

SUPERSTITIOUS MUSICIANS.

The Producers of Sweet Songs Have Some Funny Prejudices.

"Well, I believe in some signs," said jolly Charlie Warner, when asked whether he, in particular, and musicians in general, were superstitious.

"If musicians are superstitious," said he, "it is because their dealings with the show people have made them so. Take, for instance, the man with a yellow clarinet.

"The other members were very much alarmed at this doleful occurrence and implored Fischer upon every occasion to get rid of those box-wood instruments.

"If the old man sees those clarionets," said Franks, "we'll all get discharged," and he told Fischer to either buy instruments of another color or paint the ones he had black.

"Driven almost to distraction, Franks sent and bought three handsome buffet clarionets and hid them in his music chest.

"Here, what are you doing with my clarionets?" he yelled; but the brawny circus attache paid no attention to him, but kept on until nothing more could be seen of the three 'tuners' but their yellow bells.

"A yellow base viol is also considered the harbinger of bad luck. I recall one instance where a corpulent German engaged at a Louisville theater persisted in coming to work with a 'bull-fiddle' the color of a sunflower.

"When the curtain went up one Friday night there were but five people in the house, and the members of the orchestra decided that something must be done with that yellow fiddle.

FAST STEAM LAUNCH.

A Thames Pleasure Boat Said to Be the Swiftest Small Boat Afloat.

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"A human life," said the sentimental young man, "is a poem—tragic, comic, sentimental, as the case may be."

SUMMER TIME IN GREENLAND.

Prediction That The Arctic Will Yet Be a Place of Popular Resort.

During the summer months the temperature usually ranges from 35 to 65 degrees, says a writer in Home and Country, and on some days the heat is such that one might be pardoned for believing that the burning rays shining down upon the traveler, are those of a tropical sun.

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POOR MARKSMANSHIP.

Firing in Both Army and Navy Less Accurate than Formerly.

The training of navy artillerists has, in recent years, been given a good deal of attention, and no end of powder and shot has been expended in target practice designed to serve a more telling purpose in actual warfare should the occasion present itself.

The Difficulty. Dramatic Author—Mr. Manager may I venture to ask whether my three-act play has been accepted?

Manager—Well, you see, the three members of the reading committee have gone through it, and they have come to the conclusion that one act will have to be struck out.

Author—Oh! there is no difficulty about that; it is not so bad after all.

"Sir," remarked the rich father to the suitor, "after the investigations I have made into your character I cannot give you my daughter Emma."

First Express Train Robber—Say, this here paper says detectives have been sent out after us.

Second Robber, disgustedly—Oh, pshaw! Now they'll get all the credit for the beautiful escape we made.—Chicago Record.

"Well, Jennie," said one actress to another, "how do you like your new part?" "Oh, for goodness' sake," exclaimed Jennie, "don't let us talk shop."

GOWNS COST \$100 EACH.

Those Worn on Official Occasions by Justices of the Supreme Court.

A justice pays as much for his robe of office as he would pay for a very handsome suit of clothing, says the Washington Star. There is a fixed price for the gown—a price which does not vary with the fluctuations in the duties on silk.

According to the technical description of it, the judge's robe is made of large, straight widths of silk. It is three and a quarter yards wide at the bottom. It has a narrow hem around the bottom and a broad hem down the front.

The man and his wife called on the architect, and the architect was glad to see them, for business was extremely dull.

"Thanks," bowed the architect, "I shall be only too glad to do so, and I am quite sure that I can give entire satisfaction."

"Well, you ought to," remarked the lady, "we don't want much."

"We want a good plain one of about eight rooms," explained the man, and we will leave the design to you. All we expect is that when you have finished it will suit my wife and myself.

"I'm very sorry," he said, "but you will have to go to some other architect. We can't design an impossible house in this office."—Detroit Free Press.

"Yours is a perplexing case," said the oculist. "You call red 'purple' and referred to Nile green as 'Turkey red.'"

"Yes," replied the visitor, with a contented smile. "I guess I was born that way."

"That's it. I want you to write me out a statement to that effect. Never mind what the fee is. You see, my wife has a lot of samples she wants matched, and she'll ask me to take the job some time next week, sure."

Down-Trodden Bachelors of Corea. In Corea every unmarried man is considered a boy, though he should live to be 100.

For Purpose of Comparison. "Early rising is a great thing," said the enthusiastic man; "a great thing."

"Yes," responded the sluggard. "It makes you appreciate the chance for a nap in the morning when you get it."

MANNA EATERS.

The People of Arabia and From Persia Make It From Tamarisk Branches.

In some of the Eastern countries, notably Arabia and Persia, a manna answering closely to that mentioned in the scriptures is still naturally produced in some considerable quantity, says Good Housekeeping.

Some students of the bible have supposed the manna there mentioned to have been a fungus growth; but while the explanation would be a natural one, the modification which it would require is an unnecessary one.

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