

A BELATED APOLOGY.

It Came After the Positive Man Discovered His Mistake. An Irish officer who had served in Malta was one day at a public dinner. Expatriating on the luxurious living at Malta, he spoke particularly of the excellent quality of the anchovies. He had never seen any like them anywhere else. He told of a grove of them which he had seen growing in the governor's garden upon the esplanade.

A gentleman present disputed the statement that anchovies grew on trees. The Irishman reaffirmed it most emphatically. The wine was flowing and he passed. A challenge was given and accepted.

On the following day the parties met, attended by their seconds. At the first fire the Irishman's shot took effect in his opponent's thigh, the ball hitting the bone and causing such a shock that the latter fell upon his back and in such pain that he kicked his heels vigorously.

"I' faith, major," said our hero's second, "you've hit your man, but I think not dangerously, for see what lively capers he is cutting."

"Capers! Capers!" exclaimed the Irishman, with a start. "Oh, by the powers, what have I done? Had luck to me forever for such a dreadful mistake!" And, hastening to the side of his antagonist, who had been raised to a sitting posture, he grasped his hand, gushing forth as he did so: "My dear friend, I hope you're not killed. And if I've harmed you seriously I'll ask your pardon forever, for I made a murderer's mistake! It was capers that I saw growing upon that tree at Malta and not anchovies at all!"

Pat and Mike, enlisted in the British army. After their first drill the captain, thinking the circumstances opportune for a little lecture on patriotism, demanded eloquently, "Soldiers, why should a man die for his king and country?"

This struck Pat as a proper question. Turning to Mike, he said: "Faith, Mike, the captain is right! Whot?"

A Soft Answer. During one of the national political conventions an orchestra was playing in a popular restaurant. The place was crowded with delegates, and the diners were talking loudly so they might hear and be heard. At one table sat a beautiful woman and her escort and at the next table a number of New York men.

Suddenly the orchestra stopped—bing!—and a New York man's voice rang out: "By George, that's a good looking woman! I'd like to meet her." The man at the next table, who was with the lady, came over, tapped the New Yorker on the shoulder and said frigidly, "Sir, that lady is my wife."

Happiness. If thou workest at that which is before thee, following right reason seriously, vigorously, calmly, without allowing anything else to distract thee, but keeping thy divine part pure if thou shouldst be bound to give it back immediately—if thou holdest to this, expecting nothing, fearing nothing, but satisfied with thy present activity according to nature and with heroic truth in every word and sound which thou utterest, thou wilt live happy. And there is no man who is able to prevent this.—Marcus Aurelius.

Turn About. The president of a western university relates how on one occasion, when a certain well known educator was dean of that institution, grave complaints against the college cook were brought to him by one of the undergraduates, whereupon the dean summoned the delinquent, duly lectured him upon his shortcomings and, in short, threatened him with dismissal unless conditions were bettered.

"Good gracious, sir!" exclaimed the cook. "You oughtn't to place too much importance on what the young men tell you about my meals. Why, sir, they come to me in just the same way and complain about your lectures!"

On the Fly.

Probably the windiest place in North America is the short stretch in Washington from the F street car line to the entrance to the senate wing of the capitol. On a good blustery water's day it is possible at almost any time to see two or three people chasing their hats across the street. The old timers have learned that it doesn't pay to chase your own hat. Somebody else will be sure to run after it and bring it to you.

One day Representative Murdock of Kansas rebuked a friend for starting to chase his own hat.

"Never do it," he said. "Somebody will bring it to you."

"Well, you ought to know," replied the other man. "Kansas is the windiest place on the map."

"Yes," replied Murdock. "It's so windy out there that when a man's hat blows off he never thinks of following it. He just sticks his hand up in the air and catches another."

How Victor Hugo Proposed.

Adele, bolder and more curious than Victor (for she was a girl), wanted to find out what was the meaning of his silent admiration. She said: "I am sure you have secrets. Have you not one secret greater than all?" Victor acknowledged that he had secrets and that one of them was greater than all the rest. "Just like me!" cried Adele. "Well, come, now; tell me your greatest secret, and I will tell you mine."

Women in Trousers. In the pretty Alpine village of Champéry, in the canton of Valais, Switzerland, the peasant women wear trousers and waistcoats in place of skirts and blouses, and the only distinguishing badge of their sex is a scarf knotted around their hair, the bright red ends of which float coquettishly over their shoulders. The women of Champéry work in the open air, performing the same kinds of labor as the men, and long ago their ancestors found that they could work more easily in trousers than in skirts.

Line of Least Resistance. "A man will scrutinize the menu card for half an hour and then order a steak."

Mystified Mabel. Mother (at lunch)—Yes, darling, these little sardines are sometimes eaten by the larger fish. Mabel (aged five)—But, mamma, how do they get the cans open?—Boston Transcript.

Three a Day. Tourist in Ireland (to rural postman)—How many mails have you here in the day?—"Three—breakfast, dinner and tay."—London Fun.

Strange Case. First Physician—Any unusual symptoms about that last case of yours? Second Physician—Yes. He paid me \$50 on account yesterday.—Wisconsin Sphinx.

The Value of Books. A young girl once asked Mark Twain if he liked books for Christmas gifts. "Well, that depends," drawled the great humorist. "If a book has a leather cover it is really valuable as a razor strop. If it is a brief, concise work, such as the French writ, it is useful to put under the short leg of a waddy table. An old fashioned book with a clasp can't be beat as a missile to hurl at a dog, and a large book, like a geography, is as good as a piece of tin to nail over a broken pane of glass."

Where Compromise Ends. I would compromise war. I would compromise glory. I would compromise everything at that point where hate comes in, where misery comes in, where love ceases to be love and life begins its descent into the valley of the shadow of death. But I would not compromise truth. I would not compromise the right.—Henry Watterson.

Praise, indeed. One of the most candid tributes the late Edwin Booth ever received was rendered to him on his last southern tour by one who knew neither of his presence nor of his identity in the play. Mr. Booth told the story to his friend Dr. John H. Girdner.

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In Regular Order. A miner took his boots for repairs. But was not in a hurry to pay for them. After a few weeks had elapsed the shoemaker called and asked for the money.

Fancy and Fact. I like to sit and dream in spring of jays and robins on the wing, of bees that hum and vines that cling, but when I commence my wife hunts up a lot of chores and makes me paint the kitchen doors and beat the rugs and wax the floors and calcimine the fence.

His Reason. Daughter—Pa, why do you hang around the parlor while Mr. Sikks is calling on me? Father—I'm afraid you'll say something to him that'll make him a burden on me for the rest of my life.—Town and Country.

Henry Clay's Fame. Erskine M. Phelps of Chicago was introduced at Nice to Lord Blank of England. As he was smoking, he said to Lord Blank, "Will you have a cigar?"

Nye's Introduction. When James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye traveled together giving a joint entertainment the humorist had great fun with the poet.

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THE PRINCESS CHEMISE

The latter is needed compared to the former. In past years taffeta and molre ribbons have been given the preference for warm weather, and they are undoubtedly more practical, being lighter in weight and cooler looking.

Bandeaux are worn this year, but not in the old fashioned way. The new bandeau is in a variety of shapes and sizes. The milliner decides what to use after noting the way a customer arranges her hair.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

There is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every part.—Aurelius.