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IN THE LIBRARY.

Andrew Long, the famous author, thus discourses on that much maligned class known as publishers:

Her Royal Highness, the Princess Beatrice, has translated the 'Adventures in the Life of Count George Albert of Erbach,' from the German of Dr Emil Kraus, and Scribner & Welford will publish it in this country.

Mr. Richard Lee ('Haddenham'), veteran journalist and one of the earliest contributors to the Critic, is said to be writing a comprehensive criticism of American life and institutions, to be called 'The Spotted Child of the Nations.'

Mr. Whittier was so delighted with 'Friend Olivia' as it appeared serially, that he has written to Mrs. Barr to express his determination to read it again in book form. 'I marveled,' he writes, 'at its admirable portraiture of the early Quakers and their times'; and adds: 'As a Quaker I heartily thank thee for it.'

Mr. James Lane Allen of Kentucky, is getting ready a collection of his tales for publication in the spring. He is engaged upon a novel of Kentucky life, which will be ready for publication in 1892. Kentucky's centennial year. Mr. Allan has made a close study of the social and political history of his native state.

Few books that have reached this office in years will compare in beauty of binding or in typographical work, with the Blue Book recently issued by Frank N. K. Orff of Omaha. The book contains a list of names of leading people in Omaha, Lincoln and other Nebraska towns, including, however, in the list Council Bluffs. It furnishes names of over five thousand house keepers, with street number, etc. It is a valuable book of reference to make up a calling list, as well as a very excellent medium from which to procure addresses for mailing circulars and other matter that requires a list of desirable names. The book is a beautiful piece of literature and an ornament to any library or parlor. It may be seen or purchased at THE COURIER office.

The right to explore the site of ancient Delhi has at last been secured to America. The Committee of Managers of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens met on November 21 at Columbia College, nearly all the colleges supporting the school being represented. Professor Poland of Brown University was chosen director for the ensuing year, to succeed Professor Orris, and $5,000 was appropriated to carry on the work of the school for the next year.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich intends during the coming year to write a number of short stories—enough, perhaps, to make a companion volume to 'Marjorie Daw, and Other Tales.' He will also write some papers on travel, and will possibly find on his hands another book in the manner of 'From Ponkapog to Pesth.' Two more chapters will complete a little book about old Portsmouth—a thing Mr. Aldrich has long been meaning to do. As to poems, he never makes any plans. He writes a verse only when it insists on being written, and never works at all—excepting in his idle hours.

"The author who has wares worth selling has only himself to blame if he is unsuccessful when so many publishers are competing for his merchandise. Like other artists, he is seldom a man of business, though publishers know that he is sometimes quite sufficiently shrewd. The end of the matter is that literature is an art, with all the pleasures and advantages of an art to set off against the poverty and the uncommercial character of the artist. He makes many friends among his readers; he may win his share of fame or notoriety; he is happy in his labor; and I venture to think that, if he chooses, he need not be underpaid. And he can always grumble at the Americans."

"One has very little sympathy with authors who grumble at the publisher's getting his share. He did not make the book; true, but he made it possible. You cannot get on without him. His life is far more laborious than yours. He is mewed up in Paternoster-row, or wherever it may be, all the best part of the day, summer or winter. You, if you choose, are on the moors, or the links, or by the riverside, or, at worst, in your own study, while he is in an office, answering letters and making his life tedious with estimates and accounts. The author may be in Samoa or in Lochaber, while the poor publisher may be in London, toiling for the author and his brethren. Of course, he may make more money than the author (though I never heard yet of a publisher who became as rich as a lucky speculator in mineral or nitrates, whatever they may be); but his life is far from being so enviable as that of the scribbler. The successful author need envy nobody in the world; the unsuccessful author has his compensations, while I do not see that the unsuccessful publisher has anything of the kind. The author who gets much less than his share is probably the victim of his own vanity, carelessness, or indifference."

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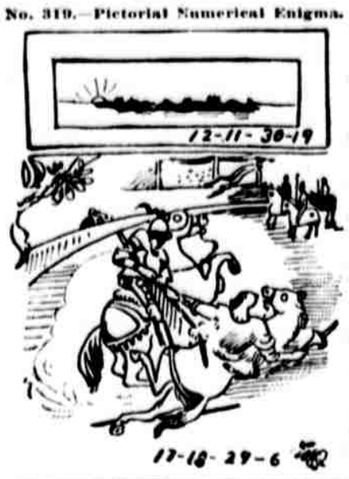
No. 318.—What Is It?

It dogs your footsteps all the day,
And mimics every motion;
It kneels beside you when you pray,
As mocking your devotion.

'Tis now behind, now before,
With mien grotesque and antic;
Dances on ceiling or on floor,
Like acrobat gone frantic.

A giant or a dwarf in height,
No weapon wounds or rends it;
Though dark itself it dwells in light,
And only darkness ends it.

No. 319.—Pictorial Numerical Enigma.



The answer, consisting of thirty letters, is a couplet relating to windy weather.—St. Nicholas

No. 320.—Rhyming Double Acrostic.

My first a ghost must surely be reckoned.
A Nebraskan city is my second.
A ship is lost for want of my third.
My fourth is in the skipping herd.
If a misspent life you would not rue
You must primals and finals do.

No. 321.—Hour Glass.

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o o o O o o
o o O o
o
o O o
o o O o o
o o o O o o o
o o o o O o o o o

1. To outweigh. 2. Finished. 3. Impending changer. 4. A trifle. 5. Letter from Europe. 6. A spring of mineral water. 7. Rule. 8. One of the parts of speech. 9 Pertaining to Norway. Centrals—An animal.

No. 322.—Easy Beheadings.

1. Behead a large bundle and leave a beverage. 2. Behead custom and leave a man of wisdom. 3. Behead not any and leave a unit. 4. Behead part of a ship and leave a snakelike fish. 5. Behead a church festival occurring in the spring and leave a flower. 6. Behead to contend in running and leave a unit. 7. Behead a shelter and leave a bower. 8. Behead angry and leave a fixed allowance 9. Behead the first of the six mechanical powers and leave always. 10. Behead a series of steps and leave a venomous serpent.

The beheaded letters will spell the name of a place famous in American history.

No. 323.—Curtailments.

1. Curtail a platform and leave an animal.
2. A plant and leave to incline.
3. A kind of food and leave a man's name.

No. 324.—Numbers in Anagram.

1. We let V,	5. Next is E,
2. Thin tree,	6. Seen Event,
3. Fortune E,	7. He tinge E,
4. Fife net,	8. Ne tine ne.

No. 325.—Hidden States.

1. "A Foregone Conclusion" is the name of one of Howells' books.
2. He gave him a protocol, or a document written on parchment.
3. It is said a hoyden makes the best of wives.
4. "Strong as a horse" is often said, but a horse has less endurance than a man.
5. He was given to dogma in early life, but became more liberal with years.
6. The ship was drawn into the vortex as it approached too near the fatal coast.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 309.—Unfinished Rhymes: Short, bought; youth, truth; land, strand; years, appears; crown, down; boon, noon; oppressed, guessed.

No. 310.—Word Charades: 1. Pot-luck. 2. Spearmint. 3. Wormwood. 4. Toilsome. 5. Yard-wand. 6. Cut-purse.

No. 311.—Numerical Enigma: Robinson Crusoe.

No. 312.—Illustrated Rebus: "Men are but children of a larger growth."

No. 313.—Geographical Acrostic: Africa. 1. Alps. 2. Florence. 3. Rhine. 4. Inverness. 5. Canada. 6. Albion

No. 314.—A Cluster of Diamonds: 1. I. D. 2. Sip. 3. Spare. 4. Diamond. 5. Proud. 6. End. 7. D. II. 1. S. 2. Saw. 3. Strap. 4. Sardius. 5. Waist. 6. Put. 7. S. III. 1. P. 2. Sea. 3. Pearl. 4. Ape. 5. L. IV. 1. T. 2. Top. 3. Topaz 4. Pan. 5. Z. V. 1. A. 2. Age. 3. Agate. 4. Etc. 5. E. VI. 1. B. 2. Her. 3. Beryl. 4. Rye. 5. L.

No. 315.—Floral Anagram: Petunias.

No. 316.—Cross word Enigma: Juniper.

No. 317.—Decapitations: F-risk, T-rick, T-ear, K-nab, M-ore, L-oath.

They Get Rich.

Bjones brought a friend with him.

"Got a very handsome place," remarked his friend as they drew near the house. "Own it probably?"

"No," Bjones replied gloomily. "I'll never have the luck to own a place like that; I rent it."

"By the way," said his friend after a moment's pause, "who lives in that funny little house in your back yard?"

"That's the man I rent from."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Placed.

Mrs. Honeyton—Are those some of the cigars I gave you?

Honeyton—Yes.

Mrs. Honeyton—How are they?

Honeyton—They are of the kind that it is better to give than to receive.—Harper's Bazar.

Books as They Are Named.

Miss Marie Correlli sends us the following list of English novels as they appear printed in the circulating library catalogue at Vevey, Switzerland:

Kavanagh's "Leven years and other thales."

"Too stange not to be Two."

Dickens' "Skatches."

Mrs. Hoey's "Golde Sorron."

Black's "She adventures of a Phaython."

Trollope's "He kne he was Rigt."

Mrs. Craik's "His littl mother and other Skethes."

Mrs. Marshall's "Life's Aftermatch."

Forbes' "Sodiering and Scribbing."

Motley's "Gance at the Palst of English Literatur."

Bret Harte's "Tankfull Bossom."

"Notes from the pockit-booh of an opiumeeter."

"Confersions."

"Aho creaks pays" ("He Who Breaks, Pays").

"How to be Lappy Ahough marrier" ("How to be Happy though Married").—St. James Gazette.

The Wrong Man.

When Dan Beard had been engaged to design the illustrations for Mark Twain's last book, "A Yankee in King Arthur's Court," he wrote to Mr. Clemens, asking what instructions he wished to give. Mr Clemens, a few days later, shambled into Mr. Beard's studio.

"Mr. Beard" (oh, if the types could only reproduce that drawl of his!). "Mr. Beard," he said, "if somebody should come to me and say, 'Clemens, I want you to write a story for me,' I'd say, 'All right, I'll write a story for you.' But if somebody should come to me and say, 'Clemens, here's a story I want you to write for me,' and then should begin to tell me the story, I'd say, 'Hold on, you blamed fool, you don't want to hire me; you want to hire a typewriter.'"

This, Mr. Beard says, was the extent of instructions given by Mr. Clemens.—Aualostan Magazine

The Last Relic.

"Madam," said the bearded stranger, "ten years ago your son ran away to sea and has never been heard from since. All these years you have waited. When he left you declared that you would know James by the wart on his neck."

"Can it be possible," exclaimed the poor widow, "that you are my long lost son? Oh, James!"—

"Hold on a minute," interrupted the stranger. "I am not your son, but I have got that wart in this carpet bag, and the price to you will be $25."—New York Evening Sun.

Working Into the Spring.

Housewife—Will you clean off this snow for a quarter?

Boy—Yes'm.

Housewife—Well, after you have cleaned off the front walk and steps I shall want you to make a nice path down to the well and through the orchard, clean off the cellar doors, and then bring up the water from the well and a few buckets of coal from down stairs.

Boy—And then, ma'am, I suppose you'll want to have your grass cut?—New York Sun.

Good Grounds.

"Do you think you will gain your lawsuit?" asked Gus Smith of Col. Yerger, who had been run over by a fire engine and was suing the city of Austin for damages.

"Yes, I think I'll come out ahead."

"Has your lawyer given you grounds to think so?"

"No, but I have given him grounds to think so. I've deeded him two lots on Austin avenue as a fee."—Texas Siftings.

Lack of Confidence.

Miss Novelette—You say that De Wagstick was a great poet, but ruined by his modesty?

Miss Passionpen—Yes, he would write the most soul inspiring verses, but his extreme diffidence did not give him the necessary confidence, and he used to sign Swinburne's name to them.—New York World.

May Be.

Watt—Wonder why they always call a locomotive she?

Potts—Maybe it is on account of the horrible noise it makes when it tries to whistle.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Proper Accompaniment.

Citycus—Shooting good around here?

Rusticus—Wall, ye-es. I reckon it's as good here as anywhere else, if you've brought your target along with you.—Week's Sport.

Signs of Death.

Bellows—What makes you fear your son out in Colorado is dead?

Fellows (with a sigh)—He hasn't written for money for near a month.—The Epoch.

Engaged.

"What experience as an electrical expert have you had?"

"I've been struck by lightning."—The Epoch.

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