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### THE HUSBAND'S BAD MANNERS.

They Are Too Frequently the Cause of Many a Wife's Heartache.

A friend was spending the day with me the other day, and while she was here our pastor called. After he left the friend said: "Did you ever notice with what respect Mr. Conrad speaks of his wife, and how courteously he treats her at all times?" I nodded assent and my friend went on:

"I suppose my husband is as good a man as ever lived, but his mother did not train him to be courteous to ladies. His sisters were his slaves, and thereby he is spoiled as a husband. I wish I could train several hundred boys to be husbands for the next generation. Do you suppose they'd consider it their prerogative to drive the girls out of the easiest chair, take the sunniest corner of the room, the best place by the light, throw books, papers or slippers down for some one to put away, grow up with the idea that a wife must be a valet and the rest of the household stand respectfully by to obey orders? You smile, but this is anything but a subject to laugh over.

"I really believe that husbands never think how their unkind ways hurt. They don't realize the difference to us, for instance, in their manner when they come to dinner. All day the wife has been alone with the children and servants, and is more hungry for a kind word from her husband than an epicurean feast. He comes in just as the dinner bell rings. For a wonder dinner is once ready on time," the husband says. Couldn't he have saved the heart stab by saying:

"That's a pleasant sound to a hungry fellow, and what hinders him from adding, what would be the milk and honey to a weary soul all the rest of the day—nay, all the rest of her life—'You are a good wife, Cornelia.' And if dinner is not quite ready why need he say, 'Of course not; never is.' In working motives for the home why hasn't some one taken Wesley's remark: 'I'd as soon swear as fret,' instead of hanging up 'I Need Thee Every Hour.'

"When I think I have a hard time I just think of the women who have no servants, but who themselves care for the children, wash, iron, cook, mend, churn, milk, carry wood and water, all for less than a servant girl's wages. Of course men appreciate their wives; of course they do, but they keep their polite manners and courteous ways for—other men's wives. One time James thanked me for saving him room beside me at the concert, and then sort of apologized for being polite by saying he thought it was my sister Mary."—Atlanta Constitution.

### A Strange Mark.

James Rothermel, who lives in Fayette county, this state, has a strange birth mark which makes him an object of superstitious regard among his neighbors. According to a correspondent of The Pittsburg Post on the back of Rothermel's head, just below and a little to the right of the base of the brain, is a small excrescence, bluish in color and crescent shaped. The moment the moon begins to turn the first quarter of her pole the mark begins to undergo a startling change. Its bluish color turns to a brilliant red, and the flesh below it and extending diagonally across his neck to the left shoulder begins to swell. As the moon grows older the birth mark gets redder and redder, and the flesh swells more and more, until, when the moon has reached its "full," the crescent shaped mark is of a fiery scarlet, and the flesh extending from the mark to the left shoulder has swollen into a horn like roll, two or three inches in thickness at the largest point, and gradually tapering to a point near the left shoulder.

As the moon gradually begins to wane, in like manner the scarlet of the crescent shaped mark becomes less fiery, the horn like roll across the neck to decrease in size, until when the moon is dark again there is nothing to be seen but the small bluish crescent shaped mark. For over twenty-eight years these changes have followed monthly with the moon's phases; and so marked are they and so regular that Rothermel can tell by simply placing his hand on the back of his neck exactly what stage the moon is in.—Philadelphia American.

### More Mexican Idioms.

An interesting antiquity has recently been discovered at Palenque, in the Chiapas district of Mexico. The monument is situated upon the river Xhupa. Although it is now a complete ruin, was originally a structure of considerable height, as three distinct stories are still distinguishable. The ground floor is very large, measuring some 120 feet by 75 feet. The floor above is attained through holes in the ceiling or vault, and here a room is found measuring some 27 by 9 feet. The openings referred to are natural and have been formed by the disintegration of the stone and the sinking in of the roof. On stone slabs set into the wall are bas-reliefs of human figures, warriors, etc. Although these stones are in a very bad state of preservation they are to be seen to the capital of Chiapas. Near the ruins are a row of houses forming a street, and not far from these the vestiges of a quite large town, all of course in a state of complete ruin.—Scientific American.

### A Severe Critic.

An Atlanta artist recently finished a portrait and carried it to a friend who knew the original and asked for a criticism.

"Why, the picture is perfect," said the friend.

The artist was doubtful and the friend continued:

"To prove to you that I am right I will call my little grandchild in, who knew the subject, and she will say the picture is good. You know it has always been said that a child is a good judge of a picture."

### Led by the Blind.

Some years ago, in Paris, there was a small restaurant, known as the Blind Men's Cafe, much frequented by the blind, where an orchestra of blind musicians performed for the amusement of patrons.

One extremely dark night in winter, when a thick fog had fallen upon Paris—so thick that no one could see his way, nor so much as distinguish a street lamp ten feet away, and when policemen, carrying torches, here and there assisted some groping foot passenger to find his course—a gentleman, seeing another man walking along confidently and boldly, ventured to say to him:

"Sir, will you please tell me where you are going?"

"To the Palais Royal," said the gentleman, who was walking with such sure footsteps.

"And how do you find your way so readily?"

"Oh, never mind; I never get lost. Do you wish to follow me?"

"Thank you."

So the first gentleman caught hold of pocket of the other's overcoat, and started after him. Not a thing could he discern, but his companion marched confidently along. At length the two arrived under the familiar arches of the Rue de Rivoli.

"We are safe, now," exclaimed the gentleman who had been led: "and may I thank you for giving me the advantage of your wonderful eyesight?"

"Yes, but you must not detain me. Your faltering along the way has already made me a little late for my orchestra."

"What orchestra?"

"The orchestra in the Blind Men's cafe."

The man was perfectly blind. The thick fog was nothing to him, who had walked in darkness all his life, but had nevertheless learned his way surely through the great city. This was one instance, at least, where the blind had an advantage over the possessors of sight.—Youth's Companion.

### Progress in Mexico.

Railroads are doing a great deal now for Mexico. About four years ago I made a very extensive trip through that country, and I have just returned from covering practically the same ground. I was hardly prepared for the changes made, but can now see what roads now projected and being constructed will do in the next few years. The railroad people, however, have had considerable uphill work, as the people were hardly ready for such means of conveyance and had to be educated. In the course of this education some novel ideas and expedients have been employed. The small farmers and vegetable producers, for instance, could not get over the old idea of loading up their burros and trudging into the city of Mexico with their products. Thus the spectacle of a train of empty cars and a long line of heavily laden and slow moving burros, driven by the patient farmer, was furnished. Finally some one hit upon the happy idea of offering a low rate for hauling the burros. It was gradually accepted, the farmers loading up their burros as usual and driving them on the cars bound for the city. In this way they began to see the value of rapid transportation, and gradually awakened to the fact that the burros were useless. Now the railroads are repaying the business very much as in any other country, though some of the smaller farming class still stick to the long eared burro.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### An Extinct Food Bird.

In the American Museum of Natural History there are four specimens of the Labrador duck. Two are adult males, one an adult female and one a young male. Fifteen or twenty years ago these ducks were very plentiful, and were sold in Fulton market for food at very moderate prices. Now they are entirely extinct, and only five specimens are known to be in this country, the fifth having formerly belonged to the museum collection, but being now at the Smithsonian institution. In all the museums of Europe there are only seven.

The adult male is quite black, excepting on the wings, head and neck, which are perfectly white, the crown of the head being topped with black. The female is of a grayish dove color, the young male being exactly the same in appearance, except that the head and neck are somewhat larger than those of the female. The bill and foot are very similar to those of the mallard duck, and the size is about the same as that of the ordinary canvas back.—New York Times.

### Queer Conduct of a Goose.

A party of boys were hunting at night near Paxton, Ind., and their dogs treed a coon. They built a fire in order to see to shoot the coon. Suddenly there was a mysterious whirr in the air that startled the youthful hunters. Almost at the same time a dark object struck the fire they had built with such force as to make the sparks fly in all directions. The young hunters for a moment could not realize what had happened, but on examination they discovered that a large wild goose had sailed straight into the fire. The goose turned several somersaults and balanced itself after its revolution on its feet in time to receive a blow from a cudgel in the hands of young Walters, who proudly carried off the prize. The goose incident removed the coon Nimrods.—Chicago Herald.

### Bees as Ventilators.

I do not know whether it is generally known that in India, and I believe in other tropical countries, there are in every hive what one can only describe as "ventilating bees." I mean that during the hot season two or three bees post themselves, on their heads, at the entrance of the hive and fan the interior with the incessant motion of their wings. They are relieved at intervals by fresh bees, who carry on the process. They are kept to their duty by a sort of patrol of bees to insure their incessant activity. This is a well authenticated and known fact.—St. James Gazette.

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