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GOT THE MISSES MIXED.

Author's Carelessness That Might Have Had Dire Results.

Judge Shute, the author, tells this story on himself:

"My careless habit of mixing letters nearly got me into a serious scrape some years ago. I was then paying ardent and persistent attentions to the present Mrs. S. I also had a client, a very aged woman, for whom I was conducting a trivial law suit, but which, like all law suits in which women are parties, assumed tremendous importance in her eyes.

"I wrote two letters, one to the young lady, as follows: "My Dear Miss K.: Will you ride with me Saturday afternoon? I have secured a new saddle, which, I think, you will like. If agreeable be ready at about two o'clock."

"To the old lady, who had annoyed me greatly by practically demanding my entire time and attention, I addressed the following:

"Dear Madam: I am unable to give you any more of my time and attention. The matter is now settled, and I have other engagements of greater importance to which I must devote my whole time."

"These letters got mixed—the letter to Miss K. being addressed to the old lady; the letter to the old lady to Miss K.

"Hearing nothing I was on hand with the horse, and a very stony-faced young lady requested an explanation of the letter. Whether the old lady was ready that afternoon I never knew, as I sent a clerk to explain matters. "As a matter of fact, I lost a client and very nearly lost a wife."

Still Believe in Witchcraft.

How many English readers who have read the witch trial of Vienna know that such women as Marie Nebily, performing just such tricks, are to be found here? Marie seems to have surprised the Austrian judge by her story of the Hungarian shepherd, Stephen Stephanovics, who is 80 years old and who sells charms and in whom she believes. He made the remark, which we have so often heard before, that the world is not in the middle ages. But the judge is wrong. A great part of mankind is in the middle ages, if by that is meant that it believes in witchcraft. The credulous Austrian woman who thought that her husband could be cured of extravagance if she gave a half of one of his socks to Marie Nebily, who would then for a small consideration in money give a powder to cure him of spendthrift habits, has many French and English fellow-believers. White and black witches thrive in many parts of this country. And what is more, they not only make dupes but not a few of them really believe in their own charms, as the woman Nebily asserted that she did. —London Outlook.

Not Unnatural Error.

A freshman who had entered one of the large universities and was not much accustomed to the ways either of institutions of learning or of cities, was returning late one evening from

a lecture. When near his lodgings he was halted by two masked men, who "held him up" in true metropolitan style.

One of them leveled the conventional revolver at the young man while the other relieved him of his watch, pocketbook and other valuables.

He made no mention of the matter to anybody at the time, but a few days later he reported it to the president of the university.

"It wasn't a great deal," he said, "but it was more than I like to lose, and I think it's an outrage to treat a boy that way."

"Why didn't you tell me of this sooner?" asked the president.

"I supposed they would bring the things back to me the next morning," he answered. "It was a couple of sophomores having me, wasn't it?"

Old Man Was Interested.

The term of Senator Hale of Maine expires March 3, 1911. In 1881 he succeeded in the senate Hannibal Hamlin, Lincoln's vice president in his first term.

"What kind of a chap is that Eugene Hale?" asked old Zach Chandler, United States senator from Michigan, of the late Hamilton Fish, President Grant's secretary of state.

"He's one of the coming men from Maine," replied the secretary. "One of the rising young congressmen of Maine. Why?"

"Oh, I just wanted to know," replied old Zach. "He's courtin' my darter. I wanted to know something about him—if there's anything in him."

Miss Chandler and the young congressman from Maine were married shortly afterward. —N. Y. Sun.

Frenchmen Balk at Checks.

Frenchmen have never cared for checks. They do not understand them. A few days ago a French journalist who had received a check on a well known London bank showed it to me and asked me what he ought to do with it.

"Has it any value?" he asked.

"Why, certainly," I said. "You simply endorse it on the back, take it to your banker and he will give you the amount written on it."

But he seemed somewhat skeptical and I could see that he would much have preferred a postal order. But at last a serious attempt is to be made by parliament to teach the Frenchman how to make use of the check. It will, however, require the sanction of a special law before the masses will believe that there is any real good in the system. It is proposed to introduce the check with the assistance of the post office and to issue checkboards for a sum not inferior to \$20. —N. Y. Times.

Proposed French Piano Tax.

The monster which French lawgivers intend to attack is ubiquitous. Its name is "piano," and the minister of finance seriously thinks of proposing a tax on those instruments not used in a professional capacity—and they, of course, from the majority. There are in France about 500,000 pianos, and a tax of, say, 10s, would bring in the respectable sum of 2,500,000. It is very tempting to a minister who struggles with an annual deficit. —London Bystander.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS NOTES

BELLWOOD

From the Gazette:

Mr. Royal Judvine and Miss Mabel Carpenter were united in marriage last Friday evening at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. E. Zinscher tying the knot. After the customary supper was served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Carpenter, the bride's parents. The new bride and groom have the well wishes of their many friends in this community.

Phel Smith, jr., went to Lincoln Thursday morning and rumor hath it that he went to get marriage license. He, undoubtedly, is going to "work things on the city," but the boys around Bellwood are keeping an eye on him.

Mrs. Eliza Vincent and Mrs. E. F. Miehler, who have been quite ill recently, we learn, are getting better. Gay Bouton's baby is also sick so are Geo. Meyer's two children. Einey Bouton's baby, J. J. Roberts two children and Charley Hayne's wife and two children.

Mr. Peter Kurt of Bellwood and Miss Lizzie Lebowitz of David City, were united in marriage at St. Peter's Catholic church Tuesday morning. Peter is one of Bellwood's oldest and most respected business men. The bride, we learn, until recently, a run store near the U. P. depot at David City and is highly respected by all who know her. The Gazette joins in with their numerous friends in extending congratulations.

Goss.

(From the Leader.)

Talk about prices for hogs, Tom Miller of Fullerton sold his bunch of Polish China swine last week at auction and they averaged about \$98 a head.

The public library will be open to the public on Wednesday and Saturday from two to five o'clock of each week also on Wednesday evenings from seven until nine.

Grand Chancellor Lyde of Fall City Grand Keeper of Record and Seal of Lincoln and Grand Trustee Kramer of Columbus were in the city and paid Sylvan Lodge K. and P. an official visit Wednesday night.

Just as we are closing our forms we learn that E. M. Vaughn and Mrs. I. Campbell were married at Columbus yesterday. They were accompanied on their trip by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Orosoma. It is all right, Elbert, provided you do the right thing by the Editor.

Joe Krause came very near having a serious fire Tuesday night. A hanging lamp fell and broke setting the carpet on fire. Mrs. Krause, however, smothered the fire with some clothing and succeeded in throwing the lamp out doors. The only damage done was to the carpet which was ruined.

The Primrose Record says that "a foxy young pullet, wearing high-heeled slippers, with a neat, well turned ankle encased in fancy black punctured socks, dropped into town and started down the street solting for a charitable institution. Every rooster in town bit, and after lining her pockets she joined her pal, a slick, well fed guy, and hit the next train out of town. The next week a shabby woman with a game leg, no hip pads and no puncture socks, dropped into town and told her story and offered to sell a broom holder for ten cents. She was turned down by every rooster who had coughed up fifty cents to the first pullet." Well, what are you kicking about? A woman who will go about town begging, wearing nothing but a game leg ought to be turned down, she ought to have been arrested. Had she covered even the game leg with a punctured sock it would have been something.

Platte Center

From the Signal

Mr. G. W. Freeman and family will move to Columbus before spring, where they will live for the present. As previously announced Mr. Freeman bought a farm near Kearney some weeks ago, but the family will not occupy the place at least not for the present.

Prof. Leora tells us that the young Jap now attending our public school as a pupil in the primary room is the most studious and painstaking student he ever saw. The Jap is making rapid progress and will be well along in "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic" before the term closes.

Something of an idea of the amount of grain which has been rolling here recently can be formed when it is stated that the Omaha Elevator Co. took in one hundred and ten loads of grain last Saturday. This is only the amount received by one of the three elevators operated here.

The explosion of a student lamp on the dining room table at the Frank Carraber home about eight o'clock last Friday evening came very close to being a serious affair. Mrs. Carraber was in the act of lighting the lamp, which had evidently been filled so full that some of the fluid had run down the outside; this was ignited by the match and at once the contents of the lamp were aflame. Mrs. Carraber picked up the lamp and started for the kitchen, but just as she passed the door flames reached her hands and she dropped it. Instantly the room was filled with flames. Mr. Carraber, who was at the well,

ran the flames through the window, rushed in and threw the lamp out of the back door. He then closed the door. Not enough gas had escaped into the room so that it burned out before igniting the wood work, although the paint was badly blistered. The table cloth on the dining room table was destroyed and the top of the table was blistered. It seems little short of a miracle that Mrs. Carraber escaped with a comparatively light burn on one hand and wrist. Had any of the fluid spilled on her clothing nothing could have saved her from severe burns, if not worse. An alarm of fire was given and a crowd of people hurried to the scene but the danger was over before they arrived.

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Some time ago a little Columbus girl was promised a trip to the sunny slope of California, so in order to be supplied with sufficient pin money on the trip she began to save up her pennies, nickels and dimes. When the time, which had been set for departure rolled around, the little girl had a considerable amount of money to her credit, but for some reason or other the time of departure was postponed. It was postponed again and in fact several times. One day the little girl took her money up town and began spending it right and left in real "Cool Old Johnny" fashion. After she had spent the last cent she went home and her mamma asked her what she was going to do for spending money on her California trip, and the little girl replied, "oh, there ain't no California."

HUMPHREY

(From the Democrat)

One of the saddest deaths which occurred in this section for a long time was the death of Miss Mathilda Hittner last Friday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Bender, between St. Bernard and Cornlea. It is always sad to see a young life summoned by the grim reaper, but the fact that on Tuesday, January 29th, the deceased was to be married to John Jasper, of the St. Bernard neighborhood, makes her only death doubly sad. Miss Mathilda was taken ill a couple of weeks ago with a slight cold which later developed into pneumonia. She was 23 years of age.

A wedding in which a great many people of Humphrey and vicinity are interested occurred Wednesday morning of this week when Chas. Pfeifer of this week when Miss Pauline Eva Bender were united in marriage at St. Francis church, Rev. Father Kurzer officiating. Miss Mary Omer and Miss Celia Bender sister of the bride were the bridesmaids and Simon Bender, brother of the bride, and Theo. Pfeifer brother of the groom were the groomsmen. The young couple left on the noon train for Spalding, Neb., to visit friends and expect to be at home to their friends in Humphrey after March 15. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bender who reside east of town and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pfeifer of Spalding, who a number of years ago were residents of this community. Mr. Pfeifer is in the employ of the Humphrey Electric Light and Telephone Co, and enjoys the acquaintance of a large circle of admiring friends. The bride was born and raised in this community and is known to be a young lady of many admirable accomplishments. The Democrat joins in extending congratulations.

LINDSAY

From the Post.

Dr. Evans reports the following birth: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Buhl a girl on the 26th, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Buhl a boy on the 27th and Mr. and Mrs. Ole Nelson a boy on the 28th.

Miss Gertrude Canfield was forced to discontinue school Friday owing to illness and went to her home at Humphrey in the evening where she is still confined to her bed with LaGrippe.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Christensen of Looking Glass, died a week ago Monday at the age of 2 years, 8 months and 9 days. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the home.

Wm. Winkler was taken suddenly ill Tuesday evening with heart trouble and is still confined to his bed. No one could be secured to take charge of his mail route Wednesday but Peter Bettinger took the mail Thursday.

CRESTON

From the Statesman.

The lively team Dr. Morris drove on Tuesday, got loose while he was in the Kemper home and ran away. They did not run far, however, the roads being slippery, they ran on a field of plowed land, upset the buggy, both horses falling down. One of them has its head pretty badly bruised. The buggy was somewhat demolished, but easily repaired.

Our obliging station agent, W. G. McCanta, and family will soon be transferred to Herrick, E. D., which is indeed regretted by the people of Creston and vicinity. The name of his successor that is to be here, has not been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dean arrived the latter part of last week from Portland Oregon, for an extended visit. Mr. Dean intends making more improvements on his farm east of town. Mrs. Dean has been considerably under the weather with a bad cold since arriving in Nebraska.

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to the old trick of marking the price up a few dollars then remarking them at one-half the inflated value—we simply take all the odds and ends and small lots and make an honest reduction of one-half the regular selling price, regardless the cost and defy any one to find the slightest trace of trickery in our methods.

Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$35.00 now	\$17.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$20.00 now	\$14.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$18.00 now	\$12.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$15.00 now	\$10.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$12.50 now	\$8.75
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$10.00 now	\$7.50
Mens Suits and Overcoats that were \$8.00 now	\$4.00



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WITH THE SINEWS OF WAR

And in Oilskin Overalls, Mr. Sweeney Went Forth Rejoicing.

It came upon Mr. Anthony Sweeney, ironworker, standing at 100th street and Second avenue, yesterday afternoon that if he would maintain the alcoholic status of the celebration something must be done at once in the financial line, says the New York Herald.

Swaying slightly, he ran over in his mind his friends and the barkeepers he knew, with a view to monetary negotiations. The outlook was positively unpromising. He had not one penny anywhere. His watch, a pin and several other trinkets had gone long ago.

Over across the street was a pawnbroking establishment he was wont to patronize on occasion. A great idea came to him. He stiffened up, thought a moment and then headed for the place.

There was the usual late Saturday afternoon crowd in the establishment. Mr. Sweeney steered a delicate course through the patrons into a little cubby-hole marked "private box." Several minutes later he thrust forward a pawnable article and demanded:—"Two dollars on 'em."

"What two dollars—two dollars on those, I couldn't do it—look, it's cotton, it's old—one dollar and fifty cents, and then I'm giving away money."

Mr. Sweeney took the money. As he went out into the store there was a gasp. Making toward the door was Mr. Sweeney, clad as usual as to his coat, vest, hat and shoes, but the intervening space showed a scarcity of clothing.

"Come back! You can't go out that way!" asserted the pawnbroker. "Here take back your pants and give me back my dollar and a half."

"I will not," answered Mr. Sweeney, calmly.

There was great excitement as Mr. Sweeney hid himself behind a showcase for further diplomatic conference. Finally a pair of oilskin overalls were handed out, and Mr. Sweeney put them on and walked out into the world.

"I hope they freeze you!" was the pawnbroker's parting shot.

Romance of Bull Ring. At Cartagena, Rafael Gonzalez, known professionally as Machaquito, the most brilliant swordman of the Spanish bullrings, captured the regard of an Anglo-Spanish girl, Senorita Angeles Clementson, who flung him her fan into the arena. He responded with a chivalrous and picturesque salute, and dedicated to the lady the death of his second bull. His stroke, which was successful, proved also the "coupe de fouarre" for Senorita Angeles. The pair were married amid great public rejoicings.



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