

Censor Must See All "Gags."

The British censor of plays has considerably added to the gaiety of the London theatrical season, now giving a final fling by announcing that henceforth all "gags" must be tried, in writing, on himself, before using. "Gags" have generally been supposed to be the inspiration of the moment, delightful little diversions from the steady current of the play, and therefore the more enjoyed, not only by the "gaggers," but by the audience. There is reason to doubt whether a "gag," after having been written down and tried in the crucible of the critic and censor, would be a "gag" at all. The London Speaker, however, thinks the music hall wits have no cause to fear so long as the present censor continues in power. "The censor," it says, "who licensed the 'Girl from Maxim's' and suppressed 'Mamma Vanna,' has abundantly proved his readiness to tolerate any nastiness, provided only that it is also stupid."

Stanley's Visit to America.

Stanley revisited America several times in the course of his eventful life. He came over shortly after the Livingston expedition had been completed; again for a lecture tour after he had founded the Congo Free State through the support of the Brussels African International association of which Leopold, king of the Belgians, was and is the head. This trip was cut short by the summons to relieve Emin Pasha (Dr. Eduard Schnitzer). He responded immediately. The last time he visited this country was in 1895, when he was seen in Boston and New York for a short time, and then traveled through Canada.

He Must Sign in English.

Some amusing "correspondence between the lord chancellor of Ireland and Thomas McDonagh Mahony, J. P., since September 3, 1903," has been issued as a British parliamentary paper. Mr. Mahony insisted upon signing his name to warrants and other documents "in characters which are alleged to be those of the Irish language," and persists in the practice, although he has been authoritatively informed that it is illegal. The justice of Canicevren insists that his signature is his usual one and disputes the lord chancellor's law and there the matter rests, except that he is enjoined from sitting on the magisterial bench until he gives assurance that he will "sign magisterial documents in English."

When a man is just swearing mad and the wife says nothing but smiles knowingly he will either kill her or rush out into the cold world and slam the door.

A smiling countenance is not always an index to the feelings. There always is one to whom our troubles seem a misfortune.

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After a fellows being married a few years he begins to long for a little monotony to relieve the excitement.

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The distinction between the wily and the wicked is too fine for the wise.

A woman never forgives the man who guesses her age too generously.

A man makes no particular progress by patting himself on the back.

Virtue may be its own reward, but it is not its own advertising agent.

No man reaches the stage of triumph but by the steps of trial.

The man who takes life as a dose always finds it a bitter one.

A woman never forgives a man who hints that her feet are large.

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The uncertainties of life make up its greatest charm.

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When a girl falls in love Mommer and Popper might as well throw up their hands and trust to Providence. The man who jollies other people along generally manages to jolly himself along with them pretty well, thank you.

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Wherever men are there will be illness and wherever people are ill, Dodds Kidney Pills will be found a blessing. Solely on their merits have they pushed their way into almost every part of the civilized world. Their reputation as an honest medicine that can always be relied on has been built up by the grateful praise of those who have been cured. The two following letters indicate just how the reputation of this remedy knows no geographical bounds. The sick and suffering all over the world are asking for Dodds Kidney Pills:

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Why don't society editors come right out and say that it was the bridegroom who was "led to the altar?"

Having a Picnic.

Pic-Nics are never complete without sandwiches, sweet white bread with a generous layer of meat between. Libby's canned meats are ideal for pic-nics and outings. The cans are so easily opened and the contents so fresh and palatable that no pic-nic is a success without Libby's "Natural Flavor" Food Products.

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PASSING OF THE GRAND ARMY

The object of the Grand Army in its relation to civil life, and aside from its traditional association and charitable work, was to organize the victory which had been won on the field of battle. The post rooms become schools of loyalty, where reverence for the flag as the symbol of the nation has been persistently inculcated and where the national idea has been constantly exalted. Then came the work in the schools of which mention has been made and whereof all the land knows.

It is not too much to say that owing to the far-reaching influence of the Grand Army of the Republic more than to anything else the flag is now universally revered, and there is no longer any question in the land, either in the North or South, that the American people now constitute a nation.

Day after day, as the glory of their achievements in all the arts of peace is finding new acknowledgment in every quarter of the globe, there comes new evidence that they are a unit—the world encompassing power of the future—great, glorious, invincible.

But what of the men who won this priceless heritage in the most stupendous struggle of the modern age? They are passing, passing, swiftly passing. More than ever now each annual encampment brings home the tragedy of death in life. More than ever now each annual encampment emphasizes the grim, solemn fact that soon—all too soon—the Grand Army of the Republic, with all that it symbolizes, will be nothing but a tradition. Figures that do not lie give much food for thought—sad, introspective thought.

In April, 1865, more than a million of men were in the military service of the United States. To these must be added a roll of names which at that time numbered over three hundred and fifty thousand—the grand army of the dead.

During the four years of the desperate conflict altogether 2,859,132 men had been enrolled in the military service. There had been killed in battle 67,058; died of wounds and other injuries, 43,032; of disease, 224,586, and from causes not classified, 24,532—a total death roll of 359,208.

This vast army had taken part in more than two thousand engagements,

sands will be no more. That is what the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic means.

And try to realize, too, what sentiment clusters round that thought. It will be fresh, vivid, real in the minds of each and every one of those marching thousands—the men who fought and suffered for a glorious cause—the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic.

But notwithstanding this sad decrease it has been suggested that the membership ought to increase year by year. There are still living over 900,000 of the men who were part of that grand army of the sixties, and of that number less than 75,000 are over 64 years old. Short, therefore, as it may be, the Grand Army may still look forward to a glorious future. From a speech delivered at the last national encampment of the G. A. R.

BEECHER AT FORT SUMTER.

The Rehoisting of the Stars and Stripes in Glory.

Since this flag went down on that dark day who shall tell the mighty woes that have made this land a spectacle to angels and men? The soil has drunk blood and is gutted. Millions mourn for myriads slain, or, envying the dead, pray for oblivion. Towns and villages have been razed. Fruitful fields have been turned back to wilderness. It came to pass, as the prophet said:

"The sun was turned to darkness and the moon to blood."

The course of law was ended. The sword sat chief magistrate in half the nation; industry was paralyzed; morals corrupted; the public weal invaded by rapine and anarchy; whole states ravaged by avenging armies. The world was amazed. The earth reeled.

When the flag sank here it was as if political night had come, and all the beasts of prey had come forth to devour. That long night is ended. And for this returning day we have come from afar to rejoice and give thanks.

No more war. No more accused secession. No more slavery, that spawned them both.

Let no man misread the meaning of this unfolding flag. It says: "Government has returned hither."



Gen. Sheridan's Grave at Arlington.

many of them of minor importance as to the number of men engaged or results attained, while others were mighty battles which strained all the resources and tested the fullest powers of endurance of the great opposing armies, to an extent which must make the legend, which floated from a banner stretched across the front of the Capitol, while the conquerors were marching by during those two memorable days of the grand spectacular peace review: "The Only National Debt We Never Can Pay is the Debt We Owe the Victorious Union Soldiers," ring down the ages forever.

It was out of all this that the Grand Army of the Republic grew into being in 1878, with a membership of only 31,016, out of all those hundreds of thousands of veterans. But its growth was inevitable—as inevitable as its decline and death. In 1890 the organization reached the high-water mark with an enrollment of 409,489, since which time it has diminished at the rate of two, three, four, five, six, seven, yes, and even eight thousand a year and more. In 1892 the roll had sunk to 263,745. In that year alone 8,200 answered their final summons.

Pause for a moment and think what that means. Over eight thousand members passing away every year and the ratio increasing rapidly. Can your mind grasp the figures in all their pathetic significance? Eight thousand every year, and soon it may be nine, ten, eleven—who shall say how many more thousands—till the roster is totally effaced.

Stand on the street when the men who have come to live over again the stirring days of the past go marching by. Count them if you can and you will find that there are nearly eight thousand in line. It is an imposing array; a vast host, the like of which is rarely seen in one tense, eager body. And then let your mind try to grasp the thought that before another year has passed all those marching thou-

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To the officers and men of the army and navy who have so faithfully and so skillfully and gloriously upheld their country's authority, by suffering labor and sublime courage, we offer a heart tribute beyond the compass of words.

Upon those true and faithful citizens, men and women, who have borne up with unflinching hope in the darkest hour, and covered the land with their labor of love and charity we invoke the divinest blessing of him whom they have so truly imitated. But chiefly to thee, God of our fathers we render thanksgiving and praise for that wondrous providence that has brought forth from such a harvest of war the seed of so much liberty and peace!

We invoke peace upon the North! Peace be to the West! Peace be up on the South!

In the name of God we lift up our banner and dedicate it to peace, union and liberty now and forevermore. Amen.—Oration Delivered April 14 1865, by Request of President Lincoln at the Raising of the Flag Over Fort Sumter.



A prominent club woman, Mrs. Danforth, of St. Joseph, Mich., tells how she was cured of falling of the womb and its accompanying pains and misery by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Life looks dark indeed when a woman feels that her strength is fading away and she has no hopes of ever being restored. Such was my feeling a few months ago when I was advised that my poor health was caused by prolapsus or falling of the womb. The words sounded like a knell to me, I felt that my sun had set; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound came to me as an elixir of life; it restored the lost forces and built me up until my good health returned to me. For four months I took the medicine daily and each dose added health and strength. I am so thankful for the help I obtained through its use."—MRS. FLORENCE DANFORTH, 1007 Miles Ave., St. Joseph, Mich.

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