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# TRICKS OF THE TYPES

Wicked Deeds Done by the Imp of the Perverse.

Barber Shop AMUSING ERRORS IN PRINT.

Examples of What Is Liable to Happen When the Compositor Blunders or When the Usually Alert and Careful Proofreader Nods.

Sometimes the proofreader nods, and in this connection the late Lord Goschen told at a public dinner a story of a reader who worked for his (Lord Goschen's) grandfather and who, in answer to a denunciation from his employer, cried:

"Let some other man work at correctness of typography. I despair. My own thoughts often hinder me as they seize and hold the authors otherwise than they ought to do. It is quite possible that niggling about words and from some thought or picture. Errors have been found in sheets which I thought I had worked backward and forward with the greatest particularity. I read always as it should be."

It is when a reader is in this soulful condition that the general public are permitted to read, as they did once in a morning paper not given to humor, that a celebrated politician, in a speech, described some one as "sitting at the feet of the game bird of Birmingham," instead of "Gamaliel." In the same journal, too, the following startling announcement appeared under the heading of "Births:"

NICHOLSON .- On the 12th inst., at Belton road, Sidcup, the son of Alfred Nicholson, of a daughter.

In another newspaper a most pathetic account appeared of a doctor who died owing to having accidentally infected himself while thjecting some plague virus into a "gnat." The mystery was solved the next day, when an apology was printed explainting that the word should have been "rat."

"Come over and try some new soup," a lady novelist did not write; "songs" was the word. "It is a sickly kopje of the real article" was perhaps excusable. It appeared in a paper during the Boer war.

These mistakes are curious enough, but they pale into insignificance before some of those that never reach the printed sheet.

a compositor in cold type, and he was mille failthe!" "Brer Fox" was made pose. "Boer Fox"-that was also during the South African war.

On a hot summer's day another tired typesetter turned "The Ides of March" into "The Idea of Work."

In a sermon a celebrated divine was made to say, "And they erected a marine store at the mouth of the sepulcher." "Massive stone" were the cor-

Abbreviations are at times the bane of the compositor, but he had no ex- dent. cuse in setting up, in an account of a Mansion House function, that among those present were "Old Isaacs and Old Treloar." He should have known that 'Ald." was an abbreviation of "Alderman." In the same "take" of copy the he was engaged. On walking up to "Lord Mayor was received with a his easel he found that one of his little crash" (should be "eclat") and was boys in his absence had dashed the His wife detested lying and constantfollowed by the sheriffs in their "mar- handle of the hearth broom through ly urged him to mend his ways. One garine (mazarine) gowns."

In another first proof, and the proofreader wearily made it the "galled jade wince." "Die, lusty platter!" has quite | done it. When the boy admitted his | When he came home to dinner, she a transpontine flavor, but the "copy" said "Die Lustige Blatter" (a German and rebuked him in these unmeasured weekly paper).

"Pignut of the enunciation" does not Sunday morning is a disgrace" is all you?" right when the first two words are

read "Petticoat lane." In a police court assault case the prosecutor was made to say that the formidable than its appearance. When lost in perplexity. Then she gave it prisoner had given him "twins." What it was built in the thirteenth century to; the problem was too deep for her. the prisoner really did was to give the it was, doubtless, with its four great prosecutor a "turn" (a fright). "The towers and its deep moat, a thing of government were suffering from men- beauty compared with the present tal aberration," must have been set miscellaneous welter of buildings

nil nisi bonum" is more correct. "Jim days of its life as a real castle de- lations, at the same time observing, the Pieman" is easily recognizable as fending a city—a river ran past the "It's a good thing for you, Malachi, a the hero of a play, and "Putty Polly," building. The Poddle still runs, but marriage that means \$10,000 to you." the racehorse, would throw up her it keeps its obscure course under the "Not quite that, Bill," said the farmso described.

the costume" read "sandals," and for used as the official residence of the "I had to pay \$2 for a marriage li-"Here is indeed a sundial" substitute lord lieutenant, then described as the cense," said Malachi. 'scandal." He lived in the "hubbubs" | "lord deputy." Although it has ever should be "suburbs," and "Call her, since retained that exalted function, Herr, in" is understandable when

printed "Caller herrin'." startled to read in a rough first proof ture remains.—Dundee Advertiser. that he had described the fields surrounding the Derby course as "covered with boots and shoes." He was placated when informed that it had been

altered to "booths and shows." Columns could be filled with the portion." amazing and amusing blunders of the compositor, but here space forbids of whispered to his friend: more than a final "howler," which is a classic in the printing world, "O tem- you. The judge says I've got to tell the pora! O mores!" wrote a leader writ- truth." er at ten minutes to 1 in the morning. when he "caught and bowled" the com- Atlanta Constitution. positor who had improved the phrase into "O Tennyson! O Moses!"-London Express.

It is by presence of mind in untried emergencies that the native metal of a man is tested.-Lowell.

### SOUND SIGNALS.

Their Unreliability Under Certain Atmospheric Conditions.

At practically every lighthouse of importance on the coasts of this country is some sort of signaling apparatus to be used when weather conditions prevent the lights from being seen. Sometimes it is a bell, sometimes a whistle, sometimes a Daboll trumpet, sometimes a steam siren. The idea is to make a noise which will be heard where ordinarily the light would be a twenty-four pounder. seen, to give the mariner warning which a fog prevents the light from giving. Of course, in the case of a first order light, which may be seen twenty miles, the signal is, in part, a failure, only the best and most favorable of conditions carrying a siren sound so far. The signals, of course, have certain characteristics to prevent the hearer from mistaking one signal for another.

At certain times, in certain weathers, and more particularly in certain localities, these sound signals behave, as far as their hearers are concerned, syllables may often go to the wall in a most erratic manner. In some when my soul cannot tear itself loose cases the lighthouse board gets indignant complaints that on a certain date a certain fog signal was silent when it should have sounded. Investigation shows that the signal was sounding at the time, but was, for some inexplicable reason, inaudible to the very ship it was meant to reach. Naturally, such histances have been very carefully investigated, and certain facts have come to light as a result.

> It has been found that sound, like ight, is sometimes affected by atmospheric conditions and that it will skip about in a most bewildering way. Thus, a fog signal may be heard with ear splitting force a mile from its source and 500 yards farther on may disappear entirely. Yet another 500 yards and it again sounds as strongly as before. The theory in such a case as this is that the sound hits the water and is echoed back from it into the air, to return in a curve of more or less magnitude and again strike the water. The sound, in other words, skips like a stone skillfully thrown into the water, the points of audibility corresponding to the places the water the most wholesome and valuable is hit and the areas of silence to the flights of the stone.

sound forms a circle, a ring of audi- from the poisonous kind with white bility, outside of which there is a si- spores, one rule of observation will prelence and inside of which nothing in serve the health and safety of any one the nature of a signal can be heard, collecting wild mushrooms for eating. And to make the matter more puzzling Without the use of a single technical the conditions sometimes do not ap- term, the difference in poisonous and "Cold milk, father!" once demanded pear and the signal acts as it should, nonpoisonous mushrooms is easily while at other and rarer occasions it shown, even to a novice. What botaaggrieved to have to alter it to "Caed | takes these freaks and fails in its pur- nists call the "death cup," the volva

> to cover the cases in point.-Scientific absent from the deadly mushrooms. American.

> > Severe Rebuke.

gave a remarkable instance of the so as to lose the cup shape, and somesweetness of his temper, which scarce- times it grows upon or is attached to ly anything could ruffle. The story the stem, giving it a bulbous, swollen was told by Julian Charles Young, base. Severely reject every plant that whose uncle had witnessed the inci- has a bulbous stem or the cup standing

was received by him in his front room. stems, the same size from the root to After half an hour's chat the artist the cap.-Georgia Torrey Denman in proposed to repair to the back room Good Housekeeping. to show him a large picture on which the canvas and made so large a rent morning she said: "Will, see if you "Let the gulled Judy wink" appeared in it as to render its restoration im- can't be perfectly truthful today. possible. He called the child up to Don't tell a lie. Now, promise!" He him and asked him gently if he had promised and went away to work. act Constable took him on his knee said:

"Oh, my dear pet! See what we seem convincing; "figment of the imag- have done! Dear, dear! What shall ination" is better. "Petticoats long on we do to mend it? I can't think—can you. When I said I had kept my

Dublin Castle.

The name of Dublin castle is more Dublin castle was so neglected about two centuries ago as to need rebuild-A well known descriptive writer was ing. Very little of the original struc-

Had Confidence In Him.

"Mind, now," said the judge, "you are sworn to tell the truth, and if you do not the penitentiary will be your

The man took the oath and then "John, I'm feared it's all up with

"That's all right, Jim," said his "O Moses, indeed!" exclaimed the friend, with confidence. "I ain't a-worproofreader a quarter of an hour later ryin' bout that, kaze you can't do it."-

> Getting Down to Particulars. Mrs. Slimson-Shall I read you this animal story, Willie? Willie-With or without? "With or without what?" "Affidavits."-New York Life.

### MIXED IN THE THUNDER.

A Scene In "Macbeth" That Was Not on the Playbill.

It is related of Cooke, the actor, that when a youth, being without the neces- south American tribe, with decided sary cash to pay for a seat "in front," he got behind the scenes one night and hid himself in a barrel. He had for companions two large cannon balls, but the youth, not being initiated into the features of their dead, so that the mysteries of the place, did not friends can always identify those that p. m., in Ganschow's hall. suspect that cannon balls helped to have gone to the "happy hunting make thunder in a barrel as well as in ground" as surely as if gazing at a

The play was "Macbeth," and in the first scene the thunder was required to give due effect to the situation of the crouching witches. It was not long ere the Jupiter Tonans of the theater, alias being split.

Cooke was profoundly and heroically silent. The machine was lifted by the brawny stage servitor and carried carefully to the side scene lest in rolling the thunder should rumble before its

All was made ready, the witches took their places amid flames of resin, the thunder bell rang, the barrel received its impetus with young Cooke and the cannon balls, the stage stricken lad roaring lustily, to the amusement of the thunderer, who neglected to stop the rolling machine, which entered on the stage, and Cooke, bursting off the carpet head of the barrel, appeared before the audience, to the horror of the weird sisters and to the hilarity of the spectators.-London Mail.

#### MUSHROOMS.

Those That Are Poisonous Always Carry the "Death Cup."

Mushrooms when poisonous are the most dangerous plants in existence, as there is no antidote for the poison. Without going into the intricacies of the edible "meadow" (Agaricus campestris), and the "horse" mushroom (Agaricus arvensis), which are among vegetables, and of the numerous other harmless and nutritious varieties, as This is a simple case. In others the distinguished by their dark spores around the stipe, or, in plainer terms. As yet no laws have been deduced the socket around the stem, is never Sometimes it is distinct, well above ground, up around the lower part of the stem; then again it is below Constable, the famous painter, once ground, but not attached to the stem out around the stem. All edible and He called on Constable one day and harmless mushrooms have straight

Mystification. His weakness was prevarication.

"Dear, did you keep your promise?" "I did," he replied soberly.

Then he caught her in his arms. "Darling," he cried, "I will not lie to promise to you, I did not tell the truth; but, believe me, that was the only lie I told all day.'

For twenty-two seconds she was

The Part He Lost.

A New England man tells of a prosperous Connecticut farmer painfully up by a compositor of the opposition gathered round two ugly squares. exact in money matters who married politics. The real charge was "mutual Supposed to have been begun by a a widow of Greenwich possessing in her grandson of Henry I., Meyler Fitz own right the sum of \$10,000. Shortly "De mortar ivil nice loreum" would Henry, it was completed by Henry De after the wedding a friend met the trouble a Latin scholar. "De mortuis Loundres in 1223. In those days-the farmer, to whom he offered congratupretty head in disdain to see herself pavement of the lower castle yard. er; "not quite that." "Why," exclaim-It was not until well into the reign ed the friend, "I understood there was For "a pair of scandals completed of Elizabeth that the castle was first every cent of \$10,000 in it for you."

Gnawed His Way Out of Prison. A burglar named Schaarschmidt, in prison at Gera, deliberately set to work to gnaw through a thick oaken beam in front of his cell window. It was a work of seven weeks. The fragments of wood which were torn away with his teeth he replaced with chewed bread until the beam was almost gnawed through. A final smashing noise was heard by the wardens, but before they could appear Schaarschmidt had escaped.-London Chronicle.

Just the Same as Usual. "I thought you said you weren't going to drink any more."

"But here you are drinking as much s ever." "Well, that isn't any more, is it?"-

Kansas City Independent. A broad minded man never loses any sleep because another man's opinions fail to agree with his own.-Wright City News.

### RELICS OF THE DEAD.

Horrible Custom of a South American Indian Triba

The Ucayali Indians, a numerous cannibalistic tastes, who inhabit both banks of one of the uppermost and longest of the affluents of the Amazou, have a system by which they preserve photograph.

To accomplish this they cut the head from the body, but retain the long hair. The ghastly, bleeding trophies of a day's battle or a night's massacre of their enemies are suspended by the the property men, approached and long, straight black hair to the limb seized the barrel, and the horror of the of a tree. Directly under this they concealed boy may be imagined as the | dig a hole, which they fill with water, man proceeded to cover the open end in their primitive way causing it to with a piece of old carpet and tie it | boil by placing hot stones in it, or, if carefully to prevent the thunder from | near a camp or village, an earthen pot of boiling water is used.

The ascending hot vapor and steam which envelop the suspended head outlined by the fire and shadows, like ghosts in the darkness of a tropical night, in the deep solitude and under the black shadows of the palm forests, accompanied by the weird antics of the ugly human brutes and the shriek of wild birds of the night or the howl of tigers, make a scene that cannot be

fully described to the imagination. This steaming process has the effect of loosening the scalp from the skull or in some way of softening it that all the bones are removed. With the vacant sack of skin drawn from the head intact, they next fill it with hot pebbles and sand. These are replaced by others when they are cool. The process they use has the effect of drying and shrinking the skin, but in some way, not clearly known, it preserves the original features of the victim. They are thus distorted and ghastly looking reminders of the departed. -London Spare Moments.

#### BOTH WERE TRICKY.

A Bit of Business Between a Merchant and a Lumberman.

There used to be an old retired merchant in Detroit who delighted in recalling his experiences when an active man running a general store in one of the northern cities of the lower penin-

"I used to reap a harvest when the men were coming out of the woods," he relates. "They were not up in styles, and about any old thing would suit them provided the color was right and the fit even passable. But there were tricksters among them, and I had to have my wits about me in order to keep even with them.

"'How much is that hat?' asked a strapping six footer who arrived from camp one day with a pocketful of

"'Two fifty,' I replied. "Then he informed me that he always had the crowns of his hats punched full of holes in order to keep his head cool and his hair from coming out. I soon had this attended to, and then he asked what the hat was worth. 'Two fifty,' I responded in surprise, but he laughed at me for asking such a price for damaged goods. He had me and got his hat for \$1, while the jolly crowd with him had a laugh at my expense. He wanted to look at some 'fiddles,' and after pricing one at \$10 concluded to take it.

"'Where's the bow?' he asked as I

was doing up the package. "'You only bought the fiddle,' I laughed. The others saw the point and laughed too. The giant tried to bluff me, but I kept good humored and got even on the hat by charging him \$1.50 for the bow. I not only got even, but the others were so pleased with my 'Yankee trick' that they spent plenty of money with me." Detroit Free Press.

Say you saw it in THE TRIBUNE.

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