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QUICK WITTED WOMEN.

Clever Ruse That Won the Favor of Emperor Konrad. There are countless stories to illustrate the devotion of women, but the most interesting of them is the one that is recorded in the annals of a home for dependent women at Weinsberg, on the Neckar, in the vicinity of Heidelberg. At the foot of the mountain was fought one of the fiercest battles of the long struggle between the Guelphs and the Ghibellines. When the conflict was ended and the Ghibelline leader, Emperor Konrad, had driven the Guelph chieftains up the mountain to their stronghold, he laid siege to the ancient castle. After several days he sent word that if the men would surrender he would permit the women to depart in safety, carrying their treasures with them. The terms of surrender were arranged, and the emperor drew up his army to form an escort for the noble ladies with their jewels and other dear possessions. When the procession of women came down the hill the hostile army saw, to its amazement, that every gentleman carried a man on her back. The men they carried were the Guelph officers, who were to have remained in the castle and been made prisoners of war. Konrad was so touched by this expression of devotion on the part of those wives and mothers that he permitted the women to go back for their jewels. In 1820 Queen Charlotte of Wurtemberg, daughter of George III, and a member of the Guelphs, built the asylum on the hill as a memorial to those quick witted Guelph women.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

HE WANTED BIG GAME.

And Found It in the Jungles of the Panama Canal Zone. In the early days of canal construction at Panama there arrived from the United States for duty with the fire department a Danish American who told numerous thrilling tales of his hunting trips "back home." Anxious to get a chance at the big game of the Panama Jungles, he secured a day off for a hunting trip soon after his arrival. He took as guide a Jamaican negro janitor, connected with the fire station, who had never been outside of Colon. They started early in the morning and returned before noon. The Dane seemed to be exhausted and spent the afternoon resting and cooling off. When asked about his trip and why he didn't bring any big game back he replied: "Boys, I was all in after I saw that big snake. It must have been fifty feet long and as big around as your body. I just saw the end of his body slipping through the high grass on a trail, and he was at least ten inches thick at the tail." During the recital his guide, the janitor, was sweeping the floor and grinning. When the hunter left the janitor was quizzed, and this was his version of the chase: "Hout by Mindi way, where dey is buildin' a high trestle bridge, dey draggin' a long pole tru de grass wid a snake. De snake what de boss see was 40 pole, an' he was so fright dat he don't see de snake what draggin' hit."—Los Angeles Times.

Natural Protection. It has been pointed out that to some ground animals nature's color scheme for concealment furnishes almost complete protection. The quail crouching on the ground looks like a bunch of dried leaves. Many snakes and fishes like the precise color of surrounding sand and water. A mackerel from above looks like a fleeting ripple, while to fish enemies beneath his white belly will not show against the higher colors of sky and water. The wonderfully beautiful changes of dolphins and chameleons were not evolved to please the eye, but to protect their lives.

Precedent Adhered To. "Will you marry me?" The fair lady at the man's side drew away with a movement that seemed almost prudish. Her breath came and went in little explosive jerks. She tried to speak, but no sound came from her lips. She tried once more, and then, with sweet tremulousness, she gave her answer. "I will marry you if you get papa's consent," she said. "I never marry without that."—New York Times.

Nicely Settled. Lady—What will you charge me for the use of a horse and buggy for a few hours? Liveryman—It will cost you \$2 for the first hour and \$1 for each additional hour. Lady—Well, I'll use it for two additional hours. Liveryman—You're going to do and will not require it for the first hour.—New York Sun.

Topaz. The word topaz comes from the Greek verb signifying to guess. The jewel was brought from the east and was reported to have come from an island, and men then guessed at the location of the isle which produced such beautiful gems.

Candid. Edith—You must speak to papa first. Surely you don't expect him to make the advances, do you? Jack—Well, if he doesn't, I don't see how we are going to get married.—Boston Transcript.

Not Him Alone. "And you refuse me a loan?" "Oh, no, I don't refuse you alone. I refuse all panhandlers!"—Houston Post.

You find people ready enough to do the Samaritan—without the oil and twopenny.—Sydney Smith.

CHANGED ONE LETTER.

How a Serious Political Crisis in Canada Was Averted. At the period when British Columbia was threatening to withdraw from the Dominion of Canada because the Car-narvon settlement had been ignored by the Mackenzie administration the late Lord Dufferin took part in a public function in Quebec. While the procession was moving through the principal streets a gentleman, breathless with excitement, hurried up to his excellency's carriage to say a "rebel" arch had been placed across the road so as to identify the vicereoy with the approval of the disloyal inscription thereon. "Can you tell me what words there are on the arch?" quietly asked Dufferin. "Oh, yes!" replied his informant. "They are 'Carnarvon Terms or Separation.'" "Send the committee to me," commanded his excellency. "Now, gentlemen," said he, with a smile to the committee. "I'll go under your beautiful arch on one condition. I won't ask you to do much, and I beg but a trifling favor. I merely ask that you alter one letter in your motto. Turn the S into an R—make it 'Carnarvon Terms or Reparation'—and I will gladly pass under it." The committee yielded, and eventually Dufferin contrived to smoothe over the difficulties and to reconcile the malcontents.

SENSES OF TREES.

Something Almost Human in Some of the Plants' Actions. Mr. James Rodway, who is the curator of the British Guiana museum and an eminent botanist, declares that plants have at least three of our five senses—feeling, taste and smell—and that certain tropical trees smell water from a distance and will move straight toward it.

But trees not in the tropics can do as well. A resident of an old Scotch mansion, says a writer in the Scotsman, found the waste pipe from the house repeatedly choked. Lifting the slabs in the basement paving, he discovered that the pipe was completely encircled by poplar roots. They belonged to a tree that grew some thirty yards away on the opposite side of the house.

Thus the roots had moved steadily toward the house and had penetrated below the foundation and across the basement until they reached their goal, the waste pipe, 150 feet away. Then they had pierced a cement joining and had worked their way in idly, tapering lengths inside the pipe for a considerable distance beyond the house. There seems something almost human in such unerring instinct and perseverance in surmounting obstacles.

And Yet They Say Authors Are Poor. Authors may not now spurn the offer of money for their work, but they really do sometimes fall to cash checks, according to the cashier of the Century company. "I don't know what they do with the checks," he said in complaint to a friend the other day, "unless they frame them. Though acknowledgments have proved the receipt of the checks, I am always carrying on the books corresponding accounts that I can't close up for months, sometimes years. I remember especially one check issued to a famous actor and author. He died a number of years ago. The check was made out anew to the estate. Still it is uncashed. There is more than one author I'd bless if he-it is usually he—would only go and get his money."

Ready For the Worst. "A woman in a parish where I lived," said an English clergyman, "used each day to prepare herself for the worst. I was complimenting her one day on the extreme tidiness of the house even early in the morning. "Yes," she said; "I always like to have my bedrooms done neatly, for, as I allus see, you never knows what may appen, 'ov soon one of the children may be brought 'ome in a fit or with a broken leg, and, as I allus see, it don't matter what appens, so long as you've got a bedroom to put 'em into.'"—Cornhill Magazine.

Chivalry. "Do you know," said the particularly well groomed and elaborately vivacious lady in the full bloom of her second youth, "that I have the most wonderful gardener in the world—the tenderest hearted not only of gardeners, but of men? He has always made me a very special bouquet on my birthday and presented it to me in person. But ever since I was thirty—well, he's only given me a birthday bouquet every third year."—New York Post.

Heroes and Villains. Men are not made heroes by the performance of an act of heroism, but must be brave before they can perform it; so they were not made villains by the commission of a crime, but were villains before they committed it.—Ruskin.

Is This So, Ladies? "They say that a Martian year has over 900 days." "Possibly it is in Martian years that our ladies give their ages."—Boston Transcript.

Solved. Knicker—What would happen if an irresistible force met an immovable body? Bocker—The mule would kick itself.—New York Sun.

Intelligence is the mother of good luck.—Benjamin Franklin.

Deerfield News Items

Mrs. Bert Easton will entertain the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Orsborn's Sunday morning sermon to the children had for its text: "So Run That You May Obtain." The regular sermon on Life's Problems, was from the text "Son, Thy Sins Be Forgiven Thee." The Christian Endeavor Society meeting Sunday evening was led by Mr. Ernest Orsborn and the subject was: "The Pledge of the Christian Endeavor Society." The story hour for the children in the Community House, from four to five o'clock, is conducted alternately by Mesdames Jordan and Orsborn.

Miss Christine McMahan conducts the classes for the younger girls from seven to eight o'clock.

Miss Emilie Knaak has the Senior girls from eight to nine o'clock. Basketball and domestic science are taught at the same time. Miss Lela Glynn is instructing the younger boys on Tuesday and Saturday evenings from seven to eight o'clock, and Rev. Orsborn is giving the young men training in basket and volley ball from eight to nine o'clock. The men have the gymnasium from nine to ten o'clock. These classes are open to all regardless of church affiliations.

Mesdames Doran and Church of Wilmette, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Clay Jarvis.

Miss Elizabeth Reichelt was hostess to the C. I. V. Club at her home Tuesday evening.

The regular semi-monthly moving picture show will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Grammar School Friday evening. There will be none during the holiday week; the next one will be given Friday evening, January 7th.

The Christmas vacation of the Grammar School will begin Friday noon, December 24th, and school will reopen January 3rd.

Mr. Glen Larson of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. L. Pettis.

The Misses Eida Horenberger and Loretta Kress were the guests of Miss Emma Clavey of Glenview, Friday.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the United Evangelical Church held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Arno Frants Friday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Hoerner of the United Evangelical Church of Northfield spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. Freese.

Miss Mildred Whiting spent the week-end with her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Clark of Irving Park.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stryker spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Stryker of Chicago.

Mr. B. Hole of Canada is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. Hole.

The regular Christmas entertainment of the St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be held in the church Friday evening, December 24th.

The Sewing Club will meet at the home of Miss Mildred Whiting Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. August Malfeld announce the marriage of their daughter Alice, to Mr. Oral McConihie of Chicago which took place Sunday in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Haunschild and Miss Hermina Haunschild visited relatives in Chicago Sunday.

One of the interesting social functions of last week for the young people of Deerfield was the Christmas party given by the Merry Makers' Club of Libertyville in the Auditorium Tuesday evening. The party included the Misses Mildred Whiting, Eida Horenberger, Lela Glynn, Marie, Loretta and Ruth Kress, Mabel Segert, Christine McMahan, Messrs: James Waring, Robert Greenslade, Alex Willman, Albert Clapper, Harry Muhlke, Earl Kress, Elmer and Harry Clavey, Lester Stanger, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beecham.

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HOSPITAL NIGHT TONIGHT. Girls' Gymnasium. Deerfield-Shields High School. Every citizen who desires a beautiful, modern hospital for Highland Park, is urged to prove that interest by being present. Such eminent men as Dr. Henry B. Favill and Dr. Arthur Dean Bevin of Chicago and Mayor Hastings of our own city will address the assembly. The Hospital Commission desires that ALL of Highland Park may learn of its plans and purposes. Let us have a solid, unified and city-wide effort in this cause which should and must appeal to every thoughtful citizen. No requests for money or subscription will be asked for at this meeting. Your presence Thursday night will mean assistance and encouragement to those who have undertaken the active work of this great and charitable public improvement. "Everybody Lend a Hand"

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, has filed in the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, a certificate that the following improvement has been completed, and that it conforms substantially to the requirements of the original ordinance for the construction of the same, to-wit: For the construction of an eight (8) inch main sanitary sewer, together with manholes and house junctions to be constructed and laid in along and under Judson Avenue, beginning at a point in the center line of said line of Ava Street produced Easterly, thence Northerly on said center line, 260 feet, thence North 17 1/2 degrees East 82 feet to and connecting into a manhole in the present sewer in said lot 3, block 87. Highland Park Special Assessment of said Court Docket Number 222, and that application has been made to said Court to consider and determine whether or not the facts stated in said certificate are true. That a hearing will be had upon said application on Monday the 3rd day of January A. D. 1916, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House, at Waukegan, in said Lake County. Objections may be filed to said application on or before the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day. Samuel M. Hastings, Howard H. Hitchcock, Fritz Bahy, E. G. Huber, Ward W. Willis, Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, December 10th, 1915. 42-43

Notice of Proposal For Bids. Sealed bids will be received for the construction and installation of a water main including labor, material, appliances and appurtenances for a cast iron water main 6" internal diameter to be laid in Springfield Avenue from Hazel Avenue to Fair Oaks Avenue, and on the West Side of Sheridan Avenue from Hazel Avenue to Sommerset Avenue in the Village of Deerfield, Lake County, Illinois, by the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Deerfield, Lake County, Illinois, until the 20th day of DECEMBER, A. D. 1915, at the hour of eight o'clock p. m. at its office in the Village Hall in said Village of Deerfield, Illinois, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened. The estimate of the items by quantity constituting the said improvements are as follows: 1600 linear feet of 6" cast iron water pipe. 4 6" gate-valves. 4 valve boxes. 4 standard fire hydrants 6" inlet pipe, 6" auxiliary valves and valve-box. 1050 lbs. of lead. 50 lbs. of yarn. 2 cubic yards of crushed stone. Said improvement shall be constructed and made in accordance with the ordinances providing for the same and the maps, plans, profiles and specifications for the same on file in the office of the City Clerk of said Village. Proposals must be made on blanks furnished by said Board and in compliance with the instructions thereto attached, which can be had on application to the City Clerk, must be accompanied by cash or by a check payable to the order of the President of said Board of Local Improvements in his official capacity, for an amount not less than ten per cent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. The contractor shall be paid in cash and in bonds, said bonds to bear interest at five per cent (5%) per annum. No bids will be received unless the party offering it shall furnish evidence satisfactory to said Board of Local Improvements that he has the necessary facilities, ability and pecuniary resources to fulfill the conditions of the contract and execute the work should the contract be awarded to him. Bidders will examine the ordinance, maps, plans, profiles and specifications, and also the locality in which said work is to be done and judge for themselves of all the circumstances and surrounding conditions affecting the cost and nature of the work. The Board of Local Improvements reserves the right to reject any and all bids, as authorized by law. CHARLES W. PETTIS, Secretary of the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Deerfield, Illinois. Dated at Deerfield, Illinois, December 7th, A. D. 1915. 41-42

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