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GREWSOME HUMOR.

How Certain Would-Be Humorists Deal Lightly With Uncanny Subjects. That was a bitter joke of the man in Texas who put a quantity of jalap in some beer his friend was about to drink. The funeral was well attended.

It is impossible to say who originated the above manner of stating a fatal occurrence, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, but it seems to be quite generally followed by newspaper paragraphers. It is a delicate way of putting it and reads much better than when one says: "He died amid the most horrible and excruciating agonies."

The whole story is told and the reader's sensibility is not shocked. This style of paragraphing affords an opportunity for exercising ingenuity. Variety, freshness, and a cheerful not to say vivacious facetiousness might be mingled with the briefest notices of fatal casualties that otherwise might be neglected by the reader or very briefly glanced at, as for instance, the following:

A man in Maryland the other day ate fifteen raw oysters on a wager. The silver trimmings on his coffin cost \$12.50.

A young man in Louisville examined a keg of damaged gunpowder with a red-hot poker to see if it was good. It is believed by his friends that he has gone to Europe, although a man has found some bones and a piece of shirt tail about twenty miles from Louisville.

Richard Strongarm, better known as the "champion trunk smasher of Missouri," found a box last week marked: "Dynamite—handle with care." "Ha, ha!" said he; "dynamite!" in a scornful voice as he seized it by the handle, braced one foot against the load, and yanked it on the platform. He never came back.

A circus rider in Arizona tried to turn three somersaults on horseback the other day. The management sent back to New Orleans for another somersault man.

A man in New York couldn't wait for the cars to get to the depot. His widow had to sue the insurance company.

A man warned his wife in Cincinnati not to light the fire with kerosene. She did not heed the warning. Her clothes fit his second wife remarkably well.

A small boy was hanging around a circus in Brooklyn the other day, when he opened the lid of a box marked "Boa constrictor." That small boy doesn't hang around any more circuses.

A boy in Canada disregarded his mother's injunctions not to skate on the river, as the ice was thin. His mother does not cook for as many as she formerly did.

In Massachusetts the other day a man thought he could cross the track in advance of a locomotive. The services at the grave were very impressive.

The Endurance of Birds. Owls, as well as pigeons and other birds, have remarkable powers of endurance. Blinding daylight is the only thing that prevents them from covering long distances as trained pigeons now do. When 600 miles off the coast of France a big owl alighted in the rigging of the British steamship Wildflower, bound from Rouen to this city. It was soon caught and its empty stomach proved that it had not eaten anything for days, having been driven seaward by a storm. During the day it could not find its way back and alighted on the ship.

But It Is in the East. There are some curious manifestations of conservatism in this progressive country. The same conventional cuts of a cow, a horse, a steamboat and other objects that adorned newspaper advertising columns fifty years ago are still seen in some newspapers of Philadelphia and Baltimore and half the butchers' account books in this country still bear a rude engraving of a fat British butcher in high beaver hat standing beside an ox. It must be nearly a century since there were any such butchers in the United States.

What Some Names Mean. The name Europe signifies "a country of white complexion," and arises from the fact that its inhabitants are of a lighter complexion than those of Asia or Africa. Asia signifies "between, or in the middle," the ancient geographers imagining that it lay between Europe and Africa. Africa signifies "the land of corn." It was celebrated for its abundance of corn and the Romans and other peoples used to import grain extensively from that continent.

Worthy of Death. "What are those men going to do with that poor fellow?" "Goin' to lynch him, I reckon." "What for?" "He's a scientist who says the sun is losing its heat."—Pittsburg Telegram.

Whaleboats Made Good Gunboats. During the revolutionary war large whaleboats were fitted out by both sides, which made very effective gunboats. They were about forty feet long, mounted two small guns and carried a crew of thirty to fifty men.

Western Repartee. St. Louis Man—Been rusticated, have you? Well, there is nothing like getting away from the noise and bustle of city life for a few days. Where did you go? Kansas City Man—To St. Louis.

Carried It a Long Time. Hotel Clerk—Your face looks familiar, sir. Uncle Humsted—Likely 'nough, young man. It's the only one I ever had.—Truth.

BLIND TO HER OWN BLINDNESS

How a Sharp Optician Fitted an Elderly Woman With Spectacles. "Curious," said an optician recently to a New York Tribune reporter, "how sensitive some people are to the evidence of advancing age given by their eyesight. With many customers I am actually obliged to resort to deception to suit their requirements. Last week an elderly woman came into my store and inquired for glasses. She said she knew her present glasses were too strong, couldn't stand old glasses, eyes too young, and all that. I tried her eyes and found that the real trouble was the reverse of her statement.

"Madam," I said, "your glasses are too weak." "Sir?" "Precisely, you need two numbers stronger." "Young man, you must be insane," she said, getting angry. "I have only worn glasses a few months, and I wish the mildest sort. I know it is so because the pair you have selected hurt my eyes dreadfully. Of course that settled it. I explained that I might have been mistaken, examined her eyes again, and said I had a pair of very mild glasses, not so strong as her former pair in fact, but of excellent make, which I could recommend. I produced a pair and she tried them.

"Are they weaker than you showed me before?" she asked. "Very much, madam." "Weaker than my present ones?" "Somewhat."

"Well, now, you see I was right," she said triumphantly. "I haven't seen so well in weeks. These are exactly right and I'll take them just as they are."

"Of course we can't put old glasses on young eyes," I said as pleasantly as I could, and she went out just as well satisfied as if she knew it all.

"Didn't she?" asked the reporter. "Well, hardly. I had sold a pair of glasses to that woman one number stronger than any she had tried on, and but for my deception she would have ruined her eyesight for a bit of petty vanity."

DOESN'T INVENT BY ACCIDENT

Edison Decides on Reaching a Result and Works Until It Comes. His genius comes near to justifying that definition of the word which makes it an infinite capacity for taking pains," says a writer in the Review of Reviews. "Are your discoveries often brilliant intuitions? Do they come to you while you are 'lyngawake nights?' I asked him.

"I never did anything worth doing by accident," he replied, "nor did any of my inventions come indirectly through accident, except the phonograph. No, when I have fully decided that a result is worth getting, I go ahead on it and make trial after trial until it comes. I have always kept strictly within the lines of commercially useful inventions. I have never had any time to put on electrical wonders, valuable simply as novelties to catch the popular fancy. And he named in distinction some noted electricians who had made their reputations through the pyrotechnics of the profession.

"What makes you work?" I asked with real curiosity. "What impels you to this constant, tireless struggle? You have shown that you care comparatively nothing for the money it makes and you have no particular enthusiasm in the attending fame."

"I like it," he answered, after a moment of puzzled expression, and then he repeated his reply several times, as if mine was a proposition that had not occurred to him before.

"I like it. I don't know any other reason. You know some people like to collect stamps. Anything I have begun is always on my mind and I am not easy while away from it until it is finished. And then I hate it."

"Hate it?" I asked, struck by his emphatic tones. "Yes," he affirmed, "when it is all done and is a success I can't bear the sight of it. I haven't used a telephone in ten years and I would go out of my way any day to miss an incandescent light."

Nebuchadnezzar's Hanging Gardens. The "hanging gardens of Babylon" were built by Nebuchadnezzar to gratify his wife, Amytis, a native of Media, who longed for something in this flat country to remind her of her mountain home. They consisted of an artificial mountain, 400 feet on each side, rising by successive terraces to a length which overtopped the walls of the city. The terraces themselves were formed of a succession of piles, the tops of which were covered with flat stones sixteen feet long and four feet wide. Upon these were spread beds of matting; then a sheet layer of bitumen, covered with sheets of lead. Upon this solid pavement earth was heaped, some of the piles being hollow so as to afford depth for the roots of the largest trees. Water was drawn from the river so as to irrigate these gardens, which thus presented to the eye the appearance of a mountain clothed in verdure.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

In Brooklyn. First Boodler—I want to engage the services of a lawyer. Whom do you recommend? Second Boodler—You had better retain Lawyer Bluff.

"Is he a good lawyer?" "He is indeed. He is a powerful speaker. He is so thoroughly in earnest that in addressing a jury his words carry a conviction."

"Then he will not do. I've been indicted, and I don't want a lawyer whose words carry conviction with them. It is an acquittal I'm after.—Texas Siftings.

HE PLAYED IN LUCK.

And He Got a Good Square Meal for Being Straight. He opened the door of a restaurant and limped slowly up to the cashier's desk in a pair of soggy rubber boots three sizes too large.

"My dear sir," he whispered, leaning confidentially over the railing, "I am sorry to disturb you, but my boot is full of blood."

"Hey?" "Human blood."

"What do you mean?" faltered the cashier, instinctively looking the money drawer.

"I mean that I am bleeding to death," said the new-comer calmly. "I shouldn't think of intruding upon you," he continued, "if the situation wasn't so serious. About an hour ago I was assaulted by two men and stabbed. I made no complaint. I am game clean through, but I'm getting weak now, and must have nourishment. Won't you give me a little something—anything you will, but help me fight for life. I am sorry to soil your floor," added the stranger, glancing down apologetically, "I see my boot is leaking."

The cashier looked over the railing with a skeptical expression that quickly changed to horror. One by one the bright red drops were oozing from the toe of the stranger's left boot, making a small but gory pool on the restaurant floor.

The cashier's hair almost stood on end. "Hi, there, William," he called in agitated tones, "bring a bowl of beef tea, double portion, and anything else that's hot and handy, and bring 'em quick."

Ten minutes later the visitor limped toward the door. "Thank you," he said, gratefully, "I feel better already. I can get to the hospital alone now."

"That's right," answered the cashier, encouragingly, "and here's fifty cents to help you."

"Pretty rough case," remarked a man who was paying his bill as the stranger was closing the door. "Rough?" ejaculated the cashier, "it's awful. There's lot's of fakes come in here every day, but that fellow's straight, I can tell you."

When the injured visitor reached the corner he was joined by a thin young man. "Any luck?" he asked anxiously. "Yep."

"Square meal?" "Middlin'."

"Money besides?" "Some. The acid in that cussed red ink is bitin' my toes."

A Human Ostrich. The following remarkable story of a human being, whose regular food was flints and other stony substances, may be found in the North British Monthly Register for March, 1760. The account is by Rev. Dr. R. C. Barr, a writer of good repute, and the story is believed to be a true relation of the facts as they came under his observation. Here is an abridgement of the reverend doctor's article:

"Early this year (1760) there was brought to Avignon a true lithophagus, or stone-eater. He not only swallowed flints an inch long and half an inch thick, but such stones as he could reduce to powder with his teeth, such as common pebbles, marbles, sand, gravel, etc. These softer stones he chewed with his strong teeth until they were reduced to a sort of paste, which seemed to be very agreeable to this creature's curious digestive apparatus. I examined this man with all the attention possible. I found his gullet very large, his teeth exceedingly strong, and his saliva very corrosive, so much so that when he spat on the iron floor spots were left that scrubbing compounds would not remove. His stomach was much lower than that of an ordinary mortal, which I imputed to the vast number of stones he had swallowed."

Twelve Wedding Rings. During the fourteenth century a practice prevailed among the wealthy Italians of having twelve wedding rings, one for each month, each set with a different symbolic stone. For January there was the garnet, for friendship; for February the amethyst, constancy; March the blood stone, wisdom; April the diamond, innocence; May the emerald, happiness; June the agate, health; July the ruby, concord; August the sardonyx, family increase; September the sapphire, to prevent strife; October the carbuncle, love; November the topaz, obedience; December the turquoise, faithfulness.

Soldiers Defeated by Bees. A German detachment operating in East Africa was recently routed by a swarm of bees. They—the soldiers, not the bees—were reasoning with a native chieftain by the means of grenades. The native levies fled, but a swarm of bees, terrified or exasperated by the blaze of fire, sallied out to avenge the honor of the flag. Their stings drove the assailants in all directions and nearly killed an unfortunate sergeant who had been left behind.

The Katydid's Music. Everybody is familiar with the music of the katydid. It is the male that has the voice! At the base of each wing cover is a thin membranous plate. He elevates the wing covers and rubs the two plates together. If you could rub your shoulder blades together you could imitate the operation very nicely.

A Great Truth. Gus de Smith—Do you know anything about electricity? Mr. Fewcads—I know something about it. Gus—What is the best insulator? Fewcads—Poverty.

ODDITIES OF THE EYE.

Singular Effects of Lights and Colors on the Windows of the Soul. While the eyesight of many persons is defective, a still greater number have eyes which are unlike each other in seeing power. In fact, many practically make use of one eye only; the other having been originally a little defective, was by degrees called on for duty less and less and less, and accordingly degenerated. One gentleman is reported who could see, with his right eye, the figures on the face of a clock five-eighths of an inch high at twelve feet, while he could see them as clearly with the left eye only at eight inches distance, and, curiously enough, this extraordinary difference in the powers of vision of both eyes was not detected by him until he had reached middle age.

Many people are unable to keep one eye shut and the other open at the same time. This is especially common with children, but less frequent with adults, and it will be readily understood that in such cases considerable difference in the powers of the eyes may exist without being suspected. Sir John Herschel mentions the case of an elderly person who by chance made the unpleasant discovery that he was altogether blind in one eye.

Some simple and easily performed experiments give interesting glimpses into the constitution of the eye. Go into a dark room with a candle. Looking at the wall, which should be of a uniform dark tint, on moving the candle up and down, close to the outer side of one eye, so that the light falls very obliquely into it, one of what are called "Purkinje's figures" will be seen. This is an appearance of a series of diverging and branched red lines on a dark field, in the interspace of two or three of which is a sort of cup-shaped disc. These lines are the blood-vessels of the retina, and the disc is the "yellow spot" or most sensitive part of the eye.

In the same situation, looking still at the dark wall and keeping the eye fixed on one point, hold the candle at arm's length and move it to and fro for a distance of about two inches on a level with the point toward which the eye is directed and a little to the right or left of it, when a faint light may be seen moving in the opposite direction to the candle and on the lower side of the point looked at. This light, if more nearly inspected, is seen to be an inverted image of the candle flame, equal in size to it but very faint, and is, in fact, the light of the candle reflected from the lens of the eye. Other internal parts of the eye also reflect some of the light that falls into it, but the images formed by them are not so easily seen.

It is well known that the pupil contracts mechanically in bright light and expands in faint light; but it has been found that to some extent, this change is under the control of the will. A scientific observer, writing on this subject says that when fronting a window or other light he can make the pupil expand or contract at the desire of any one looking into his eye. The pupil is contracted while he steadily looks at the light, and when he wishes to expand it all that is necessary is to take his attention from the eye and fix it upon some other part of the body without moving the eyes. This he does, say, by biting his tongue, pinching his arm, or in some such way. The sensitiveness of the retina is diminished by this means and the pupil dilates. It contracts again when the mind is once more recalled to the eye and the bright light.

The Last Atlantis. Atlantis was a continent supposed to have existed at a very early period in the Atlantic ocean, "over against the pillars of Hercules," but which was subsequently sunk in a cataclysm of which history gives no record. Plato is the first who gives an account of it, and he is said to have obtained his information of some Egyptian priests with whom he had come in contact. Plato's account says that Atlantis was a continent larger than Asia and Africa put together, and that at its western extremity were islands which afforded easy passage to a large continent lying still beyond—this last mentioned continent being now supposed to be South America.

Really. May Darling—And I am the only girl you ever really loved? Ben Their—Yes, darling; you are the only girl I ever really loved although I have had numerous love affairs.

May Darling—Why, I thought you just said— Ben Their—Oh! you know what I mean. Just making love to girls and telling them they were the only ones I really ever loved, and all that.—Puck.

Commercial Statistics. A Texas merchant as a personal favor took the son of a wealthy gentleman into his office to learn the business, giving him the cash book to keep.

"Does the cash account balance?" asked the merchant at the end of the first day.

"O, yes, splendidly. There are even \$40 or \$50 too much.—Texas Siftings.

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