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The Cardinal and the Reporter.

Many instances are related of Cardinal Gibbons' broad-mindedness as well as his tact and diplomacy in avoiding religious discussions with persons whose views are opposed to his own. Upon one occasion, so the story runs, in Baltimore a young journalist was sent by his chief to interview his eminence upon a topic of local interest. When the interview was over, the cardinal and his caller had a friendly chat upon a variety of subjects, including the church. The journalist was a Protestant, and in the argument that followed he became excited and expressed himself freely from his point of view. Upon returning to his office he reflected upon the outcome of his visit and came to the conclusion that he stood a fair chance of being discharged should the cardinal repeat the conversation to his editor.

The next day his eminence dropped into the newspaper office in question and asked to see the proprietor, who was his personal friend. The reporter was told of the call and quaked in his boots. The publisher and the cardinal discussed a matter of mutual interest to them, and before leaving his eminence said:

"By the way, you sent a young man to see me yesterday, and I was rather impressed with him. He appears to have the courage of his convictions. It would please me if you could do something better for him." Within a month the reporter who had anticipated dismissal received a gratifying promotion.—Raleigh Colston Smith in New York Times.

Dewey's Foresight.

"The battle of Manila was won in Hongkong harbor," said Admiral Dewey to me when I first saw him in May, 1898, and heard him describe the great fight. Many times since then I heard him repeat the same sentiment, and the more the truth of it is considered the more light it sheds on his character. While he was brave, strong, prompt and decisive in action, he was thoughtful, cautious, deliberate and sure in preparation.

Day after day he summoned his captains to discuss all the possibilities and eventualities of a conflict with the enemy. He gave them an opportunity to say when, where and how the battle should be fought. From junior to senior he called upon them to express their opinions freely. If any man had a novel idea, it was given careful consideration. If it was an old one with improvements, it was viewed in all phases.

After the admiral had patiently heard his captains and duly interposed his own views, he quietly told them his own exact plan of battle and just what he expected of each man. Whether this was made up originally out of his own ideas or from such in union with the best points advanced by his captains, it was reached only after thorough deliberation and was final.—Hon. John Barrett in Harper's Magazine.

Some English Cranks.

When I live at Newport, R. I. from 1894 to 1897, says Colonel T. W. Higginson, in The Atlantic, there was a constant procession of foreign visitors, varying in interest and often quite wanting in it. I remember one eminent literary man who, in spite of all cautions to the contrary, appeared at a rather fashionable day reception in what would now be called a golf suit, of the loudest possible plaid, like that of the Scotch coast in Punch who comes down thus dressed for church to the terror of his guests' consorts. In this case the visitor also wore a splash of great size, hung round his neck, all through the entertainment.

Another highly connected Englishman, attending an evening reception given expressly for him, came into the parlor with his hat and umbrella in his hand, declining to be parted from them through the whole evening, which suggested to a clever Newport lady the story of the showman who exhibited a picture of Daniel in the lions' den and pointed out that Daniel was to be distinguished from the lions by having a blue cotton umbrella under his arm. In this case, the lady remarked that the conditions were reversed, since it was the lion that carried the umbrella.

The Refractory Weather.

"Does the climate agree with you?" inquired the mild but conversational woman.

Her Thoughtfulness.

"Beautiful, my dear!" The elderly millionaire who had married the famous beauty regarded the watch chain admiringly.

"A very delightful birthday present," he continued, beaming upon his fair young wife. "So massive and yet in such excellent taste."

"I am so glad you like it," she observed. "It was so cheap too. Just think, it cost only \$15."

"Only \$15!" echoed the millionaire, in astonishment. "Fifteen dollars for this solid gold chain?"

"Oh, of course it isn't solid gold," she interposed. "You could never get a solid gold chain for that price."

"What is it, then?"

"Why, gold, to be sure."

"You said her husband, stroking his chain reflectively. 'But why this sudden streak of economy? Don't you think I can afford to wear a solid gold chain?'"

"Of course you can," she assented. "But this one is guaranteed to last for ten years—and—"

"Well?" said the millionaire inquiringly.

"Well, dear," she concluded, after some hesitation, "as that is quite as long as you are likely to live, I thought it would be foolish extravagance to pay any more!"—Harold Eyre in Woman's Home Companion.

An Evening Call.

"I called on Perkins last evening," remarked Mr. Brown.

"Did you have a pleasant time?" inquired Mrs. Brown.

"Very. Perkins was beating his wife when I came in."

"What?"

"I say Perkins was beating his wife, but of course he stopped when I came in."

"Well, I should hope so."

"I begged him to go right on, but he said some other time would do just as well."

"You begged him to go on?"

"Why, yes, I didn't want to spoil the fun, you know."

"Oh, you brute!"

"Do you mean to say you could have looked calmly on while he beat his wife?"

SOCIETY KLEPTOMANIACS.

They Perish Articles of Value From the Homes of Officials.

One of the leading jewelers of the capital was somewhat taken aback one day, says a Washington paper, by receiving from the wife of a high official an order for half a dozen gold nails with a jewel in the head of each and a dozen small gold chains. He inquired the uses, to which the nails were to be put, when his patron said:

"You see, I have a number of very valuable objects of art, which, although they are very expensive, are very small and easily handled. As the wife of an official of the government, I am obliged to open my house during the season to the constituents of my husband and the Washington curiosity seeking public in general. On my reception day, therefore, my house is crowded with all sorts of people, and last winter I suffered the loss of several of my most valuable treasures."

"I have long been trying to devise some plan by which I can keep my objects of art outside of my cabinets and yet not have them stolen, for that is the only way I can use in regard to the loss of my treasures. I have concluded that I must either nail down some of the bric-a-brac or chain it securely to the table, and hence I am going to try this remedy. That is why I want these nails and chains."

This woman's predicament is not an unusual one in Washington official circles. The kleptomaniacs who commit the most aggravated deprivations are for the most part well known leaders in society.

One winter social circles in Washington were greatly bewildered and shocked by the doings of one of the best known women in official circles. A number of hostesses began to miss valuable dollars from their dinner tables after they had given luncheons or dinners, and finally several of them got together and compared notes, and suspicion fell upon one of the women who had been the guest at luncheons given by those gathered at the conference.

Finally the wife of a prominent diplomat determined to stop the raid upon the dollars, and at the next luncheon she seated the suspected kleptomaniac next to her. When the dollars were brought out, she watched her guest and discovered that the latter laid her dolly on the table and, carelessly dropping her handkerchief over it, picked up both.

The hostess, in a most charming manner, turned to her guest and said: "Pardon me, my dear Mrs. —, but I am afraid you have my most exquisite dolly in your handkerchief. It is so fine I am afraid it will be crushed and therefore call your attention to your inadvertence in taking it up with your handkerchief."

The guest was not in the least abashed, and with a laugh she shook out her handkerchief, and the dolly fell back on the table, whereupon she exclaimed: "Why, dear me, so I have! How very careless of me!"

There were significant glances all around the table, but no more dollars were lost during that season.

THE OPEN MOUTH.

Said to Be a Survival of Babyhood

Hiram M. Stanley advances a new explanation of the tendency to open the mouth in surprise and astonishment. Darwin ascribed this tendency to the intuitive desire for quietness and effectiveness of breathing and to mere relaxation of the muscles. Mr. Stanley finds a deeper organic reason—namely, that the open mouth is the attention sign, and is a primitive and constant reaction with the young of many animals for the reception of food—for example, with birds.

Any sound or other stimulus immediately causes the young bird to extend its mouth. With young infants the same influence has often the same effect. The mouth of the infant under such stimulation usually assumes the sucking form, and its smile when the finger is pointed at it may be either nascent or degraded sucking.

Mr. Stanley maintains that the common and highly useful tendency of the very young to open the mouth to all stimuli, visual, aural, etc., continues as a survival in after life, being especially brought out with stimuli of high intensity and unusual quality and thus becomes a mark of surprise and astonishment. It is a habit very common among boys and girls to open the mouth under any attention. The rise of smiling and laughter as connected with wit and humor—at the basis of which lies surprise—thus declares itself as a kind of attention expression.

Assuming that the primary expression of the mouth is a feeding expression and that this probably has been modified and evolved in connection with a variety of attention phenomena. Mr. Stanley suggests that it would be worth while to make a detailed study of expression in infants and young animals with this point in view.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Lemons For the Hands.

One of the best possible manure acids is lemon juice, diluted with a little warm water. It not only removes stains from the nails, but loosens the cuticle far better than scissors will. Lemons are also excellent for whitening hands which have become tanned by exposure to the sun in boating or other outdoor exercise.—Home Notes.

Greatness, after all, in spite of its name, appears to be not so much a certain size as a certain quality in human lives. It may be present in lives whose range is very small.

Trapped by Its Portrait.

If an old English writer be true in his observations, the pheasant must be a very simple bird, for he declares that it puts its head in the ground and thinks that all its body is then hidden. This is just what our old friend the ostrich does in the African desert. The same author says that it was also captured by another curious plan. A picture of the bird was painted on cloth and then placed in a spot where it was sure of being seen. By and by a silly pheasant coming along catches sight of the portrait and goes up to have a close view of the new neighbor. While engaged in inspecting the canvas the fowler draws near from the ground and throws his net over the unwary art student.

Where on Water.

Occasionally the typical Pat has a brilliant afterthought; sometimes it is not so luminous as he fancies.

"Are you going to move the well, sort?" inquired a man of all work, whose employer had announced his intention of building a new house in a new and more convenient spot.

"No," answered the gentleman briefly, his mind full of his own plans.

"Now that was a foolish question for me to be asking, sort," said Pat, after a few moments' reflection. "Sure, and why didn't I think? Of course, every drop of water would run out and go to waste while you were moving it! It's nothing but a blundering goose I am!"

Affairs of the Heart.

The beautiful young girl hesitated to marry the ugly old man.

"They say you have a bad heart," she faltered.

"Yes; I'm liable to fall dead any minute," he answered with apparent candor.

Now at last she gave her consent, for in her innocence she believed him.

More marriages are affairs of the heart than we sometimes think perhaps.—Detroit Journal.

He Made It Clear.

The Worcester Gazette tells of a musician whose English is not as perfect as his music. While conducting a festival at Littleton, N. H., he was called upon to introduce a soloist. He did it in this fashion:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have been asked to introduce to you Meester Wilder to play for you a fiddle solo. I haf now done so, and he will now do so."

She Stunned Greener.

Horace Greeley once had a discussion with an advocate of women's suffrage shortly before the American civil war. He was using as his final argument the inability of women to fight. "What would you do, for instance," he asked his friend, "in the event of war?"

"Just what you would do, Mr. Greeley," she replied promptly. "I should stay in an office and write articles urging other people to go and fight."

Don't be fooled twice in the same way.

—Acheson Globe.

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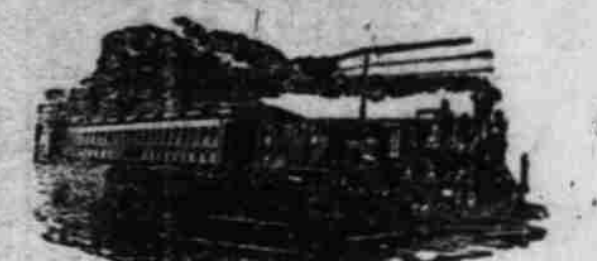
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