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POOR TROMBETTI

The Sad Tale of the Professor and the Journalist.

Professor Trombetti, whose praises were so much sung in the foreign press as knowing the greatest number of languages of any one ever born, relates an anecdote of himself which occurred just after he was "discovered." In Rome he was so pestered by journalists that his patience at last gave way, and when cornered by the gentlemen of the press his language became distinctly lurid.

One day as he was coming out of the central postoffice a frank looking young man stepped up to him, and, holding out his hand, said: "I am so glad to make your acquaintance; I have been trying to find you for days." "And may I inquire with whom I am speaking?" "Why, I am X! Not a near relation to be sure, but near enough to offer you congratulations," etc. Professor Trombetti, reassured, and glad to get hold of some one to unburden himself to, took the stranger's arm, and, as they went down the street, gave, in emphatic terms, a description of his sufferings, his opinion of journalists, and, incidentally, much information about himself which the papers had been vainly sighing for. Finally they parted with an engagement for dinner the next evening.

That night the professor was sitting tranquilly in a restaurant, the observed of all observers, when suddenly he was seen to spring to his feet with a smothered exclamation. His friends crowded about for an explanation, but he could only sit down weakly and point to his newspaper, the Giornale d'Italia. There, in large print, were his imprudent revelations of the afternoon. He had been "done" by a journalist—Pall Mall Gazette.

THE PERFECT NUMBER.

From Time Immemorial Three Has Had Unusual Significance.

The perfect number of the Pythagorean system, expressive of beginning, middle and end, was the number three. From time immemorial greater prominence has been given to it than to any other except seven. And as the symbol of the Trinity its influence has waxed more potent in recent times. It appears over and over again in both the New and Old Testaments. At the creation of the world we find land, water and sky, sun, moon and stars. Jonah was three days and nights in the whale's belly, Christ three days in the tomb. There were three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Abraham entertained three angels. Job had three friends. Samuel was called three times. Samson deceived Delilah three times.

Three times Saul tried to kill David with a javelin. Jonathan shot three arrows on David's behalf. Daniel was thrown into a den of three lions because he prayed three times a day. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were rescued from a fiery furnace. The commandments of the Lord were delivered on the third day. St. Paul speaks of faith, hope and charity. Three wise men came to worship Christ with presents three. Christ spoke three times to Satan when he was tempted. He prayed three times before he was betrayed. Peter denied him three times. He suffered three hours of agony on the cross. The superscription was in three languages, and three men were crucified. Christ appeared three times to his disciples and rose the third day.—New York Herald.

Have You Got Them?

Do you feel anxious and preoccupied when the gas man goes by? Do you sleep badly? Do you go to bed hungry? Does your heart palpitate when you see a steak?

Is there an all gone feeling in your pocket?

Do you have nightmares? Do you do mental arithmetic every time you contemplate the purchase of "coffee and?"

Have you a hunted look? Do you walk down dark alleys when you go downtown?

Beware! These are the symptoms. You're busted.—San Francisco Bulletin.

French Concoct.

Etienne Dumont, writing in the early part of the last century, said: "The prevailing character of the French is that of conceit. Every member of the assembly considered himself capable of undertaking everything. I often said that if you proposed to the first hundred men you met in the streets of Paris and to the same number in the streets of London to undertake the charge of the government ninety-nine of them would accept in Paris and ninety-nine would refuse in London."

The Tibetan Conscience.

The Tibetans offer daily prayers for the minute insects which they have swallowed inadvertently in their meat and drink, and the formula insures the rebirth of these microbes in heaven. Yet they eat meat freely and square their conscience with their appetite by the pretext that the sin rests with the outcast assassin, the public butcher, who will be born in the next incarnation as some tantalized spirit or agonized demon. That, however, is his own affair.

Optical Indecision.

The Daughter—No, mother, dear, I could not marry Mr. Smith. He squints. The Mother—My dear girl, a man who has £20,000 a year may be affected with a slight optical indecision, but a squint, never!—London Tatler.

It is said that rats may be driven from the premises by the playing of bagpipes. Rats have a great many human traits after all.—Chicago Journal.

THE CROWS OF INDIA

THEY ARE THE ARCH VILLAINS OF THE BIRD WORLD.

Two Species of the Feathered Vagabonds Exist Side by Side and Fly Their Tricks of Iniquity in Common—Larceny For the Love of It.

It is quite impossible for any one who has not sojourned in the "Land of Regrets" to appreciate the important part played by crows in the daily life of the Anglo-Indian. India without its crows is unthinkable; it could only be likened to London without its fogs. Wherever human beings have their abodes there are multitudes of corvidae to be found, for the Indian crow is an inseparable appendage of town and village. Two species exist side by side in India, the great black-bird known to Anglo-Indians as the corby and the smaller gray-necked species. Both birds lead lives of aimless vagabondage; both are scoundrels of the most pronounced type; both are sinners beyond redemption. Did the black crow exist alone it would be held up as the emblem of all that is evil and mischievous. As things are, its iniquities pale into insignificance beside those of its gray-necked cousin. The very name of the latter bird is sufficient to raise the ire of the righteous man. To call the arch villain of the bird world "the splendid" is mere mockery of words. Jerdon, the famous Indian naturalist, "often regrets that such an inappropriate specific name should have been applied to this species, for it tends to bring into ridicule the unscientific system of nomenclature."

The Indian crow is able to utilize most things. A Calcutta bird has made itself famous for all time by constructing a nest of the wires used to secure the corks of soda water bottles. Bombay is very jealous of Calcutta, and the crows, of course, are their betters. The Bombay birds determined not to be outdone by the Calcutta corvidae. Accordingly one of the former promptly built her nest of gold and silver spectacle frames stolen from Messrs. Lawrence & Mayo's factory. The value of the materials used in the construction of this nest was estimated at £20. But crows will appropriate things for which they can have no possible use. They commit larceny for the love of the thing. The Indian crow is the incarnate spirit of mischief. The bird will wantonly tear a leaf out of a book lying open on the table. My gardener, adds Mr. Dewar, puts every morning fresh flowers in the vases. This operation is performed on the veranda. One day the man was called away from his work for a couple of minutes. During his absence a crow swooped down and succeeded in taking a beautiful flower and breaking the vase in which they were placed. A retired colonel of my acquaintance who lives in the Himalayas is a very enthusiastic gardener, and the crows are the bane of his life. They root up his choicest seedlings, sever the heads of his most superb flowers from the stalk and fly away with the little pieces of paper which he places in cleft sticks to mark where seed have been sown.

But it is in towns that the iniquity of the crows reaches its maximum. The Madras corvidae are a byword throughout the length and breadth of India. The hospital is their favorite playground. They are never so happy as when annoying the inmates. They know at once when a person is too ill to move. The consequence is that it has been found necessary to have made for all the tables wire covers which protect articles placed at the bedside from the ravages of the "treble dated birds." I have seen a Madras crow quietly helping itself to the contents of a basket which an old woman was carrying on her head. The bird was possessed of sufficient intelligence to refrain from alighting on the basket. Had it done so its presence would probably have been detected. It flapped along just above the top of the basket, keeping pace with the woman, and so, unperceived by her, made a meal of the contents. The knavish tricks of crows are by no means confined to human beings. As Colonel Cunningham truly says, "Any animal pets are, of course, even more than inanimate objects, subject to their attentions, and unless in wholly inaccessible places are constantly liable to have their food pilfered and their lives rendered a burden by persistent and ingenious persecution." I once possessed a greyhound which used to be fed in the garden. A man had to stand over the dog while it was feeding; otherwise the crows would devour the greater portion of the meal. Their plan of campaign was simple and effective. They soon learned the dog's feeding hour and as it drew near would take up a position on any convenient tree. The moment the greyhound began to eat a crow would swoop down and peck viciously at its tail. The dog would, of course, turn on the bird, and the others would seize this opportunity to snatch away some of the food. The process would be repeated until the meal was over. Crows tease and annoy wild creatures with the same readiness that they worry domestic animals. They mob every strange bird in much the same way as the London street arab makes fun of any person in unusual attire.—Longman's Magazine.

Sudden Want of Information.

Tommy—Ma, lend me a lead pencil. Mother—I just left pen and ink on the table for you. What do you want with a pencil? Tommy—I want to write to the editor of the paper to ask him what'll take ink stains out of the parlor carpet.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Compensation.

All Things Are to Be Had if One Will but Pay the Equivalent.

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Plaintiff alleges that he is the owner of said note and mortgage, and that there is due him thereon the sum of \$200.00 which includes the sum of \$100.00 taxes paid by plaintiff to protect his mortgage security.

Plaintiff prays in his said petition that the defendants be required to pay said sum and upon failure to do so that a decree be entered in said cause for said sum, and that said land be sold to satisfy the same, and that his mortgage be decreed to be a first lien on said premises and for other equitable relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 6th day of November, 1905, 1905.

W. R. DICKEY, N. B. Attorney for Plaintiff.

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