

NOTES AND QUERIES

In last week's COURIER it was intimated that "The Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc" now appearing in *Harper's Monthly* was written by Mark Twain. On what authority was such a statement made? A. R. I.

"Mark Twain's" humor is peculiar, unique. No other writer has the way of making his characters make fun of themselves. They make faces and contort their mental bodies into grotesque shapes. They are in literature what gargoyles, and such like exaggerations of the human and animal form are in architecture. We could get along without them, but they are interesting survivals of the Gothic. That is why I respect Mark Twain. He is an interesting Gothic survival. That is a great compliment to him and he does not deserve it. He lacks the intensity that the Gothic had even in its gambols. It had a never-deviating purpose. It was never trivial. Mark Twain is nearly always purposeless and insincere. Prad-din-head Wilson's calendar has the shrewdness and crystalized world knowledge of the book of Proverbs. I know of nothing else like it. It may live when its author is forgotten. It is from internal evidence alone that the author of the statement in last week's COURIER decided that Mark Twain is the author of "The Personal Recollections." The style is his, the two buffoons are his, the lack of conscientious study of historical detail is his. Yet on the other hand there may be another who possesses these characteristics and the critic be mistaken.

When one enters an audience room of any kind and is obliged to reach an inner seat by passing other people is it correct to face the audience or the stage? J. A. M.

It is correct to face those who must rise to let you pass. It is unfortunate if you have an inside seat not to be early enough to get to it either from one aisle or another without disturbing anyone. If you are late so that the occupants of the seats nearer the aisle are forced to rise the least you can do is to face them as you pass. This rule is frequently disregarded because people do not like to face an audience. Shyness is no excuse for turning your back on the people circumstances oblige you to show.

When a lady meets me on the street whom I do not know and bows to me should I return the bow? John La Farge.

By all means. The lady thinks she knows you or she would not bow. She may be right and you may be wrong. In any case it is priggish not to return the bow. If she have made a mistake she will probably discover it and be sufficiently mortified without you ignoring her.

When a gentleman is introduced to a lady is it customary to shake hands with her? Barney Olmsted.

Handshaking is going out of style. In some places it has departed entirely from the body called society. In New York city, for instance, nobody excepting politicians and ministers shake hands. Of course members of the same family, friends and lovers will continue to shake hands and to hold hands till the years of eternity roll.

Burlington's Personally Conducted Excursions to Utah and California.—A Pullman tourist sleeping car will leave Lincoln every Thursday at 12:15 p. m. for Denver, Salt Lake, Ogden, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Only \$5 for a double berth Lincoln to Los Angeles in one of these cars. Remember there is no change of cars. For full information and tickets apply at Burlington & Missouri depot or city ticket office, corner Tenth and O streets.

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THE WHEEL

Through the efforts of the Capital City Cycling club Lincoln lovers of bicycle races will have a treat in the shape of a National meet, to be held here October 14th. The question has been agitating the club for some time, for it is quite an undertaking, and means that the boys will have to do a great deal of individual "hustling" to get up a good prize list and carry the meet through to final success.

Secretary Yule has already been advised that some twenty riders of national reputation will be here to compete in the events, including such men as Zeigler, Bliss, Cooper, Titus, Cabanne, Rigby and our own Barnett, otherwise known as the "Nebraska Cyclone."

A prize list aggregating about \$1,000 in value, including diamonds, high grade wheels, etc., is being arranged for, and rates have been secured on the railroads for that day.

There is to be five class B and two class A events. The former will of course excite the most interest, engaging, as it does, some of the fastest riders in the country.

The track at Lincoln Park, where the races are to be held, will be put in good shape by that time, and as it is one of the fastest tracks in the west there will be some new western records established beyond a doubt.

It is to be hoped that the people of Lincoln will encourage the local wheel men in making this meet a success both by their presence at the meeting and otherwise.

Mlle. Marie Marconot.

Perhaps the most important and artistic acquisition lately made to Lincoln, and one in which the ladies of this city and state have an especial interest is Mlle. Marie Marconot, the art dress-maker from Paris, who is to be found at the beautiful dry goods store just opened by Mr. Sharp at Winger's old stand on O street, known as the New York store. Mlle. Marconot has almost a national reputation, and the ladies will find in her a most useful person. The New York store, by the way, is a place you ought to visit, and right away. The goods exhibited there are finer than anything to be seen in Omaha and there is nothing better to be seen in Chicago. Mr. Sharp is an old dry goods man and has the reputation of conducting only a first class store. He came from Louisville, Ky., where his store was the finest in the city.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of two executions issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, one in an action wherein National Life Insurance company is plaintiff and Theodore Kaar is defendant, and one in an action wherein Western Glass & Paint company is plaintiff and Theodore Karr and Mrs. Sarah Karr are defendants I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1895, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate to wit:

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