

Happy New Year

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TULIP MADNESS.

The Craze That Raged in Holland in the Last Century.

During the tulip craze in Holland in the last century in one year the sales aggregated 10,000,000 florins. Holland went tulip mad. The bulbs were quoted on the Stock Exchange. Ownership in them was divided into shares. Speculators sold them short. At one time more tulips were sold than existed. At Little a brewer sold his trade and good will in exchange for a bulb, which was thereafter known as the Brewery tulip. In Amsterdam a father gave one by way of dowry with his child. Thereafter the variety was known as the Marriage of My Daughter. At Rotterdam a hungry sailor, happening on a few, mistook them for onions and ate them. The report became so famous as Cleopatra's pearls and probably exceeded it in cost. At The Hague a poor fellow managed to raise a black tulip. The rumor of that vegetable marvel spread. Presently he was visited by a deputation from a syndicate. For that eve lamb of his the deputation offered 1,000 florins, which he refused. He was offered 10,000 florins. Still he refused. Cascades of gold were poured before his resisting eyes. Finally, tormented and tempted, he succumbed. There and then the deputation trampled that tulip under their feet. Afterward it appeared that the syndicate had already grown a even precisely similar and, unable to bear the idea that a rival existed, had authorized the deputation if needed to offer ten times the amount which it paid.

PICKED AN ODD NAME.

An Author's Long Search and a Subsequent Surprise.

When Allan W. Tougess wrote "A Fool's Errand" he named one of his leading characters Theron Pardee. An early copy of the book fell into the hands of the Rev. Luther Pardee, an Episcopal clergyman of Chicago, whose father was named Theron Pardee. The name is such an unusual combination that in amazement the pastor showed the book to his father, and they were both puzzled by the coincidence. They decided to write Judge Tougess and ask him what had led him to use the name. He replied, in equal amazement, that he had not supposed there was such a man living as a Theron Pardee. Then he stated that he had a prolonged search for a suitable name for the character of his story—one that would express just what he imagined this character to be. In the course of the hunt an old copy of the curriculum of Union college had fallen into his hands. It was dated 1825, or something as far back, and among the names of the students was one Theron Pardee. The judge said it had impressed him as being one of the richest, most solid and most satisfying names he ever had heard, so he decided to adopt it for his character. The curriculum was so old that he had no hesitation in using the name, and he was astonished to learn that the rightful owner of it was living. His explanation was accepted and the resulting acquaintance was pleasing all around.—New York Press.

ARTISTS' EMBLEMS.

In Whistler's Butterfly Could Be Found the Monogram J. W.

The mystic emblem or device of a sort of Whistlerized butterfly was adopted in the sixties by the eccentric genius James Abbott Whistler, who changed his name later to James McNeill Whistler.

Close study will reveal that this peculiar scroll is really a monogram of J. W. The earliest of the etchings to bear the butterfly is "Chelsea Wharf" (1853), but many paintings and etchings after that date are signed "Whistler."

Artists have sometimes signed their pictures in some distinct form instead of their names. It generally was done when the name might suggest some emblem or symbol.

Thus Hieronymus Cock demarked two fighting cocks on his panels; Marco Albertini signed a cross with two interlocking rings, referring to the several labors to which at one time of his life he devoted himself; Martin Rota, a wood, Peter de Ruyt, a tree with a diamond; Giovanni Dossi, a home; Del Mazo Martines, a hammer; Lionello Spada, a sword.

Sometimes a picture dictated the selection, as when Giovanni de Barberi used the caduceus or Mercury rod; Hendrick de Bles, an owl; Lucas Cranach a crowned serpent; Cornelius Enschbroden a peculiar device resembling a weather vane and Hans Holbein a skull.

HIS GREAT IDEA.

The Tin Plated Tomato and the Moral That Goes With It.

A good theory that won't work isn't half as good as a poor one that will. Twenty years ago a young man just out of college had a great idea. He was going to tin plate tomatoes. There was to be no more troublesome paring and cooking and canning to preserve tomatoes throughout winters. It would be necessary only to drop a nice ripe tomato into his tinning solution and it would come out coated with tin and would keep for twenty years. In fact, there wasn't any reason why it should not keep forever! The young inventor figured it would cost him 50 cents a gallon to make this tinning solution. It surely would sell for \$2 a gallon. Every one eats tomatoes—that is, nearly every one. Everybody would eat them if they could always have a nice tin plated tomato lying around. He ought to sell a million gallons a year. That would be a profit of a million and a half dollars. Well, no tin plated tomatoes are on the market yet, and the man who invented them is still making only \$15 a week.

The moral of this is that whenever you hear of a great idea that is going to reform or uplift the world make sure that it is not of the tin plated tomato brand.—Chicago Tribune.

A Hard Job.

Husband—What are you looking for, dear? Wife—I was looking for the invisible hairpin I just dropped.—Exchange.

Being angry is like emptying the pepper pot into your own porridge.

KEEPING TAP ON THE CROPS

The Way the Agricultural Department Gets Its Information.

The details of the comprehensive system employed by the department of agriculture in gathering the crop information from all over the country are interesting. There are 30,000 township correspondents scattered all over the Union, whose duty it is to go carefully over the territory and submit each month concrete information as to the condition of all kinds of crops. In addition to this branch, 3,000 "county correspondents" send in separate reports from those of the township men. A state agent makes a further report direct from his agents, and an organization in direct communication with the department, comprising seventeen traveling "field agents," go about the country and make separate reports for groups of states. Special cotton correspondents are also employed to furnish accurate information concerning the cotton yield. Five different reports are sent to Washington each month by five different sets of correspondents. This safeguards the government crop reports for accuracy in local crop reports and keeps the great crop account sent to the agricultural department. Officials of the bureau of statistics and board go over all the five reports from five distinct groups of correspondents, and from all the figures a crop report estimate is distributed to 70,000 post-offices throughout the country every month.—National Magazine.

An Account to Settle.

The Lawyer—Madam, I find that your husband's will leaves you nothing but what the law compelled him to leave you. The Widow (angry and forgetful)—Just wait till I see him!

An Example.

Knicker—They say that in 3,000 years Niagara will stop flowing. Mrs. Knicker—That makes me hope the plumber will get our leak fixed yet.—Harper's Bazar.

A Lottery Romance.

A few years ago, as the date for the drawing of the annual Christmas lottery at Madrid was approaching, a poor mechanic of Corunna was awakened three consecutive nights by the number 125,563, apparently spoken in his ear. So impressed was he by the repetition of the incident that he wrote down the number and jocularly said to his wife, "That number will win the first prize in the great lottery." "Then why don't you buy the ticket?" his wife answered jokingly as she looked at the figures. "Why, see, if you add them together they just come to my age. I shall be thirty-one on Christmas day." The ticket, after much trouble, was found it had been rejected a few minutes earlier by a wealthy citizen of Corunna and bought, and before many days had passed the mechanic and his wife were made jubilant by the news that the ticket had won the first prize of £200,000.—London Globe.

The Red Shirt.

The origin of the "red shirt"—worn as a blouse by English women in the sixties, when Garibaldi was a popular idol throughout Great Britain—is sufficiently curious. When the celebrated filibuster was warring in the South American republics he was anxious to obtain a distinctive and, above all, economical uniform for his followers. He learned that a local dry goods store had an immense "job lot" of these garments, worn by the "saladeros," or cattle slaughterers, of the great South American cities. The "bargain sale" appealed eloquently to the leader's purse, and he led his men to victory in the butchers' shirts, which are now the accepted emblem of the "risorgimento" of United Italy.—London Globe.

Probably.

Myer—I wonder why Browne added the "e" to his name after inheriting a fortune? Gyer—He probably figures out to his own satisfaction that rich people are entitled to more ease than poor people.—London Globe.

RIVERS OF ALASKA.

The Waterway Wonders of This Immense Territory.

Were the rivers not navigable there would be little done in the interior of Alaska today. First used by the prospector in his poiling boat and the trader with his little steamer, they have become the means of opening up every camp that has been struck in the interior of Alaska.

The Yukon is very shallow at its mouth, which is about seventy miles in width across its delta. There are places 400 miles from the mouth of the river where the biggest Atlantic liners could navigate with ease, for there are soundings which show a ninety-foot channel in a mile wide river. The Yukon is navigable for 2,100 miles. The Kuskokum, a sister stream, has been navigated only on the lower reaches, but with its navigable branches is believed to have 1,000 miles of navigable water. The Tanana has been ascended for 500 miles and the Koyukuk in excess of that figure. Scores of other streams can be used by small steamers for from twenty-five to 200 miles. Altogether it is safe to say there are 5,000 miles of navigable streams in Alaska. The Yukon opens for navigation the latter part of May and closes the latter part of October.

But with all its wealth of gold, its unheeded call to toilers of the soil, its mountains studded with gems of richness—the lodes of veins of copper and other materials—this empire starves for the one thing that would make it thrive.—Collier's.

FENNEL.

It is to the Italians somewhat as Celery is to us.

"Tisn't often that an Italian table 'fute furnishes anything that takes me back to my grandmother's time," said a New York man, "but that was my experience last night. The first nibble of something I'd supposed was celery sent my mind wandering back fifty years to an old New England village.

"Fennel? I asked the Italian waiter. He nodded and smiled and gave me the Italian form of the word, which I carefully wrote down on a scrap of paper. 'Femmochi.' I suppose it showed my ignorance, but never before did I know that fennel is to the Italians what celery is to us. Evidently the large leaves of the leafstalks are bleached in similar fashion, and from the way it was served I could see it was intended to be dipped in salt, as we eat celery. My obliging waiter told me that it was delicious as a salad and when boiled and served with cream sauce it made a popular Italian dish.

"But after all what did those culinary details matter? What really counted was that strange, penetrating flavor which took me back to my childhood. As I thoughtfully nibbled my fennel stalks the last fifty years seemed a blank. I was a child again, picking big clusters of yellow, aromatic fennel seeds in my grandmother's garden."—New York Sun.

The Electric Fan.

Back in the early eighties Dr. S. S. Wheeler, an electrical engineer of New York, was experimenting with a small electric motor. In the course of his experiments the doctor conceived the idea that steamboats might be run with electricity if the propellers could be directly connected to high speed electric motors, doing away with all the gears then in use in steam propulsion. With this idea in mind he had a small screw propeller constructed and fastened it to the armature shaft of his small motor. To his surprise the experiment resulted in a fine breeze of cooling air which more than delighted the experimenter, for the day was decidedly hot. It is needless to add that the experiments with screw propellers ended right there, and the engineer took up the study of the electric fan with the result that he soon perfected the device until it was a commercial success.

Twenty Volume Novels.

The longest novels of today are pygmies compared with those published in the seventeenth century. Mlle. de Scudery's "Le Grand Cyrus" ran into ten volumes, its publication being spread over five years. And when it was translated, or, to quote the title page, "Englished by a Person of Honour," it appeared in five folio volumes of some 500 pages apiece. Another novelist of the same period, La Calprenede, was even more diffuse, one of his works, "Cleopatre," extending over twenty-three volumes. These novels found plenty of readers despite their enormous length. The Paris publisher of "Le Grand Cyrus" made 100,000 crowns by the first edition alone. Nearly all the works of Scudery and Calprenede were translated into English as soon as they appeared and many of them into German as well.—London Chronicle.

Audubon and His Hair.

Audubon, the great naturalist, early in his career wore his hair very long. He wrote in his diary one day: "I wear my hair as long as usual. I believe it does as much for me as my paintings." However, in 1827 his friends succeeded in persuading him to get his hair cut according to the prevailing fashion. On March 19 of that year he wrote in his diary: "This day my hair sacrificed and the will of God usurped by the wishes of man. As the barber clipped my locks rapidly it reminded me of the horrible times of the French revolution when the same operation was performed upon all the victims murdered by the guillotine. My heart sank low." Further to express his grief, the margin of the page on which this entry was made he painted black about three-quarters of an inch deep all around.

Infantile Depravity.

Elsie (aged seven)—Ma, I want a penny. Mother—What for, dear? Elsie—I asked Bertie Jones to pretend we're getting married, and he says he won't do it unless I have a dowry!

Harsh words are like halibutons in summer, which, if melted, would fertilize the tender plant they batter down.



REV. F. R. WEDGE.

Who will speak at the Men's meeting at Y. M. C. A. Building SUNDAY, January 1, at 3 p. m.

The Major's Tip.

When Major Banks was the best known figure around the race tracks of Cincinnati and the middle west he was extremely generous in tipping off his friends to "sure winners." One man who enjoyed his confidence and played the horses according to the major's advice lost all his ready money and finally succeeded in reducing himself to the point where he had to sell out his grocery business.

One afternoon, following the placing of his last ten dollar note as the major advised, he caught Banks by the arm and said tragically: "Major, you've made me lose my last cent. I'm a pauper, and my wife and family are practically starving. I am now about to go down to the river and drown myself. It's all over for me." "All right," answered Banks, "but in the event you change your mind meet me here at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. I think I'll have something good for you."—Exchange.

Kongo Tattooing.

In the Kongo colonies of Belgium both men and women are tattooed according to their status in society. A woman of high caste will have a design not unlike a zouave jacket worked upon her back, and it would seem that the native is as content with this mode of covering as if it were a substitute for clothing. By injecting the juice of certain herbs the scars left by the tattooing process retain a swollen appearance, giving the effect of bas-relief work. The thorns of the acacia are generally used as a needle, while a certain black clay is used as a coloring medium.

Classified.

Was there ever a better example of the witty and concise form of expression than the answer of the grim man who, when asked about the character of a neighbor, sentimentously replied: "Mister, I don't know very much about him, but my impression is he'd make a first class stranger."—Exchange.

Frigid.

Nell—That Miss Copleigh is an awfully cold sort of girl. Belle—Mercy, yes. Why, she's so frigid that whenever she goes on rainy days it snows.—Boston Transcript.

ODD VOLUMES.

They Are Members of a Unique Dining Club in London.

One of the most unique dining clubs in London is that known as the Settle of Odd Volumes, which was founded in 1878 and meets once a month from October to June. It consists of twenty-one volumes, or members, that being the number of the volumes of the Variorum Shakespeare published in 1821. There are also twenty-one supplementary members, who succeed to full membership as vacancies occur. The twenty-one rules of the club include the following: Any Odd Volume losing his temper and falling to recover it shall be fined by the president the sum of 5 shillings. Discussions about anthropology, religion and politics shall be put down by the president. Any Odd Volume giving to another Odd Volume unasked advice shall be fined by the president. No Odd Volume shall talk unasked on any subject he understands. No Odd Volume's speech shall last longer than three minutes. If, however, the inspired Odd Volume has any more to say he may proceed until his voice is drowned in the general applause.

Volumes have to address each other as "Your Oddship."—Argonaut.

Better Dad Than Editors.

Judge—How do you earn your living? Prisoner—By writing your honor. Judge—And what do you write for? Would you mind telling us? Prisoner—Not at all. I write for money from home.—Judge's Library.

Probate Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court, Platte county, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Hannah Davis, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said estate, before me, County Judge of Platte county, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county on the 26th day of January, 1911, and on the 26th day of April, 1911, and on the 26th day of July, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims, from January 26th, 1911, and one year for the administrator to settle said estate, from the 26th day of December, 1910. This notice will be published in the Columbus Journal four weeks successively prior to the 26th day of January, 1911. Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 25th day of December, 1910. JOHN BATTERMAN, County Judge.

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The Name Noah.

Not many persons are sufficiently acquainted with the Bible to know that Noah was the name of a woman as well as of the patriarch. At an inquest in England a female witness gave her Christian name as "Noah." The coroner remarked that he had never before known a woman to bear the name, whereupon the witness, who was well posted in the origin of her singular prenomen, said: "It is a Bible name, sir; you'll find it in the last chapter of the book of Numbers."

Still Wandering.

The deaf man got out of the tram-car on to the other line of rails. "Look out! There's a car coming!" cried the conductor. "What?" said the deaf man. "There's a car coming." "What?" Just then the car caught and knocked down the deaf man, and as he picked himself up he said: "I wonder what that fool kept me there talking about?"—London Mail.

Stuttered Out the Child's Name.

Flannery—It seems his full name is Dinah K. K. Casey. What's all them K's for? Finnegan—Nothing. 'Twas the fault of his godfather's stutterin' when he tried to say "Dinah Casey."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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