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Thursday, March 26 1914

We wish we had a man here like E. P. Whorton of Greensboro to manage our fly campaign. In fact we need such men as Mr. Whorton all over the State to encourage the destruction of the fly. They would be worth much.

Our sympathies are strongly experienced for suffering Durham. There were some splendid people whose property went up in flames at Monday night's fire in Durham. We hope they will soon be able to rehabilitate, and come again more prosperous than before.

Hon. Oscar Underwood the able Representative from Alabama must have climbed down far from his ear as a statesman to that of a trucking politician when he remarked "I consider the Major one of the ablest men on the Democratic side of the House." Before this remark was made we thought Underwood was, now we do not know who.

Spring is here and gradually the earth will warm up and then the flowers will bloom again, but for sometime over a month past we have had a winter worth talking about. We do not remember when snows have been more frequent in this section of the South than in the past forty or fifty days. In cities a bit North of us where sleighing has been of rare occurrence, this year conditions have frequently been satisfactory for sleighing. This was the case through Virginia. While it usually cost \$100,000 to keep the snow removed from the streets of New York, this year it has cost \$3,000,000, and untold suffering among the poor every where.

Mr. Wilson may have done the best possible under the circumstances in reference to the Mexican question, but we believe a man with more nerve, and the exercise of more will could have accomplished much more than Mr. Wilson has accomplished. He seems to have flirted back and forth with Harta the assassin with Villa the brigand, hoping that one or the other would let him play in their back yard. It is impossible to secure a stable form of government under the administration of either one of these cut throats, and it should be regarded as decidedly humiliating to attempt it with either of these men. If an adjustment of Mexico's present condition can not be diplomatically secured at once, then it should be done at the mouth of the musket.

The vote in the United States Senate indicates that the matter of woman suffrage will be put to rest for a long while yet. There is no hope for the measure, despite agitation, or Judge Clark's opinion to the contrary. A passage of the woman suffrage amendment would open a political Pandora box of such vast and varied evil, one that is believed is fraught with such terrible consequences to the well being of the people, of this country that the wisdom and common sense of our statesmen will not permit its enactment as a fundamental law.

The more England has experiment with women as a custodian for the privileges and right of a suffragette, the more she has been convinced that it would prove a dangerous experiment. Until women was tried out in England she was given credit for greater intelligence and conservatism. The wild emotional fanaticism Pankhursts with her reckless destructive tendencies set back woman suffrage to an indefinite time.

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**POLAR BEARS.**  
 Powerful, but Timid, They Rarely Attack Human Beings.

Observations made throughout a number of years by officers of the United States revenue marine prove that the polar bear's limit of range is St. Matthew island in Bering sea. A few of these bears were at one time seen near the seal islands, being adrift upon a huge ice floe. On St. Matthew island the bears have lairs and dens among the rock giens that abound upon the island. They feed almost entirely upon seals, walrus and dead drift whales, and, though disinclined to devour the blubber, the flesh is greedily consumed. A carcass upon which a bear has passed his gastro-nomic judgment reveals the skin and its fatty lining torn asunder, the flesh being cut into strips and shreds by the powerful claws and teeth. A single blow of a bear's paw upon a seal's head suffices to kill it, and, dragged out upon the ice, a meal is soon dispatched.

In summer the hairy coat of the polar bear turns to a dingy yellow, and its pelt then becomes of no value. They have not near the courage of the interior bears and will rarely attack a person unless there are two or three in company. As soon as they scent a man approaching they, as a rule, will shamble off as fast as they can, and there are but few records of a bear killing any of the natives along the northern coast.

The Eskimos are very partial to the meat of the white bear, but the blubber they reject, and even the dogs, unless they are very hungry, turn up their noses at the oily mass. Ten years ago it was a hard matter to secure the entire skin of a polar bear. The Eskimos formerly cut off the head and claws and either threw them into the sea or buried them in the ground. One of their superstitions is that should the head and claws not be disposed of the friends of the dead animal will see the remains and consequently leave that particular district and will never return.—Juneau (Alaska) News.

**SHORT ON MEMORY.**

Ampere's Great Mind Had No Room For Merely Royal Affairs.

Ampere, the famous mathematician and physicist, was one of the most absent minded men that ever lived, as the following story from the Taegliche Rundschau goes far to prove:

In September, 1806, Ampere read a learned paper on his researches before the Academy of Sciences in Paris. When he had finished his lecture and was about to take his seat he found, to his surprise, that it was occupied. Greatly agitated, he went to Geoffrey Saint-Hilaire, the president of the academy, and said, "Mr. President, I must call your attention to the fact that some one who is not a member of this body has entered the chamber and taken my seat."

The president replied calmly, "You are mistaken, my learned brother; the person whom you have in mind is, like ourselves, a fellow of the Academy of Sciences."

"How long, I should like to ask?" said Ampere.

"Since Nivose of the year VI," said the president, who was now entering into the humor of the situation.

"And in what class?" inquired the suspicious Ampere.

"In the class of mechanical engineering, my friend," answered Saint-Hilaire, laughing.

"Well, that is odd!" cried Ampere, and, seizing a calendar of the academy, he opened to the date Saint-Hilaire had mentioned and read: "Napoleon Bonaparte, fellow of the Academy of Sciences, chosen in Nivose of the year VI."

Much disturbed, Ampere made all sorts of apologies and explained that he had not recognized the emperor on account of his poor eyesight.

"You see what happens," said Napoleon, "when you don't get round to meet your fellow members. I have never seen you at the Tuilleries. But now I shall command you to come and see me. Tomorrow at 7 o'clock you will dine with me."

The next evening the emperor waited two hours for Ampere, but he had long since forgotten the invitation.

**Visible Molecules.**

The year 1913 recorded the first demonstration visible to the eye that all matter is composed of molecules, built up of atoms in crystalline forms. By passing X rays through a crystal an "interference photograph" resulted, showing the so-called space lattice of the crystal and giving conclusive optical proof of Dalton's atomic theory.—New York Times.

**Hard on the Clock.**

"Miss But, how do people in your house ever know what time it is?"  
 "Why, Willie, dear, what a question! By the clocks, of course."  
 "But I heard ma tell pa the other evening that your face would stop a clock?"—Baltimore American.

**A Willing Worker.**

Mrs. Subbubs (to tramp)—Out of work, are you? Then you're just in time. I've a cord of wood to be cut up, and I was just going to send for a man to do it. Tramp—That so, mum?  
 Where does he live? I'll go and get him.—Boston Transcript.

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**ALL IN THE ACCENT**  
 Words on Which Common Usage and Dictionaries Disagree.

**LINCOLN AND LIEN AND LION.**

An Amusing Verbal Duel in the Supreme Court in Which the Lean Lawyer's Wit Came Into Play—A Blind Man's Criticism of Irving.

There are many words so habitually mispronounced that the correct accent (i. e., the accent favored by the dictionaries) would appear wrong if anybody used it in current conversation. This, of course, means that common usages have overridden the dictionary and established a new standard which the dictionary of the future will have to respect, just as those of today respect the pronunciation of "lien" that they rejected in the past. Such words are cocaine and ptomaine, which the dictionary of the present recognizes as trisyllables, thus: co-ca-ine, pto-ma-ine.

Anyone familiar with French—a language that may be said to possess no accented syllables—will understand Taine's complaint about London restaurants that whenever he ordered potatoes the waiter invariably served him with buttered toast.

And of course it was another Frenchman who made a jest of matrimony by pronouncing it ma-trim-o-ny.

Mark Lemon records a story about Lord Chancellor Eldon and Sir Arthur Pigott. The first always pronounced the word "lien" in two syllables, as if it was spelled li-en; the latter pronounced it in one syllable, lean, just as it would be pronounced in ordinary conversation. On this difference Jekyll wrote an epigram:

Sir Arthur, Sir Arthur, why, what do you mean  
 By saying the chancellor's lien is lean?  
 Do you think that his kitchen's so bad as all that,  
 That nothing within it will ever get fat?  
 Lord Eldon's pronunciation of this legal term was not unknown at one time in America. Witness an anecdote about Lincoln. He once appeared in the supreme court in a case involving a lien upon a piece of property.

The presiding judge was noted alike for obstinacy and pedantry. Lincoln, referring to the lien, pronounced it "lean." This visibly affected his honor.

"Lien, Mr. Lincoln," he gently remonstrated.

"Very well," said Lincoln. But a little later he forgot himself and out came the pronunciation "lean."

Once more he was corrected by the judge.

"As you please," retorted Lincoln, somewhat nettled.

"Not as I please," came from the bench. "That is the pronunciation favored by Webster and Worcester. It so obtains at Westminister hall and also at our own supreme court in Washington."

Lincoln had now recovered his constitutional good humor. Bowing to the court, he said: "Certainly, your honor, certainly. I only desire to say that if my client had known there was a lien on his farm for so long a time, I am sure he would not have stayed there even long enough to bring this suit, and I should not have had the pleasure of appearing before this honorable court."

Of Henry Irving we are told that to heroic perseverance and hard study he added almost childlike eagerness to adopt any suggested improvement in his manner of delivery. A blind man once offered an illuminating criticism on his Shylock. The sensitive ear of the sightless auditor detected a fault in Irving's opening line:

Three thousand ducats—well!  
 "I hear no sound of the usurer in that," was the blind man's subsequent comment to Irving himself. "It is said with the reflective air of a man to whom money means very little."

The justice of the criticism was acknowledged by Irving. He revised his reading, not only of the first line, but of several others in which he now saw that he had not been enough of the moneylender.

George Eliot in "Middlemarch" supplies a classic instance of the value of the accent. When Lyndgate, sore distressed at the failure of all his professional and financial plans, comes to his wife for sympathy, she meets him with the query:

"What can I do?"

Whereon the author comments: "That little speech of four words, like so many others in all languages, is capable of expressing all states of mind, from helpless dimness to exhaustive argumentative perception, from the completest self-devoting fellowship to the most neutral aloofness. Rosamund's thin utterance threw into the words 'What can I do?' as much neutrality as they could hold. They felt like a mortal chill on Lyndgate's roused tenderness."

One of Du Maurier's best cartoons in Punch shows a deferential man of inquiring mind propounding this question to a professional beauty:

"Ain't you tired of hearing people say 'That is the beautiful Miss Belzeze'?"

"Oh, no," the professional beauty replies. "I am getting tired of hearing people say 'Is THAT the beautiful Miss Belzeze?'"—William S. Walsh in Chicago Record-Herald.

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