

THE GIFT OF GAB.

Silence is Not Always Golden—Exceptions to the Rule. We have been told that hanging conspicuously in a modest saloon down town is a leger-1 which says: "Wind is not taken here for drinks." The proprietor of that establishment has evidently been hurt financially. He has had pleasant fellows fall in on him and tell him funny stories, take a drink with him and go out in a funny way without paying. After you have slapped a good fellow on the back and laughed at his stories you do not feel like immediately asking him to pay for the beer he has consumed while entertaining you with his talk. That is the way the saloonman down town has felt about it. The boys have stood him off too often, and given him too many songs and too many dances, and the little hard money for the liquors that have crossed the bar, in schooners or other vessels. And now when a plausible chap drops in and says "Charley, I heard a good thing to-day," Charley does not immediately ask, "What is it?" He has been forbearing until he has ceased to be virtuous. His old nose hurts him, and he looks up at his sign, as if he had a friend in that who would stand by him, and he repeats to himself and to the chap who has just dropped in: "Wind is not taken here for drinks," says Minneapolis Journal.

HANDICAPPED BY POLITENESS.

Trouble a Bad Memory and Mere Force of Habit Got a Parson Into. "Politeness never gets anybody into trouble of itself, but I have heard a story of a minister in my town which, while it may or not be true and original, serves to illustrate pretty well the fact that sometimes a fellow gets into a very great deal of trouble trying to be polite when it is a forced effort. "I live in Richmond, Va., and there is a preacher there who is known for the frozen smile he puts on when he meets one of his churchmen or one of the good sisters on the street. He has a stereotyped form of greeting one of the brothers. 'Good morning, Brother Jones, or Brown, good morning! And how is Sister Jones, or Brown, this morning?' "One day he met a member by the name of Martin. It was the same old song—'Good morning, Brother Martin, and how is Sister Martin this morning?' It chanced that Martin was a new member. He replied with sorrow that his wife was dead. "Indeed! I'm sorry to learn of that," said the minister; 'so sorry, I trust it is well with you,' etc. "Several weeks later the minister met the brother again and gave him the same old rattle-dazzle, 'Good morning, Brother Martin, and how is Sister Martin this morning?' and the brother sighed and said: 'Oh, she's still dead, doctor.'—Atlanta Constitution.

German Account of the Starry Flag. A German periodical has the following story as to the origin of the Stars and Stripes: The idea originated with a Dane named Marker. He was born on the Island St. Croix, of the Danish West Indies, where his father and grandfather had lived. In 1775 he left his native island and proceeded to Philadelphia. He was among the first to join a company of volunteers for American liberty and independence. For valor shown at Oriskany he was elected captain, and to show his gratitude he designed a flag, in whose upper corner he applied the thirteen stars, emblematic of the thirteen original states of the union. This was the first occasion upon which the "star spanned banner" was unfurled. The original flag of Captain Marker is supposed to be in existence in some national collection of relics of the war of the revolution.

Music and a Fool. The music made by a Salvation Army band in a London street was not appreciated by a gentleman who lived in a house near by. He sent a request for the band to stop. It was unheeded and the gentleman cut his throat.

Some men have recently gone about in France claiming to be prisoners of the war of 1870 recently escaped from Germany, but they are declared to be impostors.

SCOTCH-IRISH IN AMERICA.

Andrew Jackson and Stonewall Jackson Two Notable Specimens. The history of the Scotch-Irish in America is unfamiliar even in outline to some otherwise, well-informed people, says the New York World. No one can know American history, however, without knowing what the Scotch-Irish are and what they stand for. They were among the first to cross the mountains into Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and other states of the old northwest territory presented to the union by Virginia. They led the advance to the Pacific, and in politics, as in pioneering they have known how to push to the front and stay there. Their stronghold has always been in the south. At first it was in the Virginia uplands and in North Carolina. Then it was transferred into Kentucky and Tennessee, where they had their strongest development. The men of this strain are apt to be radical. If they are religious at all they are almost sure to be Puritans. If sippancy were not so unbecoming in so serious a connection it might be said of them as of Longfellow's little girl—that "when they are good they are very, very good, and when they are bad they are horrid." When Andrew Jackson bet on horse races, attended cock fights, and fought duels, he represented one extreme of the character, as Stonewall Jackson did the other when he said a prayer before every act in his life and put off until Monday the reading of his sweet-heart's letters which reached him on "the Lord's day." Perhaps there could be no better illustration of what the Scotch-Irishman means when raised to his highest power than is afforded by the two Jacksons. The Scotch-Irish of America are a breed that always has in it the possibilities of greatness. But if you know one of the family, beware how you quarrel with him, for he thinks all his own enemies are enemies of God and the human race.

ST. SWITHIN AND RAIN.

The Bishop of Winchester Left a Strange Request When He Died. The superstitions referring to particular days are very numerous, says the Gentleman's Magazine. The legend of St. Swithin is an example that will occur to every one: "St. Swithin's day if thou dost rain, For forty days it will remain; St. Swithin's day if thou be fair, For forty days 'twill rain nae mair." St. Swithin, bishop of Winchester, according to the author of "The Popular Antiquities," was "a man equally noted for uprightness and humility. So far did he carry the latter virtue that on his deathbed he requested to be buried, not within the church, but outside the churchyard on the north of the sacred building, where his corpse might receive the caressedroppings from the roof and his grave be trodden by the feet of passers-by. His lowly request was complied with, and in this neglected spot his remains reposed until about 160 years afterwards, when a fit of pious indignation seized the clergy at the fact that the body of so holy a member of their order was allowed to occupy such a position, and on an appointed day they assembled to convey it with great pomp to the adjoining Cathedral of Winchester. When they were about to commence the ceremony a heavy rain burst forth and continued without intermission for the forty succeeding days. The monks interpreted this tempest as a warning from heaven of the blasphemous nature of their attempt to contravene the direction of St. Swithin, and, instead of disturbing his remains, they erected a chapel over his grave." "St. Swithin is christening the apples" is the more poetical way of describing St. Swithin's rain.

Hotel Life in India. A hotel in India is in some respects quite unlike a hotel anywhere else in the world. Every guest has a servant of his or her own. The hotel has some servants, but the guests do not depend upon them at all. My servant takes care of my room, a traveler writes, brings me my tea and toast when I arise, perhaps my bath, and waits upon me at table. He also keeps my clothes clean and my boots blacked, sees to my laundry, gets me a carriage when I want one, and does my errands. When traveling he will attend to the tickets and the luggage, and make my simple bed on the cars, for India is a country of magnificent distances, involving considerable night travel. There are no regular sleeping cars like ours, but the seats are long enough for the passengers to stretch out on, and wide enough to make a reasonable couch, which the traveler provides with his own thin mattress, pillow and wraps. The number of servants in a great hotel is confusing at first. In a long corridor you see one before each door. They usually sleep there, wrapped in a sheet or blanket, or curled up on the floor.

King Humbert's Voice. The Queen of Italy is an excellent musician, whereas King Humbert displays but little artistic taste, and has certainly no ear for music. Of late the queen has been compelled to use spectacles when reading. The first time her husband—who detests them—saw her wearing a pair, he exclaimed: "Margherita, take off those glasses!" But the queen laughingly refused to obey; and the king, having exhausted his powers of persuasion, at last said solemnly: "Margherita, if you don't put away those glasses I shall start singing." The effect of this simple threat was magical. Rather than listen to the false notes of her spouse the queen gave way and removed her spectacles.

Visiting the Pope of Rome. The Crown Princess of Sweden and Norway, who is sojourning in Rome for the winter, is now so improved in health that the other Sunday she was able to pay her long-deferred visit to the holy father. Her royal highness was received with royal honors. This visit recalls an incident which occurred on one occasion of the first visit of King Oscar to his holiness some years ago, when the bluff Scandinavian sea king, startled the Pontifex Maximus and his entire entourage by, instead of the proverbial kissing of his toe, seizing Leo XIII. in his only arms, and in the fashion among royalty, kissing him on both cheeks!

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