OLD FASHIONED BARBER BEST

Writer Objects Strenuously to the "Tonsorial Artist" With His Atroclous Clothes and Talk.

Scarce a man living but at times drifts into dreaming and picturing what he might do if he had wealth. Many-far too many!-aspire to something that may contribute to the sensational headlines. Here and there is one who merely inclines toward some modest benefaction. For our own part, suddenly finding ourself rich, we should like to devote much of it to eliminating the "tonsorial artists" from the field of barberdom; separating the tares from the wheat as it were.

The average "tonsorial artist" affects the most atrocious neckwear; dons a millionaire's vest with a millwright's trousers, and puts popular ideas of garb all at points. He talks glibly of scandal, horse races and hair restorer and eventually drives many a man to whiskers who is perfectly sane and normal otherwise. There are too many of him!

On the other hand the old fashioned "barber" knows his financial, mental and artistic limitations. He seldom feels better acquainted with you the second time over than he did the first. He assumes you know what you want better than he does and rarely forces his "extras." Mostly he is a good tradesman, cleanly and careful in his work. One of his stripe puts greater crimp in the safety razor business than all the "artists" combined. Bless him, there is not enough of him!-Buffalo News.

Deserved Reward Came Late.

Writing of the celebration of the one hundredth birthday of Ambroise Thomas, which took place a short time ago, Karl Delbitz says that the career of the great French composer furnishes another instance of achievement late in life. He was only seventeen years old when he had mastered the piano and the violin and was sent by his father, also a musician, from his home, in Metz, to the Paris Conservatory, where he won many prizes for his extraordinary work. "But he was fifty-five years old before his 'Mignon' was performed and at once placed him in the same class with the great performers," adds Delbitz. "When it had been performed in Paris 1,000 times the president of the republic.invested Thomas with the grand cordon of the Legion of Honor. He lived to be eighty-five years old and enjoyed three decades of recognition."

Special Privilege.

Rev. Lyman Powell of Northampton has a bright little son who is very much frightened in thunderstorms, says the Cosmopolitan. One day a heavy shower came up when the little fellow had wandered away from the house. His father, who was watch-

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ing for him, saw him come running toward home as the first drops fell. He looked terrified and his lips were moving.

"What were you saying?" asked his father.

"I was reminding God that I am a minister's son," the boy replied.

A MINT.

Of the many curious customs which mark Brittany as an especially interesting field for the traveler is this one relating to marriage. At the close of the wedding ceremony the bridegroem gives the bride a box on the ear, saying:

"This is how it feels when you make me vexed," after which he kisses her, adding, "and thus when you treat me well."

Flight of Seeds.

It is popularly believed that winged seeds from trees travel to great distances on the wind, but the investigations of a British scientist who has spent much time at Singapore, indicate that winged seeds have a far narrower range of flight than have powder" seeds and plumed seeds. The greatest distance travelled by the winged seeds of a forest tree observed by th's authority was 100 yards. Under the most favorable circumstances, he calculates it would take this plant just 100 years to spread 500 yards and 1,500,000 years to spread from the Malay Peninsula to the Philippines if a land connection existed .-Scientific American.

Adroit.

There was a man who used to tell a fine story about a cannon. But, like all story-tellers who play fair, he believed in waiting for something to turn up in the conversation which should give him a chance to spring his yarn.

Unfortunately, most of the conversations in which he became involved were perversely cruel to him. Nothing was said in them for several successive weeks. And this is what he used to do, in his desperation, to get around the difficulty:

"Boom-Boom!-Boom!!! roared the cannon at Gettysburg. And, by the way, speaking of cannon-" Whereupon out came the story.

Peruvian Petroleum.

Efforts are being made to develop ore extensively the petroleum resurces of Peru. The known deposits r cil occur in a very narrow strip of ind between the foothills of the Andes nd the shore of the Pacific, and much f this is flooded at high tide. Piles it railroad iron driven in the pure cean sand, which varies in depth rom five to fifty feet, are used as oundations for the derricks. The shall lowest of the driven wells is 1,760 feet in depth. There is very little gas, and the oil is very heavy, so that it can be put into buckets with shovels, and it is carried direct to the furnaces to serve as fuel .- Scientific American.