

BACHELORHOOD A FAILURE.

What a Philadelphia Congressman Has to Say of Bachelorhood. The bachelor at fifty is but a spunky youth of twenty. As you have seen him talk to girls in their teens...

Here is a sort of common wit which consists of jesting at the supposed bondage of the married state. Some of the very best men have kissed the shackles which a wife imposes...

The wife is the little tug of the ship, directing the movements and supplying the motive power. When Lord Eldon was told that he had received the great seal at the hands of the King...

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HINDOO SERVANTS.

Indian servants are in many respects like children, in their helplessness, their sensitiveness, their timidity, their readiness to be pleased, their foolishness, their proneness to falsehood, their strong personal attachment...

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—Angeliomiac—"That's the way it goes. If we hunt foxes, folks say we're cruel; if we hunt snakes, folks laugh at us. What can we hunt without exciting indignation or ridicule?" Small Boy—"Rats!" —N. Y. Weekly.

—Countryman (in restaurant)—"No yer don't, now. Yer can't play any er yer Noo York tricks on me. I ordered a plate er hot cats, and I see it's all er bare, and I ain't got no talk no string-beans. Yer can't fool ole Hiram Boggs this trip." —Harpur's Base.

—Wife (at breakfast table)—"George, dear, why do all the defaulting bank clerks from the far West go to Canada?" Husband (who is Easterner's professor of geography)—"Because, my dear, though there is less longitude there they have more latitude." —Puck.

—The story is told of a man in Montreal who was vaccinated during a small-pox epidemic, and was indignant because he could not get a certificate that his wife and children had been vaccinated also. He thought his own vaccination ought to be sufficient for the family; but in this case he evidently could not "represent" them.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—For the first time in nearly fifty years neither a Salisbury nor a Bayard is in public life at the capital. —A household at Buffalo, composed wholly of women, keep a couple of men's hats and an overcoat on the rack as a device to scare away burglars.

—Mary Anderson has a hobby of being photographed and acknowledges that she likes to see pictures of herself in as many attitudes and dresses as possible.

—Isaac Davis, the Lake George rattlesnake hunter, has killed 1,700 snakes within the last four years. He is said to be the only professional rattlesnake hunter in the world.

—The oldest man who ever entered a Cabinet was Lewis Cass, who became Buchanan's Secretary of State at seventy-five. Alexander Hamilton was the youngest of all Cabinet officers.

—A woman in Sharon, Pa., threw away her false teeth under the Christian science illusion that God in answer to her prayers and faith would miraculously construct for her a new and natural set. The teeth didn't come, and she went insane.

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OF GENERAL INTEREST.

—St. Louis has half a dozen or more professional clock-winders. They each have a list of timepieces which they are to wind on certain days. One of them says he attends to 200 clocks a day.

—A society "fad" is to send a cup and saucer to a young lady, with congratulations on her engagement. One Boston maiden received fifty-two, no two alike, and yet all very pretty and choice.

—There is a cob-pipe factory located at Sedan, Mo., which is doing a rushing business. The factory pays at the rate of 11 cents for 14-inch cobs and 13 cents for 14-inch cobs. A man hauled a load the other day of 14-inch cobs which brought him \$63.

—A young lady in New Haven, about to be married, overheard her intended husband cursing at some trivial defect, but instead of chiding him she stepped quietly to the altar, and when the clergyman asked her if she "would love, cherish and obey?" she answered in a clear voice, "not by a long shot," and marched majestically from the church.

—The gold used for testing in the Assay Department of the United States Assay Office in New York City is claimed to be absolutely pure, being one thousand fine. It is usually run into long, thin strips, that look like so much tape or ribbon.

—California has a new grievance—the dandelion. How it came about is told by the San Francisco Bulletin: "Some years ago it is said that a citizen imported from the East the seed of the old-fashioned dandelion. He wanted something to remind him of his early home. Like the man who imported the sparrow, he did worse than he knew. The sparrow is everywhere, so is the dandelion. The seed drifts in the wind like that of the thistle, the down is built into the nests of birds, and every seed which gets a lodgment on a lawn or grass plot will in due time produce a million more."

—The successful "Sunset Mine" in Colorado, was discovered by a young lady, Miss Mina Ingraham. Wander- ing out from camp one day, she returned with a few specimens which she had picked up. He thought deemed them worth investigation, and Miss Ingraham went with her father in quest of the place where she had found the ore. Clambering up the side of a cliff, she stooped down and marked the spot just as the sun was sinking behind the distant ridge of the Elk Range. A "discovery stake" was immediately set up. This claim was leased and bonded to the Gillespie Brothers, who at once organized the Sunset Mining Company, and began working it.

—The following example of economy comes from Pasadena, says the Los Angeles Times: A fashionable and wealthy party of five people, whose worldly possessions foot up near a million dollars, drove into the city from a lively little town not far distant. As it was late a hotel must be sought at once. The place was found and the parties quartered for the night at twenty-five cents a head. Next day one of the quintet went of doughnuts. With a pitcher of water and the pastry the whole outfit sat around in their rooms and breakfasted. The visitors after such a healthy morning meal, sought their conveyance and left the city.

—Mozart could write off his composition with marvelous rapidity, when the occasion demanded haste, because he was simply transcribing what was already in his mind. But it had been formed there by a laborious process. Chopin's theme sang itself in his head during a walk, or while fingering the piano. But then began the labor of transcribing the notes to paper. He would shut himself up in his room for days, walking, breaking his pens, re- pointing and altering a bar a hundred times. He once spent six weeks over a single page, and at last wrote it as he had noted it down at the very first.

—William Hunt, the painter, talked to his pupils in this strain: "If you could see me dig and groan, rub it out and start again, hate myself and feel 'drum-dilly!' The people who do things easily, their things you look at easily, and give away easily."

—"Easy writing is curst hard reading," said Sheridan.—Youth's Companion.

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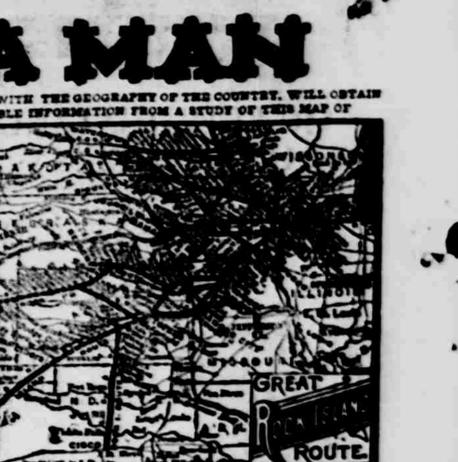
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