

Violets

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Edith Dean entered her Aunt Marcy's room with a great bunch of violets on her jacket.

"How beautiful your violets are!" "Oh, yes," replied the girl carelessly.

"I don't see why he didn't get American Beauties instead today." She tossed her coat carelessly on the couch, crumpling and crushing the violets.

"The next evening he called as usual, and in the meantime mother had rescued the discarded violets and placed them in a vase.

"So you didn't like my violets, Marcy, dear?" "Childishly I shook my head." "I thought, dearest, they were the reflection of your eyes.



"Take them, of course," I said nonchalantly. "No; I want you to give them to me."

"Wonderingly I selected a small bunch and handed them to him. Then I laughed nervously.

"Dear me, Langdon, you look as serious as if you were going to a funeral."

"A chill crept over me. I saw my childish folly, my one sided quarrel, in their true light."

nothing of his fate, nor could the inquiries instituted by my father solve the mystery. I railed at fate. I prayed to die.

"The weeks dragged into months, and then suddenly came news from Nashville that he lay there in the government hospital; with other Federal prisoners he had been recently exchanged, and if I wished to see him alive I must come at once."

Edith was very thoughtful as she kissed her aunt and went to her room. There on her table the maid had placed a vase filled with American Beauties.

"I thought you hated violets. Didn't you get the roses this afternoon?" Edith smiled.

"I won't fib, Jimmy. I do like roses best, but when you send the violets—why—why, that makes them different, you know."

Jimmy, rather surprised at the sudden tenderness and gentleness of his whimsical sweetheart, held her close to his heart. At last she raised her head and, pulling some violets from her corsage, fastened them on his coat.

"You don't think, Jimmy, that there's going to be a war—very soon?" Jimmy, who belonged to the national guard, glanced at her curiously.

"No, dear." She sighed happily and murmured, "I'm very, very glad."

Fourth Century Shorthand. That shorthand was used in the ancient world is well known, but our information is still scanty, and any addition is welcome.

Thackeray's Facial Appearance. In 1840 or 1850 Charlotte Bronte wrote of Thackeray: "To me the broad brow seems to express intellect."

A Tender Hearted Dog. A sick dog took up his abode in the field behind our house, and after seeing the poor thing lying there for some time I took it food and milk and water.

The little pug watched me for a few moments, and as soon as he felt quite assured that my intentions toward the sick dog were friendly it ran to me wagging its tail, leaped up to my shoulder and licked my face and hands.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

Estimate of World's Age. One of the ways of reckoning the age of the world is that adopted by Professor Joly of computing how long a time must have elapsed for the sea, which was at first fresh, to become charged with all the salt it now contains.

Dogs at School. The Claymore school at Enfield, England, has tried a novel experiment in allowing its pupils to keep dogs.

Expenses of the White House. Aside from the president's salary and the expense of keeping the White House in repair, it costs the government only about \$85,000 a year to operate the establishment.

The Trial of the Pyx. The trial of the pyx, a curious medieval custom which survives as an official institution in England, was held recently, when the coins minted during the reign of King Edward were for the first time tested.

Mosquitoes in Texas. The scientific entomologists who have been sounding trumpet calls for crusades against mosquitoes should abandon New Jersey as a field of warfare and transfer their operations to Texas.

Laws on Liquor Selling. It is estimated that fully 30,000,000 of the people of the United States are living under laws or local ordinances which prohibit liquor selling.

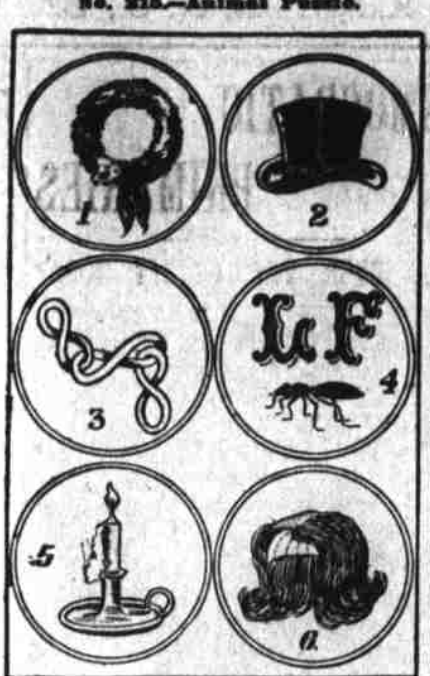
Volcanic Islands. Java and, indeed, most of the other islands of the eastern archipelago are largely volcanic, being nearly all of their submarine upheavals, due to volcanic action.

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THE PUZZLER

No. 214.—Charade. My first is something good to eat. My second is a preposition. My third is a most important member of the body. My whole is an explorer.

No. 215.—Animal Puzzle.



Each picture represents an animal. What are the names?

No. 216.—Nonsense Number. Let fifty-five divided be By naught; a thousand take from me And add what's left, and you will see What rules the world, as all agree.

No. 217.—Transpositions. [Fill each blank with the same four letters differently arranged.] Let us — at this pleasant — and tie our horse to a —. Then we will go to the store and buy — for the cook and — for the children.

No. 218.—Behendings. 1. Behead a quick look and leave a long spear. 2. Behead unusual and leave a common verb. 3. Behead to come forth and leave to sink. 4. Behead to correct and leave to repair.

No. 219.—Double Acrostic. My initials spell something that my snails could not do without. Crosswords: 1. Need. 2. Partly open. 3. Sound. 4. Name of a lake in the United States. 5. Well known animals that infest houses.

No. 220.—Missing Rhyme. 1. Is it terror? No, it is not —. 2. Is it not far off? No, it is not —. 3. Is it a much used beverage? No, it is not —.

No. 221.—Wordmaking. [Add one letter at a time.] 1. An important pronoun. 2. A disjunctive conjunction. 3. A foreign fruit. 4. A present. 5. A contest between one or more persons. 6. Terror. 7. The cargo of a ship. 8. To cause fear to another.

No. 222.—Geographical Jumble. 1. Obacige—A western city. 2. Tormern—An eastern state. 3. Niecev—A city in Italy.

Pointed Paragraphs. When a man is old enough to know better, he is too old to do it. After a mighty lie has prevailed men call it the truth.

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No. 211.—Primal Acrostic: Primals—Linnaeus. 1. Lotus. 2. Ivy. 3. Narcissus. 4. Narcissus. 5. Aster. 6. Eleanore. 7. Unfoliate. 8. Strawberry.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Come Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations. Christianity is the religion of justice as well as mercy.—Rev. Dr. Cortland Myers, Baptist, Brooklyn.

A Face to Be Loved. The sweetest thought to me of all is that Christ's is a face that wants to be loved.—Rev. Dr. Frank De Witt Talmage, Presbyterian, Chicago.

Deference to Others. We help ourselves and help each other in living and working in deference to the rights of others.—Rev. C. A. Langston, Unitarian, Atlanta, Ga.

The One Basis. There is but one basis of a happy life—the practice of virtue and the love of truth.—Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester to Students of Pennsylvania University.

The Condition of Entrance. Character is the condition of entrance into the presence of God. A character of holiness—Christ in you—is the hope of glory in an endless eternity.—Rev. J. L. Caughey, Presbyterian, Rochester, N. Y.

Warning the Young. There is no office of a faithful preacher or of the schoolteacher or of the college professor or of the newspaper more important than to swing the red light of danger in the eyes of the boys and girls.—Rev. J. C. Hall, Congregationalist, Denver.

Purpose in Everything. God has a purpose in everything. But the mysteries of God have been hid from the ages, a purpose too profound for the finite mind, too far-reaching for human comprehension, unaided by the divine spirit.—Rev. M. P. Fikes, Baptist, Baltimore.

Crowned With a Halo. God takes the life we have to live here, with all its varying conditions, and crowns it with a halo, makes living a joy in that it is a foretaste, a faint gleaming of the life that is to come.—Rev. Dr. J. W. Walden, Presbyterian, Athens, Ga.

Under Scrutiny From Above. Every man is a creator, and on him rests the responsibility of making his work what it should be, working for the satisfaction of his own conscience, always remembering that he is under scrutiny from above.—Rev. Dr. Alsop, Episcopalian, Brooklyn.

Moral Responsibility. Every man has a conscience and a sense of some sort of moral responsibility. He will either worship the true God or some false god. All character is either positive or negative. God blesses the world by true characters.—Bishop Joyce, Methodist, Chicago.

Getting Away From Vice. The tendency of human life is to move out of contact with vice, to get as far away from it as possible. The tendency of the Christian gospel is to move into contact with vice as fast as possible and to overcome it with good.

Wish Keep His Promise. The dear Lord, who watches the sparrow's flight and fall and who has given us some faint glimpses of what is to be, will keep the wonderful promise, "I go to prepare a place for you," and we need have no disturbing thoughts, but on the contrary, perfect confidence. Our chief concern should be how to make the best and the most of this life, for if we are in the right now we surely cannot go wrong hereafter.—Late Rev. Dr. George H. Hepworth, Congregationalist.

True Friendship. As dew to the parched earth, as the sail to the shipwrecked mariner, so is friendship amid the cares and trials of life. If men deny friendship, it is because they have selected those unworthy of trust or because they themselves are inconstant. Falsity in friends is impossible. It only occurs where a masked friendship has been the counterfeit of virtue.

The Age Demands Facts. This is an age of facts. Men are demanding the facts before they accept anything. Every claim, whether made for a new machine, a new industrial enterprise or a new theory, must meet this test. Christianity must meet it also. "You claim your religion transforms the character of the person embracing it? Very well, let us see if it does." And it is a duty we owe such questioners to show them by our keeping of our Lord's commandments that our companionship with him is transforming our lives.—Rev. Milton J. Norton, Congregationalist, San Francisco.

No Need of a Church Trust. This world does not need a church trust. The church today would not be so powerful, either in numbers or in influence, had it not been for the distinct work of the different divisions. Neither would its men and machinery be so efficient. The world owes a debt to every denomination that has been true to the gospel of Jesus Christ since the New Testament. One unmistakable sign of the times is that we are getting farther away from organic church union and closer to the more important thing, unity of effort and unity of spirit in the name of Jesus Christ.—Rev. C. J. Hall, Denver.

WOMAN AND FASHION

Girl's Apron. Attractive aprons, that are pretty at the same time that they protect the frocks, are essential to every girl's wardrobe and belong in every complete illustrated fulfills all the requirements and is suited to lawn, checked muslin,



FOR GIRLS SIX TO FOURTEEN YEARS. dimity, madras and all apron materials, but in the original is of white dimity, with frills and bands of embroidery. The body portion is cut to form a square neck at both back and front and tapers gracefully from the shoulders to the belt. The circular skirt is finished with a generous hem and is arranged in gathers at the back. Its upper edge is joined to the belt, over which is applied the band of insertion that conceals the seam which joins body portions and skirt.

To cut this apron for a girl of ten years of age 2 3/4 yards of material 36 inches wide will be required, with 2 1/2 yards of wide embroidery, 1 1/2 yards of narrow and 3/4 yards of insertion to trim as illustrated.—May Mantion in Boston Herald.

Smart Silk Coats. Black silk long coats are not new; they have been fashionable for two or three seasons, but they are still very smart. They are made in one or two different designs, the favorite one being the style that has a fitted back, loose fronts, full skirts, one or two shoulder capes and big sleeves in bishop shape. Another favorite style is on a modified raincoat order, with fitted yoke, the material full below the yoke, straight fronts, double breasted and with a small turned down collar. This is a model which is very popular in blue waterproof silk, in blue pongee, or in the black taffeta. There is still another—a very shapeless and ugly garment, but rather smart—that has a small round shoulder yoke, and below this the material is gathered so that the effect of a Mother Hubbard wrapper seems to be the principal one. It is too loose and clumsy a garment to look well excepting on a tall, slender figure, and is best made in black silk.

The Wrist Bag. The silk handbag is certainly revived under the name of the wrist bag. It is really a dinner ornament as well as a street one, and particularly is it to be worn with full dress. And this is a very fine arrangement. The pocket has disappeared utterly from polite society, and for a woman to search for her pocket would be an unheard of thing in these days of pocketless gowns.

So the wrist bag comes at an opportune moment. It holds the tiny handkerchief, which cannot be held in the lap during dinner, and any small necessities. Those who remove their gloves at dinner can slip them into the wrist bag.

A Stylish Hat. A very stylish hat and one that is very trying to the profile is cream colored tuscan straw. The wide brim is drawn up in a very decided manner



TUSCAN STRAW. at the back, with two broad bands of black velvet. The trimming consists of a wreath of full blown red roses and foliage, the foliage trailed well up on the crown, which is rather flat. A large butterfly bow of ribbon velvet rests on the hair in the back.

For Afternoons. Afternoon frocks are elaborate and full of intricate details, whereas, in direct contrast to these, you can have the simplicity of white muslin, very slightly trimmed with embroidered taffetas outlined with silver thread. These are not very expensive and can be bought in robe length, the bodice, of course, being made up unlined to wear over a separate slip. To young, slight figures these are eminently becoming.