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The howl of manhood over men has leamed, And seen a keener intellect may have greened too,
The swiftness, and soon touched our own While lips that may have greeted wife and young Are now with brain that thought, with voice that sang.
—Richard S. Cremer in New York Sun

An Estimate of Carlyle.

"I never knew Carlyle," says the author of "Glances of Great and Little Men," "except by sight. To tell the truth, I did not greatly covet his acquaintance in these last days of his, when alone I could have known him. I was even not without a certain dread of this roaring apostle of taciturnity. Thus, however, finding myself sitting opposite to him in a Chelsea omnibus, I ventured to address him. I tried the usual—'the recognized conversational salutation'—but in this case it failed of its usual effect. He gave no answer, but at last, leaning on his staff in brooding silence and with introspective eyes, and he reached his destination. When he had got out, I affecting not to know him, asked the conductor who he was. The latter had touched his hat to him.
"Oh, yessir, I know him well enough. E. often rides in my bus. 'Es' wot you call a literary gent—writes books wot nobody can understand."
The conductor paused, as if mentally summing up from his superior standpoint—the footboard—poor Carlyle's characteristics, and then added, with a touch, half of pity, half of contempt in the voice:
" 'Es a bit off his chump, like many of these gents; but he ain't a bad sort if you take him the right way."

Actors Who Paint.

Speaking of people who paint, Edward W. Kumble, the artist, said: "I know many actors who are artists with the brush and pencil, and very fair artists at that. Joseph Jefferson goes in for water colors. Dixey draws queer caricatures, and I saw one of his eccentric drawings on a Parker house (Boston) bill of fare only the other day. Louis Harrison, the comedian, is a rapid draughtsman. Tim Murphy used to be a house painter in Washington, so he comes rightly by his taste for pen and pencil. His dressing room wherever he may be is covered with daubs roughly but effectively done in grease, paint and crayon. Lotta, Minnie Madden, Madeline Lucette and Alice King Hamilton draw very neatly. E. H. Sothern has made sketches which Dan Frohman considers worthy of hanging framed in the lobby of the Lyceum theatre. George Fawcett Rowe used to go in for oils. Alexander Salvini, son of his father, has presented a very neat water color to Marie Burroughs.—New York Herald.

Work in Lecturing.

A popular lecturer who has appeared before big audiences on hundreds of platforms during the past ten or twelve years, says that lecturing is the hardest way of earning a living. The lecturer is all the time exhausted with travel from place to place by railroad or steamboat, or stage coach or other conveyance. He cannot get solid sleep any time. He finds himself in uncomfortable quarters in all sorts of hotels. He cannot get to bed till nearly midnight after any lecture. He is bothered with committees and agents. He often finds that both the audience and the receipts are light. The lecturer here quoted says that he is worn out down to the bones after a few weeks of lecturing, and that he never had a relaxing hour when he was a deck hand aboard ship as he has had during the years in which he has been on the lecture platform. His nervous system has been shattered by it.—New York Sun.

Resistance of the Air to a Locomotive.

Experiments of the French railway show that the resistance of the atmosphere to the motion of high-speed trains amounts often to half the total resistance. Two engines, of which the resistance was measured separately and found to be 19.8 pounds per ton at thirty-seven miles per hour, were coupled together and again tried. The resistance fell to 14.3 pounds per ton. The second engine was masked by the first. It may be argued from this that by a suitable adaptation of the front of a locomotive, electrical or otherwise, a saving of from 8 to 10 per cent. of the effective power could be made.—Electrical Review.

Furrows on the Finger Nails.

Nearly twenty years ago Dr. Wilks directed attention to the curious fact that a transverse furrow always appears on the nails after a serious illness. Medical men ignored what they called the visionary opinions of Mr. Wilks, giving the matter but little attention in their medical works. Recently a new interest in the subject has been revived and pathological societies have begun an investigation. One remarkable case shows nail furrows caused by three days' seasickness.—Herald of Health.

The Foot of a Fly.

If the foot of a fly is put under the glass of a good microscope it may be seen how simple is the contrivance that seems able to defy the laws of gravitation. The foot is made up of two pads, covered with fine short hairs, with a pair of curved hooks above them. Behind each pad is a tiny bag filled with clear, liquid gum, the hairs also being hollow and filled with the same sticky fluid.

In applying stimulants to the head.

A fair amount should first be used, and then the quantity increased gradually, but never carried to such an extent that they are used indiscriminately and regardless of consequences.

The accumulation of electricity generated by the friction of belts in an engine room.

is often a matter of considerable annoyance. A little steam escaping under the belts is suggested as a remedy.

THE CURSE OF SCOTLAND.

There Are Twenty-four Reasons Why the Nine of Diamonds Is Called Unlucky.

Every reader has at some period of his or her life heard of the nine of diamonds referred to as "the curse of Scotland;" but why, perhaps, you have never taken the time or trouble to ascertain.
In my "Repository of the Rare and the Wonderful" I find no less than seventeen explanations of the origin of the expression, while Southwick's "Quizzism and Its Key" gives eleven, seven of which are wholly different from the answers given in the work above referred to, making in all twenty-four different accounts of the origin of the expression in the two works. Southwick traces it back to 1745, mentioning a caricature of that date which represents "the young cavalier" attempting to lead a herd of bulls laden with papal curses across the Tweed river with the nine of diamonds lying before them.

Perhaps the most satisfactory explanation of the enigma is that which refers it to the massacre of Glencoe. The order for that cruel deed was signed by the Earl of Stair, John Dalrymple, secretary of state for Scotland. The coat of arms of the Dalrymple family bears nine lozenges, resembling diamonds, on its shield. Thus it appears to have been with reference to them that the nine spot of diamonds was called "the curse of Scotland." The best and most likely of the other reasons for the origin of the expression are given below.

During the reign of Mary a thief attempted to steal the crown from Elizabeth castle, and succeeded in abstracting nine valuable diamonds from it. To replace these a heavy tax was laid on the people of Scotland, which impoverished them to such an extent that nine diamonds, whether on cloth, cards or real jewels, were spoken of as "Albion's curse."

In the game of Pope Joan the nine of diamonds is the pope, whom the Scotch Presbyterians consider a curse.
It is also said that the Duke of Cumberland wrote his inhuman orders at Culloden on the back of a card, the front of which was marked with nine diamonds.

The "Oracle, or Resolver of Questions," printed in 1770, says that the crown of Scotland had but nine diamonds, and that the Scotch people were too poor to add to the collection.—St. Louis Republic.

An Elevator Incident.

In one of the elevators in a downtown building the other day an absent minded man came near departing this life with unbecoming haste. He had stood close by the door when the car stopped at his floor and had allowed two or three other passengers to brush by him. He had made no signs of a desire to step out, but when the elevator resumed its upward course and the door was nearly closed he gave a start and jumped forward until his body projected out of the car and prevented the door from closing. Luckily the conductor understood his business. With an instinctive movement he stopped the car in a few inches. Then he drew back the door and released the venturesome passenger, who walked away without even looking back or saying a word. The other passengers looked on in silence.

Noble Tree Planters.

I read a very interesting statement recently that the three late dukes of Athole planted in their lifetime 14,000,000 larch trees on their estates. The writer who made this statement seemed to doubt the fact on the ground that he imagined that their grace did so with their own hands, which would necessitate each of them planting 200 trees a day for sixty years. When, however, a man is said to "plant" an estate, it does not any more mean that he does so personally than, when it is said that a man "furnishes" a house, he makes his own cabinets and tables, or puts down his own carpets—though our grandfathers and grandmothers, as often as not, actually did the latter, as well as—good souls!—sewing the various strips of carpets together.

A Terrapin Farm.

Of late years a number of terrapin farms have been started along the Chesapeake. The biggest farm is on the Patuxent river, and it consists of a large salt water lake, which could accommodate thousands of terrapin if they would breed as rapidly as is desired. The farmer has surrounded this lake with board fences to keep out the muskrats and foxes, which are the terrapin's enemies. He has made hatcheries of boxes partly filled with sand, and so arranged that when the females enter them they cannot get out until they are taken out. He has nurseries for young terrapin, and he keeps the little ones in here until they are ten months old, in order to preserve them from their fathers.—Frank G. Carpenter in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Paying the Piper.

Inquiring Boy (looking up from a book)—What does "paying the piper" mean?
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