

BUILDINGS TELL THEIR STORY.

Unwittingly They Reveal Secrets of the Hearts of Those Who Constructed Them.

The observer of buildings may read with ease many a secret of the builder's heart, whether it be pride, ambition, hypocrisy or solid worth. The apartment building that is "built to sell" is easier to read than some structures which are the expression of composite thought. There is a good exterior appearance, halls heavy with "style," with tiled floors, marble walls, and massive chandeliers. But inside the apartments, on every hand, there are evidences of a conscious intention to skimp and neglect even ordinary standards of good carpenter work.

How unwittingly does the builder rear this projection of his inmost character? Would it restrain him to know that others regarded his work as an open confession of the very things he would prefer to hide? It might not change his character, but it could cause him to make such a building as he would like to be thought of as corresponding to in character. If this method of interpreting buildings were to be popularized it might raise the standards of the industry. Our contribution to this end would be a proverb, to pass current wherever buildings are contemplated: "A building is a confession in stone."—Collier's.

Lightning's Antics in a Church.

Lightning struck the steeple of the little village church of Gassin, near Toulon, France, the other day. The electrical fluid, it is stated, followed the iron cable which is used to ring the church bell and set the bell ringing. Then it tore the door off a cupboard containing a number of candlesticks and lit all the candles as though by enchantment.

It completed its antics by ripping up the floor of the sacristy, but, so it is said, previously rolled up the carpet with perfect symmetry.

Strange Growth of Olive Trees.

Attention is seldom called to a remarkable and curious characteristic of the olive tree. After many years of growth the different large branches of the trees separate gradually from the trunk until they are quite divided from one another down into the root. These then slowly move apart, and in some instances six or seven distinct trees stand in the area which before surrounded the main tree, and they will sometimes be as much as 20 feet apart.

The Smooth Way.

In the last generation Tyler Cobb, Esq., was a well-known citizen of North Bridgewater—now Brockton—Massachusetts. He was famous throughout Plymouth county, as a contributor to the Boston Herald, for his witty retorts and dry humor.

Never having taken a sea trip, Mr. Cobb one day conceived the idea of making a voyage to New York. Accordingly he sailed from Boston in a small schooner.

The first day out a storm was encountered and Mr. Cobb became violently sick, but after several hours he mustered up courage and strength to look out upon the troubled waters.

As he looked from the side of the little ship up the trough of the sea, it seemed very smooth to him. The captain's cutting of the waves was "senseless," he told himself.

But as this mad steering continued, the unhappy passenger finally crawled out, on hands and knees, to where the captain stood at the wheel, and raising his voice above the din of waves and wind, shouted:

"Man, man, keep in the ruts, keep in the ruts!"—Youth's Companion.

The Human Family.

The human family living on earth to-day consists of about 1,450,000,000 souls—not fewer, probably more. These are distributed literally all over the earth's surface, there being no considerable spot on the globe where man has not found a foothold. In Asia, the so-called "cradle of the human race," there are now about 800,000,000 people, densely crowded, or an average of about 120 to every square mile. In Europe there are 320,000,000, averaging 100 to the square mile, not so crowded as Asia, but everywhere dense, and in many places over-populated. In Africa there are 210,000,000; and in the Americas—North, South and Central—110,000,000, these latter, of course, relatively thinly scattered over broad areas. On the islands, large and small, there are probably 10,000,000 more. The extremes of the blacks and the whites are as five to three, the remaining 700,000,000 intermediate, brown, yellow and tawny in color.

Daylight and Twilight.

A sad nature sheds forth twilight. A merry and mirthful nature brings daylight. A suspicious nature insensibly imparts its chill to every generous soul within its reach. A bold and frank nature overcomes meanness in men. Firmness makes them fine. Taste directs, stimulates and develops taste.—Henry Ward Beecher.

QUEER TRAITS OF CRIMINALS.

Sentenced to Prison Terms, They Frequently Mourn for Fats They Are Leaving Behind Them.

The New York central office detective had just sent one of the worst criminals in the city away for a long, long term.

"Did he give you any trouble?" asked a friend.

"No, he did a good deal of crying, though."

"For some woman, I suppose?"

"Woman? Rather not! They never cry for human beings. This fellow had a wife who had stuck by him through the trial, and who, before he was caught, worked her fingers off for him. Then there were two children. But he never mentioned them. He was crying about his flight, his piteous, you know. He had about 50 fancy ones, and whenever he thought of what would become of them while he was away tears would spring to his eyes. A lot of the worst crooks and gangsters in the city are fanciers, and a kid couldn't be more sentimental than they are. Sometimes, too, they are sorry for dogs. I knew one who was more anxious about his ferret than anything else. At the same time I never knew a criminal, man or woman, who had a cat among the things they were sorry to leave behind."

Yes, We Have Met Them.

Some people act as if they were afraid they might forget their troubles if they didn't talk about them all the time.—Chicago Daily News.

Tea Removes Fruit Stains.

When the fingers are stained from peeling fruits dip them in strong tea, rub with a nail brush, then wash in warm water.

Making Herself Comfortable.

An American bride of an Englishman finds it hard to keep warm in London. Why not put on a few more diamonds?

Uncle Ezra Says:

"In makin' your mark in the world, be perfectly sure that it won't turn out a disfiguration."

Culture and Women.

If much reading maketh a full man, by the same token too much reading makes a fool woman.—Dallas News.

Chivalry's Motto.

The motto of chivalry is also the motto of wisdom; to serve all, but love only one.—Balzac.

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TWICE A WEEK

JUST CASE OF WANDERLUST.

Family Starting to Git Were Properly Sure They Must Land Up Somewhere Eventually.

In the smoking car on a southern railroad, where they had sat up all night, was a family consisting of husband, wife and five children. They were rubbing sleep from their eyes and wrangling with each other when a man entered the car and espied them and advanced to say to the man:

"Howdy, Joe—I'm s'prised to see you."
"Howdy, Tom?"
"Where you-all gwine?"
"Down to Harbor Pint, I reckon."
"But I thought you-all lived up at Cherry Hill?"
"We did."
"What you-all totin' away from there fur?"
"Dunno."
"What you-all gwine to Harbor Pint fur?"
"Dunno. Jest thought we'd go."
"Oh, I see. You-all thought to get?"
"I reckon. Yes, though we'd git, and we pulled up and started a-gittin', and if we keep on long 'nuff we sure 'nuff must git sumwhar' or other."
"Yes, sure. Been a-gittin' myse'f and always got there some day. It's heaps better than never gittin' 'tall."

In a Different Class.

"I hear, Mike, that your wife has gone into society. Has she become a club woman yet?" "Indade an' she has not got into that class; she still uses a flatiron, sor."

In the Lion's Den.

First Martyr (to second ditto)—Well, old chap, there's one consolation—there won't be any after-dinner speeches.—The Sketch.

Eggs Found in Old Temple.

Sig. Rava, Italian minister of public instruction, communicates the particulars of an archaeological discovery at Gliculium, where excavations have been going on since last June. Several statues, fragments of columns and bronze objects have been unearthed and now a cell, evidently belonging to a temple, and a large altar of triangular shape, have been discovered. The apex is turned towards the east. It is built of bricks, covered with some sort of concrete. In the middle of the altar a well is sunk. It was covered with tiles. It was opened in the presence of Sig. Rava and Prof. Bernabei, and was found to contain a bronze statue of the god Kronos, with a serpent wound round the body, while around were eggs in an excellent state of preservation. The discovery shows particularly that the site was a place of sacrifice.

Hellish Fashions.

His satanic majesty touched a button and summoned his head imp. "What is all that noise in Factory street?" "Your imperial majesty. It is the women mobbing the new corset factory. They are all demanding one of those new red-hot, electric-charged corsets."

"Sufferin' souls!"

gasped his majesty, "and I thought I had invented a new torment."
"The mistake was in forcing that French girl to wear one first. She made 'em all believe they are the very latest style."
"Saints above! and I thought I understood women. Well, well, now that I think of it, the plan works out better than I thought. Take 'em away from all the ladies but a few; see that they are advertised as the very latest fashion and I guess that will make those women who can't get 'em suffer all right, all right."—Puck.

PUMP AIR INTO DEAD WHALE.

Hunter's Prize Made Sufficiently Buoyant to Float, Marked with Buoy and Set Adrift.

Then began the work of bringing the whale to the surface and blowing it up so that it would float. Taking a hitch about a convenient post, the rope was slacked and run through a pulley block at the mast head to relieve the strain of raising the great body. The winch was set in motion and for 15 minutes nothing was heard save the monotonous grind as fathom after fathom of line was wound in. When the body was brought alongside the lobes of the flukes were cut off and lifted to the deck. Then a long coil of small rubber hose, one end of which was attached to a pump and the other to a hollow, spear-pointed tube of steel with perforations along its entire length, was brought into play. The spear was jabbed well down into the whale's side, the air pump started and the body slowly filled with air. When inflated sufficiently to keep it afloat the tube was withdrawn, the incision plugged with oakum and the chains cast off. A buoy with a flag was then attached to the carcass and the whole set adrift to be picked up at the end of the day's hunting.—Popular Magazine.

Immense Capital Lost.

Capital formerly invested in buildings at Messina is calculated at about \$15,000,000, at Reggio at \$10,000,000. The greatest portion of this is irrevocably lost.

Art.

Almost any millionaire would be willing to give up a large percentage of his fortune if he could tell the difference between a masterpiece and a daub.