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The March of Civilization. "In the centre of one of the most spacious parks of Santiago, the capital of Chili."

The first exposition, in 1869, was attended by many Europeans and very few Americans.

Packages of wares weighing not more than two thousand pounds, nor of a measurement greater than twenty cubic feet, can be sent via the Pacific Mail and South American steamship lines to the exposition for one dollar in gold.

An extremely interesting archaeological discovery has lately been made near Ashill, in England, of three wells on the site of an ancient Roman camp at Ovington.

Although there were other teachers, I discovered that he lingered most frequently in my vicinity, and seemed more interested in my conversation than that of my companions.

Blind justice—a judge asleep.

BRATO

Erato! O sweetest of Muses, Sing not with such changeable mirth; Look down from above with your glance of love, And pity the sorrows of earth.

There are many upon whose pathway No love-light ever shone; With the doubts and fears of the weary years They struggle and suffer—alone.

All lonely they bear the anguish Of this bitter thing called life, Noting breast whereon to rest, They weep with the strife.

THE LOVE THAT IS GOLDEN. Not with the fret and worry of doubt; Not with uncertainty compassed about; With wooing and coaxing to-day, And thwarting and crossing to-morrow;

MY CHRISTMAS REVENGE. I do not think there is any need of my explaining how it happened, that I, who when born had expectations of quite a fair fortune, should have found myself, when womanhood came, obliged to earn my daily bread.

That revenge was nearer than I could possibly have dreamed; and unlike most revenges, no sorrow is entailed by the recollection. But of that anon.

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Miscellaneous Items.

The Bishop of Wurzburg once asked a sprightly little shepherd boy, "What are you doing here my lad?"

A letter from the Department of the Aube, in France, states that a Mme. Guinot, meeting with a large wolf, immediately assumed the offensive, and after driving the animal into a thicket with stones, pursued her advantage with a pitchfork, and very shortly after, coming to close quarters, slew her redoubtable enemy, and carried the body in triumph to the village of Villars-en-Azois.

Mary E. Tillotson thus addresses the people of North America: "This world has not yet produced her grandest specimens of the female form. Petticoats have perverted her, dragged upon her spinal anatomy, disarranged her vital organs, and made her truly a wretched remnant of a past glory.

A lady who had barely succeeded in not catching an out-going train at Massillon, Ohio, stood gazing at it with her arms full of packages and her eyes full of tears, when a gentleman arrived at the depot on a run, with his valise in hand, his coat on his arms, and his face streaming with perspiration.

Pause, rash youth, if you are in the habit of sweetening the postage stamps from your sweetheart's letter and pressing the under side of the stamp to your lips under the rapturous delusion that the honeyed labials gave it adhesion to the envelope—oh, pause, for Williams of the Norristown Herald detected at the Post Office the other morning his lady love's coachman applying the stamp to the last letter she sent him.

When Benjamin Franklin made his will he left to trustees in the cities of Boston and Philadelphia \$1,000 each, to be loaned in small sums to married mechanics of the respective cities, to assist them in starting in business, the interest to be compounded for 100 years, at the termination of which the aggregate was to be devoted to public improvements.

Pure soft water is the best of all blood-purifiers. It dissolves almost every impurity that may find its way into the blood, and passes it off through the skin, lungs and kidneys, thus washing out the blood without any irritation in passing through the system and without those chemical changes and deposits which are likely to arise from the action of drugs.

The new palace of the Sultan of Turkey, called Toheragan, which has been recently built in Constantinople, is said to be very beautiful. There is nothing like it, and nothing to rival it, in any capital of Europe.

But looking to the perfect execution of the minutest details, the wealth and profusion of ornamental work of the most delicate finish, in marble, in ivory, and marqueterie—spread over a vast suite of rooms and halls of imperial dimensions—the cost must have been enormous.

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The Watch and the Turkey.

As a certain learned judge in Mexico some time since, walking one morning into court, he thought he would see whether he was in time for business; and feeling for his repeater, he found it was not in his pocket.

"As usual," said he to a friend who was with him, as he passed through the crowd near the door; "as usual, I have left my watch at home under my pillow!"

He went on the bench and thought no more of it. The court adjourned, and he returned home. As soon as he was quietly seated in his parlor he bethought him of his watch, and turning to his wife he asked her to send for it to his chamber.

"But, my dear judge," said she, "I sent it to you three hours ago!"

"Sent it to me, my dear? Certainly not."

"Certainly," replied the lady; "and by the person you sent it for."

"The person I sent for it!" echoed the judge.

"Precisely, my dear; the very person you sent for it! You had not left home more than an hour, when a well dressed man knocked at the door and asked to see me. He brought one of the finest turkeys I ever saw; and said that on your way to court you met an Indian with a number of fowls, and having bought this one at quite a bargain, you had given him a couple of rails to bring it home, with the request that I would have it killed, picked, and put to cool, as you intended to invite your brother judges to dine with you to-morrow. And 'Oh! by the way, Senorita,' said he, 'his excellency the judge requested me to ask you to give yourself the trouble to go to your chamber and take his watch from under the pillow, where he says he left it as usual this morning, and send it to him by me.' And of course I did so."

"You did?" said the judge.

"Certainly," said the lady.

"Well," replied his honor, "all I can say to you, my dear, is, that you are as great a goose as the bird is a turkey. You've been robbed, madam. The man was a thief, I never sent for my watch. You've been imposed on, and the watch is lost forever!"

The trick was a cunning one; and after a laugh and the restoration of the judge's good humor by a good dinner, it was resolved actually to have the turkey for to-morrow's dinner, and to have his honor's brothers of the bench to enjoy so dear a morsel. Accordingly, after the adjournment of court next day, they all repaired to his dwelling with appetites sharpened by the expectation of a rare repast. Scarcely had they entered and exchanged the ordinary salutations, when the lady broke forth with congratulations to his honor upon the recovery of his stolen watch.

"How happy am I," exclaimed she, "that the villain was apprehended!"

"Apprehended!" said the judge with surprise.

"Yes, and doubtless convicted, too, by this time," said his wife.

"You are always talking riddles," replied he; "explain yourself, my dear. I know nothing of thief, watch, or conviction."

"It can't be possible that I have been again deceived," said the lady; "but this is the story: About one o'clock to-day, a pale, and rather interesting young gentleman, dressed in a seedy suit of black, came to the house in great haste—almost out of breath. He said he was just from court; that he was one of the clerks; that the great villain who had had the audacity to steal your honor's watch had been arrested; that the evidence was nearly perfect to convict him, and all that was required to complete it was the turkey, which must be brought into court, and for that he had been sent with a porter by your express orders."

"And you gave it to him?"

"Of course I did. Who would have doubted him or resisted the orders of a judge?"

"Watch—and turkey—both gone! Pray, madame, what are we to do for a dinner?"

But the lady had taken care of her guests, and the party enjoyed both the joke and their dinner.

To get a Light.

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To use it, remove the cork and allow the air to enter the vial and then re-cork. The empty space in the bottle will then become luminous, and the light obtained will be equal to that of a lamp. As soon as the lamp grows weak, its power can be increased by opening the vial and allowing a fresh supply of air to enter. In winter it is sometimes necessary to heat the vial between the hands to increase the fluidity of the oil. Thus prepared the vial may be used for six months. This prepared contrivance is now used by the watchmen of Paris in all magazines where explosive or inflammable materials are used.

THE FINANCIAL VALUE OF WOMEN.

The New York correspondent of the Boston Times credits a prominent municipal officer of the former city with having discovered a method of converting women into clean cash.

The discoverer, it is alleged, has been speculating in wives for some years past, and has come out of his speculations with a handsome fortune. His first speculation was with his first wife some years ago. The physician having pronounced her to be in consumption and informed him she could not live through the winter, he went to an insurance office and took out a policy of \$10,000 on her life. No examination was made, the company taking his word for it that she was in robust health. He then carried the policy to a second office and on the strength of it got another \$10,000, and thus kept on repeating the operation until his policies reached the sum of \$100,000. His wife died the following February, and rather than incur the displeasure of a man of his power and influence, the companies paid the amount without any protest. He then set about him for another speculation, and finding a wealthy woman many years his junior he laid siege to her and married her. Her relatives, before the marriage, had demanded that he should settle certain property upon her, which he did, taking the precaution, however, to mortgage it for nearly all it was worth. When the trick was discovered she left him, but meanwhile he had made \$100,000 out of her. His third speculation in wives netted him \$250,000, so that out of the three wives he has cleared \$450,000, and even now he is not satisfied. In the light of such developments as these woman becomes more precious than ever. In addition to her social value her financial value becomes greatly enhanced. She is a perfect treasure.

Chicago Tribune.

WEDDINGS.

As the semi-annual bridal season is at hand, it is the time to plead for a reform in weddings. Every year this sacredst of all occasions is turned more and more into a mere opportunity for display, and for replying to some fancied social obligation.

Instead of the time when a few of the closest friends gathered to witness the solemnest compact human beings can frame, it is chosen at the moment for bringing together the larger part of a family's social circle, to show the bride in her bridal garments; to prove how many flowers and refreshments the family can afford; and, with shame be it said, to exhibit to criticism and light comment the precious tokens that should have come with tender regard to the maid on the eve of her new life.

A wedding must not be uncheerful; but it must certainly be solemn to all who realize what it is. On the one side it is renouncing old ties, promising to begin with faith, and hope, and love a new and wholly untried existence. On the other, it is the acceptance of a sacred trust, the covenant to order life anew in such ways as shall make the happiness of two instead of one. Can such an occasion be fitting for revelry? Is it not wiser, more delicate, to bid only the nearest of friends to the marriage ceremony, and leave the feasting and frolic for a subsequent time? We are sure there are few girls who, if they reflect on the seriousness of the step they are about to take, will not choose to make their vow merely within the loving limits of their home circle. All our best instincts point to the absolute simplicity and privacy of wedding services; only a perversion of delicacy could contemplate the asking of crowds of half sympathetic or wholly curious people to attend the fulfillment of a most solemn of contracts. Let there be as much party-making, rejoicing and pleasure-taking afterwards as hearts desire; but let the solemn vows be made in the presence only of those nearest and dearest.

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