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Strange Fate of a Large Family.

In the history of wealthy families nothing has been recorded more melancholy in character than the strange fate which has overtaken the widow of the founder of one of the most prosperous firms in Paris and her sons and daughters. M. Parisot, who started the famous drapery and general outfitting establishment of the "Belle Jardiniere," died some years ago, leaving a widow and two young daughters. Mme. Parisot, after a due period of mourning, married a M. Finance, by whom she had three sons—Paul, Charles and Emile. Afterward M. and Mme. Finance separated, the wife having charge of the children, five in number.

About five years ago the elder of the two girls died, and was followed to the grave by her sister in the year 1899. Their fortune, inherited from their father, M. Parisot, was left to their stepbrothers, the Finances. Hardly had Mme. Finance recovered from the shocks caused by the deaths of her daughters than her eldest son, Paul, was drowned in a shipwreck. This was too much for the mother, who retired to her villa at Neuilly and there died. There remained then but Charles and Emile Finance, the inheritors of a large fortune, but also of an undermining malady, which they knew full well would soon end their days.

They suffered, in fact, from blood poisoning, and while awaiting their doom led the lives of anchorites, and busied themselves in works of charity. Charles Finance died six weeks ago, and his brother Emile has just joined him in the tomb. Emile, who was only twenty-two years of age, has left 1,800,000 francs, or £72,000 sterling, to various charitable institutions. The remainder of his fortune he divides in bequests.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

Fresh Cucumbers Are Healthy.
"Cucumbers are a greatly maligned vegetable," said a man who insists upon having vegetables freshly picked every day from his own garden during the summer. "They are considered by the majority of persons to be unhealthy; whereas if eaten within a few hours after they are gathered they are, on the contrary, very wholesome—quite as much so in my estimation as lettuce. My family are all fond of them, and partake of them freely throughout the season; but I should not allow them to eat them at all, unless I was sure of their freshness."

It is just that that makes all the difference. My great-grandfather was hale and hearty at ninety-one, and I remember being told that his diet consisted chiefly of cucumbers and tobacco. But I won't recommend this menu as a rule for old gentlemen; I only cite it to show that my favorite vegetable has its salutary value in some cases.—New York Tribune.

A Summer Girl.
She had been reading a lovely advertisement of a summer resort as the young man sat by and listened.

"Didn't you ask me to marry you, Dick?" she said, turning to him.
"I've asked you that forty times," he replied in rather despondent tones.
"Do you really mean it?"
"Certainly I do," he asserted emphatically.

"Then, Dick, we can only be friends; at least, for the present. I wouldn't think of really and truly engaging myself to a man just at the opening of the summer campaign."

He looked very much hurt and it touched her.
"However, Dick," she went on kindly, "if you are still of the same opinion, say in November, come around and we'll talk it over."—Detroit Free Press.

A Cautious Hero.
'Twas at the Sabbath school picnic. Two maidens of uncertain age were struggling in the water.

"Merciful heavens!" cried the pastor. "Will no one save them? Is there no swimmer among us?"
"Is there a justice of the peace in the crowd?" asked Tattered Stuyvesant, the tramp, emerging from the bushes.

"I hold that office," answered a gentleman. "But will!"
"Well, then, ladies," shouted Tattered Stuyvesant to the struggling maidens, "hold up your hands and let the justice swear ye that I don't have to marry either of ye and I'll plunge in. I'm heroic, but not foolhardy. This is leap year!"
—National Tribune.

Tramped Forty-five Miles to Be Married.
George Gleskel and Lena Ash, an eloping couple from Waterford, Spencer county, Ky., arrived at Jeffersonville, Ind., recently and were married. The couple tramped forty-five miles, and on reaching here had six dollars, five dollars of which went to pay for the license and magistrate's fees. So exhausted was the bride that she could scarcely stand when the ceremony was performed. They left for the ferryboat, where she slept until the steamer reached Louisville, from which city they retraced their steps to Waterford.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Interested in a Re-election.
Mr. Wilson Noble, M. P. for Hastings, will look forward to the result of the impending general election with a good deal of personal interest. His father, Mr. John Noble, who made more than a million of money in the varnish trade, left his son £6,000 a year so long as he retains his seat in the house of commons. If Mr. Noble does not secure a seat in the house his father's will directs that £2,000 is to be deducted from his income for every year he continues an outsider.—London Tit-Bits.

Spring Overcoat Weather.
Husband—This is the most remarkable weather I ever saw in my life. It's neither blazing hot nor freezing cold—just right for a spring overcoat. Where is mine?
Wife—Really I don't know. When did you wear it last?
Husband—Let-me-see. It was that warm, cold day we had in 1856.—New York Weekly.

Soudanese Troops in Battle.

I've told a delightful story of one recent action in which the Soudanese troops took a prominent part. The enemy was under cover not far off, but the firing line of blacks were blazing away at him as fast as they could open and close their rifles. In vain their officers tried to stop them. The waste of ammunition threatened to become extremely serious, and their commanding officer, a Scotchman who had seen many fights with them, losing his temper, rode up and down behind the line cursing them with every abusive epithet in a fairly adequate vocabulary of Arabic invective, but entirely without effect. At last one of them happened to turn and discovered the beloved boy in evidently a very excited state of mind. He at once rose, ran back to him, and patting him reassuringly on the boot he said: "Don't be frightened, boy. It's all right. We're here. We'll take care of you!"

The Scotch boy, however, was equal to the occasion. He rode out through the line, and walked his horse up and down in front of the rifles. "Now," he said, "if you must fire, fire at me!" After this it is not surprising to read in dispatches that this officer has twice recently had his horse shot under him.—Contemporary Review.

Jay Gould's Book.

Occasionally some person knocks at the door of Jay Gould's office in the Western Union building with a copy of "The History of Delaware County, New York, by Jay Gould," to sell. An impression exists in the minds of many people that Mr. Gould is desirous of suppressing this publication as completely as possible, and that he will pay almost any price to get possession of the few stray copies that are left. Residents of Delaware county are authority for the statement that several years ago an agent of Mr. Gould's scoured that county for these books and bought nearly all of them at fancy prices. Whenever a copy of this particular history of Delaware county is displayed in that county at the present day the older residents will advise the owner, "Just you take that down ter New York, an Jay Gould'll give yer thirty or forty dollars fer it." It is certain that nobody in Mr. Gould's office ever heard of his paying any such price for one of those books. And nobody is able to explain why Mr. Gould should want to suppress the publication, unless it is that he thinks there is too much sentiment in it for a man of his present reputation.—New York Times.

The Unreasoning Crowd.

Speaking of the queer things to be seen on the streets, it is really astonishing how instinctively one person imitates another. A man with a passion for psychological research has been proving this by some experiments which are, to say the least of it, original. Going along about dusk the other night in advance of a small party of folk, he suddenly turned out into the muddy street, as if avoiding something in front. Unquestioningly every person behind did the same thing in spite of the night.

It isn't likely that they felt the full humorous force of the incident in quite the way he did, however, when they saw him face about and walk calmly back in the beaten path. The sheep went to all the trouble of jumping over a bar of dust, to be sure, but it would really seem worth while if human beings could think a little more independently and for themselves. The truth of it is, it is just this blind unreasoning herding together that leads to half the accidents and panics which are cropping up on all sides.—Boston Transcript.

Antidotes for Snake Poison.

The effect of snake bite depends partly on the condition of the snake and partly on that of the person bitten and the part attacked. No effectual antidote has yet been discovered. Ammonia and permanganate of potassium will not suffice, although a solution of the latter will take away the poisonous property of the snake's venom if it be mixed therewith. Immediate amputation of a bitten toe or finger is the best course, as the delay of a few seconds may suffice to convey the poison into the patient's circulation. If from the nature of the part bitten amputation cannot be performed, a very tight ligature applied after cauterization and sucking the part is the best course, and the administration of stimulants is generally recommended.—Quarterly Review.

Rice and Wheat at Weddings.

Throwing rice and wheat at a wedding is a relic of an old Roman custom, and has probably been common in England since Roman times. Brand gives several authorities for it. Friend refers to the case of the bride of Henry VII at Bristol in 1486, when wheat was thrown upon her with the greeting, "Welcome and good luck!"

Rice is used similarly at weddings in India, and the substitution of this grain for wheat in our own country of late years may be partly due to that fact; but where wheat cannot readily be come at rice would naturally suggest itself as a substitute.—Notes and Queries.

A Physician's Fees.

South Africa responds to modern innovations. A recent traveler in Kaffirland tells this incident:
As we were upsaddling, there passed us a man driving a small flock of goats and several head of cattle. This was the husband of a lady physician who is ruining the practice of the local witch doctors, and he was taking home his wife's fee for attending a patient.—Youth's Companion.

Not the Man in Question.

A laborer in a rough felt hat and long smock walked the other day into the Shakespeare library, and after looking attentively for some time at one of the custodians, went up to him and said, "I say, zur, be you Mr. Shakespeare as I've heer'n speak ov?" The custodian explained to Hodge that he was not the gentleman referred to.—London Telegraph.

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