

MASCULINITIES

Wife: "Do you suppose the Creator made woman last on the principle the best comes last?" Husband: "Of course not. He did it because he didn't want everything talked about and pulled to pieces and made over."

The lady who will set the fashion of doing away with the piano lamp, picture on easels, with the everlasting scarf on top, and rickety tables in the middle of the floor, with marble statues underneath glass covers, will be a benefactor to the race.

He sentimentally: "It seems almost impossible to be amid these woodland scenes, and not to love—some one." She, languishingly: "Indeed it does. The placid lake, the sunlit hills, the shady dells, and the sweet songs of birds drive from one's head all thought of what it costs to live respectably."

The safest plan to pursue at a swell reception where the waiters and male guests are clad in swallow-tails is to jam your hands into your pantaloons pockets and jingle a few coins when you meet a stranger. If his eyes begin to bulge and his hand commences to travel toward you, he's a waiter. This is a straight tip.

As surely as pleasant truths, kindly meant and said, are passports to friendship and affection, so surely do bitter ones provoke the enmity and hatred of those to whom they are addressed. If you have a taste for repartee, restrain it. It is better to lose a jest than a friend—to miss an opportunity of saying a "good thing," than to make an enemy.

"Young man," said the stern father "do you realize that my daughter is in the habit of wearing dresses that cost all the way from \$50 to \$100?" "I do," replied the young man, firmly, "and sir," he continued, an exultant ring in his voice, "it was only the other night that we took an account of stock and found that she had enough of them to last three years ahead."

A farmer's son up in the country conceived a desire to shine as a member of the legal profession, and recently undertook a clerkship in the office of the village pettifogger at nothing a week. At the end of the first day's study the young man returned home. "Well, Tobe, how d'yer like the law?" was the first paternal inquiry. "Taint what it's cracked up to be," replied Tobe; "sorry I learnt it."

A Berlin merchant was a daily customer in a noted restaurant, and always paid the waiter generously, as he liked him for his attentiveness. One day another waiter served him. He was much surprised. "Where is Fritz?" "He is here," said the new waiter, "but he can't serve you. You see," he continued, "we played cards last evening and after Fritz had lost all his money he put up his customers, and it was I who had the good fortune to win you another beer?"

Big Clock.

The tower of a public building now in course of erection at Philadelphia is to be provided with a clock which for size alone will be one of the marvels of the world. The center of the dial—twenty-five feet in diameter—will be 31 feet above the street. The bell is to weigh between 20,000 and 25,000 pounds, and will be second in weight to the great Montreal cathedral bell, which weighs 28,000 pounds, and it is calculated that its peal will be heard even to the most distant part of the city. Chimes similar to those of Westminster will be used, ringing at the quarter, half, three-quarters, and hour. The minute hand is to be twelve feet and the hour hand nine feet in length, while the Roman figures on the dial will measure two feet eight inches in length.

Parlor Boxing.

A little group of men gathered in front of a private residence uptown last night about 8 p. m. and witnessed a lively set-to with the gloves between a young lady and gentleman in a parlor. The participants, unconscious that the eyes of a sporting loving public were upon them, were getting in some fine work in true sportsmanlike style amid the frequent applause of their friends. At the end of the fifth round, when the young lady was evidently getting the best of the contest, somebody pulled the curtain down and the free show ended for those outside.—Albany Journal.

Tom's Boy's Rescued.

Rome, in the days of her pride and power, had a circus that would accommodate 100,000 people. With such a multitude, if a boy crawled under the canvas it wasn't noticed.

A Clew Man.

"My social instincts are always very strong," said the policeman. "It gives me intense satisfaction to meet some good, reliable fellow."—Washington Post.

JAY GOULD has discharged general freight traffic manager Leads, for a trifling disability, but it is claimed that there is an unwise scheme in it and that Leads will draw his salary as heretofore.

Brennan and Wood.

ARKANSAS, Kan., July 25.—The preliminary hearing of James Brennan, the murderer of Colonel Sam Wood, was held at Hugoton before three justices of the peace. A large delegation of Colonel Wood's friends armed to the teeth, were in town. But the people of Stevens county have a way of doing things, judicial and otherwise, which impresses the tenderfoot of the east with its effectiveness. When the case was about to be called three men armed with Winchester rifles were stationed at the door of the schoolhouse, where the hearing was conducted, and each man as he entered was disarmed. On the inside of the court room three men armed with Winchesters were on guard. The precaution taken precluded the possibility of trouble and no demonstrations of any kind were made.

The coroner, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Carpenter were the only witnesses called by the state. The defense introduced no evidence.

Attorney General Ives objected to the official stenographer for the Twenty-third judicial district taking the evidence. He said that he wanted the evidence in longhand, but his real objection was probably that he thought the stenographer was too near Judge Botkins.

Mrs. Wood's evidence was a reiteration of her published accounts of the killing.

Mrs. Carpenter corroborated Mrs. Wood in that Brennan had been standing in the vestibule of the church and waited there several minutes before Wood came out. She also stated that Brennan, when he followed Wood around the church, had a revolver in each hand. Her testimony did not at all together agree with her statement before the coroner's jury.

After the hearing of the evidence the justices were only a few minutes in arriving at their decision. Brennan was held to the district court without bail. His trial will take place in September. Brennan was taken to Hutchinson.

The question of securing a jury in Stephens county is the great problem in the Brennan trial now. There are less than three hundred men eligible to jury service in the county. Under the Kansas law a jurymen must neither have formed nor expressed an opinion. It will be a simple matter for the defense to have every man in the county interviewed and get an expression of some kind from him which will render him ineligible.

Convicts in the Mines.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., July 25.—The miners' committee left Knoxville for Coal Creek with the decision of the governor that the convicts were allowed to be placed in the mines which they had been evicted by the militia would be withdrawn and the legislature would be convened in extra session for the purpose of taking such action as it saw fit on the convict action.

Coal Creek was reached at 11 o'clock a. m., and when the miners' committee and the Associated press correspondent stepped from the train a thousand miners were assembled to meet them. As soon as the committee alighted from the train a loud voice was heard, "All miners to the big grove." The big grove was about a mile from the station and thither the large crowd rapidly made its way.

A rude platform was hastily constructed and upon it was placed the committee and Hon. J. C. Williams, who represented the Knoxville arbitration committee. The crowd was called to order by a miner, and two spokesmen of the committee related the incidents of their trip to meet the governor, how he received them and his decision. They stated that the committee had received concessions and that in their minds the committee ought to grant some.

This did not meet with anything like universal satisfaction, but the implicit confidence the miners have in their leaders was shown by the unanimous vote to accept the report of a committee on resolutions which had been appointed and which had been in session while the speakers were being heard.

The gist of the resolutions was that the convicts should be returned, the miners guaranteeing that they would not be molested. The militia will be ordered home. Six days will be allowed to convene the legislature, during which time no convicts shall be molested and no property shall be destroyed and the miners, if necessary, will place guards to see that the promises are kept good. The miners' committee returned to Knoxville at 4:45 p. m. and are in conference with the governor and the Knoxville committee.

An Outbreak Looked For.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., July 24.—The killing of a convict named Harris by a guard yesterday morning has caused considerable excitement among the convicts and an outbreak is not improbable.

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PHILADELPHIA, July 23.—The appraisement of the property of Seville Schofield, Son & Co., the great test, firm shows assets of \$208,000; liabilities, \$220,000. Schofield offers his creditors in settlement 25 cents on the dollar or 50 cents unsecured, the deferred payments extending thirty months. The final arrangements will be completed in a few days.

A TANGLED YARN.

It is Said to be Breaking Down Booth's Health.

Lawrence Barrett Interposed to Save His Friend.

TRYING TO BLACKMAIL BOOTH.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The Herald of Monday last contained a remarkable story concerning an alleged attempt to blackmail Edwin Booth, the actor. A circulate newspaper man and a person connected with the stage for a number of years were said, by the Herald, to have in their possession a document relating to an incident in Mr. Booth's family, but of which Mr. Booth was supposed not to be aware until informed of it by the conspirators, who were stated to have used this knowledge to blackmail him. Mr. Booth was announced to have been harassed by these men to such an extent that their persecution had affected his brain and that this breaking down of his mental powers was the primary cause of his retirement from the stage. The late Lawrence Barrett was said to have interposed between the supposed conspirators and his friend, and though he did not believe their story, Mr. Barrett is said to have paid them to discontinue their annoyance. The alleged blackmailers, when Barrett died, are said to have recommended their annoyance of Mr. Booth until Mr. Joseph Jefferson came to Mr. Booth's rescue and invited the latter to his summer residence at Buzzard's bay, Massachusetts, where the sick man was supposed to be free from all intruders.

The Dramatic News in its issue classifies the story as a canard and gives the following allegations in support of its assertions. Some years ago, in an apartment in the Alpine building at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-third streets, there met one night a party consisting of Steele Mackaye and his brother or a cousin of the name of Mackaye, Frank A. Burr, a journalist, and Charles W. Brooks, a celebrated practitioner at the New York bar. Mr. Burr had in his possession a package of letters written either in French or German and alleged it to be a correspondence between Agatha Delanor and his sister Theresa, Agatha writing from this country to her sister abroad, and Theresa answering to America. These letters were the subject of the evening's conversation between the gentlemen here named, and it was stated that they told an extraordinary story of the romance of Junius Brutus Booth's life. The tale was that Booth—the father of Edwin Booth—had in his early career married Agatha Delanor against the wishes of her parents, and had subsequently gone to London to become an actor, receiving at first a salary of \$6 a week, and then \$10 weekly. He began to despair of his success in this career and at one time thought of joining the English army to fight against Napoleon, but finally came to America, as alleged in the company of a flower girl he had met at Drury lane.

There had meanwhile been born to Agatha Delanor a son who was named Robert Booth and who, when he grew up, came to America and found his father surrounded by a growing family. Robert was a hospital nurse and saw but little of his father, but what he did see convinced him that his mother ought to be here, and so he wrote requesting her to come across the water. She did come, and without pausing in New York to interfere with Junius Brutus Booth's success she proceeded to her son's humble home in Baltimore, where she took up her residence.

When Mr. Booth came there to play an engagement, according to the alleged translation of these letters, she presented herself to him and was repulsed, he undertaking to silence her with declarations that he was powerful enough to destroy her. She sought legal advice concerning this conduct on his part, and he was taken to court to answer. He agreed, if she would return to her home he would pay her \$120, and with this money she prepared to go home to her sister and remain there. But before she could leave she was taken ill and died in Baltimore, in the outskirts of which city it is alleged that she was buried under a tombstone bearing the legend, "Agatha Delanor, wife of Junius Brutus Booth." Robert Booth, the alleged son of this union, went to the war and died of consumption.

Such is the story that was discussed in the Alpine apartment house. Mr. Burr said he came into possession of the papers through the Delanor family, to whom he wrote for information upon stumbling across the Baltimore tombstone. He had no intention of using the papers, even if he believed them to be genuine—which in all likelihood they were not.

Stuart Robson, one of Mr. Booth's oldest friends, is said to have mentioned the fact that Steele Mackaye had offered to write a life of Edwin Booth, and it is supposed that in some way the whole matter had become muddled and tangled until it has finally reached the Herald in the shape of an absurd story of blackmail. Certainly no person would suspect either of the gentlemen named of any such conduct any more than he would the story of Agatha Delanor's alleged letters.

To Vote Afloat the McKinley Bill Will Be Held.

PARIS, July 25.—The Associated press correspondent here has been making inquiries of the chambers of commerce in France as to the present feeling concerning the McKinley tariff and as to whether this feeling will affect the French exhibit at Chicago.

The vice president of the chamber of commerce of Algiers said that the chamber over which he presided passed a resolution not long ago declaring that the new tariff law "tended to render very difficult if not impossible all trade between France and the United States."

The secretary of the chamber of commerce at Reims said: "For the present at least the McKinley bill is an obstacle to the participation of our manufacturers in the Chicago exhibition. This fact is clearly brought out in the reply which our chamber made recently for the minister of commerce asked recently for our views in regard to the Chicago exhibition. The text of that reply is as follows: 'On account of the almost prohibitive duties which are laid on our manufactures at American ports we cannot take the initiative in promoting an exhibit at Chicago nor ask our merchants and manufacturers to take part in the fair. But if within a reasonable length of time a friendlier spirit is shown by the American republic for our productions this chamber will then be ready to second the minister's efforts.'"

Such is the sentiment in this region and such is its expression. The president of the chamber of commerce of Roubaix writes: "Our manufactures and merchants would have liked to see developed the commercial relations between the United States and France, but they consider that the McKinley bill has checked all advance. It cannot be denied that the new tariff has produced most unfortunate impressions throughout our commercial world. It is feared, therefore, that the Chicago exhibition will not have the reception that it would have had if that unfortunate bill had not been passed."

The general secretary of the chamber of commerce of St. Etienne writes: "St. Etienne has always had very important commercial relations with the United States, but these relations are continually diminishing or are becoming more and more difficult on account of the excessive tariffs levied on our ribbons and silks. It is, therefore, probable that many of our manufacturers will send goods to Chicago. Our chamber, however, will do its best to induce our manufacturers to exhibit."

The president of the chamber of commerce of Bordeaux sends us the answer the latter sent some time ago to the minister of commerce, in which occurs this clause: "For many years we have been calling attention to the dangers sure to arise from our commercial relations with the United States from the absolutely unjust prohibition of their salt meats. We are not surprised at the retaliatory measure of the McKinley tariff."

The vice president of the Marseille chamber of commerce sends a letter originally addressed to the minister of commerce, in which the McKinley tariff is condemned, and then adds: "At the request of the minister of commerce the chamber has made known through the newspapers that an exhibition will be held at Chicago."

Royal Arch Masons.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 24.—The representatives of 3,000 subordinate chapters of the Royal Arch Masons of the United States assembled at the Masonic temple to open the twenty-sixth triennial convention of that order. About 11 o'clock they began to assemble in the lobby of the West hotel. The marching of the hosts of capitolary Masonry was no easy task. It was nearly a half hour before the forward march was given, and the delegates and friends moved in solemn procession. Over four thousand Royal Arch Masons were present in the magnificent room devoted to the sacred rights of the capitolary branch of the craft, where the "heathens and the publicans" were excluded and with a three times three encore on behalf of the assembled craftsmen the meeting opened.

Mayor Ston was introduced and delivered the address of welcome. Companion J. A. Schloer of the chapter reception committee and one of the leaders of Masonry in Minneapolis then advanced toward the seat of the high priest and with greetings begged to announce an address by J. L. Dobbin on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of the state and of Minneapolis. He said: "Not only from my lips but from the hearts of the great numbers of good and true companions of the grand chapter is this welcome to the general grand council extended, but very nature herself joins us in extending to you our hospitality."

Companion Joseph P. Horner of New Orleans, the deputy general grand high priest, made the reply to the address of Companion Dobbin. With the close of Companion Horner's address the public programme was ended, and the grand council's secret session began.

Will Battle the Brawlers. MEMPHIS, TENN., July 23.—The Chickasaw guards, Albernian rifle, Buff City soldiers and the Rosier zouaves, all about 150 men with orders from H. & C. Charleston for Brioville, the seat of the mining troubles.

Was Captured. WASHINGTON, July 23.—Loria J. Loomis, at one time a member of a large band in Chicago, was captured Monday after a chase of 10,000 miles for the embolism of \$28,000 of the firm's money some months ago.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

Two horses were killed by lightning near Germantown.

Beatrice wants a sidewalk inspector, and should have one.

The first new timothy hay to come to the Seward market sold for \$5 per ton.

The Linden Tree park race track near Beatrice is claimed to be the best in the state.

Mr. Earnest of Seward county has a field of 125 acres of corn that averages six feet high.

It is said that a great deal of wheat, oats and barley will be threshed from the stock this year.

Fremon't's new fire alarm system has been completed and tested. It is pronounced satisfactory.

The two-year old child of William White of Anselmo was lost all night and found on a sand hill at daylight the next morning.

The men employed in the beet fields at Minden struck for an advance in wages from \$1.50 to \$2 per day, but were denied the increase.

A slaughter house was about to be erected near the academy of visitation at Hastings and the sisters of that institution have filed a remonstrance with the city council.

Omaha policemen held a picnic at Arlington. Twenty carloads of policemen, their wives, sweethearts, relatives and friends were in attendance and a good time is reported.

Professor Hemmings of Grand Island the sugar beet expert, has been in various parts of the state investigating the condition of the beet crop. He reports the crop doing splendidly.

The little two-year old daughter of August Schroeder, living five miles out of Holstein, had her thigh bone fractured by the upsetting of a carriage in which she was riding. She is likely to lose her limb if not her life.

The little two-year old child of David Freeman living five miles west of Beatrice was playing in the door yard and getting near to a beehive it is supposed did something to enrage the bees. She was discovered with her head, face and arms literally covered with the insects. Although medical assistance was summoned from the city the little thing after intense suffering expired.

M. G. Jeffries killed a mad dog at Elkhorn.

A new elevator is being built at McCool Junction.

Four young men with a gospel wagon are at Nelson.

The village board of Nelson have made a move in the right direction by ordering the weeds growing along the sidewalks and on vacant property removed.

Rosa Hitchcock of Sterling was fined \$5 for swearing on the street.

Out of a total of 1,564 school children in Hastings fourteen are colored.

Building permits were granted at Beatrice for the erection of one \$9,000 and one \$20,000 building.

Work is progressing on the foundation and basement of the addition to the Baptist church at Sterling.

The damage to crops by hail in the southern portion of Filmore county was not as great as first reported.

A Kansas citizen purchased some lots lying in front of the Christian church at Reserve and now declares his intention of erecting a barn directly in front of the church door.

At a recent prohibition meeting in Blair a collection was taken up but the money was left in the hat for a while and when Mr. Scott, for whose benefit it had been given, went to take it, it was found that some miscreant had appropriated it all.

A drunken man down in Gage county undertook to drive his team over the Burlington railroad bridge across Indian creek and got his wagon stuck between the ties. He was helped out of that dilemma after which he was arrested and fined \$5 and costs.

Dodge county's board of supervisors made separate estimates of the amount the county ought to allow the sheriff for the execution of Furst and Shepherd. After each man's estimate was made they struck an average and the amount of \$187.50 was obtained, which was the amount allowed.

The Wahoo Wasp, has changed hands and is now under the management of Messrs. C. E. Wright and F. M. Pile. It will be conducted as a straight republican paper, and if its new proprietors shall in the future succeed in keeping it up to its past high standard the people of Saunders and the adjoining counties should show their appreciation by their liberal patronage.

A sad accident occurred last week which resulted very seriously for H. C. Mead of Alma. He was riding home on horseback when the horse stumbled pitching him forward to the ground after which the animal fell and rolled over him, breaking the right leg between the hip and the knee. The accident occurred only a few rods from his own home, and he was at once carried into the house by willing hands, and medical assistance was summoned. Dr. Badler soon appeared and set the limb, and the patient is doing as well as could be expected. He is surrounded by friends and neighbors who are ever ready to assist in making the unfortunate lighter and nothing is left undone for his comfort.

They're Not In It.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 24.—All efforts to bring the Fitzsimmons-Hall fight across the border in Wisconsin have been abandoned and every party train is carrying away its contingent of disgusted sports.

Most of them had stayed up all night in the expectation of a sudden excursion on a special train and a ring some secluded dell, but they were appointed. Every half hour or so a word would get around the representatives of the two men had agreed upon a place and that a train was awaiting them at the depot. Then a party party would tramp down to the station and dodge in and out between freight looking for the train that was not there, and then tramp back to the hotels breathing maliciously.

The author of the canard. The fact of guarding the amphitheater with its being kept up, but the police were in uniforms will probably be relieved before night and permitted to go home to their mamma. Fitzsimmons is just as sore as he was yesterday. Parson Davies, who could have gotten the men together and had a fight over by morning had he felt inclined.

The feeling against Hall increased the epithets applied to him by many of his former friends have been rather complimentary. The money received from the sale of tickets is being refunded this morning and during the day Fitzsimmons and Hall will receive a check for \$1,000 from the Mizan club as a honorarium in part recompense of their outlay in training. The total loss to the club will be about a thousand. It is given out that all officers will resign in short order if the club will go to pieces.

Myers and Jimmy Carroll have agreed to meet before the commission at Orleans within three months for a side.

In behalf of the Southern states club M. M. Franks this noon made final proposition to Parson Davies and Jimmy Carroll to bring Fitzsimmons and Hall together in the Crescent within ten days, for a purse of \$5,000, all expenses, or \$10,000 and expenses for a fight in October. Fitzsimmons favorable to the first offer.

A Strike and Riot.

PLYMOUTH, Pa., July 24.—A strike riot occurred Wednesday evening at Nottingham colliery of the Lehigh Wilkesbarre coal company, where several persons were hurt. It is feared that it is but the precursor of trouble in the coal regions. Monday last a coal company brought here a carload of foreign laborers. Tuesday two more carloads came in after night. The men were all recent importations of the lowest type of the Slavic race. Last night when the fifty men who enter minus every night to clear the gangways and breaks of rock were about to ascend in the shaft to begin work, they were informed that the rate of wages would henceforth be reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.25 per day. Those employed the gang are all Americans. They held a consultation and refused to accept the reduction. As soon as it was definitely known that the rock would not go into the mine the forest sent for the Hungarians, who were entering the colliery yards every day in a new working outfit, which has been provided by the company. The appearance was a signal for an outbreak of hooting and groans from the men who were awaiting to see the outcome of the affair. As the new men entered the leasorship of Superintendent Lee and Foreman Conner walked in the reaction of the shaft a volley of stones and coal fell upon and continued until several of the "Huns" dropped. At this time a leader among the sympathizers suggested that the men driven to their barracks, and a rush was made, sticks being used from the unfortunate "Huns," who were routed. The "Huns" have barricaded themselves in their barracks, as the company is entirely friendless, it is probable the company will take them in the mine under a guard.

Several men sustained serious cuts and contusions. Last night the streets were filled with miners wondering what the outcome of the affair would be. The sympathy of the best people with the miners. It is the impression that the companies wish to forest general strike and fill the mines with cheap labor.

Just Discovered.

LONDON, July 24.—Rich petroleum deposits have been discovered on the island of Zante Greece.

Hung From a Tree.

HERNDON, TEX., July 24.—A dog named William Johnson was taken out of the county jail by an armed man who overpowered the jailer and quiet swung the prisoner into sterner from a tree in the public square.

They Want Some Men.

NEW YORK, July 24.—It is stated the an agent of Basmaeda has traversed the whole coast of New England from Cape Cod to Eastport for the purpose of hiring sailors to make up crews for men-of-war. The ships have been fitted out in France, but officers and men could not be secured in Europe. The agent offers large bounties and wages. How far he succeeded is not known.