

LED TO NAPOLEON'S DOWNFALL.

Wounded Valiantly at the Bottom of Disastrous Russian Campaign.

By the peace of Tilsit, Napoleon... the czar in a tent on a raft moored in the middle of the River Memel...

No sooner had he compelled the czar to hand him over Europe than he conceived the idea of marrying Alexander's sister...

HERE'S REAL SAFETY ENVELOPE.

Ingenious Device for Double Locking a Letter.

A new envelope made in Paris is proof against the thief or the meddler who opens a letter to extract or to read its contents...

The new envelope is really two envelopes. Each is of thin paper, one a pronounced blue, the other lighter in color and different in texture.

The letter is first placed in the blue envelope, which is slightly smaller than the other. Instead of sealing this it is placed in the outer envelope and the inner flap brought outside and gummed down on to the larger envelope.

The outer flap is still unsealed. It is much larger than the inner flap and reaches down to a good sized star-shaped opening which shows through to the inner envelope...

Act Singly.

Fear never but you shall be consistent in whatever variety of actions, so they each be honest and natural in their hour...

Beginnings of Gift.

Frequently one has to deal with chiefs, in fact in every village the traveler will probably be welcomed by the chief...

An interchange of presents is usual on these occasions and is an almost universal custom. Etiquette requires the chief to give a present in return...

In Memory of Old Hickory.

If the spirit of "Old Hickory" should decide to journey to the spot near which he entered the earthly house of this tabernacle in 1767...

Irish League Honors President.

T. B. O'Connor was presented with his portrait in oils at Leeds by the Irish League of Great Britain...

Rich Indeed.

"Despite all your wealth," said the cynic, "your very name will be generally forgotten 20 years after your death."

WANTED COMPANY IN MISERY.

Stranger Asked for Directions at Unfortunate Moment.

"I beg your pardon," said the stranger on the bicycle, riding slowly up to the sidewalk and steadying himself by putting his foot on the curb...

The man whom he addressed was standing in front of a store, trying to rub a grain of sand out of his eye with one hand and holding his hat on with the other...

"Go to the next block," he said, "and turn to the right. Four doors down you will find a restaurant."

The stranger thanked him and rode on. About an hour later they accidentally met again.

"My friend," he said, "I followed your directions. I went to the restaurant you directed me to, and I got the worst meal I ever had in my life."

"I thought you would," answered the other. "If you had waited till I got that grain of sand out of my eye I should have sent you to a good restaurant, but you didn't. I just had to divide my misery with somebody, and you happened to be handy."

TOMMY AS GOOD AS A CHART.

Nurse Had No Trouble Remembering Time for His Medicine.

A Boston physician tells a story of a youngster of his own that an over-strenuous vacation had put on the sick list. The father had an appropriate prescription filled, and left the bottle with the child's mother...

"Good gracious, Mary," he exclaimed; "surely you haven't failed to give Tom his medicine?"

"Oh, no. I did not miss a single time," his wife assured him.

"How in the world did you remember it without the chart?" he asked.

"That was easy. I just told Tom this morning at what hours he was to have it, and half an hour before each time he would begin hallooing that he wouldn't take it."

Devil-Tempted Young Men.

There is no one so devil-tempted today as the young custodian of the cash drawer. He is tempted because he assumes he is not paid enough; tempted because he cannot indulge himself as some who are better paid; tempted because he is vain of a good appearance; tempted because he wants to shine socially...

Turks as Beggars.

Beggars are never suppressed in Turkey. An American lady by mistake gave a beggar of Constantinople a gold piece. The man had left his post when she returned, but one of his colleagues told her where he "resided."

Looking Into the Future.

A minister of a church in Edinburgh, Scotland, recently surprised the congregation at a Sunday evening service by handing in his resignation. He was only 60 years old and was in good health and vigor.

Rule of Character.

Our own problem looks exceptional to us, but it is not. The next man we meet has an equally hard sum on his slate and is working it out or giving it up, quite in our own fashion.

The Only Way.

Towne—Of course the scheme is a good one, but do you think your wife will approve of it?

Brown—Yes, if by careful hinting I can get her to formulate it herself and make her believe it's her own.

Proof of Wealth.

"Has your friend much of a fortune?"

"I should say so! He has nine children, and can afford to write poetry as well."

DEVOTION THAT WAS SUBLIME.

Great Cook True to His Art to the Very End.

Escoffier, the great French cook, said at a dinner in New York that a good cook had the spirit of cookery born in him.

"It is born in him," said M. Escoffier, "and in him it never dies. His first lipped baby word is of food; and a sauce or a naviarin is the subject of his last dying breath."

"Did you ever hear of poor Gaston Laurent, the distinguished cook of Pallard's?"

"Gaston went on a voyage to the South Seas in '95; his ship was wrecked, and he and his party were captured by cannibals."

"Being plump, Gaston, alas, was the first of the ill-fated party to be assigned to the great iron casserole."

"And the survivors say that nothing could have been more touching and more sublime than Gaston's last cry from the great pot, as the water began to smoke and bubble and he began to cook—Gaston's last calm cry of a great artist:

"Come, come! It is already past the time for the pepper and salt!"

TALISMANS POPULAR IN MALTA.

Odd Shaped Stones to Ward Off Effects of Snake Poison.

There are still to be found in Malta a number of small stones shaped and colored like the eyes, tongues and other parts of serpents.

The superstitious among the Maltese connect these with the tradition that St. Paul when shipwrecked was cast on their island, and that it was there that while lighting a bundle of sticks for a fire a viper fastened on the apostle's hand. St. Paul calmly shook the reptile off into the flames and no harm followed.

They are found in St. Paul's cave, imbedded in clay, and are set in rings and bracelets, and when found to be in the shape of a tongue or liver or heart are hung around the neck. They are also taken internally, dissolved in wine, which method is attended, according to some people, by more immediate results.

Quaint Fijian Plant.

There is nothing under the sun quite so quaint, so weird and witchlike as the pandanus prairies of Fiji. The pandanus, or screw plant, as it is called, is a most grotesque specimen of the vegetable kingdom even at the best and in the early stages of its growth.

A One-Sided View.

"A member of the Georgia legislature," he remarked, "introduced a bill which provides that any man who is lured into marrying a woman who has by artificial means enhanced her beauty may, if he wishes, have the marriage declared null and void. That is to say, if the bridegroom discovers that the bride is compelled when she goes to bed to hang any of her supposed charms upon a chair he may consider himself free to wed again."

His Vacation Method.

Miss Lillian B. Hill, the writer of humorous advertisements, told a number of Duluth jewelers, at a recent jewelers' banquet, a good way to get off for a vacation without being missed from business.

"During the last Easter holidays," she said, "I met a jeweler at a seaside hotel."

"Why, I thought you were such a busy man," I said. "How do you manage your affairs here at the shore?"

"O," said he, "I am just keeping my advertisements out of the papers until my return, and so, you see, there are no affairs to manage."

Fresh Air.

I hold to the maxim "Die and let die." If any one chooses the fresh air method of departing this life by all means let him take it, but let him respect the right of other people to choose their own method for themselves.

Cough Up.

"The race for an office is like a street car."

Grand look, Equalizer

POLAND CHINA HOG SALE

15 Boars All of spring farrow. Now is the time to buy your Poland China Boar. 15 Sows Add some good sows to your heard now.

At Studebaker's Transfer Barn, Red Cloud, Neb., AT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, SATURDAY, DEC. 12, 1908

This offering is of the well known General Utility type, the farmers' kind, and sired by the well known show and breeding boars, Expansion 26293, Equalizer 43223, Grand Look 38305, the sensation sweepstakes boar of the west, Grand Wonder 118217, and others of the same type.

YOU KNOW THE KIND The blood that is winning in all the big fairs of the west... F. W. Barber & Son, Franklin, Nebr. H. C. Dawson's Sons, Endicott, Neb. COL. JOHN BRENNAN, COL. JAKE ELLINGER, Auctioneers. C. J. POPE, Clerk.

Queer Bird Friendship.

I am deeply interested in watching the strange companionship of one of the largest black and white woodpeckers with red crown I have ever seen and a sparrow. For two weeks they have been about the yard constantly together and seem to be the very best of friends.

His Incorrect Diagnosis.

He was not a regular traveling man, or the break he made at a little Missouri hotel never would have occurred.

"On Himself."

A house painter in a New Hampshire village was proceeding down "the main street" one day when he was accosted by a fellow townsman.

Professional.

The little daughter of a homeopathic physician received a ring with a pearl in it on the Christmas tree. Two days later she poked her head tearfully in at the door of her father's office.

Justice.

The American ambassador arrested in Honduras was arranging terms of escape.

ROMANCE MORE IN THEIR LINE.

Factory Workers' Criticism of Louisa M. Alcott's Great Story.

In a conversation about books which the author of "The Long Day" had with two of her workmates at a box factory, she spoke enthusiastically of "Little Women," and told them how she had read it four times, and that she meant to read it again some day.

"Little Women" was unknown to them, but their curiosity was roused over the unheard-of thing of anybody ever wanting to read a book more than once, and they pressed her to repeat the story for them.

Precision of Artillery Fire.

Exact Science Employed in Methods of Modern Gunners.

How do we hit with mortars? An observer near the shore who sees the target communicates the horizontal and vertical angle at which to lay the mortar and the instant of time in which to fire, and the gun does the rest.

Force of Habit.

German merchant's wife complained to an intimate friend recently:

Australian Accent.

We follow England very closely. We speak of "litta" as an Englishman does, and not of "elevators" as the American, but we have "paddock" instead of "fields," and "creeks" instead of "streams," and "scrubs" instead of "woods," and "pannikins" and "quart pots" and "billy tea" at picnics and all sorts of lovely Australian things, which make one perfectly homesick to think about. All the same, I am never homesick for the crude Australian accent.—The British Australian.

Physical Hardships.

"It's a pity that the band's tour is a failure, but don't be too much cast down. Come, face the music."

How can I, when I'm backing it?

—Baltimore American.

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WOODS BROTHERS RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA. The Black Sheep. "What," asked the man who had returned to his native town after an absence of many years, "became of Ed Ferguson?" "Ed? Oh, he's doin' fine. Got the bestillery stable anywhere around here and runs the depot hack." "Let's see; he had a younger brother, hadn't he?" "Yes; Lem. He never amounted to much. Wrote poetry and painted pictures. I guess the family kind of disowned him. At least, he went away several years ago, and I dunno what ever became of him."