

**NEVER A MAN TO BE ENVIED.**

Philadelphia Writer's Idea of Status to Be Accorded Bachelor in Society.

The bachelor is punished already, not only in losing the joys of a home, but being an object of contempt. So long as bachelors are willing to put up with all the losses they sustain in celibacy far be it from the majesty of the law to impose further penalties. It was Cleo or a man of his day who remarked that it was onerous for a man to get along with a wife, but impossible to get along without one. The bachelor is not a man—only a more or less imitation of one—sometimes a very poor one. He thinks he has a good time in escaping all the major responsibilities of life, but he is deceiving no one but himself. As an example and a warning he has his uses in society. As an individual he is apt to find that he is eating only apples of Sodom. The man who deliberately remains a bachelor is already punished enough. Let him alone in his misery until some nice girl comes along and carries him off. And we may remark that no man is a bachelor of his own initiative—no matter how much he may think so. He is simply a human derelict whom the women have examined and passed by. The bachelors are the disjecta membra of society whom no woman will have. That is awful and it is enough. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

**MUSIC APPEALS TO ESKIMOS.**

Voices Good and They Sing in Tune, According to Traveler in Regions of the North.

Music is one of the chief pleasures and accomplishments of the Eskimos. At the Labrador missions violins are used by them in the church choir, and brass bands are organized. In "Along the Labrador Coast" Dr. Townsend tells of an evening's entertainment with the Eskimos at Nain. "For over an hour these natives sing to us," he says, "familiar music with Eskimo words—'Rock of Ages,' 'Holy Night,' interspersed with what I take to be secular songs. Their voices are harmonious and the singing is of a superior order. We return the compliment in the only way we can with a graphophone. It is indeed a terrible come-down to 'The Old Apple Tree' and 'Everybody Works But Father,' but the Eskimos seem to enjoy it, and greet the songs and their explanation by the interpreter with peals of laughter. "A song in which a man beats his wife seems especially to amuse them. A Moravian brother told me that they

had been unable to win the Eskimo from the wife-beating habit. Even the wives resent any interference on this score.

"An Irish jig makes them shake with joy, and I am sure they would dance were there room to stir."

**Terms for Inebriety.**

According to Hotten, some of the terms denoting inebriety are as follows: Beery, bemused, boozey, bosky, corned, foggy, fou, fresh, hazy, elevated, kisky, lushy, moony, mungy, muzzy, on, screwed, stewed, tight and winy. In an intermediate class stand podgy, beargered, blued, cut, primed, lumpy, plowed, muddled, obfuscated, swikey, three sheets in the wind and topheavy. "But the acme," says the same authority, "is only obtained when the disguised individual 'can't see a hole in the ladder,' or when he is 'all mops and brooms,' or 'off his nut,' or 'with his main-brace well spilled,' or 'with the sun in his eyes,' or when he has 'lapped the gutter' and 'got the gravel rash,' or 'on the rafter,' or 'on the re-raw,' or when he is 'sawed up,' or 'regularly scammered.'"

**Getting Into Practice.**

It is often pleasanter to theorize than to perform. A young law student, says a writer in the Philadelphia Inquirer, was making a study of certain processes of his future profession. He showed an inclination to sit in the house and speculate idly, instead of doing some of the domestic tasks which stood waiting.

"Deduction is an interesting process," declared the youth to his father. "For example, there is a heap of ashes in the yard. That is evidence that the family has recently had fires."

"Well, John," interrupted his father, "suppose you pursue your studies a little farther by going out and sifting that pile of ashes."—Youth's Companion.

**A Sponge Garden.**

A beautiful effect may be obtained by means of a damp sponge and a few seeds. Take a large piece of coarse sponge and cut it in any shape desired. Then soak it in water, squeeze half dry and sprinkle in the openings red clover seed, millet, barley, grass, rice, oats—any or all of these. Hang the sponge in a window where the sun shines at least part of the day.—Country Life in America.

**That Energetic Boy.**

When he wants to go some place a boy can do work in ten minutes which would ordinarily take him half a day.—Atchison Globe.

**His Business Ability.**

In the Adirondacks lives a man too lazy to work, but evidently of great business ability. One winter, when he was sitting around smoking, his family came so near starving that some of his neighbors, who could ill afford to help him, took up a collection and bought for the suffering family a barrel of flour, a barrel of pork and a load of wood. They were not considerate enough to cut the wood, but the business man knew how to manage. He hired some of his neighbors who had not contributed to his donation to cut the wood, and paid them with half of the pork and half the flour.—Lippincott's.

**How the "Toast" Originated.**

The drinking to one's health is a very old custom, dating way down the ages. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the favorite drinks were sack, canary, claret, sherry—in which were added honey, sugar, ginger and other spices. On the top of this mixture a piece of toasted bread was always floated. It was supposed to give the necessary flavor. Hence the idea of drinking a "toast." The word is used in reference to any sentiment proposed for a speech at a social gathering or banquet. In fact, the making of "toasts" is a very graceful art, worthy of cultivation.

**Dickens' Method of Speaking.**

Before making a speech Charles Dickens would decide on his various heads and then in his mind's eye fix on the whole subject to the tire of a cart wheel—he being the hub. From the hub to the tire he would run as many spokes as there were subjects to be treated and during the progress of the speech he would deal with each spoke separately, elaborating them as he went round the wheel, and when all the spokes dropped out one by one and nothing but the tire and space remained he would know that he had accomplished his task and that his speech was at an end.

**American Girls Responsible.**

Probably the American woman is answerable for a good deal of the unrest among the daughters of France for the comes among them with all sorts of daring projects and perfectly lovely clothes. She marries their brothers, she studies art music and literature in their country and she walks serenely on along the path of liberty, to the amazement of men angels and the Parliament.—The Queen.

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**PROPER CARE OF THE INSANE.**

City of Ghel, in Holland, Takes Care of These Unfortunates as its Guests.

One of the most remarkable places in Europe, of which no tourist on pleasure bent ever takes notice, is the "City of the Insane," by which name Ghel, near Antwerp, has been known for generations. About 1,500 men and women, afflicted with insanity in all its forms, live there, and have a happy being as the "guests" of the inhabitants, who know by experience how to treat the unfortunate ones. In the streets, in the places of amusement, the cafes and workshops these patients may be found, and nowhere is there the remotest suggestion of restraint apparent. The board ranges from 240 to 2,400 marks a year, and, no matter how small the amount may be, the patient is always the favored member of the family. He has the first right to the most comfortable chair, and the head of the table belongs to him. He receives the most attention, and this he learns to appreciate and to endeavor to maintain by living down his illness. Even the children know how to treat the demented people. The dangerous ones are sent to another settlement and to institutions. It is wonderful how considerate, careful and kind the simple people are toward their charges, and a peep into the community would probably terrify physicians who had never heard of and could not appreciate the good which is being done in this "City of the Insane."

**Microbes in City and Country.**  
The microbes in city air are 14 times more than in country air.

**Beard Heavier on Right Side.**  
A man's beard is generally heavier on the right side.

**Boots and Gloves.**

In a recent divorce case in Scotland it was testified that a lady, searching her maid's trunks, found 200 pairs of her own old gloves therein. "Abroad," said a dealer, agent this happening, "it isn't unusual for a woman of fashion to have 200 pairs of gloves. At the sale of the duchess of Somerset's things, over 2,000 pairs, all as good as new, were put up. "You see, gloves are cheaper abroad. Over there you'll pay a dollar for an article that would cost you \$2.50 here. But, aside from that, foreign women incline to go in more for gloves—and boots, too—than we do. The foreign woman is apt to be better gloved and booted than her American sister."

**It Was the Cat.**

The yellow-haired hostess rushed suddenly to the center table, took all the papers off and smoothed down a thick, fluffy yellow skin that lay there. "It's my cat," she explained. "My poor little pet cat that died last spring isn't it beautiful? She was a lovely cat. You see her picture up there on the wall when she was alive. Lovely little kitty!" she purred to the skin while some of her guests shuddered and one whispered to the other: "I don't see how she could do it. I'd rather have the skin of my husband on the table or floor than my pet cat."

**Children Are Victims.**

A member of the Society for Political Study in New York said the other day that the factories claim more victims than the rivers in China ever did, more little children going to their death from these places. The mines and the sweatshops are worse than the factories, she said. In the course of the discussion the point was brought out that there is doubt as to whether the mothers in China ever do throw their children into the rivers.

**HORROR OF AFRICAN NIGHT.**

Traveler Describes Peculiar Conditions That Exist in Regions of the Dark Continent.

Caroline Kirkland, in her book on "Some African Highways," writes of night in the dark continent: "There is nothing so black as an African night and I think that it is because the earth, being a deep red, offers no reflection to the faint starlight, such as we get in other lands. Instead, it wallows up what slight glow there may be, and gives to the darkness a dense, velvety quality not to be found anywhere else. Overhead the stars glare more brilliantly than in northern latitudes, but they seem to cast no light, and the night is palpable suffocating, appalling and filled with a nameless horror which is quite indescribable." In a single sentence the same writer gives a forcible idea of the sleeping sickness: "While there is nothing acutely distressing about this manner of dying, nothing to equal the terrors of other vital diseases like cancer or tuberculosis, there is some thing peculiarly sinister in the slow, stealthy, irresistible approach of death, whose course no known remedy can stay or alter."

Of African lions Miss Kirkland writes: "As a rule it is only old lions who attack human beings. They grow too decrepit to be able to catch the more agile antelopes who are their lawful prey, so, goaded by a hunger which age cannot wither or lessen, they pounce on unwary mortals."

**His Role.**

The actor of the stranded troupe protested at the prospect of footing the ties. "Quit your kicking," said the manager, impatiently; "you signed as walking gentleman, didn't you?"