

AFTER A CLEW.

Methods of the Modern Detective Illustrated by a Small Incident. "I'll follow him to the ends of the earth! He shall not escape me!"

Met a Deceiver.

"That's the way with some of these aristocrats," he observed, as he leaned against a telegraph pole and held a wet rag to his eyes.

Mission Dolores.

"What is your mission here, sir?" asked the old man, with a frown. "I am on three missions, sir," replied the poor young man, who was also a humorist.

That's Different.

I asked her if she'd take a stroll. She said she didn't care. I asked her if she'd take my arm. She said she didn't care.

Not a Complete Separation.

"Johnny," said his mother, "I don't want you to play with that little Brown Jones boy any longer; do you hear?"

Following the Old Lines.

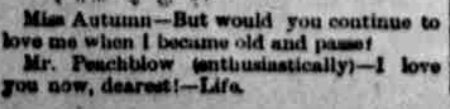
Smith—I notice that the telegraph line men take the advice of the old philosophers in their business.

Evidence of Smartness.

Louis—Does your father approve of your engagement? Lily—Oh, yes; papa thinks George real smart. In fact, he pinched papa in a wheat deal last week.—Chicago Herald.

How He Lost Her.

Miss Autumn—But would you continue to love me when I become old and passed? Mr. Peachbloss (enthusiastically)—I love you now, dearest.—Life.



A HUNGER STRIKE.

Compelling the Governor of a Siberian Prison to Consider Grievances.

In his Siberian series in Century Mr. George Kennan gives the following account of a prison revolt among the exiles: A few days later—about the middle of July—all the rest of the state criminals were brought back to the political prison at the Lower Diggings, where they were put into new and much smaller cells that had been made by erecting partitions in the original kameras in such a manner as to divide each of them into thirds.

No attention was paid to their notification, but from that moment not a mouthful of the food that was set into their cells was touched. As day after day passed the stillness of death gradually settled down upon the prison.

On the fifth day of the "goldofka" Maj. Khalaturin, convinced that the hunger strike was serious, came to the prison and asked the convicts to state definitely upon what terms they would discontinue their protest.

On the tenth day the state of affairs had become alarming. All of the starving men were in the last stages of physical prostration, and some of them seemed to be near death.

On the thirteenth day of the "goldofka" Maj. Khalaturin sent word to the wives of all political convicts living in the Lower Diggings that they might have an interview with their husbands—the first in more than two months—if they would try to persuade them to begin taking food.

The English Language in Paris. More books and magazines in English are read now in Paris than at any previous period in the history of the country.

Tennyson's Tribute to Horace. Lord Tennyson told Mr. Edmund Gosse not long ago that he attributed his command of metrical language mainly to the thorough acquaintance which he enjoyed from early youth with the "Odes of Horace."

For Burns. Some one has recommended the application of a thick solution of gum arabic to burns as being the best application that can be made.

His Complexion Was Against Him.

Haji Hassen Ghooly Khan, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Persia, is one of the favorites in Washington society, and he is very fond of going out and calling on the ladies, and is always most hospitably received wherever he goes.

The ladies of the house soon learned of the "horrible" manner in which their distinguished caller had been received, and they at once made heroic and happily successful efforts to have the affair settled on a basis satisfactory not only to themselves but to the distinguished envoy from Teheran.—New York Tribune.

A Tragedy.

The vigilantes had just captured a noted gambler, and leading him to a convenient tree, were about to string him up. The Victim (despairingly)—Pity me for my mother's gray hair!

Some Like Him. "Was going up on the car the other night," he said, "and met a friend on the platform. Had a big package under his arm. Offered him a cigar. He took it. Didn't know till he got off that he had four boxes under his arm. What do you think of that?"

A Pertinent Name. Caller—Isn't Sub-Rosa a rather peculiar name for a servant, Mrs. Lightfoot? Mrs. Lightfoot—Yes; her name is Rosa, and we've added the prefix.



She Knew Her Place. Omaha Housewife—Now, Bridget, I want to be real kind to you and treat you like one of the family, but I want you to remember your place. Don't try to do as I and my daughters do.

Cheap Refrigerating. Ice Dealer—Shall I leave ice for you this season, as usual, Mr. K.? Mr. K.—No; I have been neglecting my social duties lately, and shall be able to get through the summer without ice, I think.—Burlington Free Press.

Ta! Ta! Spring Post (handing a roll of paper to the editor)—There, sir, I think there's some stuff in that poem.

Easily Fixed. Walter—Ahem, sir, you have forgotten to—ab— Broker—Oh, yes, your tip. I had forgotten. Buy A. H. and Q. preferred at 25 and sell at 40.—Exchange.

The Invariable Rule. The first impulse of a boy with a new watch is to assure himself that none of its 175 parts are missing.—Jewelers' Weekly.

The Truth of the Matter. Once a pleasure loving Teuton put his Sunday go to—suit on, and he started for a frolic in the much neglected zoo.

But his moment's indecision was arrested by a vision, and at once the other creature seemed comparatively crude.

But the Teuton, unacquainted with the genius, nearly fainted, could that be a human being so unusually shaped?

The Wrong Man Hanged.

Ferry Thrall, who has just died in Macon City, Mo., confessed a crime for which another was hanged. In 1864 William Vandevanter and his wife were murdered at their home, a few miles from Florida, a small town north of here.

Thrall was a daring character and committed many depredations. In 1863 he and a companion, now living, dashed into a movers' camp in Monroe county, and with drawn revolvers forced the party to disgorge all the money in their possession.

While in Texas on a raid Thrall, it is said, found out that four negro soldiers had been paid off by the government. He followed them to the outskirts of the town and killed all four and took their money.

A Tame Wasp. Some tribes of insects are "domestic" enough, but this is far from saying that they are welcome, and, in fact, of all living objects of research those of the entomologist yield the fewest "pets."

One which I called my "pet wasp" plainly evinced his delight when he was allowed to lie in the palm of my hand, while I stroked him with the fingers of the other hand, almost as one would stroke a cat.

A Polyglot Monument. In the village of Court Saint Etienne, Brabant, a Belgian has erected a monument to all religions. The Romans first put the idea of a Pantheon into form, although the fellowship of all faiths was recognized by the Greeks in many ways, and even by the Egyptians and Hindoos.

Same as the King. Louis XI of France once took it into his head to visit the kitchen and see what was going forward. He there found a little fellow, about fourteen years of age, busily engaged in turning the spit with roast meat.

Beverage for Consumptives. There is a Tartar drink called "Kefir," which much resembles "Koumiss," well known as an admirable beverage for consumptives and others suffering from wasting diseases.

Danger in Artesian Wells. There are some who are of the opinion that an ample supply of good water could be obtained by sinking artesian wells in the city of Philadelphia, or near it.

"Have you felt slippers?" inquired an old lady in a shoe store. "The clerk, who was new at the business and rather young, answered solemnly: "Yes, ma'am, many a time."

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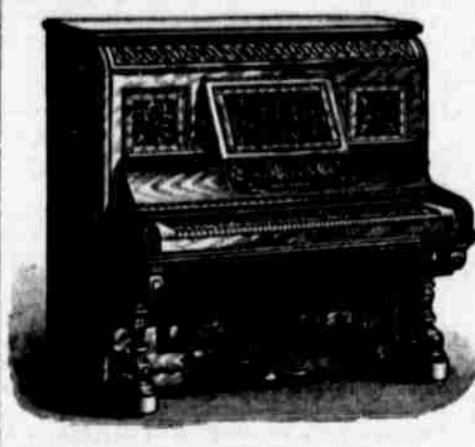
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