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### A ROYAL FEATHER CLOAK.

**Kakakaua Couldn't Wear It, and His Groom Disgraced It.**  
When King Kakakaua of Hawaii visited Japan many years ago he was very anxious to exhibit to the Japanese his famous royal feather cloak. It did not look well draped over the regular costume of the king, which was based on European military models. It was out of the question to wear it draped over brown attire, as was the ancient fashion. Finally it was decided to let Robert, one of his attendants, wear it. William N. Armstrong, the king's attorney general, said: "This additional service delighted Robert, who, now, according to a confidential statement made to his Japanese attendant, was keeper of the royal standard, 'groom of the feather cloak' and 'valet in ordinary.' While in the imperial car, on the way to Tokyo, the king's suit had suddenly seen Robert, sitting in state in the luggage car, dressed in a silk hat, white gloves and with the gorgeous royal cloak hanging over his shoulders, the tableau being completed by a group of Japanese attendants who were standing before him lost in admiration." But Robert was scarcely equal to the dignity that was his. In his capacity of valet he preceded the party to the palace assigned to them, and discovered there abundance of wines and spirits, which he consumed until they arrived. He was found asleep in the king's bed-chamber with the silk hat far down over his head and the gorgeous cloak askew on his shoulders. He was at once deposed from his office of 'groom of the feather cloak.'"

### AN ODD PROCESSION.

**Tiny Worms That Travel in a Long Serpentine Mass.**

The sciara, of the genus tipula, a tiny wormlike creature which is found in the forests of Norway and Hungary during the month of July or early in August, gather in huge numbers preparatory to migrating in search of food or for a change of conditions. When setting out on this journey, they stick themselves together by means of some glutinous matter and form a huge serpentine mass, often reaching a length of between forty and fifty feet and several inches in thickness. As the sciara is only on an average of about three thirty-seconds of an inch in length, with no appreciable breadth whatever, the number required to form a continuous line of the size above mentioned is incalculable.

Their pace is of course very slow, and upon meeting an obstacle, such as a stick or stone, they either writhe over or around it, sometimes breaking into two bodies for the purpose. A celebrated French naturalist says that if the rear portion of this snake-like procession be brought into contact with the front part the insects will keep moving round in that circle for hours, never seeming to realize that they are getting no farther on their journey. If the portions be broken in two, the procession will unite in a short time. When the peasant meets one of these processions, he will lay some obstacle in front of it. If it passes over it, it is a good omen.

**The Japanese Sleeve Dog.**  
The Japs have a quaint standard of perfection by which they assess canine merits. Thus the sleeve dog has or ought to have five cardinal "points"—the "butterfly head," in which the color marking represents a butterfly, the white blaze on nose and forehead forming the body, and the rest of the face and ears the wings; the sacred "V" found in the wedge shape of the blaze running up the forehead; in the center of this sacred V an isolated circle of color, which typifies the "bump of knowledge"; the "vulture feet" requiring ample feathering, as the fringing hair is technically called, and lastly the tightly curled, profusely feathered tail symbolical of the sacred flower of Japan, the chrysanthemum.

**What Converted Him.**  
This story regarding a converted barbarian is told in the English papers: A negro clergyman was entertained at tea by the president of a college. The guest, who came from west Africa, related some particulars of his early life, when a lady asked him how he became a Christian. "The story of Jezebel converted me," he answered. "You know, we are told the dogs did not touch the palms of her hands. Well, that convinced me of the truth of the narrative, for we never see the palms of the hands in my country. They are too bitter."

**Altitude and Voices.**  
Generally speaking, races living at high altitudes have weaker and more highly pitched voices than those living in regions where the supply of oxygen is more plentiful. Thus in America among the Indians living on the plateau between the ranges of the Andes at an elevation of from 10,000 to 14,000 feet the men have voices like women and women like children, and their singing is a shrill monotone.

**Hada't Seen Him.**  
The Vicar—Did you see a pedestrian pass this way a few minutes ago?  
Faru Hand—No, sir. I've been workin' on this later patch more'n a week, and notter thing has passed 'cept a solitary man, an' he was trampin' on foot.—London Telegraph.

**Singular Creatures.**  
"And so, Peter, you spell 'women' with an 'n'?" said the teacher, correcting an exercise. "Please, sir," was the reply, "my papa told maama only yesterday that women were singular beings."

**Men blush less for their crimes than for their weaknesses and vanity.—La Bruyere.**

### PUNS AND PROMOTIONS.

**Clergymen Who Have Been Rewarded For Their Punctuations.**

Canon Melville owed his earliest promotion to a pun, says a London journal. When the late Earl of Dudley, who knew Mr. Melville sufficiently to remember that his Christian name was David, had a living at his disposal he received a letter containing only the words, "Lord, remember David." The earl's reply was no less terse and Scriptural: "Then art the man!"

Perhaps the earliest instance of ecclesiastical promotion won by a pun is that of a curate named Joseph, who was prompted by Swift to take this text for a sermon preached in St. Patrick's cathedral, Dublin, before the vicar, "Butler," the Duke of Ormonde. "Yet did not the chief Butler remember Joseph, but forgot him."

The Rev. Dr. Mountain, who was the son of a beggar, owed nearly every step of his successive promotions in great part to his facetiousness and won the last step of all by a single jest. When he was consulted as bishop of Durham by George II. as to the fittest person to fill the vacant archiepiscopal see of York he replied: "Sir, hadst thou faith as a grain of mustard seed thou wouldst say to this Mountain (dramatically striking his breast, 'Be thou removed and cast into this sea (see).'" That George II. should so understand and appreciate the joke as to accept his suggestion is perhaps the strangest part of the story.

Approxes of puns, promotion and the see of York, here is a good story of a living given by an archbishop of York in reward for an impertinent personal pun. The archbishop, Sir William Dawes, entertained his clergy at dinner shortly after the death of his wife, Mary, who appears to have been a regular Mrs. Froude at once to his grace and to the diocese. At dinner the archbishop apologized, with a sigh, for things not being in the apple pie order that prevailed when his dear, dead wife, Mary, was alive. Being himself an inveterate punster, he added, with a sad shake of his head, "She, indeed, was Mare Paficium!" A curate who knew too well what a tartar the deceased lady was rejoined, "Aye, my lord, but she was first Mare Mortuum!" and was absolutely and immediately rewarded by the archbishop for this impertinent pun with a living of £500 a year.

**Use For a Little Orphan.**  
Some years ago one of the charitable societies of Iowa sent a number of orphans to one of the towns of the state for distribution among childless people. The distribution aroused much interest in the village. As the orphans were being given to those who wanted to adopt children a little resident of the town ran up to her mother and said:

"Oh, mamma, I wish you would take a little orphan girl!"

"But, my dear," replied the mother, "I have you. What do I want with an orphan?"

"I know you have me," said the little girl, "but you might want to have a funeral, and you could use the little orphan girl instead of me."

**A Royal Clock.**  
There are nearly 250 clocks at Windsor castle and about 170 in Buckingham palace. One of the most interesting of those at Windsor is in a gilt metal case given by Henry VIII. to Anne Boleyn on the morning of their wedding. It is ten inches high and is engraved with the royal arms of England quartered with those of France. The lead weights are engraved with true lovers' knots and "H. A. Dieu et Mon Droit" at the base. This clock, which at one time became the property of Horace Walpole, was bought by Queen Victoria. It has survived four centuries, but four years only marked the duration of the royal love of Henry and Anne Boleyn.

**How Holland Treats Paupers.**  
There are few able-bodied paupers in Holland. A tract of public land containing 5,000 acres is divided into six model farms, to one of which the person applying for public relief is sent. Here he is taught agriculture and is subsequently permitted to rent a small farm for himself. Holland also has a forced labor colony, to which vagrants are sent to do farm and other work, whether they like it or not.

**A Long Lived Pike.**  
In the museum at Mannheim there was a skeleton of a pike which measured nineteen feet and had a ring around it with this inscription in Greek: "I am the fish which was first of all put into the lake by the hands of the governor of the universe, Frederick II., the 5th of October, 1230." The fish, having been caught in 1897, was 267 years old.—London Standard.

**Made Sure of the First Requisite.**  
Betty—So Ma'm is engaged? Well, I'm sorry for the man. She doesn't know the first thing about keeping house. Bessie—Oh, yes, she does! Betty—I'd like to know what, Bessie—The first thing is to get a man to keep house for.—Harper's Bazar.

**In Serious Trouble.**  
"She's in a frightful dilemma."  
"How so?"  
"Why, Jack proposed to her last night and insists upon having an answer before she will have time to learn whether Tom intends to propose."—Chicago Post.

**Sure Cure.**  
Corsetta—I wish there was some way to make him stop buying expensive presents. Mae—You might marry him.—Cleveland Leader.

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Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, this 23rd day of July, 1904.  
(A True Copy)  
[SEAL]  
D. K. SPACHT,  
County Judge.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
In the county court, within and for Box Butte county, Nebraska, Aug. 6, 1904, in the matter of the estate of William Boness, deceased. To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court Room in Alliance, in said county, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1905, at 9 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months, from the 6th day of August, A. D. 1904, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 6th day of August, 1904.  
Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 6th day of August, 1904.  
D. K. SPACHT, County Judge.  
(Copy) 1/2 Aug. 12.