

UP A POLE.

A Line Painter's Story.

"One of my companions had a queer experience once," continued Dick, "and he was the laughing stock of the whole party for a year. We were running a line of wire through Elmira, and were on one of the principal streets. Jim, as we called the fellow, shied up a high pole and began fastening a wire to an insulator. The cross-bar was just in front of a fourth story window, and Jim was not more than forty-eight inches from the building. A boy on the street yelled: 'The pole is fallin,' and Jim plunged through the open window. When he alighted inside he found he was in a nice, cosy little bedroom with little boxes of rouge, and numerous bottles of perfumery round about on the stands and shelves. Jim hadn't the slightest idea what to do. He dare not attempt to climb back on the pole, and he could hear voices in the next room. We waited below for him, thinking he was coming down the inside stairway while he was trembling inside for fear the regular occupant of the room might enter. Finally, he tied a paper to a thread and let it down. It read: 'What the d—l shall I do? I'm cooped up here in some infernal old maid's bedroom.' We let him stay up there half an hour longer, and then went up and made matters right with the tenants."

Persian Imitations of Antiques.

The art of manufacturing "Bramagem" goods appears to be rapidly extending all over the globe. Japan and China, not to speak of France and America, have long since taken up the trade, but among the most recent to enter the field are the subject of the King of Kings, as he likes to be styled, the Shah of Persia. An American Consul in that country gives an interesting account of how the modern Persians profit by the present craze or mania for antiques among the British and American. He says:—

What has been lost by Persia in the pearl fishery she seems likely to make up in part by the new industry of manufacturing imitations of ancient Persian armor and coins to meet the extensive demands of European collectors. But the museums of Europe long since absorbed most of the best specimens of the most interesting of the industrial arts of the East. Specimens still exist but are not easily obtained and only at a high price, and by those able to ferret out the old families. If there are no armies now to be clad with carved and inlaid helmets, breast plates, and buckles, there is an army of collectors, artists, and virtuosi, studios or banqueting halls, and the artists of Persia have taken up the business of manufacturing old arms which may be purchased for reasonable prices. Sometimes these pseudo-antiques are sold with little attempt to conceal the fact that they are new, while in many cases much cunning has been exercised in giving them the appearance of antiquity. Only an expert could detect the difference between some of these imitations and the genuine antique.

The Jews of Hamadan also carry on an extensive manufacture of spurious antique coins. That city, the ancient Ecbatana, abounds above any other city in Persia, probably, in antiques, and the soil seems to be full of gold and silver ornaments, coins, and the like. Although pretty well dug over of late years, yet the supply does not appear to be exhausted. Fine examples of the coins of Alexander the Great and the Sassanids are common, but the greed with which they have been snatched up by travellers has led the Jews of that city to consider it easier to counterfeit them than to dig for them. A steady supply of spurious coins is therefore constantly furnished the market from this source. Even gold antiques are thus imitated, having a coating of real gold, and cleverly simulating all the appearance of age.

Living on Human Flesh.

A Winnipeg special to the Chicago Tribune says: W. B. McBride, of Chicago, who has arrived here from a trip to the Rocky Mountains, brings word that a man named William Owens, a California miner, was found by some railway navvies near Kicking Horse river a few days ago in a famished and partially demented condition. Owens said he started June 13, with Joseph Williamson, from Kamloops on a prospecting trip, expecting to strike the Columbus River, but their supply of provisions gave out before reaching there. They travelled for six days and a half without food, when Williamson laid down and died. Owens then cut strips of flesh from his dead companion's legs, which he ate sparingly, and proceeded on his tramp. He had been living six days on human flesh when found and still had a quantity of the dried flesh in an old handkerchief. He was very weak and emaciated, and told his story with difficulty. He repeated the horrible details on several occasions and all who heard him are convinced that the story is true. He had a large roll of bills with him. The police have taken the matter in hand and will investigate it.

The Cherubs.

A friend sends the following: "Last Christmas eve Mrs. J.—went up stairs to see if the children had hung up their stockings for Santa Claus, and found that little Fred had pinned up his in a prominent place, with a slip of paper attached, containing this suggestive sentence, 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.'"

"Pa, why do you not need torchlight processions during the campaign when we have drum corps?" asked the 8 year old. "Give it up my son." Because the drums are tortures enough." Whack! Whack! Whack! I fell the slipper.

An eminent astronomer says "it would take ten years to photograph the heavens. My! Pretty near as long as it would to photograph the baby."

"Well, my young gentlemen and how would you like to get your hair cut?" "Oh, like papa's, please—with a little round hole at the top."

"Sweep it, mamma," said a bright little dot of a girl as she brought a piece of bread and butter to her mother which she had dropped on the floor butter side down.

Philosophy and Happiness.

Care and trouble are largely imaginative. We have only to consider to know that much that we call trouble is unreal. We forecast evils that do not come. Hence, if we will so control and direct our imagination that, instead of forecasting trouble, it will regard the bright side, much of our care and perplexity will be avoided. And why is not this as easy as the other?"

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Wounds given to honor never heal.

Never accuse others to excuse yourself.

He that sips of many arts, drinks of none.

Every great passion is but a prolonged hope.

He who lives but for himself lives but for a little thing.

Our acts make or mar us; we are the children of our own deeds.

Human government is imperfect because human nature is.

Fiction pleases the more in proportion as it resembles truth.

Innocence is like polished armour, it adorns and defends.

Who so keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from trouble.

To succeed one must sometimes be very bold, and sometimes very prudent.

Sincerity is the way to heaven. To think how to be sincere is the way of man.

There is no knife that cuts so sharply and with such poisoned blade as treachery.

As to trouble, who expects to find cherries without stones, or roses without thorns?

Vanity pleases persons in favor with themselves who are not of favor with all others.

Religion is not a thing of noise and spasm, but of silent self-sacrifice and quiet growth.

Live on what you have; live if you can on less; do not borrow, for vanity will end in shame.

If you had the abilities of all the great men past and present, you could do nothing well, with out sincerely meaning it, and setting about it.

Many persons fancy themselves friendly when they are only officious. They counsel not so much that they should become wise, as that they should be recognized as teachers of wisdom.

Verily, verily, travellers have seen many idols in many countries; but no human eyes have ever seen more daring gross, and shocking images of the Divine nature than we creatures of the dust make in our own likenesses of our own bad passions.

Christianity means to the merchant that he should be honest; to the judge it means that he should be just; to the servant, that he should be faithful; to the schoolboy that he should be diligent; to the street-sweeper, that he should sweep clean; to every worker that his work shall be well done:

There is a "divine discontent" which lies at the root of all improvement, and without which we should stagnate. The indolence which craves nothing but quiet, the stupidity which sees nothing to hope or work for, and the vanity which is self-satisfied through its ignorance of better things are all foes to happiness and clogs upon progress.

An Old Enemy.

Macpherson, an eminent cholera historian, says that the cholera is one of the most ancient diseases of which distinct descriptions exist, and there are few diseases respecting which such an interrupted chain of evidence has been preserved.

Sporadic or spasmodic cholera prevailed in the time of Hippocrates (B. C. 460), of which he gives a description, showing all the characteristics of the disease at the same time.

Avicenna, of Suarita, in Sanscrit, describes a fatal disease called visuchika, embracing all of the striking symptoms of the cholera of the present day.

In A. D. 7, Celsus gives a full account of the disease at that time, as, also, Galen in A. D. 381; Alexander, of Tralles, 460; Paulus Aegureta, 760; Rhazes, of Bagdad, 900; Arisenna, in 1000, and we find a history of its prevalence down to the present date.

The birthplace of cholera is admitted by all cholera historians to be in the delta of the Ganges, spreading thence over the globe through the medium of the religious and commercial gatherings.

An Indian Fable.

An owl, puffed up with pride and vanity, was repeating his doleful cries at midnight, from the hollow of an old oak. "How is it," he said, "that silence prevails in these woods, unless it be to allow my melodious voice to be heard with effect? Surely the groves are charmed with my voice, and when I sing all nature listens." An echo repeated the words, "All nature listens." "The nightingale has usurped my rights," continued the owl; "his note is sweet, it is true, but mine is much more melodious." "Much more melodious," repeated the echo. Excited by the approval, the owl, at the rising of the sun, instead of going to sleep as usual, continued to join his horrible hooting with the matin songs of other birds. But they were disgusted by the sounds, and with one consent attacked the owl and drove him from their society, harassing him wherever he appeared, so that to escape from them he was glad to avoid the light and return to obscurity. Vain people fancy that their imaginary perfections are the cause of admiration in others, and mistake their self-flattery for the voice of fame.

Directions for Intelligent Lying.

1. Never tell an unnecessary lie.

2. Never tell a lie at all unless required by honor or the exigencies of society.

3. When you tell one, remember it and stick to it.

4. Tell it with perfect politeness and an air of conviction.

5. If your statement is questioned, say, as to those parts of it which are true, that you may be mistaken (you can prove them); pledge your word to the rest if it is a question of honor.

She Needed Rest.

Fair Patient—"Have you any idea what is the matter with me, doctor?"

"Doctor—"Why, I can diagnose your case, miss, with my eyes shut. There is nothing the matter with you except that you need rest."

Fair Patient—"Why, I have just come back from a whole month at the most popular health resorts."

Doctor—"Yes, as I said, you need rest."

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Treatment of Criminals.

A somewhat remarkable account appears in the Paris Temps on the way in which persons convicted of murder are treated in some of the European states where capital punishment is either abolished or never enforced. In Belgium it appears that many murderers who are confined under life sentences, may be seen "going about unshackled or working at some easy occupation, like toy making, in cells that have been made to look homelike with pictures and other little things which the convict has bought out of his earnings. This is one way of punishing murderers, because the king is too tender-hearted to allow a capital sentence to take effect. The other side of the picture is shown in Italy, where conscientious scruples also prevent the executioner from doing his duty." Passamante, who tried to murder King Humbert in 1878, is confined to the Island of Elba. He is secured to the wall of an almost dark cell by a chain five feet in length, which is riveted to an iron ring around his ankle, and which does not allow him to take more than one step in any direction. His keepers are forbidden to speak to him or answer his questions. He has become imbecile. The most sensational French novelist never invented anything worse than this of the Bastille in its palmy days.

A Good Meal.

Charles Dickens used to say that he judged the quality of house-keeping by the condition of the castors on the table. If the mustard was freshly made, the vinegar cruet stainless, the silver brilliant, and the pepper-boxes perpendicular, he expected a good, clean, well-served meal, "with behaviour to match." If, on the contrary, the castors were unclean, and out of order, he knew what he had to expect, and was seldom disappointed. It is, in truth, simple things that denote quality. The test of a good cook is not the cake she can make, nor the mysterious sausage she can concoct, nor the rich pudding she can produce. A good cook is known by her boiled potatoes, her mutton chop, her roasted joint. Such plain things require personal care and judgment, and are the basis of "a good meal."

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