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THE CLEVER WOMAN.

Two kinds of Cleverness, but Only One That Really Pays. "I wish I were clever." The woman was charmingly dimpled, wore a French gown, was the mistress of a luxurious establishment and was dispensing tea to afternoon callers in cups of priceless falience, says the New York Herald. "Women who write," had been the subject on the tapis, and the remark was a delicate compliment to the woman to whom she handed the tea. She was a successful writer—successful to the extent of making a good income as the fruit of unwearied industry. She had never known the delights of diamonds or her own carriage, or a box at the opera. She sometimes spent a hard-earned \$5 for a drive, but there was neither luxury in the carriage, nor swiftness in the steeds, and she was conscious all through the drive that when she went back to the office she would write something about the country in the spring or the flossam of fall foliage and flowers with which the suburban resident could decorate his house and table. If she took a \$2 seat in the opera house she rarely lost herself completely in the music, as she would have liked to do, because skeletons of paragraphs on theater hats and theater manners, on lovers who make love in the stalls as well as on the stage and a thousand other things for the next day's paper flitted through her mind. She never had a French gown; on the contrary, she walked ten blocks and climbed seven stories to find a dressmaker who would make, though at the same time mar, her one gown for \$10. Her modest house was pretty and she was even quite famous for her petites soupers, at which one sometimes met eminent and always delightful people, but only herself and her one maid knew at what cost of perspiring brow and smudged fingers and aching back those dainty little dishes were evolved. So there was almost reverence in her tones as she replied: "My dear, you are the clever woman; you are far more clever than George Elliot. The really smart woman is not the one who makes her own daily bread, even though there be a Nesselrode pudding thrown in now and then. It is she who, without raising her hand, can cause all this luxury to be laid at her pretty satin-shod feet. It is like eating a Delmonico dinner and lamenting that you are not the chef who cooked it. Not the woman who works but she who gets all there is in life without working, is the really clever woman. "May there not be two kinds of cleverness?" said the woman who came to make her adieu.

Where Ben Franklin Wore His Wig. The difficulties encountered recently by the lineal descendants of that great man, statesman, patriot, and everything else that men properly hold in estimation—Benjamin Franklin—in having themselves enrolled among the Colonial Dames, recall an anecdote of him. When about to present himself for the first time at the court of Versailles he was informed by the master of ceremonies that a wig was sine qua non. Now, his head was so large that no ordinary wig would begin to fit it, and the situation was embarrassing in the extreme. However, one was found sufficiently large to pass him through the ante-chambers, after which he was permitted to remove the ridiculous conventional appendage and place it in his ample pocket, whence it never again emerged to public gaze.—Washington Post.

Didn't Follow Instructions. Irrate Patron—You advertise to cure consumption, don't you? Doctor—Yes, sir; I never fail when my instructions are followed. Irrate Patron—My son took your medicine for a year and died an hour after the last dose. Doctor—My instructions were not followed. I told him to take it two years.—Tit-Bits.

What Girls Marry For. "I always let my daughters have their say about the color of the lamp-shades and the arrangement of the dollies," said a sensible Atchison mother today. "I find, as a result, that they are not in such a hurry to get married. The foundation of most girls' desire to marry is to live in a house where they can have their own way about the lamp-shades and dollies."—Atchison Globe.

Dangerous Hypnotic Experiment. Hypnotic experiments of a grewsome kind are being kept up at the Royal Aquarium in London. The latest is the burying of a man, who has been put into a trance, in a pit eight feet deep, which was then filled with earth, leaving only a small funnel open over the man's face, through which he is watched. He is to be dug up after a week.

Women in Politics. Victoria doesn't rule England. It is the freest land on the face of the earth—that is, for Englishmen. And why is this so? Simply because the dear, good old lady doesn't interfere in politics. And let me say that it might be better for this country if the ladies did not interfere in politics.—Rev. H. H. Conwell.

The Seriousness of Leap Year. A widow of 40 at Richmond, Ky., married her 15-year-old brother-in-law, and the same day another widow of 55 at Lorraine, O., was joined in hands of wedlock to a youth of 20. This is one of the serious phases of leap year.

What you keep by you, you may change and mend; but words once spoken can never be recalled.—Roanoke.

A CURIOUS CROWN.

Found Many Years Ago in the Woods of California. A short time ago Prof. Van der Nellen of San Francisco received from Henry Buehler, of Jacksonville, Ore., a most strange and interesting curiosity, says an exchange. A letter came with it, stating that Mr. Buehler believed the object to be some sort of a crown, but would like some positive information on the subject. The letter went on to say that the supposed crown was found by the writer about thirty-five years ago on his ranch in Tuolumne county in California. At the time he had been living on the ranch about three years and it was wild land when he got it. There is no record of any one except Indians ever living in the vicinity and there is not the vaguest possibility that the work was done by them. The place where the crown was found was a most curious one, and the circumstances connected with it are strange and interesting. Mr. Buehler states in his letter that he was digging out a large sage brush that was in the way of his plow. At the depth of about four feet from the surface, his shovel struck what appeared to be a boulder about the size of a man's head. As the ground about the roots was soft, he picked up the lump and was astonished at its lightness. A close examination showed a piece of shining metal sticking out at one side. Taking his knife, Mr. Buehler scraped away a portion and could hardly believe his eyes when a perfectly formed grape leaf, made of bright yellow metal, came to view. The work of removing that object from its encasement was a task that occupied several days. The substance surrounding it proved to be a composition of clay and gypsum, and incessant boiling and scraping with bits of soft wood was necessary to get it off. Great care was necessary, as the intricate mass was found to be very delicate. When Mr. Buehler at last had the object in his hand he had not the least idea of what it was, but his few neighbors agreed that it was a crown of some kind, although nobody would attempt to explain how it came to be buried among the roots of a sage brush. Since then hundreds of people have examined it, but so far no satisfactory explanation of its origin has been given. Taken altogether, it is a most unusual object. It is hemispherical in shape, about five inches in diameter across the base, and made to appear of interwoven leaves of grapevine. The leaves are most delicately and accurately modeled, all the veins showing plainly on both sides. Little bunches of grapes are scattered over the surface. These are, in fact, the most curious part of it. They are purple in color and made of a substance that looks like Bohemian glass. Each grape is fastened in the proper place by a tiny wire and all are bound together in a perfect bunch. An analysis of the metal forming the leaves shows it to be composed of gold, silver and copper, gold being nearly one-half of the composition. There must be nearly \$100 worth of the precious metal in it.

Sancta Simplicitas. Doctors have many curious experiences, but the following production, received by a London medical man, to whom it was sent by a child, and which is printed as it was written, omitting only the name and address, would be hard to beat: "Dear Dr.—I would be very pleased if you would let me have a Baby for one guinea. We want it for the fourth of Febry for Mother's birthday. We would like it fat and bonny, with blue eyes and fair hair. We Children are going to give it to her ourselves please answer at once. Yours sincerely, Archie."

"P. S.—Which would be the cheapest, a Boy or a Girl?" The "P. S." especially is delightful, and shows how wonderful the ramifications of the commercial spirit are among us.

Breaks the Record. A British ship which has been taking soundings in the south Pacific reports a depth in three places near the Tonga Islands of over 30,000 feet, which breaks the record by 3,000 feet. The deepest holes are not in the middle of the ocean, but within 100 miles of land. Their depth is greater than the height of any known mountain. Specimens of the bottom at 30,000 feet proved to be the usual red clay found in all deepest parts of the ocean.

Caterpillar Nests in Winter. In early autumn the tent caterpillar moth lays a cluster of 200 or 300 eggs in a circle around the twigs of apple and other trees and covers them with a glue-like secretion that protects them until they hatch in the following spring. In the bright days of winter, while the branches are bare, these clusters can be easily seen and should be removed and destroyed.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Comfort. Books on comfort are very rare. Doubtless one large reason is because it is impossible to write a book on the real meaning of comfort which people want. They want comfort in a hazy, mysterious way. But the Biblical idea of comfort is very plain and full of common sense. Comfort means help.—Rev. A. F. Newton.

Big Diamond. A 634-karat diamond, the finest ever found in Africa, was discovered at Jagerfontein, in the Transvaal, on the day after Christmas. When cut it is expected that it will be worth \$15,000.—Exchange.

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