

DIDN'T NEED TO SWEAR OFF

It Was Really a Monkey the Ohio Man Saw in His Hotel Bed.

The story of the monkey that was discovered in the bed of a visitor at the Waldorf a few nights ago struck a responsive chord in the recollection of an Ohio man who once came to New York for a week of rest and recreation.

The day he landed he got into a poker game and for seven days he stuck at it, the game being punctuated as many poker games are. On the last day he started in to play at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He quit at 11:20, cleaned out.

Going upstairs in his hotel and opening the door, he noticed his valise sitting on the floor and decided he would get a clean handkerchief out of it and sit down and think it over. As he stooped over his glance fell upon the bed. From the spot where his head might have been two beady green eyes in a hairy little face gleamed at him.

According to the Ohioan's account he made not a single exclamation. He simply closed the valise, turned out the light and shut the door from the outside. He went downstairs, took two or three turns about the lobby, gave it up, called for a cab and spent the night driving about, first to one place and then to another. Daylight found him still going about, and he did not revisit the hotel until late in the afternoon, when he went up to the room clerk to apologize.

While standing there he heard somebody say, "Well, they found that monkey after all."

"Good Lord, I am saved," shouted the Ohio man, to the astonishment of the clerk. "Then it was a monkey after all, and there is no need of my swearing off."

Bees Recognize Man as Friend.

Charles Potchenick, employed by the Maverick aparies near San Antonio, Tex., has unusual control over bees. He handles them with as much ease as one would in playing with kittens or a harmless pet. While working with them he goes bare-armed and bare-faced and pays no attention to the insects as they crawl over his exposed hands and arms or pile up in great clumps on his face. Recently he had a picture taken holding a small limb in his teeth on which a swarm had settled. The bees formed a kind of long beard hanging below his waist and his entire face was covered with those that crawled from the limb. Old bee keepers say that his feats in handling bees are the most remarkable in the world. He claims that he has not been stung in two years.

Radium Breezes for Gout.

Radium laden breezes are the very latest thing in the treatment of gout. One of the papers read at the German Medical congress was on the application of radium in the aerial state. Radium "emanatoria" have been established in Berlin and at Bad Homburg, and now Ems is to have one. A special apparatus in which radium is placed in a current of air is fixed in a room and all the patients have to do is to sit in the room and talk or read newspapers, or play draughts; the radium in solution in the air does the rest and affects the blood through the lungs. This treatment is especially recommended for all gouty ailments.

Feminine Reasoning.

Stella—Her gown is just like yours.
Bella—I don't care if hers is a duplicate of mine, but I don't want mine a duplicate of hers.—Puck.

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PROGRESS OF FRENCH WOMEN

If Moliere Lived Now He Would Not Ridicule Their Education and Activities.

Thirty years ago there were three colleges for women in France and one preparatory school; now there are seventy-five colleges and forty-nine preparatory schools. What does the change mean? Moliere, over two centuries ago, in "Les Precieuses Ridicules" and "Les Femmes Savantes," attacked the pose, self-consciousness and loss of proportion which the women of his time sometimes showed in attempting to be learned. Moliere laughed, however, not at education, but at lack of common sense. If he lived now he would not try to set back the clock, and ask women to devote to the needle the same attention that she gave before machinery was invented. He would not ask her to live as she lived before there were public schools for her children; creameries to make her butter and cheese; big manufacturers to take her place in preserving food; immense combinations to spin cotton, make cloth, do the dyeing, make up the clothing. He would welcome the vacuum cleaner, the gas stove and the dumb waiter, and his laughter would be not for those who use modern labor saving devices, but for the futile sentimentalists who cry for the vanishing of the past. The outside education and activities of women are as unquestionable and irresistible as are the printing press, the steam engine and the cotton gin.—Collier's Weekly.

HARD PROBLEM FOR WOMEN

Where Shall Minister Be Entertained When He Makes Pastoral Call on Servant?

"About the hardest problem I have had to solve in my brief housekeeping career," said the woman, "is what to do with the pastor when he calls on a servant girl. We have a good girl. She is a regular attendant at a chapel in the neighborhood. Every so often the pastor or his assistant in his rounds of the parish calls on her.

"I am a heathen myself in the matter of religious observances, nevertheless I know what is due to gentlemen of the cloth. The best room about the house should be at the disposal of one's spiritual adviser always. Should Lucy, then, receive her guest in the parlor, or should they compromise in the dining room? The kitchen as a place for entertaining the minister is quite out of the question.

"So far, the ministers calling at my house have been spared even the indignity of a dining room reception. I have taken to the back regions myself while Lucy held forth in the parlor. I know other women with church-going maids who are equally considerate. Altogether this is a delicate point on which we need some enlightenment from the etiquette experts."

Prince's "Pull" Abolished.

According to custom in China the members of the imperial family are above the law. Prince Can-Chi has been doing just as he likes recently, fortified with this immunity. There is not a hygienic law that this interesting person has not broken, and his great recreation seems to have been to defy the police. At length to the endurance of the police there came a limit, and the matter was brought under the notice of the regent, who has not only abolished the "convention," but the prince's recreations also, and given instructions that in future he must act as an ordinary citizen, or stand the consequences.