

## Amusing Anecdotes Of Famous People

Henry Thompson, famous surgeon, who was called in to operate on Napoleon III. in his last illness, also numbered Thackeray among his patients. On one occasion, recalls Anthony Hope of "Frisson of Zenda" fame (in "Memories and Notes") he asked Thackeray, whom he was visiting, professionally: "About how many bottles of wine do you drink a year, Mr. Thackeray?" Thackeray affected to think. "Well—roughly—about five hundred, Mr. Thompson."

The doctor looked grave—or as grave as he could—and the patient added, in deprecation of imminent rebuke: "But it's almost all other people's wine, you know."

Laughs from "Trombones, Or Musical Anecdotes"—being the favorite jokes and anecdotes of some of the leading lights of the musical world, ancient and modern:

Leopold Damrosch, during a rehearsal, was startled by hearing, during a pause, a loud note from the tuba. He rebuked the player, who replied: "Ach, mein Gott, it was a fly! And I played him!"

Reginald de Koven once took a recalcitrant and unmusical friend to a Paderewski recital. After a Bach fugue de Koven asked:

"Well, what do you think of that?" "Isn't it wonderful, masterly, sublime, that delivery of touch, that thundering fortissimo?"

"Where's the rest of the show?" asked the recalcitrant friend.

"Why, there is no show; it's Paderewski alone."

"Do you mean to say that the whole entertainment is just this one man at the piano?"

"Why, yes, but it's Paderewski."

"Well," said the friend, looking around the crowded house. "If this isn't the greatest scheme for money-making I've ever seen!"

In the old days at Carnegie Hall, New York, when the theatre downstairs was in operation, a cycle of works by Victor Hugo was being given. One night when "Les Misérables" was the bill at the theatre and Paderewski was the attraction in the main hall, the doorman announced to patrons driving up:

"Paderewski upstairs, Les Misérables downstairs."

Mascagni, asked to conduct in Milan, demanded the same honorarium as Toscanini and one lira more. The manager agreed. After the performance Mascagni received an envelope containing one lira.

"How is this?" he thundered. "Where is my fee?"

"You asked for the same fee as Toscanini, and one lira more," said the manager. "Well, Toscanini offered his services free."

One of the most profitable—and funniest—farces in the history of the Stage was Brandon Thomas's "Charley's Aunt." It cleaned up a fortune not only for its author, but for many others concerned in its production. However, there is one man, Captain F. V. Hughes Hallett, who cannot hear the title of that play mentioned without a pang, for he was offered, and actually turned down, a third share in "Charley's Aunt" for a mere one hundred pounds (then about \$500). That was before it was produced, of course.

Captain Hallett woefully recalls (in his reminiscences "Bran Mash") that W. S. Penley—the actor-manager who produced "Charley's Aunt" in London, and played the title role—wanted three backers at one hundred pounds each and begged him to be one of them. But Hallett said "No," figuring that "if the piece was so great a 'catch' how was it that Penley was so such pressing need of three hundred pounds?"

Eventually the piece was produced. Captain Hallett was present at the first performance.

"Immediately the curtain fell," he says, "I ran around to the back, and made prodigious efforts to get hold of one of those shares! But it was then too late. I saw the piece eighteen times on its production; the first half dozen for my own pleasure, the remaining twelve as a punishment for my crass stupidity in having missed so golden an opportunity."

At a modest computation, Captain Hallett figures that he threw away at least \$250,000!

By the way, has the thought ever occurred to you that all you have to do to live on "Easy Street" for the rest of your life, is to write a "best seller?"

Suppose—for a moment, at least—that you were fortunate enough to write one, fiction or non-fiction. Well, we will say that your book sold 250,000 copies. Not an impossible figure. We will also say that the book retailed at \$2.50. Total sales gross \$625,000. Your royalty is ten per cent. of the retail price—the minimum royalty given by most publishers. Therefore, your share would be \$62,500.

In addition, you would still have the dramatic and film rights to dispose of, not to mention the serial rights, all of which might well bring in another \$25,000 or more. So, you see, there is a cool \$75,000 in sight for the writing of an outstanding "best seller."

Having "whetted your appetite," so to speak, I will leave it to you to de-

## FAT GIRLS OUT OF FASHION

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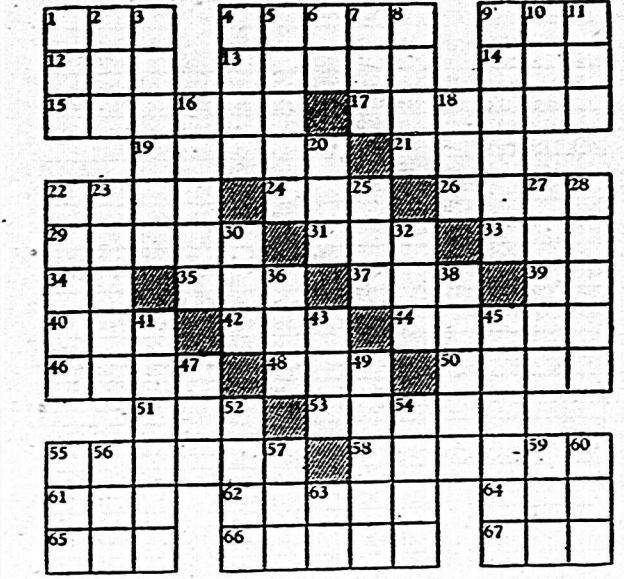
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## OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1—Chunk of metal
  - 4—Egg shaped
  - 9—To scold
  - 12—Everyone
  - 13—Vital power
  - 14—Armpit
  - 15—Flat bodied fishes
  - 17—Dwarf car of eern
  - 19—Belts
  - 21—Napkin
  - 22—Frank
  - 24—to plant
  - 26—Brisle
  - 29—Pertaining to Hindu books
  - 31—Small piece
  - 32—to follow
  - 34—Article
  - 35—Slang officer
  - 37—Opening
  - 39—Toward
  - 40—to fall behind
  - 42—Humorist
  - 44—Communion plate
- VERTICAL**
- 1—Dance step
  - 2—Scottish; every
  - 3—Gave glossy covering
  - 4—Baking place
  - 5—Holding tools
  - 6—King of Bashan
  - 7—Electrified particle
  - 8—to beat
  - 9—Pierced
  - 10—Mohammedan name
  - 11—Pale
  - 16—Pertaining to sound
  - 18—Encore
  - 20—Convulsive sigh
  - 22—Ellipses
  - 23—Pertaining to punishment
  - 25—False hair
  - 27—Carried
  - 28—Pain
  - 30—to daunt
  - 32—Faucet
  - 36—Fruit seed
  - 38—Whitens
  - 41—Drinking cup
  - 43—Record
  - 45—Dutch explorer
  - 47—Moist
  - 49—Bare
  - 52—Jutting rocks
  - 54—Neat
  - 55—Insect trap
  - 56—Constellation
  - 57—Insect egg
  - 59—Self
  - 60—Flaxen
  - 63—Greek letter

### Gems from Life's Scrap-book

Justice  
"Justice is truth in action."—Joubert.  
"Justice without wisdom is impossible."—Froude.  
"Moderation is the basis of justice."—George MacDonald.  
"There is no virtue so truly great and godlike as justice."—Addison.  
"Justice demands reformation of the sinner."—Mary Baker Eddy.  
"Every place is safe to him who lives with justice."—Epictetus.  
"All religion and all ethics are summed up in justice."—Conway.



"The rain falls alike on the just and the unjust."  
"True, but one unjust man is generally provided with the just man's umbrella."

### Color and Radiance

There is more colour in Keats than in Shelley, but there is more light in Shelley than in Keats. Did he not speak of the poet as "hidden in the light of thought?" His radiance is different in kind from that of any other poet. For it is the radiance of a world in which things are not made of substances but of dreams—a world in which we walk over rainbows instead of bridges and ride not upon horses but upon clouds.—Robert Lynd, in "Books and Authors."

### Do You Know?



That from the Columbia Icefields in the Canadian Rocky Mountains three great rivers flow to three different oceans? They are: the Columbia, which flows into the Pacific Ocean; the Mackenzie, which flows into the Arctic Ocean; and the Saskatchewan River, which finds its outlet through the Nelson River into Hudson Bay and thence to the Atlantic Ocean.

## Owl Lafts

At a dinner a well known professor was introduced as follows: "You have been giving your attention so far to a turkey stuffed with sage. You are now about to give your attention to a sage stuffed with turkey."

Professor—"Will you please stop exchanging notes in the back of the room?"  
Student—"They're not notes. They are dollar bills. We're shooting craps."  
Professor—"Oh, pardon me."

The boy who has never had to wear a pair of heavy boots all winter doesn't know the real joy of going barefoot in the summer.

Plumber (to his wife)—"Doncha believe them cartoonists, dear. I ain't never found no lady in no bath tub."

Stray Shots  
The older a man grows the more he cares for comfort—and the less of it he obtains. One has to keep up if the up-keep is to be kept up. No golf course is complete without a mourner's bench at each tee. The best reason a girl can have for starting a diary is that she knows enough about men to fill a book. You have to think out some things for yourself—nobody can help you. Success is the privilege of doing what you want to do, when you want to, and as you want to. Most women do not know what they want until they discover what their husbands do not want. Character is the diamond that scratches every other stone. Love, sweet child, is the last word in a letter asking for money. Digging in a garden may improve one's philosophy more than the reading of books.

Doctors have proved that an ordinary person retains only one-fifth of what he hears. Which goes to prove that a woman isn't an "ordinary person."

Accused—"How could I commit forgery when I can't write my own name?"  
Judge—"You are not accused of writing your own name."

An old Indian went into a bank to borrow some money.  
Banker—"What can you put up for security that is, how many ponies do you have?"  
Old Indian—"Got 100 ponies."  
Six months later the old Indian came in with a very large roll of bills and paid the note. As he turned to leave, the banker said:  
Banker—"We let you have money when you needed it, now why don't you deposit your extra money with us?"  
Old Indian (grunting)—"All right. How many ponies you got?"

### Accountants of U.K. To Have Branch Here

International Corporation to Operate in Canada  
The International Accountants and Executives Corporation of Great Britain, an examining body for accountants and office executives with more than 5,000 members in 93 countries, is now to actively operate in Canada. According to the founder and international president, the society is the second largest of its kind in the British Empire, the Chartered Accountants of England holding first place with about 9,000 members. It is intended to carry on the international work here through the new organization, the International Accountants and Executives Corporation of Canada. The petition on behalf of the English body for a dominion charter was lodged at Ottawa by Col. Reg. Geary, K.C., M.P., of Toronto.

### Nothing Wrong

He had decided to sell his car—if he could—and when a gullible-looking fellow knocked at his door and asked to see it, the owner eagerly flung open the garage doors and coaxed the car into the roadway.  
"She's a beauty," he said. Jump in and I'll take you for a run!"  
The potential buyer jumped in, and the owner managed to persuade the car to snort her way up a fairly steep stretch of road immediately ahead.  
"Shell go up here like a bird!" he chuckled, hoping for the best. "Just watch!"  
A hundred yards up the slope the car emitted a loud cough, trembled violently, and began to run backwards. The owner forced a smile, and hung on grimly to the steering wheel. The potential buyer eyed him doubtfully.  
"What's the idea?" he asked, suspiciously. "We're going backwards."  
"Quite all right!" grinned the would-be vendor. "—that is, I've left my tobacco pouch on the piano!"

### Uncharted

There are no charts of these old roads and hills  
Save in the minds of men who trod them down  
Throughout a lifetime of small journeyings  
From barn to pasture and from barn to town.  
There is no map to tell where orchards crutch  
Or wild trees drop scant fruit upon the earth,  
Where cool spring-water starts, what walls are strong,  
Which field has proved the yearly sowing's worth.  
But to the men, whose seed the black soil starts,  
These things are clear as their own deep-ploughed hearts.  
—Frances M. Frost, in "Hemlock Wall."

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