

NOBLESSÉ OBLIGE.

If I were you and had pink shells for ears,
And eyes like violets dipped in dew;
Of having my love's love I'd have no fears,
If I were you.

The Oldest Family.

In matter of antiquity Mohammed must yield precedence to the Chinese philosopher, Confucius, who died 479 years before the Christian era.

Vespucius' Descendant.

It is rather remarkable that so many men identified with the early history of this continent should have living descendants.

The Page of the Czar.

Little Kapioff had made a bet with his fellow pages that he would pull the Emperor Paul's pigtail (which was held in respect by the highest persons in the realm) like an ordinary bell rope at the next court banquet.

How Flies Multiply.

From where do all the flies come? The question is often asked, and seldom receives so satisfactory an answer as has been given by a contemporary.

Derivation of Two Common Words.

Our common word abridge has no connection with a bridge. It is a modification of the Greek brachus, short, through the French abregé, to shorten.

The Best Talking Parrot.

The best talking parrot is the gray bird with scarlet tail that comes from the Congo. A few of these have a scarlet breast as well as tail, and are known as king birds. They are very rare.

A Grain of Fine Sand.

A grain of fine sand would cover one hundred of the minute scales of the human skin, and yet each of these scales in turn covers from 200 to 500 pores.

A WOMAN'S ODD CAPRICE

UNACCOUNTABLE, YET IT MADE HER SUPREMELY HAPPY.

A Sudden Whim Seizes Her and She Started on a Visit to New York by a Circuitous Route—She Meets a Long Lost Brother.

"My aunt, Mrs. O. P. Smith, of St. Louis, started east to visit the relatives of her husband in Dutchess county," said one of those relatives, a well known railroad man.

"That would necessitate a journey by New York city or by Newburgh and across the Hudson, and her husband tried to argue her out of her sudden and unreasonable determination.

"I can't tell you why I have such an inclination to go that way," she said; "but I have that feeling, and I do not believe I could bring myself to go any other way."

"Of course her husband gave in to her whim, and put it down to woman's caprice. My aunt is a native of Richmond, Va., and during the war, being about sixteen, her only sister died, and her brother was killed in the defense of Richmond.

"She found a home, however, with a Richmond family, who moved west after the war, where the orphan girl, whose name was Allison, subsequently met and married my Uncle Smith. She was ten years old when her brother went to California, and he was then twenty-five. She had never heard anything from him since the war broke out.

"At Meadville, Pa., the next morning after leaving St. Louis, my aunt kept her berth. While she was making her toilet the porter had made up the section. When she returned and sat down a sprightly but elderly man sat down in the other seat of her section and said: 'Excuse me, madam, but I'll just drop down here while the porter fixes up things in my section. I'm only going to the next station anyway.'

"My aunt opened her mouth to reply, but she didn't speak. She simply fastened her eyes on the old man opposite. He was tall and bright eyed, with a silver gray mustache and goatee, the latter long and pointed. He wore a wide brimmed felt hat. My aunt's manner seemed to nettles him, and he exclaimed, rising: 'If I annoy you, madam, I will go to some other seat.'

"My aunt managed to loosen her tongue then, and putting out her hand begged him to be seated. He sat down again, and my aunt looked out of the window, or at least she says she tried to, but she felt herself drawn irresistibly to look covertly at the gray bearded stranger. When the porter had arranged the stranger's section, and he arose and went to it, my aunt's eye followed him. She tried to speak to him as he went from her seat, but she didn't seem to be able to get out the words she wanted to say.

"The next station was Union City. It was only half an hour's ride from Meadville, and as the train drew nearer to it my aunt says she could hardly breathe, her heart beat so, and she felt as if she must speak to the old man or die. But somehow she could not. At last the train whistled for Union City. The gray bearded man took his valise and prepared to leave his seat. The train began to slow up. The old man walked toward the front end of the car. He was passing my aunt's section.

"She pressed one hand on her thumping heart and, almost choking, she touched the stranger's arm and gasped: 'Sir, isn't your name Allison?' 'The man looked surprised and said: 'Why, yes; my name's Allison.' 'Charles Jasper Allison?' 'Yes,' said the stranger, looking still more surprised. 'Didn't your sister Carrie used to tell you Jas?'

"'She did,' he exclaimed. 'But why—' 'Oh, Jas! I'm your sister Carrie!' exclaimed my aunt, and her arms were around the old man's neck and he was holding her to his breast, while both of them sobbed like a couple of children. 'The long lost brother didn't get off at Union City. He was the very image of her father when he died, my aunt said, and that is why she felt from the very first that he was her brother Jas. The brother is still a Californian, an extensive vineyardist, and while in Chicago he suddenly remembered that an old friend of his was in or near Union City, and he resolved to visit him before returning to the coast. This had occurred about half an hour before the train he was to take left Chicago, and he was just able to catch it by an extra effort.

"Suppose my aunt hadn't suddenly taken that whim to travel by the Erie? Or suppose her brother hadn't suddenly thought him of his old friend in Union City? And how do you account for it all, anyhow?'—New York Sun.

IT IS TO TEACH THE LADIES.

AN IMPORTATION OF DESIGNERS OF LADIES' GOWNS.

What the Enterprise of an International Fashion Magazine Has Done For Its Readers.

New York, April 10.—Among the cabin passengers who arrived from Europe to-day by the steamship "La Bourgoyne," were fourteen Parisian designers of ladies' fashionable gowns. These artists have been engaged by the enterprising managers of The New York and Paris Young Ladies' Fashion Bazaar, to contribute exclusively to the columns of that popular magazine.

"Paris still leads the world of fashion although Eugenie no longer sits on the throne. Parisian gowns have a style about them that can not be equalled. That, I suppose, is the reason why we have been engaged to come to America to teach the ladies of your beautiful country, through the columns of The New York and Paris Young Ladies' Fashion Bazaar, how these wonderful creations of the dress-makers' art are constructed. It is our business to design the handsomest and most fashionable gowns for the different seasons of the year.

"These designs will be printed in colors and will be accompanied by such clear instructions as to the selection of materials and the cutting and fitting of the garments that no woman of sense will have the least difficulty in making perfect fitting gowns herself. It is a knack, a science, to fashion a gown that will make a very small and very fleshy lady appear slim. Not one designer in a thousand can hit upon the true lines unless he makes it the study of a lifetime. You ought to see the May number of our magazine. We have designs in it that will take the hearts of the ladies by storm. They do not get a new dress made up every day, and I can tell you it is an important item to get the best magazine, and the very latest and most exquisite Paris styles, and have it fashioned like the one that is best suited to their figure."

Judge Chapman is trying to outbid Judge Sullivan for the alliance support. At least you would have thought so to have seen him building wire fence to-day out on Fitzgerald's Forty.

The case of Mathew Gering vs. John Terryberry for attorney's fees was tried before Judge Archer to-day. C. S. Polk for defendant and Gering pro se. The court took the matter under advisement until Friday morning.

At the administrators sale of the Fitzbach real estate yesterday the property was all bid in except the residence upon which there is a mortgage of \$4,000. The administrator is not satisfied with the amounts offered so that the court will probably confirm only the two sales, that of the store room to J. V. Egenberger Jr, for \$5,500 and that of an undivided half of the brick yard to the Terra Cotta Company for \$600.

Mortar-Spotted Skin.

Covered With Scales. Awful Spectacle. Cured in Five Weeks by the Cuticura Remedies.

About the 1st of April last I noticed some red pimples like coming out all over my body, but I thought nothing of it until some time later on, when I began to look like spots of mortar spotted on, and which came off in layers accompanied with itching. I would scratch every night until I was raw, then the next night the scales being formed meanwhile were scratched off again. In vain did I consult all the doctors in the country, but without avail.

After trying up all hopes of recovery, I happened to see an advertisement in the newspapers 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 entirely 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 was an awful spectacle to behold. Now my skin is as clean as a baby's. GEO. COTEY, Merrill, Wis.

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TRANSACTS A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS

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Mrs. J. S. Newlan received word yesterday that her pension under the new law had been granted. The letter was accompanied by a voucher for \$77, the amount due her since the new law went into effect. Hereafter she will receive for herself and children \$14 per month, a sum not large but one that will be of great assistance. We are indeed glad to hear of Mrs. Newlan's good fortune in having her claim allowed so promptly.

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