

The Whip Dance.

Indians frequently, after engaging in the whip dance, vow that they will never more submit to the ordeal, and mutually assure each other that their skins have been made to suffer for the last time.

When the dance is about to commence the performers range themselves opposite one another, waving their whips in the air and giving utterance to cries resembling the notes of birds.

The recipient of the blow utters never a sound, but smiling as cheerfully as possible under the circumstances, again takes up the dance until it is the turn of the other player to stand still and receive his punishment, which, we may depend upon it, is usually returned with as good a will as it was given.

Some Rare Old Instruments.

Mr. Steinert, of this city, has added to his rare collection of musical instruments a viola de Gamba, which is probably the only one in playable condition in this country.

The first instrument has a straight back and the top is of a conical shape similar to the base viol of the present day, and not rounded as the violoncello.

This valuable treasure of Mr. Steinert was found in a monastery in Berlin, in connection with a viola d'Amore, by a German citizen. He brought it to this country about thirty years ago and kept it until purchased by Mr. Steinert.

What Keeps the Bicycle Upright?

Let us suppose a cyclist mounted on his wheel and riding, say, toward the north. He finds himself beginning to tilt toward his right. He is now going not only north with the machine, but east also.

I conclude, then, that the stability of the bicycle is due to turning the wheel to the right or left, whichever way the leaning is, and thus keeping the point of support under the rider, just as a boy keeps upright on his finger a broomstick standing on its smallest end.

Begged John's Pardon.

At the Old Bailey it was customary to sentence the whole of the prisoners found guilty at the sessions at one time. It fell to Baron Graham's lot to perform this duty, and he accordingly went over the list with due solemnity, but omitted one person brought up for sentence—Mr. John Jones.

Slang and Simile.

Will some one kindly point out where metaphor and simile leave off and where slang begins? There are many expressions about which sometimes cause cultured people to turn up their noses or raise their eyebrows, and yet they are to be found in the Bible, in Shakespeare and in other excellent places, while there are about as many expressions which people use with a great deal of reverence, thinking that they come from the Bible, which really are to be found only in such works as Sterne's "Sentimental Journey Through Italy."

Unsuccessful.

Cholly—What's aw—the mattah—aw—with Sissy Downy? He—aw—looks very much dejected, y' know.

A Pleasant Surprise. Detective—Is this Mr. Hardup? Hardup (uneasily)—Yes, but I'm very busy and can't talk to you. Call again. Detective—I have a warrant for your arrest. Hardup (relieved)—Oh! I thought you had a bill.—Munsey's Weekly.

Mr. Betts' Cyclone Annihilator.

Mr. Edward Daniel Betts is an artist and a man with a sharp eye. He read the other day about some hunter on the plains who was pursued by a relentless cyclone. In sheer desperation the hunter turned and fired his trusty rifle at the rapidly approaching funnel-shaped cloud.

It is a large rubber ball filled with gun cotton or dynamite," he explained, "which will be hurled with terrific force at the advancing cyclone. The explosive will have a fuse to it which will be ignited automatically."

He further explained that the propelling instrument was so arranged that it always pointed at the cyclone. The ball was thrown after the wind had attained a certain velocity.

Mr. Betts has had a great deal of trouble in arranging this last detail. For he found that if he set it at too low a notch the machine would go off in a stiff breeze and throw the rubber ball of dynamite over into a neighboring pasture or down into a cow lot, doing great and immediate damage to the cows without any material advantage.

Mr. Betts says there is no question but that a dose of dynamite will knock any cyclone cold. The machines can be put on a high pole out of the reach of goats and children.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Terms That Really Mean the Same.

The English language must appear fearfully and wonderfully made to a foreigner. One of them, looking at a number of vessels, said, "See what a flock of ships." He was told that was a fleet, and that a fleet of sheep was a flock, and it was added, for his guidance in mastering the intricacies of our language, that a flock of girls is called a bevy, and a bevy of wolves is called a drove, and a drove of thieves is called a gang, and a gang of warriors is called a host, and a host of porpoises is called a school, and a school of buffaloes is called a herd, and a herd of children is called a troop, and a troop of partridges is called a pack, and a pack of swans is called a whiteness, and a whiteness of geese is called a gaggle, and a gaggle of brant is called a gang, and a gang of ducks is called a team.

A team of widgeon is called a company (or trip), and a company of teal is called a flock, and a flock of snipe is called a whisp, and a whisp of bitterns and herons is called a sedge, and a sedge of plovers is called a flock, and a flock of larks is called an exaltation, and an exaltation of beauties is called a galaxy, and a galaxy of ruffians is called a heap, and a heap of rubbish is called a heap, and a heap of oxen is called a drove, and a drove of blackguards is called a mob, and a mob of whims is called a school, and a school of worshippers is called a congregation, and a congregation of soldiers is called a corps, and a corps of robbers is called a band, and a band of bees is called a swarm, and a swarm of people is called a crowd.—Ashton (Eng.) Reporter.

She Was Heroic in Her Way.

A somewhat amusing incident occurred at an English provincial theater during a performance of "Called Back." Early in the evening an old lady took up her seat in the balcony and concentrated her attention on the play. When Antony received his coup de grace at the hands of Macari the lady became very excited and fainted. She was taken down to the vestibule, and on recovery it was suggested she should leave the theater. This, however, she declined to do, being anxious to witness, as she put it, "the beautiful play."

She accordingly returned to her seat, apparently well. The vision scene in Act I next proved too much for her, and again she fainted. Once more restoratives were applied, and she declared her intention of staying to the end. Nothing occurred in Act II to arouse her sympathies, but the Siberian scene in Act III in which Dr. Ceneri shuffles off the mortal coil, again upset her nerves, and once more she fainted. By this time the management had had enough of the thing and the old lady was sent away in a cab to her residence, not far off.—Jester.

Shaving Is Dangerous.

We have often heard that shaving the face with a razor was a bad thing; that it injured the nerves and caused weak eyes; that it removed the natural covering from the throat and neck, and that altogether it was thoroughly physiological. A writer in The Medical Classics has been looking into this matter a little more closely. By the aid of a microscope applied to a closely shaved face he discovered that the skin resembles a piece of raw beef. The razor removes not only the hair, but also a portion of the cuticle. The blood vessels thus exposed are not visible to the naked eye, but under the microscope each little quivering mouth holds a drop of blood. The nerve tips are also uncovered and the pores are left unprotected, making the skin tender and unhealthy, and the person is liable to have colds, hoarseness and sore throat.

Dining in Paris.

Ladies of the world in Paris have introduced a new fad, and this is to go and dine with their husbands and brothers at the Cercle de la Rue Royale. These dinners take place in private salons attached to the club, and are the most select and choice little feasts imaginable, the cooking being of the very best. The Marquis de Mornay gave one of these dinners to several of his friends. The table was decked under a canopy of tea roses, and the cloth was concealed by a field of Russian violets, which filled the room with their intoxicating perfume.—San Francisco Argonaut.

A Pleasant Party.

Miss Anna Critchfield has engaged a school near Nehawka, to which point she will go next Saturday so as to begin work Monday morning. Last evening quite a number of her young friends called in to bid her good by and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Those present were the Misses Lizzie Leach, Tillie Leonard, Mary Sherman, Mary and Lizzie Kroehler, Lizzie Jacquette, Hattie Shipman, Nellie Morrison, Messrs. Bert McElwain, Harry Jacquette, Alie Todd, Eugene Smith, Oliver Buzzell and S. G. Riggins.

A play with a plot. Secure your tickets at once for The "Golden Nugget," by the Little's World Company at the opera house next Friday night price 75 cents.

Mr. Little writes to J. P. Young saying, you can without any hesitancy guarantee this play to your people, for it is equal if not better than than "World" with which your people are familiar wherever I have produced it the verdict is in favor of the "Golden Nugget," for the play is full of strong emotion, a beautiful story of real life amongst the mines, beautiful special scenery lots of sensation and beautiful realistic situation, and I guarantee to please one and all if they come to see the "Golden Nugget. So don't Miss it next Friday night.

LAST NIGHTS PLAY.—Last night Mr. J. Z. Little played "Golden Nuggets" in the opera house to an appreciative audience. The two plays Mr. Little is playing here this week are both so strong as to render it very difficult to decide which one is the better. Some of the scenery which his troupe carries is too large to be placed on this stage. This is especially the case with the scenery to "Golden Nuggets," but nevertheless certain pieces were used last night which made the surroundings suitable for a Western play.—Reading, Pa. News.

At the opera house in this city Friday evening, April 10.

The Rebeccas.

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After giving up all hopes of recovery, I happened to see an advertisement in the newspaper about your CUTICURA REMEDIES, and purchased them from my druggist, and obtained almost immediate relief. I began to notice that the scaly eruptions gradually dropped off and disappeared one by one, until I had been fully cured. I had the disease thirteen months before I began taking the REMEDIES, and in four or five weeks was completely cured. My disease was eczema and psoriasis. I know of a great many who have taken the REMEDIES and thank me for the knowledge of them, especially mothers who have babies with scaly eruptions on their heads and bodies. I cannot express my thanks to you. My body was covered with scales, and I was an awful spectacle to behold. Now my skin is as clean as a baby's.

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