

WON ENDURING FAME.

ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR A FASCINATING FIGURE OF HISTORY.

Poetry, Genius and Love Invested Her—Everything in Her Life and Her Memory Has Contributed to Her Glorification.



ADRIENNE Lecouvreur holds a shining place among those kings and queens of the theatrical world whose names have been fondly handed down to the admiration of posterity...

As an actress Adrienne Lecouvreur has won and to all appearance has deserved enduring fame. The daughter of a poor hatter, who had left his native town to open shop in Paris...

From that time on her life was a series of ovations and triumphs. She was the idol of an enthusiastic public, which ran to applaud her in comedy and tragedy parts...

Her fame, however, does not rest solely on her theatrical achievements. Although not beautiful, in the strictest sense of the word—for her features were somewhat irregular...

Naturally, her admirers were many and she was passionately loved by such men as Voltaire and Maurice de Saxe, the hero of Fontenoy—the natural son of Augustus, king of Poland...

She died on the 10th of March, 1730—a few months before Nance Oldfield—in the arms of her friend, Voltaire. It was reported at the time that she had been poisoned by a bouquet which the duchess de Bouillon had sent her at the end of a performance...

Adrienne's death was followed by a painful incident. An intolerant priest refused to allow her burial in consecrated ground and her corpse was therefore carried in a hackney coach in the dead of the night to the corner of the Rue de Bourgogne, then a marsh, and there buried...

MINORCA IN THE LAST CENTURY

A Pleasant Island Inhabited by Ignorant People. Minorca was a pleasant island, inhabited by an unpleasant people, says Temple Bar. The countryside was covered thick with olive trees...

FAMOUS FIDDLES.

Two of Them Were Left to the City of Genoa.

The beauty and sweetness of Sarasate's tone are often commended on by people who never think of the tone being in any way due to the fineness of his instrument, says the Cornhill Magazine. As a matter of fact, Sarasate has two Strads. One is the renowned 'Boissier' Strad, which he managed to secure in Paris for 1,000 pounds an hour or two before Hill of London sent an offer for it...

A woman who aspires to be a popular hostess should never commit the error of asking people to her house in sets. 'I am going to give two dinners next week,' said Mrs. Parvenu. At the first I shall ask all the frumps, but at the next will be only the people one knows well...

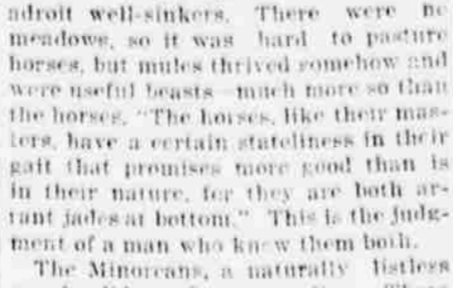
INVENTIONS WANTED.

- A perfect and cheap insulator for electric wires.
In a nailless horseshoe that will not contract the hoof.
In a hand seed planter, adjustable for all kinds of seeds.
In a street car fender of such merit as to induce general adoption.
A device for opening and lighting street lamps from the ground.
A safety mailing envelope that costs no more than the ordinary one.
In a snow-melting device for clearing sidewalks and street-car tracks.
A cheap hat holder to prevent hats, both male and female from blowing off.
An artificial building or paving block equal to and cheaper than dressed stone.
An effective fog signal to prevent ships from running aground or coming in collision.
An effective tire tightener, to be operated without removing the tire from the wheel.
A collar fastener in place of the collar button that will allow of different sized collars being worn.
In a perfect device for sharpening calks of horseshoes without removing the shoe from the hoof.
In a cheap thermal fire alarm to be placed in dwellings, that will unerringly give an alarm at any abnormal increase of heat.
A device for cooling the atmosphere of railway cars by fans operated by wind-wheel extending through the roof of the car.
In a coal wagon that will deliver the coal from the side of the wagon, and thus avoid blocking of narrow streets while unloading.
In an adjustable rack or device for displaying different classes of goods in show windows. Window dressing is now a recognized profession, and there are lots of show racks, but none seem to quite fill the bill for all purposes.

WORLD DRINKS LESS.

OUR ANCESTORS WERE MORE INTEMPERATE THAN WE.

Great quantities of Gin Consumed—There Were So Many Drunkards in Other Days That Food Prices Were Low.



INTEMPERANCE is popularly supposed to be a growing evil, if not one peculiar to our own times, yet the fact is that our ancestors a century and a half ago drank three times as much beer and eight times as much spirits as we do today, says the New York Journal. Judging by the drink figures of the middle of the last century this is decidedly a temperate age...

CURIOUS RANSOM.

When in 1810 the only son of a well-to-do Yorkshire farmer was carried off by a band of highwaymen nothing less than a promise on the part of the distracted father to hand over to the highwaymen a particular horse would induce them to give up the lad. The horse in question was a wonderful hunter and previous to coming into the possession of the farmer had been used in the Mounted Dragoons to pursue these robbers whilst engaged in their nefarious calling...

SITS UP IN HER COFFIN.

Clara Heppenstall Gives Her Mourning Friends a Terrible Shock. While the friends of Clara Heppenstall were gathered in her home at Freehold, N. J., Saturday night talking of her life and her death on the day before, they were startled by a shriek coming from the room where the body had been laid out...

WHEELING WIT AND WISDOM.

Coast defenses—brakes. Look out for your digestive organs, which means ride as much as you can within reason. When a man's stomach goes, he is very likely to follow it.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

The truest end of life is to know that life never ends. A good character is in all cases the fruit of personal exertion. Going good is the only certainly happy action of a man's life.

GEMS OF KNOWLEDGE.

A barrel of rice weighs 600 pounds. First Atlantic cable operated, 1858. The first steel pen was made in 1830. Slow rivers flow seven miles an hour. Light moves 187,000 miles per second. The first lucifer match was made in 1829. A storm moves thirty-six miles per hour. First musical notes used, 1338; printed, 1502. Battles of Bunker Hill and Lexington, 1775. National banks first established in United States, 1816. Experiments have shown that soft wood under pressure becomes considerably harder than hard wood under pressure.

THE LONDON SEWERHUNTER.

He Finds Diamonds and Money at Very Rare Intervals.

Before commencing operations each man in a gang provides himself with a bull's-eye lantern, a canvas apron and a pole some seven or eight feet in length, having an iron attachment at one end, somewhat in the shape of a hook, says Drapton's Weekly. For greater convenience the lantern is invariably fixed to the right shoulder, so that when walking the light is thrown ahead, and when stopping its rays shine directly to their feet. Thus, uncontrolled, they walk slowly along through the mud, feeling with their naked feet for anything unusual, at the same time raking the accumulation from the walls and picking from the crevices any article they see. Nothing is allowed to escape them, no matter what its worth, provided it is not absolutely valueless. Old iron, pieces of rope, bones, current coin of the realm and articles of plate and jewelry—all is good fish which comes to the hunter's net. With 'fins' in the way of coins, of course, the 'humble penny' predominates. Sixpences and shillings, however, often increase the value of their collection and at rare intervals—too rare to please the hunter—half-sovereigns are discovered. Like the flies in amber, the mystery is how they got there.

FACE ON HER LEG.

A Little Mexican Girl Who is a Freak of the Freaks.

The most remarkable human monstrosity that ever saw the light of day upon the American continent is little Estanislao Arichi, a 7-year-old Mexican girl, who resides with her foster parents near the little village of Morelia, in the state of Aguascalientes. The first that was known of the existence of this rarest of all human beings was when a Mexican paper made the following brief statement: 'Within the past few days there has been brought from Chaco to Morelia a little girl who has a second face on the right hip, between the hip joint and the knee. If you compress the cheeks of this queerly situated face it opens its eyes. The face has a mouth containing three pearly teeth, but the nose is entirely wanting.' Six months after the publication of the above a physician of Morelia succeeded in gathering the following facts relative to this queer case: When she had been in the world about two years an inflammation of the whole region of the right thigh set in, which finally developed into an enormous tumorous cyst. Then, by degrees, there appeared an eye, an eyebrow, one nostril of the nose, curly lashes, and, finally, the other brow. Next appeared one row of four teeth, and then the 'bangs' began to grow rapidly and fringe the forehead. Taken all in all, it is one of the most singular freaks in the human family that have been reported during this century.

Began Alike, but Ended Differently.

The tragedy of the sea that has just occurred between Singapore and the Caroline seems to surpass in horror the famous butchery of the 'Flowery Land.' The Maria II. had an English captain and a Chinese crew, and the crew mutinied under the leadership of the boatswain. They murdered the captain, the mate and a negro passenger, tied the bodies of the two officers to an anchor and threw it overboard, and then made prisoners of the captain's wife and child. Next they fought among themselves, like the mutineers of the Bounty, and three more were sent after the captain and the mate. The survivors steamed a course to find a new Pileus. But they were overhauled by a Spanish cruiser on the way and taken to Manila, where they now lie in jail. What would have happened but for that Spanish cruiser? The Bounty men went at it with drink and the knife, until these and other misadventures thinned their numbers down to one. He turned pious and founded the most perfect Christian community on all the broad earth. To this day it flourishes in primitive purity of faith, morals and manners, on a speck of rock, and few crews that pass that way can resist the temptation to land and say their prayers.—London Daily News.

What She Wanted.

'I want proposals.' The new woman with the old face paused, glancing in surprise at the startled countenances of the men about her.

Woman's Champion.

An Idaho editor being asked if he had ever seen a bald-headed woman, replied: 'No, we never did. Nor have we ever seen a woman, walking around town in her shirt sleeves, with a cigar between her teeth. We have never seen a woman go a-fishing with a bottle in her hip pocket, sit on the damp ground all day, and then go home drunk at night. Nor have we ever seen a woman yank off her coat and swear she could lick any man in town. God bless her! She ain't built that way.'—Ex.

Never Got It Back.

Cholly Chumpleigh—I never lost my head but once. Miss Coldeal—Well, you have the satisfaction of knowing you can never lose it again.—New York World.