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STOP THE SERENADES.

Torpedoes That Mitigate the Horrors of Nocturnal Visits From Cats.

The heights' oat by virtue of not only its exceptional attainments, but also of its multifarious experience, may be justly entitled to the distinction of being termed a cosmopolite, says Brookline Eagle.

The proverbial bootjack, buss saw, paris green decoction and dynamite bomb are incidents in his experience, which he views retrospectively with only passing emotions of interest, not unmixed with pleasure.

For it is recorded that he met them and conquered them hands down. Swell residents of the heights have been left at his mercy.

For a time cayenne pepper judiciously distributed into the diet of the midnight prowlers gave the peaceful citizen a respite from the nocturnal harmonies of the love-making and argumentative animals.

But after several councils of war which involved mutual recriminations and a tangle of evidence as to the cause of their setbacks, the cats cleared up the mystery and went to work again, with a clear understanding and a proper plan of campaign.

The day, or rather, the night of cayenne pepper was past. It was reserved for one ingenious citizen on Willow street to introduce an expedient which thus far proved to be the conqueror of the cat.

The remedy was not less startling than the nuisance it was designed to abate was painful. A troop of black cats had made the rear stoop and fence of this particular citizen's residence a nightly rendezvous.

Last Sunday night the feline chorus was in full swing and the debates between the singers were pitched in high tones.

The leader of the band was explaining his views on the silver question, while his first assistant, so far as the controversy could be interpreted, was endeavoring to divert the line of discussion to a consideration of the question as to whether marriage was a failure.

Suddenly an upper window opened and a stalwart arm, draped in a flowing white sleeve, made a swift movement. Something hurtled through the air.

There was a crack against the fence just above the leader's head, a roar, and a blinding flash. The cats were petrified for an instant.

Then came another roar and a flash and the cats were in full retreat. A careful comparison of notes subsequently led the cats to a conclusion that heavy artillery had been introduced and that future operations should be abandoned.

The torpedo had gained the day. It has now been generally adopted as a preventative for these night concerts.

RARE PRESENCE OF MIND.

Hugged a Horse, Saved a Neck and Caught a Girl.

That subtle thing known as "presence of mind" is credited with a good many noble deeds and hairbreadth escapes.

Men who, up to a critical occasion, were never suspected of having any mind, have suddenly developed under pressure, to the astonishment of their critical friends.

There was a distinct case of this sort chronicled on the boulevard the other day.

The bicycle brigade was out in force. A young man with the vacuous bicycle expression came bowling along on the wrong side of the parkway, closely followed by a blond in bloomers, while a brunette bloomer kept pace on the other side.

The blond bloomer was crowding the young man somewhat, when he heard her utter a sharp cry of alarm.

He turned to see her frantic gesture, and almost at the same moment he was dashed into by a four-horse team attached to a great beer wagon.

The two bloomers screamed in unison and the driver of the wagon, a coarse-grained individual, with an inflated nose, ripped out a few familiar oaths and drew up.

All that was seen at the moment was a riderless bicycle trundling off down along the curb.

Then the quickly gathering crowd looked breathlessly under the wagon and beneath the iron-shod hoofs.

There was nobody there. The young man had leaped from his wheel and grabbed a horse around the neck, and there he still hung, by both legs and arms.

Instead of being trampled to death he was at that moment endangering the life of a valuable animal by strangulation.

No man ever clung to his best girl with such a lively grip. The women looked on admiringly.

"It was just splendid," said the blond bloomer. "What made you think of doing it?"

"You," said he.

There was a perceptible wriggle in her wheel as they rode off together.

An English Woman as a Hotelkeeper.

In one of the current English periodicals there appears a picture of an exceptionally beautiful woman in evening gown, who possesses an unmistakably artistic air.

Why this particular beauty is thus depicted one cannot help wondering until their wonder is mastered by surprise by finding "that the original was a gentlewoman hotelkeeper."

The hotel, it seems, was one of England's ancestral homes in one of the loveliest shires, and, being unable to either support the mansion in its deserving style or let or sell it, the owners determined to utilize it in that way.

So the wife became "secretary of the interior" and besides most ably managing the house and staff of servants, made a most delightful hostess.

The husband superintended the stables and looked after the outdoor attractions of fishing, driving, hunting, etc.

The guests were thus able to enjoy an independent stay at an aristocratic, well-appointed and thoroughly managed establishment.

The success of the fact that a woman who can conduct an elegant home is the proper person to be at the head of a high-class hotel or boarding house.

Mr. Gladstone's Postal Cards.

A few years ago Mr. Gladstone was seized with a mania for answering on postal cards all communications addressed to him.

His reply to requests for an opinion were so delightfully non-committal, that the recipient of the postal was never any the wiser as to the great statesman's views.

For instance, Mr. Gladstone was once asked what he thought of the use of tobacco.

Fortwith on a postal came the following: "While some persons consider the use of tobacco to be exceedingly injurious to themselves and offensive to others, not a few persons consider it an innocuous and delightful indulgence. What do you think about it?"

These quasi-palindromes from Gladstone's pen were all much alike and created such fun that they were eagerly sought for.

The old gentleman has for some time ceased this manner of correspondence, but the enterprising swindler in London, who has been flooding this country with Gladstonian postals, must have made a rich harvest.

He netted \$3 a piece for them. It may be noted that Mr. Gladstone's studied care not to express an opinion was due to the fact that he expected an imposition of this nature would arise.

St. Augustine dubbed Cicero "a weigher and measurer of words." But give the wonderful sage of Hawarden a postal and he can discount the great Roman orator at his own game.—Philadelphia Record.

Tom Wolfe was sentenced to a term of two years three months in the penitentiary by a Connersville, Ind., court the other day for burglary.

The conviction of Wolfe depended largely on whether a man of his build could have crawled through a seven-inch transom.

Prosecutor Smith procured a window such the size of the one in question and demonstrated his theory before the jury by getting down on the floor and wriggling through the hole.

He continued the jury and clinched his case.

All the Year Round.

The Yale senior class of the academic department has voted to wear caps and gowns every Sunday throughout the year.

It is the first class at Yale that ever voted to do so.

For two years classes have worn them Sundays, and on state occasions during the spring term, but never through the year.

A Matter of Equity.

She—I think it's absurd for a man to expect his wife to share his troubles.

He—I don't know. He wouldn't have many if it wasn't for her.

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