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A Too Enterprising Collector.

There used to be a book collector in this city who was the terror of all who knew him. He was well to do and a very learned man. He was a great buyer of books and owned a fine library, but nobody else's library was safe if it contained a book he coveted. For a long time his victims did not suspect him. He would call, spend an hour or two among their books and go away. Finally one bibliomaniac, who had suffered most severely, had his suspicions aroused. Even then he dared not utter them, so he went to his lawyer about it.

The lawyer had him make out a list of the volumes lost. They were all of extreme rarity and great value. Armed with this list the lawyer called on the suspected man and introduced himself as a collector from the west. He had heard of the gentleman as a bibliophile of authority and wished to consult him about some books which had been offered him before he concluded upon their purchase or rejection.

"What were the books?" his host asked.

He ran off the titles of several of the stolen volumes.

"Nonsense!" said his host. "Nobody can sell you them. I own the only copies in the country."

Next day the lawyer wrote a letter which resulted in the restoration of the spoil to its rightful owner. How many rare books belonging to other collectors remain in the collection—for it has never been sold for obvious reasons—no one can say.—New York Cor. Pittsburg Bulletin.

A Blue Law Sabbath.

"I was born in Massachusetts," said he, "and reared in a strict Puritan family. The Sabbath commenced on Saturday night, when we children were required to study the Scriptural lesson for the next day. After an early breakfast next morning we went at our lesson again until church time. The morning service was from 10 to 12 o'clock, composed chiefly of a long winded sermon, during which we were required to keep awake, pay strict attention and behave ourselves. This was followed by Sunday school, where we recited our lessons correctly or suffered severe consequences.

"After a cold lunch at home, for nothing was cooked on Sunday, we attended church again from 2 until 4 p. m. The interval between this time and 7 o'clock prayer meeting was occupied with religious reading or reflection, no frivolous games or diversions being permitted on this solemn day. As a special dispensation we were given hot tea for supper. Prayer meeting was out at 9 o'clock, and from that hour until bed time we sat quietly at home reading such thrilling and interesting works, especially to children, as Baxter's 'Saints' Rest' and Fox's 'Book of Martyr's.' I used to sympathize with those martyrs, and compare their miserable state with mine."—Washington Post.

How Men Carry Their Hands.

"A sure indication of character is found in the way in which a man carries his hands," said C. G. Clarke, of Boston. "You notice men on the streets. See the young man with swinging arms and palms which are displayed to all who take the trouble to look. He is one of that class whose heart is as open as his hands. He is frank, unsuspicious, a free spender and a believer in the honesty of his fellows. Notice the business man more advanced in years. His hands are always closed so tightly that he gives you the impression he is ever expecting an attack. This is the attitude of men bent upon a certain object. It is an attitude which displays the qualities of determination and fight.

"In debate you will observe some of our lawmakers emphasize a statement by hammering the desk before them with their knuckles, while others, apparently equally impassioned, are satisfied with the use of the palm. You may rest assured that if sheer determination will succeed, the man who applies his knuckles will win before his colleague who uses his palm."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Notions About Sleep.

One of the rudest acts in the eyes of a native of the Philippine islands is to step over a person asleep on the floor.

Sleeping is with them a very solemn matter. They are strongly averse to waking any one, the idea being that during sleep the soul is absent from the body, and may not have time to return if slumber is suddenly broken.

If you call upon a native and are told "He is asleep," you may as well depart.

To get a servant to rouse you, you must give him the strictest of orders. Then at the time appointed he will stand by your side and call, "Senor! senor!" repeatedly, each time more loudly than before, until you are half awake; then he will return to the low note, and again raise his voice gradually until you are fully conscious. — Exchange.

Respecting the Dead.

Mrs. Granpere—Why, Bridget, I heard of the death of poor Tim, your husband, and that you were married again; and now, poor girl is it possible—your second husband too?

Bridget (in deep mourning)—Oh, no, mum. He's all right. But I always promised meself, whiniver I could afford it, I wud put on mornin for poor dear Tim, and it's very well off I am mum, since I'm married this time, mum.—Harper's Bazar.

Economy in Rapid Freight Trains.

A German engineer concludes that if the speed instead of the load of freight trains be increased from fourteen to twenty-eight miles per hour the expenses per car mile at the higher speed would be one-fourth less for repairs and only one-fifth more for fuel.—New York Times.

A Knowing Brute.

"Cabby, drive me to Vefour's in time for the horseflesh banquet."

"Not so loud, guv'nor. If Brown Bess heard you she wouldn't budge an inch."—Figaro.

Queer Earthquake Effects.

An old sheep herder who dwells in a secluded spot in the Sutter county buttes made his annual visit to this city Wednesday, and from him we learn of some phenomenal and interesting circumstances as a result of the earthquake of Tuesday morning.

The lonely camp of the old shepherd is far up in the buttes, and is surrounded with cliffs densely covered with massive rocks and bowlders, which have withstood the storms of ages and furnished mills for the aborigines to grind their acorns and manzanita berries into flour from the remotest antiquity.

The old herder had just emerged from his cabin on this memorable morn, and was gathering kindling with which to prepare his morning meal before turning his flock onto the range for their day's forage, and the wonderful sight he witnessed will never be forgotten. When the trembling began numerous sparks of a bright blue color began issuing from the rocks, caused by the friction as they were tossed to and fro by the surging earth. As the tremors increased the number of sparks did likewise, until at one time the hillsides appeared as one sheet of fire with millions of sparks darting here and there as if dancing for joy. As the trembling subsided the sparks gradually disappeared, and in a moment all was total darkness.

Shortly after the sun had started on its journey in the eastern horizon the attention of the old shepherd was attracted by the great branches of trees which had fallen to the ground, and those which remained intact seemed to horrify the wild birds, as they would attempt to alight, and then, with a frightened scream, would pass rapidly on, only to repeat the caper at the next tree. An investigation proved that millions of lizards and snakes had taken refuge in the trees during their fright and had become so numerous on the projecting branches that they were forced to succumb to the immense weight and fell to the ground. This is the only instance of damage reported in Yuba or Sutter county.—Marysville (Cal.) Democrat.

A Useful Collector of Coals.

Perhaps the following anecdote may be useful to readers whose houses and gardens abut on railways. An eminent "menagerist" lives in a suburb where forty trains pass his garden every hour. The weather was cold, coals were expensive, for the recent strike was just then at its height. The "menagerist," however, was a man of resource; he conceived a plan for utilizing the forty trains an hour.

From his menagerie in town he brought a large Barbary ape, which unfortunate animal was chained to the top of a pole at the end of the garden. The result was as pleasant as owning a colliery, without any wages to pay or fear of floods and explosions. Every stoker—and occasionally a driver—on every train that passed had a shot with a lump of coal at the Barbary ape. The B. A. was never hit, but the garden was littered with coal, which the "menagerist" triumphantly conveyed to his cellars.—London Tit-Bits.

A Well Traveled Letter.

An old member of a well known Breslau institution sent on the 13th of May, 1891, a post card from Cassel, addressed to "Dr. Emin Pacha, in German East Africa." The card contained a poetical allusion to the great traveler, and was signed by a number of other members of the institute. It arrived at Zanzibar on the 14th of June, 1891, and at Bagamoyo on the 16th of that month. The post card was then sent back to Dar-es-Salaam, where it arrived on the 12th of March of this year, and received the following official comment: "Aus dem Innern zuruck. Emin nicht erreichbar." (Returned from the interior. Emin not attainable.) On the 5th of May this same post card found its way back to Cassel and is now in the hands of the sender.—London News.

More Than a Hundred Fold.

Four years ago Miss Lena Woodard, living on Thorn creek, Washington, sowed the seed from one head of barley. She harvested the crop with a pair of shears and sowed the amount received the next year, again harvesting it with her shears. The third crop her father cut with a grass scythe, getting enough barley from this crop to sow forty acres last spring, which averaged forty bushels to the acre when thrashed, making a total yield of 1,600 bushels from one head of barley in four years.—Exchange.

A Boy's Explosive Pocket.

Elias Mellinger, fifteen years old, was in his father's quarry in Lancaster, and put some powder in his pocket, in which there were matches. The powder was ignited by one of the matches taking fire, and in a moment his clothing was in a blaze. It was 1,000 feet distant to his father's home, and the boy ran to it. By the time he reached there his clothing was entirely burned from his body, and he was badly burned from his head to his feet.—Cor. Philadelphia Telegraph.

Shipping Live Lobsters to London.

Recently the steamer Inchulva sailed for London with 3,000 live lobsters. They are carried in four plate iron tanks on the main deck, the tanks being fitted with shelves, and each capable of holding 1,000 lobsters.

By means of a steam pump connected with the sea valve in the engine room a large reservoir is kept filled with sea water, which in turn is supplied to the lobster tanks at will.—Halifax Cor. Boston Herald.

Hunter Bridges' Bear Average.

Nathaniel S. Bridges, who died recently in Charlotte, was one of the oldest men in town, having nearly reached the age of eighty-nine years. Mr. Bridges was well known in eastern Washington county as a lumberman and framer of farm buildings. He was a hunter and trapper of note, having killed the same number of bears as marked the years of his life.—Bangor News.

HOW THEY CARRY THEIR MONEY.

Reading the Character of People in the Pocketbooks They Use.

"I can tell you the business of six men out of every ten who come in here, and the social standing of all of them, from the way they carry their money," said a Broadway ticket seller for one of the sound steamboat lines to a reporter.

"Did you ever think how much of a person's individuality is expressed in his method of carrying his money? I see people every day get at their change and have made a study of it.

"That man," said the ticket seller, as an old gentleman who had purchased a pasteboard good for a trip to Boston went out, "is a retired banker. Did you notice that he carried his money in a long morocco pocketbook? That pocketbook is always carried in the inside pocket of his coat, on the right side. It contains a number of bright, clean bills, all neatly smoothed and laid out at full length and right side up. He never folds a bill, I will venture a cigar.

"The young broker or wholesale merchant carries his money in a small case made of seal or lizard skin. He folds the bills twice. His roll is never large, but he has enough on hand to meet any emergency.

"The clubmen invariably carry a roll of clean five dollar bills in their vest pocket, where they can be easily reached. Some carry only gold. James Brown Potter favors gold, and usually carries a few quarter eagles in a small silver case, into which the coins fit without rattling. Lispenard Stewart usually has a roll of new bills in his vest pocket.

"The man who comes in and fishes from a deep trousers pocket a lot of one, two and five dollar bills that have been twisted up like a gun wadding I always set down as a sporting 'gent.'

"The farmer on an excursion to 'Bosting' counts up the price of a ticket in quarters and halves from a tan colored leather pouch that is tied up with a string run through small slits near the top. The seafaring man on his way to his home on the Maine coast carries the proceeds of his last trip in a calfskin wallet. It has been handed down from his father, or perhaps his grandfather, for it is black and shiny with age. It has a long strap passed through a number of cross straps. The cross sections seldom have more in them than tobacco dust or a frayed tax receipt that shows that he owns a house. But in the center of the wallet is a place where bills may be laid out straight and covered with a calfskin flap from either side.

"The man who carries change in his coat pockets has been a car conductor at some time or other. The fellow who draws ten cent pieces from every pocket in his clothes is a peanut man or vender of small wares.

"The women, too, have a variety of ways to carry their money, though their lack of pockets limits their vagaries in that direction. The young woman with fluffy hair, who has the price of her ticket rolled tightly in her palm, has a mysterious storage place for money somewhere. When she is not spending it she puts it where no man will ever go after it, but the place is accessible to her slim fingers in a second."—New York Press.

Reply from the Pew.

"Joe" Jones, one of Sam's numerous brothers, has enlisted in the ministry. His first sermon was preached in a country church at Pine Log before a large congregation of farmers, backwoodsmen and crackers. Sam's methods were followed with considerable success, but when Joe branched off on his own hook he struck a snag. He caused his hearers to wince when, slapping the Bible nearly off the pulpit, he exclaimed:

"A man what will cuss a oath'll steal!"

There was a lively shifting among the pews and much cautious looking around and head shaking. Joe saw, and determined to push his point.

"Brethren and sisters," he repeated, "I want to say to you that a man what will cuss a oath'll steal! What have you got to say to that."

An aged cracker arose at the back of the church and, fastening his glittering gray eye on Joe, drawled through his nose:

"All I got ter say is it's er gol dern lie!"

Joe was so discouraged that he rested on his oars two weeks before making any more bold assertions.—New York Tribune.

Registration in Germany.

In Germany the exigencies of compulsory military service require that a man should be registered from the day of his birth to that of his death. The government must be able to lay hands upon him at any time. A man can accomplish no civil act without producing his papers of identity. He cannot set up in business, nor buy land, nor obtain a situation, nor marry, nor get out of any scrape with the judicial authorities, nor leave the country without satisfying the police as to who he is, where he was born, who were his parents, etc.—London Tit-Bits.

Throwing Men Overboard.

In ancient Scotland the barbarous custom existed which cost Jonah so much inconvenience. When a ship became unmanageable it was usual to cast lots for the purpose of discovering who was responsible for the trouble, and the man upon whom the lot fell was condemned. Instead of human beings dogs used sometimes to be thrown into the sea with their legs bound.—Washington Star.

Not Alone.

Very stout persons may sometimes be noticed glancing at other stout persons with a pleased expression that seems to say, "Well, I'm not as stout as that, any way;" or, "There is some one who is quite as stout as I am." Evidently it is a consoling thought.—Youth's Companion.

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