

DAWN AT VENICE.

One burnished cloud first turned a jagged point. The conscious water nestled deep among her murky gondolas that, bow on bow, fringed with shadows at the molo swung. Soon palace and canal paled into sight. Fainting as watchers whose long vigil waned...

CATARINA A SKETCH.

From such surroundings? Yes, perhaps because of such surroundings. Genius will flourish anywhere, and genius has the happy faculty of bending every difficulty to its own advantage.

Her mother was an Italian, her father had died while she was still a child, and from that day Catarina was marked by fate. The mother had bought a greengrocer's shop in that very unlovely Princes road I have referred to, and there, ensconced in that little fortress—it might be truly said hardly ever quitting guard—she had begun and carried on through long years one of those terrible, grim, silent struggles with poverty, disaster and death with which London is replete.

The sudden glance recalled to my mind the picture of the "mater" maimed and bruised from the terrible battle of life, with her broken English, garnished with the hideous slang of Princes road, which she had proudly accepted as the English vernacular.

"Catarina," I pursued firmly, "no one, I hope, judges you by Princes road." She seized my hand. The tears gushed to her eyes. "I thought you were going to say something else. If you had, by Jove, I'd 'a' gone for you!"

"In the Swim." This phrase is, one fears, bad English in so far as it has acquired a soubçon of vulgarity which, in the first place, perhaps, it did not possess, since it is thought to have originated from anglers being in luck when they find a swim or "school" of fish. Thus it has come to mean being in the popular current either in opinion, speculation or fashion—dans le mouvement, in the vogue with others. It is possible that the phrase was suggested to anglers by the eastern metaphor "To swim in golden lard" (B. Jonson, "The Fox," I, 1).

The Kings of Denmark. The dust of the Danish kings is kept in a great cathedral at Roskilde, an old town 20 miles from Copenhagen. Every year the entire royal family always pays a visit to Roskilde in obedience to an ancient custom. On one of the pillars are marks showing the height of Peter the Great, Nicholas, the Iron Czar; Alexander III of Russia; the king of England, and many other kings. The cathedral was built in the eleventh century. It has two mighty towers, which can be seen at a long distance. The oldest grave is that of King Harold I, who died in 987.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Good Children. "People are always content with their children," said Mr. Crusty. "Yes," answered Mr. Dusty, "if a boy is different they say he is naturally inclined, and if he is holier than they say he is sure to make his way in the world."—Washington Star.

BOUND FOR THE FRONT.

An Incident Showing the Military Courage of the Montenegrins.

In military courage the Montenegrin probably stands at the head of European races. The best wish for a baby boy is, "May you not die in your bed!" and to face death is, to man or boy, only a joyous game. Says W. J. Stillman in his "Autobiography": "I have seen a man under a heavy Turkish fire deliberately leave the trenches and climb the breastwork, only to expose himself from sheer bravado."

While lying at headquarters at Oranibuk, awaiting the opening of the campaign in 1877, I was walking one day with the prince, when a boy of 16 or 18 approached us, cap in hand. "Now," said the prince, "I'll show you an interesting thing. This boy is the last of a good family. His father and brothers were all killed in the last battle, and I ordered him to go home and stay with his mother and sisters, that the family might not become extinct."

"I want to go back to my battalion," "But," said the prince, "you are the last of your line, and I cannot allow a good family to be lost. You must go home and take care of your mother." The boy began to cry bitterly. "Will you go home quietly and stay there," said the prince, "or will you take a flogging and be allowed to fight?" The boy thought for a moment. A flogging, he knew well, is the deepest disgrace that can befall a Montenegrin.

CHINESE PROVERBS.

Dig a well before you are thirsty. The ripest fruit will not fall into your mouth.

Great wealth means destiny. Moderate wealth means industry. The pleasure of doing good is the only one which does not wear out.

Water does not remain on the mountain nor vengeance in a great mind. To nourish the heart there is nothing better than to make the desires few.

When life comes, it cannot be declined. When it goes, it cannot be detained. Good governments get the people's wealth, while good instructions get their hearts.

Those who labor with their minds govern others. Those who labor with their strength are governed by others. A small bag cannot be made to contain what is large. A short rope cannot be used to draw water from a deep well.

Let every man sweep the snow from before his own door and not busy himself about the frost of his neighbor's tiles.

Express Elevators. To the man who is accustomed to buildings where staircases are still useful as well as ornamental the speed of the "express" elevators in New York skyscrapers is disturbing. Recently an "up state" man, who was being shown about the city by a friend, was taken at last up to the sixteenth story of one of the high buildings. He went up in a "local" elevator, at moderate speed, but even that caused him to suffer many qualms before he stepped out on the firm landing. In coming down to street level again they took an "express." With one switch of the handle and a few sparks from the controlling apparatus they were deposited on the ground floor. The city man asked the other if "that was quick enough" for him. "Quick enough," he exclaimed. "Why, I might just as well have jumped."—New York Post.

A Ghostly Satellite. Under certain conditions there may be seen in the night sky, exactly opposite to the place where the sun may then be, a faint light, rounded in outline, to which the name "egenschien" has been given. It has always been a mystery to astronomers, but Professor Pickering suggested that it may be a cemetery or meteoric satellite of the earth. He thinks it may be composed of a cloud of meteors 1,000,000 miles from the earth and revolving around it in a period of just one solar year, so that the sun and the ghostly satellite are always on opposite sides of the earth.

A City of Boiling Springs. Carlsbad has been humorously described as being built on the lid of a boiling kettle, which is almost literally true, as it stands on a crust of comparative thinness through which rise several mineral springs. The most abundant and most used of these springs is the Sprudel, which discharges 130,000 gallons a day of various temperatures. The water of the hot springs has been famous for more than a century as a "cure" for various complaints, and the town can nearly always boast of its royal visitors during the season from May 1 to Sept. 20.

The Difference. Pater—You are very forward, sir. In my day the young man waited until he was asked to call. Young Man—Yes, and now he waits until he's asked not to call.—Tit-Bits.

As Usual. "What has society done for us?" "Increased the number of our inferiors."—Brooklyn Life.

Called Lorillard's Bug.

Heavy better as he was, Pierre Lorillard once met his match when he ran up against gray-headed James E. Kelly, who introduced bookmaking into this country. It was nearly a generation ago and at Jerome park. Kelly was laying 2 1/2 to 1 against one of Lorillard's horses in a big stake event. The news went to Mr. Lorillard, seated on his coach on the clubhouse lawn. "I'll just take a little of the conceit out of that sawed-off Irishman," said Lorillard to Wright Sanford, Newbold Morris, John Hunter and a few other congenial spirits. They started for the ring together.

"I'll lay \$10,000 on my horse at that price, Kelly," said Mr. Lorillard in his princely fashion, expecting to see Kelly wilt and refuse to take the wager. "Certainly, Mr. Lorillard." Then turning to his sheet writer, Kelly said: "\$25,000 against \$10,000, Pierre Lorillard." Quickly he turned to the tobacco magnate with a polite "Much obliged to you, Mr. Lorillard; very much obliged. Would you or your friends care to bet another \$10,000 at the same odds? Should be delighted to accommodate you."

"What a nerve!" was all Mr. Lorillard could say as he turned on his heel and walked away. Jimmy Kelly won the bet, for Lorillard's horse was beaten.—New York Times.

The Landlubber Ducks of Sahara.

The proverbial fondness of ducks for water would lead one to presuppose that of all the world the most destitute of ducks would be the Sahara desert and that if a stray "springling" happened to drift into that region he would either vanquish or turn up his toes with briefest delay. Well, not at all," said a Frenchman who was formerly a resident of Tunis. "There are parts of the desert where ducks abound, flourish and multiply with every evidence of perfect satisfaction. The fowl is slightly different from any of the varieties we know in this country, but it has the same flat bill, extensive breast and web feet, showing that it was once a water bird, though now it scarcely finds enough to drink and has become too provident to waste any of the precious fluid in abluitions. Like the other good Mussulmans of the country, they take their prescribed bath in the sand, and their web feet come in very handy as snowshoes to walk upon the deep yielding dust. It is claimed by an eminent French ornithologist that the Saharan ducks are the remains of a race of aquatic birds which frequented those seas when the present desert was a part of the Atlantic ocean."

Holes in Everything.

You are skeptical about the accuracy of this statement and ask why water does not leak from a bottle if there are holes in everything? The answer is simple enough—the drops or globules of water are bigger than the holes. Taking glass as an illustration, we find that air is about the only substance that can get through those holes.

A scientist proposes the following as an experiment: Place a bell in a bottle exhausted of air and hermetically sealed. The bell will not ring because the medium for conveying sound is not there.

Set the bottle aside for a few months, then try the bell again, and it will ring faintly, perhaps, but nevertheless there will be a sound. That means that the air has got in. It has made its way through the holes in the glass.

The incandescent lamp is a bulb of glass exhausted of air so that the slender filament may glow when the electricity runs along it. The air works its way in gradually and the light becomes less brilliant in proportion.

Nuts as Food.

Nuts contain a large amount of nourishment, and owing to their oily nature digest easily. Eaten with salt they are palatable. Either as a dessert course or salted and used as a relish their value is the same. They are not expensive, for from the peanut through the imported varieties they can be bought in bulk at small cost.

The peanut has many good qualities to recommend it, and from its low estate is coming to the front as an important item in dietetics. It is supposed to cure insomnia if eaten just before retiring. Salted, they are much cheaper than almonds. The small hickory nut, at a few cents a quart, can be used on the most economical table. The English walnut makes a very good salad blancher and used with celery, filberts, almonds and Brazil nuts are more expensive, but as only a few are needed at a time the cost is not great.—Woman's Home Companion.

Eggshell Flowerpots.

Eggshells may be used to advantage in starting delicate plants for transplanting. The half shells are filled with earth and set in a box also containing dampened earth. A hole is made in the point of the shell to allow drainage. A single seed is then planted in each shell, which is easily broken when transplanting is done without the slightest disturbance of roots. This use of eggshells is the discovery of a French gardener, who claims that they are vastly superior to the little pots generally used for the purpose by florists.

How the Fuss Started.

"That hand me down suit you're wearing," remarked Rivers, "reminds me of an unripe watermelon." "Why?" asked Brooks. "Because it's so different. One isn't cut to fit, and the other isn't fit to cut." It was then that Brooks blazed away at him.—Pick-Me-Up.

Hamlin's Soliloquy.

Hamlin (standing before the tattooed man in the dime museum)—Heavens, how that fellow must suffer if he ever gets the jimjams!—Smart Set.

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