

THE PASSING BAND.

A lone, deep drone
Thrummeth a resonant monotone;
Up sweeps the horn with an undulant flare...

BUNKOED BY A GREEK.

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The pair of us had been in Athens three or four days when a party of English excursionists who were making a tour arrived...



A BATTERED OLD SCHOONER.
believed held a large number of manuscripts and valuable coins...

Aside from the English party, there were Americans, Germans and Frenchmen to the number of 20 in Athens...

My friend could speak Greek, but when he attempted to enter into conversation with Mr. Talanti's friends...

had been at sea for years. I believe the man's an impostor.

"But Professor Hempstead seems to be perfectly satisfied with him."

"That counts for nothing. The professor may be up on ancient Greece, but he is way off on confidence games..."

As soon as the craft was made fast the three eminent friends of Mr. Talanti suddenly produced pistols and knives...

"Ladies and gentlemen, you are now about to pass ashore to behold my wonderful discoveries..."

"But what—what does it mean?" asked the bewildered professor as he looked around him.

"It's robbery!" cried three or four voices in chorus.

"Do not mar the harmony of the occasion with hard words," continued the chief villain.

The men cried out in anger, but what could they do? I do not think there was a firearm among them...

It was almost dark when a battered old schooner came sailing up to take us off, and the terms were \$3 apiece to be paid in Athens...

The Leather of the Egyptians.
The ancient Egyptians were skilled in the art of tanning leather...

It is a fact, too, that tanners of today employ very much the same methods as did the ancients...

"The Kind He Wanted.
"Young man," said the fortune teller, "going into a trance..."

ENGLISH OF THE ENGLISH.

"London is a Nice Place if You Know the Language."

That backneyed American maiden who said London was a nice place if you knew the language was not a bit absurd...

Only yesterday, after 18 months' residence in England, I rushed up to a conductor in Charing Cross station...

If you ask a guest at your home in England whether he likes his meat rare, he asks what you said because he does not understand you...

To go further along the eccentricities of English at the dining table most persons know, I suppose, that the beet is called beef root...

Process of Their Manufacture at Jena, in Germany.
A most interesting account is given in The Idler of the wonderful state aided industry at Jena...

THERMOMETER TUBES.

We saw this glass in process of manufacture. A boy workman caught a bit of molten glass from the furnace at the end of a blowpipe...

He, in his turn, added glass, blowing from time to time with cheeks out-puffed until it seemed as though they must burst...

At one time not very long ago there was on the Lancashire coast, near Lytham, England, a cottage and boat-house that were made almost entirely from the remains of a score or so of whales...

Uncle Hiram (just back from the big city)—I don't think that nephew of our'n is got as much money as he makes out he has.

From crude petroleum are made kerosene, gasoline, naphtha, paraffin and vaseline. A still heavier oil, left as a residue, is used for axle grease...

When a polished table is stained by a hot dish, one restoring process is to use first wood alcohol and then linseed or olive oil.

First Tramp—You order see Bill go in over de fence wit' de bull after him.

Second Tramp—Must have been wuth lookin at.

The total number of timber rafts on all the rivers of European Russia is said to be more than 80,000 yearly, with a total of some 25,000,000 logs.

A Joke on a Professor.

Among some intensely amusing college scraps told by "A Graduate" in The Ladies' Home Journal is the story of a certain professor not much liked by his pupils...

This message reached its destination long before train No. 6 reached Cleveland, so that when Professor Finsall alighted it was to walk straight into the custody of three detectives.

Little bendings are in progress all the time the world over. The "immovable" hills are bowing and scraping to each other constantly.

The Earth's Bendings.

And in London, too, where earthy sensations are practically unknown, the earth bends daily, and the buildings, like the hills and the mountains, nod to their friends opposite when the morning traffic begins.

How to Learn to Like Pictures.
The following suggestions, if you please, are not from an artist nor even from a connoisseur...

Whale Houses.
At one time not very long ago there was on the Lancashire coast, near Lytham, England, a cottage and boat-house...

Looked Like Economy.
Uncle Hiram (just back from the big city)—I don't think that nephew of our'n is got as much money as he makes out he has.

Crude Petroleum.
From crude petroleum are made kerosene, gasoline, naphtha, paraffin and vaseline.

Polished Furniture.
When a polished table is stained by a hot dish, one restoring process is to use first wood alcohol and then linseed or olive oil.

A Special Occasion.
First Tramp—You order see Bill go in over de fence wit' de bull after him.

The Kind He Wanted.
"Young man," said the fortune teller, "going into a trance, I can see you in the near future with an airship!"

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