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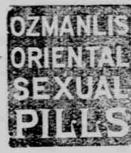
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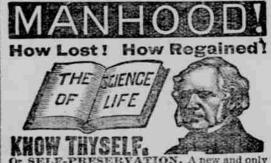
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A Toe Enterprising Collector.

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 suggest 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 lawver 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 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.

he, "and reared in a strict Puritan famday night, when we children were recomposed chiefly of a long winded ser- got by using the hair dye which was admon, during which we were required to Sunday school, where we recited our lessons correctly or suffered severe con-

"After a cold lunch at home, for nothing was cooked on Sunday, we attended prayer meeting was occupied with rethis solemn day. As a special dispensa tion we were given hot tea for supper. Prayer meeting was out at 9 o'clock, and quietly at home reading such thrilling her apron and opened the door. and interesting works, especially to children, as Baxter's 'Saints' Rest' and Fox's 'Book of Martyr's,' I used to 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 lock. He is one of that class whose heart is as open as his hands. He is frank, unsuspicious. 2 free spender and a believer in the honesty of his fellows. Notice the business man more advanced in years. His hand: are always closed so tightly that he gives you the impression he is ever expeeting an attack. This is the attitude of men bent upon a cermin object. I is an attitude which displays the quali ties of determination and fight.

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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, 1 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 af ford 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 expense per car mile at the higher speed would be one-fourth less for repairs and oul one-fifth more for fuel .- New York Times.

A Knowing Brute. "Cabby, drive me to Vefour's in tin

for the horserlesh banquet." "Not so load, guv'nor. H Brown Bess heard you she wouldn't budge an inch.

WINNING A WIDOW.

EVERYBODY WAS AT THE WEDDING EXCEPT MISS BECKETT.

A Story of a Village Courtship from Inciana-The Wedding Excited a Deal of Interest Because the Groom Was an Undertaker, Who Had Buried Many.

Undertaker Samuel Pavey and Mrs. Sarah Milliken, who has been known in Aristotle, Ind., for twenty-five years as Achilles or Kill Milliken's widow, were married recently in the presence of everybody in this village except old Miss Beckett. Miss Beckett would have been present if she had not left her sickbed last week to call on Mrs. Milliken and inquire into the particulars of the engagement. After this imprudence she had a relapse and has been unable to leave her bed. She was propped up at the window all the afternoon, however, and saw everybody that went in or out of church.

Undertaker Pavey has buried all of the dead here for the past sixty years. He is now a tall, thin man, with close cropped white hair and smooth shaven face, and always dresses in black, as becomes an undertaker. Only the oldest citizens can remember when he looked any different from the way he looks now. His wife died forty years ago, and he has kept shy of all maidens and widows ever since. Years ago he was abandoned by the most persistent match makers as a hopeless case.

The widow of Kill Milliken is an estimable lady, a great maker of cakes for "I was born in Massachusetts," said | the church festivals and clever at crocheting worsted tidies, with a large ily. The Sabbath commenced on Satur- number of which the chairs and the sofa in her front parlor are adorned. As quired to study the Scriptural lesson for | there has been a good deal of curiosity the next day. After an early breakfast about her engagement and marriage, next morning we went at our lesson she has consented to a public statement. again until church time. The morn- She is a short, fat woman, with hair of ing service was from 10 to 12 o'clock, a peculiar shade of yellow, which she vertised extensively in connection with keep awake, pay strict attention and be- her picture and letter of recommendahave ourselves. This was followed by | tion. She says that Mr. Pavey had never shown any signs of preference for her whatever, nor had she thought of him as the successor of Kill until ten days before the marriage.

About that time he knocked at her church again from 2 until 4 p. m. The front door at half past 11 in the morninterval between this time and 7 o'clock ing. It was a Wednesday and the Widow Milliken was deep in the dough, ligious reading or reflection, no frivolous | as that is baking day through this whole games or diversions being permitted on town. She looked out through the blinds of the window next the front door and saw who it was. As she had known Mr. Pavey so many years she from that hour until bed time we sat just wiped the flour off her hands upon

Mr. Pavey went into the parlor and sat down in the caneseat rocker with the green worsted tidy with blue ribsympathize with those martyrs, and bons through it. He set his tall hat carefully on the floor beside him and then said:

"Good morning, Sarah Milliken." "Good morning, Mr. Pavey," said Mrs. Milliken. She said that the accented the Mr. so that Mr. Pavey might underat and that she had noticed his not calling her Mrs. Milliken, as he was accustomed to do. Mrs. Milliken also says that she had a sort of premonition that

something was coming "It can't be that the Gompers girl is dead?" she said anxiously. "No," said Mr. Pavey. "But life is uncertain, Sarah Milliken."

"No one should know that better than you, Samuel Pavey," said the widow with one of her sly laughs. But Mr. Pavey did not laugh as he

went on: "Sarah, you are getting along in years. You will soon be in need of my

services." "I haven't even sent for the doctor yet, and I won't need you till he's done

with me," said the widow, bridling and "Do you remember the first Mrs. Pavey?" said the undertaker, paying no

attention to her and pursuing his own gloomy reflections. "I was a little girl when she died,"

said Mrs. Milliken.

"Yes," said Mr. Pavey, "you had just married the late Mr. Milliken five years before. You remember that she had the best funeral this town ever sar, not excepting old Captain Lander's funeral, which cost five dollars, as I should know, if anybody. As I said, Sarah, you are getting old. If you marry me I will de as well by the second Mrs. Pavey as I did by the first."

"You always would have your joke. Sam," said the widow. "What will everybody say?"

"We are both getting old," said Mr. Pavey, still paying no attention to what the widow was saying. "Life is uncertain. There is no time to lose." So Mrs. Milliken said, "All right,

Samuel; whenever you say." "Ten days is long enough. I'd see the pastor this afternoon."

Then they shook hands, and Mr. Pavey put on his hat and went away, looking quite gay and chipper as soon as the door closed on him, for he did not know that Mrs. Milliken was watching him through the blinds. Two minutes afterward she had called Mrs. Meek, her next door neighbor, to the back ferce and had told her all about it. Ten minutes afterward by the clock on the court house Mrs. Meek, having left her bakery in charge of her daughter Lizzie, had on her bonnet and shawl and was bearing down the street, telling everybody she met.-Cor. New York Sun.

A Rare Collection of Fabrics.

The collection of fabrics in the Drexel institute, Philadelphia, promises to become one of the finest in the country and of the highest importance to students. The series of Indian prints is remarkable and the Chinese embroideries comprise several notable specimens.

The Easier Way.

A boy of three and a half years of hearing about a man who strained his back by lifting a barrel, said: "I should have thought he would have rolled it."-Cor. Babyhood.

A Hawk Killed by a Rallway Engine. To railway officials it is a well known fact that the engines of high speed expresses kill small and large heavy flying

birds, such as partridges and grouse, in great quantities, sometimes carrying their bodies long distances. A few months ago the writer was shown by a locomotive superintendent of one of the principal northern lines a dead bird which, strange to say, though a very rapid flier, had met its doom through the agency of the iron horse. This bird was a sparrow hawk, and it is now stuffed and may be seen in the Carlton road board school museum, Kentish

The driver of the train relates that he was traveling between sixty and seventy miles an hour near Melton, when just on the point of entering a long tunnel he observed fluttering in front of the engine some object which he at first mistook for a rag, but when on leaving the tunnel he went forward he discovered. to his astonishment, that it was a sparrow hawk which had become entangled between the handrail and smoke box of he engine, and was held there firmly by the pressure of the wind. It was not quite dead when taken out of this curious deathtrap, though one eye had been destroyed. There is no doubht that it met its death accidentally, as a hawk can fly quicker than the fastest frains travel-so the drivers say, who often observe them flying low down in the hedgerow and keeping up with the train till some unwary small bird, frightened by the noise, flies out of the fence, when the hawk pounces on it and devours it -Strand Magazine.

Why Birds Migrate.

Why some birds which could pick up food among us all the year around should leave when food is plentiful. while others with similar ways life remain, is still a mystery. It is easy to understand that a species which preys on fresh water fish and on frogs should seek other quarters when the ponds are frozen and the frogs buried in the clay But it is not quite so clear why the swallow and the flycatcher leave a region where there is perpetual summer and winged food in abundance, risk a long journey over sea and land, only to find a great scarcity of the same kind of food. And it is equally puzzling that the seed and fruit eaters who since October have been fattening among the gardens of Algeria and Egypt, should suddenly, in March or April, be seized with such an inordinate craving for a change of diet as to fly 3,000 miles on the chance of picking up the short commons of an English spring

Perhaps it will be found that immi gration is natural to all birds, and is greater or less as circumstances may determine. Every animal shifts its quarters according to the plentifulness or scarcity of food. Even our residents move up and down the country at different periods of the year, living in the lowlands in the winter and in the uplands in the summer, and it is well known that all winter there is a continual drifting of the birds from the Continent to our islands, according to the weather.—London Standard.

Two Narrow Escapes.

Twice in his experience has John B. Obermeyer, of Chicago, owed his life to the practice of carrying papers in his inside pocket. The first time was on a battlefield in the war of the rebellion Then the muster roll of his company of the Eleventh Pennsylvania volunteers stopped a musket ball fired at random from the enemy's lines. The second time was on Monday, when a bullet from a 38-caliber revolver, fired only six feet distant, and aimed deliberately at his breast, failed to penetrate an envelope filled with bank bills and a pass book in his inside vest pocket.

After this second event Mr. Obermeyer, it is said, looked coolly at the would be assassin, and called him a coward, and invited him to shoot a second time, but the latter stood for a moment irresolute, then, with his hand trembling, laid his revolver on the desk and surrendered to the police.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Soda Water Not So Much in Demand. An up town dry goods store last summer tried the experiment of giving soda water to its patrons free. An enormous fountain, well equipped for service, was placed in the back part of the store and on each hot day half a dozen attendants were kept busy serving a clamorous thirsty and never diminishing crowd One day upward of 7,000 glasses of soda water were drawn from that free foun tain. This year the firm charges three cents a glass for its soda water, and as a result the patronage has fallen off to a remarkable extent. On two very hot days a fortnight ago, although the large store was well filled with customers, the soda fountain was at no time overworked. -New York Times.

The Preacher's Industrious Hen.

The Congregational minister in Newington thinks he has the champion hen of the place. She began laying in February, immediately after he first owned her. She kept this up until she went to sitting and hatched out a brood the first part of April. About a week ago she was allowed to run at large with her brood, but returned to the coop during the day and laid an egg, brooding her chickens at night. This she continues to do, laying her egg daily and still caring for her chicks.-Hartford (Conn.)

The coffee crop of Brazil has been so large that the railroads of one of the provinces have for weeks been blocked, every available car being in service, freight depots being crowded and further receipts of coffee being declined.

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