and I have since enjoyed perfect health. I will always advise sick and ailing people to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial for I firmly believe that they will find great benefit from their use.."

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FOR BLIND LETTERWRITERS.

Double End Type Prints Copies for Those Who See and Those Who Don't

In order to provide a means of correspondence between the blind and between blind persons and those who have sight, Ernest Vaughan, the director of the national asylum of the Quinze Vingts, the refuge for the blind of Paris, has invented a special style of type and a diminutive printing press. The type is on its fact like ordinary type, but on the bottom of each character is cast the equivalent in the "braille" or point system, by which the blind read with their fingers on embossed paper.

The letters are about the size of those used in the larger headlines in this paper, but are fatter in build and lighter in outline. The blind man sets them up by touch; many have already learned to set them up at the rate of 800 to 1,000 letters an hour. They are locked in a frame as each page is completed, and the impression is taken on both sides simultaneously—in ink on the surface of the type upon ordinary paper, in embossed "brailles" from the bottom of the type on the sheets specially manufactured for that purpose. Thus the document can be read with equal ease by the blind and by those who can see. The type is, of course, made of hard metal.

Fonts of 200 characters have been prepared for the use of French blind persons, and they are sold to the blind and their friends who desire to write to them at a very low price, the inventor having refused to accept any profit.

DIDN'T INTERRUPT HIM.

"Senator, I presume the other members were very respectful to you when you made your speech the other day, were they not?"

"Exceedingly so," replied Senator Badger. "Five minutes after I began talking you could hear a pin drop in the house."

"Indeed. hey were so interested?"

"No. They were all asleep."

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About the House

SELECTED RECIPES.

Haricot Bean Salad.—Soak four ounces of beans in water for twenty-four hours, then boil them for two hours in plenty of water, in which a piece of dripping or butter has been placed to prevent them sticking in the saucepan and burning. Make a dressing as follows: Mix one tablespoonful of salad oil, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, one saltspoonful of dry mustard, one saltspoonful of salt, and half a saltspoonful of pepper; then add the cooked beans and grated onion; toss them well in the dressing and serve.

Chestnut Salad. — Boil twenty large chestnuts for half an hour in plenty of water, next remove all brown skin; while still hot pour over them the dressing given above; leave till cold and serve on lettuce leaves or mustard and cress.

Cheese Pudding. — Beat up two eggs, work in gradually two level tablespoonfuls of flour, then add slowly half a pint of milk, taking care that there are no lumps. Grate four ounces of cheese, add this with a saltspoonful of salt, and half a saltspoonful of pepper to the above mixture; bake in a buttered dish from fifteen to twenty minutes in a moderate oven.

Chestnut Puree.—Cut off the tops and bottoms of twenty large chestnuts, throw them in boiling water, and boil twenty minutes; then take them out, remove the shells and brown skins, and whilst still hot rub them through a wire sieve; put one ounce of butter and a gill of milk in a saucepan, add the chestnut puree and simmer gently for eight minutes. Then mix in a pinch of pepper and salt and three tablespoonfuls of thick cream; heat again and serve.

Spanish Rice. — Boil half a pound of rice for twenty minutes, drain off the water, put the rice back in the saucepan, and stir into it a tablespoonful of grated cheese, two large tomatoes skinned and chopped, pepper and salt to taste; beat well and serve.

SEASONABLE SOUPS.

Brown Broth.—Put two tablespoonfuls of butter in a frying pan; add two tablespoonfuls of chopped onions, two of chopped carrots, and cook until a golden brown. Put these in a kettle with a quart of boiling water and a bay leaf and simmer fifteen minutes; press through a sieve. While the soup is simmering put about a tablespoonful of sugar into an iron saucepan and when it browns and burns add two tablespoonfuls of chopped onions, then two or three tablespoonfuls of water. Add this to the soup; add a teaspoonful of salt and a saltspoonful of pepper. Strain the soup, return it and settle; add half a pint of blocks of bread that have been stirred up with eggs; bring to a boil and serve with grated cheese.

Tomato Bouillon.—Use can of tomatoes, add a pint of water, a slice of onion, a bay leaf, a little celery seed, and boil rapidly for ten minutes. Press through a colander as much of the flesh as possible. Add the well beaten whites of two eggs, bring quickly to the boiling point, boil five minutes, strain through cheesecloth. The fleshy portion of the tomato that remains in the cheesecloth may be put aside for flavoring sauces. Reheat the bouillon, add a cup of whipped cream, and serve at once with strips of toasted bread.

East India Soup.—Put into a kettle a tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of finely chopped onions, two tablespoonfuls of grated carrots, the same of grated turnips; stir carefully for about two minutes, add a quart of water or stock, a dash of red pepper, a little black pepper, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, a sliced apple, and simmer gently for fifteen minutes. Add a teaspoonful of curry and four or five tablespoonfuls of boiled rice, which should be boiled while you are making the soup.

Cream of Potato Soup.—Pare four small potatoes, cover with boiling water, boil rapidly for five minutes. Throw the water away and cover with a pint and a half of boiling water. Add a slice of onion, a bay leaf, and a few celery tops chopped fine—the green leaves of the celery will answer the purpose; cover and boil fifteen minutes, or until the potatoes are soft. While these are boiling put a pint of milk in the double boiler, add a tablespoonful of butter and one of flour rubbed together; press the potatoes through a fine sieve, using the water in which they were boiled; add this mixture to the hot milk in the double boiler. Stir until thoroughly heated and serve.

HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

Turpentine and soap will remove ink stains from linen.

A few drops added to water in which clothes are boiled will whiten them.

It will exterminate roaches if sprinkled in their haunts.

Moths will leave if it is sprinkled about.

Turpentine will remove wheel grease, pitch and tar stains.

A few drops on a woollen cloth will clean tan shoes nicely.

Ivory knife handles that have become yellow can be restored to their former whiteness by rubbing with turpentine.

Clean gilt frames with a sponge moistened in turpentine.

Carpets can be cleaned and colors restored by going over occasionally with a broom dipped in warm water to which a little turpentine is added.

An equal mixture of turpentine and linseed oil will remove white marks from furniture caused by water.

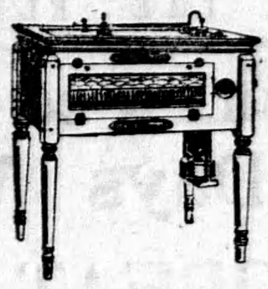
The extermination of roaches is not an easy task once they get into an apartment and is accomplished only by persistent efforts and the daily use of such insect powders as pyrethrum or huhach. A remedy that has been tried with excellent effect is a phosphorous paste made of sweetened flour, with two per cent. of phosphorous. This is spread on pieces of cardboard and placed where the bugs are most frequently seen. Flowers of sulphur sprinkled around water pipes and closets at night will kill or paralyze these roaches so that in the morning they can be swept out and readily killed. In extreme cases fumigation is the only thing that will result in ridding a house of this pest.

MOTHERS, BE JOLLY.

Fortunate is the family where the mother is the first to see a joke and to lead the mirth. In too many homes her sole share in the merriment is a wan smile, accompanied, perhaps, by a dismal remark that she doesn't see much to laugh at. Nothing helps a busy housewife through her press of cares like the ability to laugh long and heartily.

A humorous rhyme, a conundrum, or a smart repartee cheers up a dull day wonderfully, especially when it comes from 'mother,' for it is she from whom the rest of the family are apt to take their cue.

The appetite for fun may be coaxed to grow with what it feeds on, until the housewife may transform her home into an abode of mirth and sunshine, the envy of dull and grumbling households.



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BY BOTTLE POST.

Vestmanna Islanders Send All Their Mail by Bottle.

On the northernmost coast of Norway, a bottle has been washed ashore containing letters and a packet of tobacco. The letters, which were written in Icelandic, showed that this messenger from the sea came from the Vestmanna Islands, which are situated off the southern coast of Iceland. The few inhabitants of these wild inhospitable islands have no communication with the outside world at all except by "bottle post." Whenever they want to communicate with the Icelanders, their nearest neighbors, they place their letters in a bottle, adding some tobacco as a gift to the finder, who is expected to forward the letters to their destinations. The bottle is then carefully sealed and thrown into the sea when a south wind is blowing, so that the current generally carries it to the Icelandic shores. The bottle in question, however, evidently got out of its course, and had taken fully twelve months to reach the Norwegian coast, a distance of over 1,000 miles, roughly speaking.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Every deed is born of some creed.

The aimless life always hits misery

Faith cannot be forced by an appeal to fear.

A divine discontent alone can lead to perfect content.

There are no prizes to those who always are prudent.

He who kills time is a thief as well as a murderer.

A man may hide his sins, but he cannot hide his sinfulness.

It is as much a duty to guide your love as to govern your hate.

Your money loses its power to help when it gets into your heart.

It takes the touch of love to take the mote out of your brother's eye.

No man sees less than the one who always looks out for number one.

There is a lot of difference between the rule of gold and the golden rule.

The everlasting sermon seldom leads any to the everlasting salvation.

Some heaven in the heart is the essential passport to heaven as a home.

The man who pats you on the back not always is pushing you forward.

It is a great thing to move men, but it may be a greater thing to be moved.

If you cannot say No to many trifles you will never say Yes to any great triumph.

Some folks always pray, "Forgive us our debts" just before the offering is taken.

As soon as a lazy man finds out what it costs to be a sun he goes into the cloud business.

There's a good deal of difference between social prominence and personal emminence.

The law that brings good fruit from good seed must bring pain and loss from evil sowing.

The root of evil does not become the tree of life by planting it in an ecclesiastical atmsophere.

The darkest horror of all is to become so hardened by night as to be blind to the light of love.

There are lots of people busy scheduling the trials they get from heaven in the hope of escaping the taxes they owe to earth.

The Eiffel Tower is 984 ft. high; Ulm Cathedral is 582 ft.; and Cologne Cathedral 512 ft. high.

FORGETFUL.

Broker T. Bonds—"Remember, my son, that honesty is the best policy."

Bonds, Jr.—"Why, paw! You allus said you wanted me to follow in yours footsteps."

BROKE SOMETHING.

Father—Well, my son, did you succeed in breaking the new horses so they would stand stream?

Son—No, father; but I broke the carriage.

SPRING BLOOD TROUBLES

BILEANS CLEAR THE SKIN OF PIMPLES.

Humors and impurities in the blood force their way to the surface in the Springtime and cause eruptions and unsightly sores. Nature has provided a remedy in Bileans, which are pleasant to take, not unpleasant in operation, and are purely vegetable in composition. Women with skin blotches and eruptions should prove how speedily Bileans remove them. One or two Bileans taken just before retiring for the night—that is all! Morning sickness, debility, indigestion, biliousness, heartburn, headache, constipation, piles, and female ailments all disappear before a short course of Bileans. All druggists and stores at 50 cents a box, or from Bilean Co., Toronto, for price. 6 boxes sent for $2.50. Send 1c. stamp for free sample.

THE REAL THING.

"That girl's face is a perfect chromo."

"No, I assure you, nothing of the sort. It's hand painted."

NOT HIS WAY.

Mobbs—Skinner is very careful about his children, isn't he?

Jenkins—Yes; he's trying to bring them up in the way he should have gone.

Mrs. Cora B. Miller Makes a Fortune

Started a Few Years Ago with No Capital, and Now Employs Nearly One Hundred Clerks and Stenographers.

Until a few years ago Mrs. Cora B. Miller lived in a manner similar to that of thousands of other very poor women of the average small town and village. She now resides in her own palatial brown-stone residence, and is considered one of the most successful business women in the United States.

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Several years ago Mrs. Miller learned of a mild and simple preparation that cured herself and several friends of female weakness and piles. She was besieged by so many women needing treatment that she decided to furnish it to those who might call for it. She started with only a few dollars' capital, and the remedy, possessing true and wonderful merit, producing many cures when doctors and other remedies failed, the demand grew so rapidly she was several times compelled to seek larger quarters. She now occupies one of the city's largest office buildings, which she owns, and almost one hundred clerks and stenographers are required to assist in this great business.

Million Women Use It.

More than a million women have used Mrs. Miller's remedy, and no matter where you live, she can refer you to ladies in your own locality who can and will tell any sufferer that this marvellous remedy really cures women. Despite the fact that Mrs. Miller's business is very extensive, she is always willing to give aid and advice to every suffering woman who writes to her. She is a generous, good woman, and has decided to give away to women who have never used her medicine $10,000.00 worth absolutely FREE.

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