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"One of the wonders of seafaring life," writes Charles Frothero in "Life in the Mercantile Marine," is the singularly small proportion of sailors who meet with death or accident by falling from aloft. Whether or no the cherub who is supposed to sit aloft and watch over poor Jack is responsible for it I am not prepared to say, but the fact remains.

"Having to tumble up aloft at all hours and in all weathers to perform acrobatic feats that would almost puzzle a monkey, the sailing among sailors about 'hanging on' by the eyebrows' becomes almost a truism.

"One would think the situation was highly spiced enough by danger without needlessly increasing it. Yet it is not altogether an uncommon thing to see a man, if he happens to be barefooted, run out along the yard in preference to using the footrope placed under it for the purpose, to reach what is a post of honor, the weather ear-ring.

"In spite of all this, although not knowing the actual percentage, I make bold to say that not more than one sailor man in hundreds is killed or injured by falling from aloft. If I use my own experience as a base, the proportion would be less, for in over twenty years of sea life I was never caused the pain of witnessing such a catastrophe."

A Live Oak Too.

The bride was fair and slight and the bridegroom was dark and stalwart. And a most interesting pair, and the people on the long distance train who had watched them more or less openly from San Francisco were cheered by the sight of a shower of rice which fell out of the bride's parasol two days later.

The bridegroom saw the smiles, and, putting his arm round his blushing wife, he faced the careful of friendly strangers.

"I reckon there's no need for me to say we haven't been married long," he announced in full chest tones, "but I can tell you one thing. You don't want to smile any more than 's polite, for she's my violet and I'm her sheltering oak, and I weigh 204 pounds."

A Quiet Examination.

Silence, it appears, is an unknown quantity at a divinity examination in Mandalay. The commencement is signalled by clashing of cymbals and the beating of drums. While the candidates are writing their answers they are surrounded by a jabbering crowd, who pass audible remarks about what is being done. The rest lasts ten days, and the people make the examination the occasion for gaining merit by feeding the candidates, and cart loads of provisions of all sorts find their way to the pagoda precincts, and Burmans from every quarter go round collecting money to provide the competitors with the necessities of life and luxuries as well.—Rangoon Times.

The Death of Mark Antony.

Mark Antony gave the world for a woman's love, but found himself so poorly compensated by the exchange that in desperation at the approach of Octavius and being informed that Cleopatra was endeavoring to make terms for herself by surrendering him he stabbed himself with his dagger. Being revived, he received the message sent by Cleopatra that she desired to see him. He was carried to her place of refuge. Cleopatra and her maids raised him by ropes to the window of the tower where the fallen queen found her last home. He was lifted in and died in her arms.

Peculiarities of Fish.

There are two popular delusions about fish—one that they cannot live out of water and the other that they can live in any pure water, the food supply taking care of itself. As a matter of fact, there are fish in Africa which, having to exist in absolutely dry rivers for a portion of the year, have developed lungs, while in many an amateur's aquarium fish cannot live in the water provided owing to lack of food.—London Field.

Reasonably Certain.

"I understand old Skindint has got religion."

"It's possible."

"Do you really think so?"

"Well, if Skindint and religion have come together at all I think it is safe to say that he has got religion. There certainly is nothing to indicate that religion has got him."—Chicago Post.

The same boy who is taught to believe that the drumstick is the best part of the turkey grows up to imagine that his wife always gives in to him.—New York Press.

Mysterious Circumstance

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STAGE DRESSING ROOMS.

Often the Cause of Disputes and Feuds Between Actresses.

"Deliver me from staging a show with two women stars in the cast," said one of the veteran Broadway stage managers. "They will give you more trouble than a barrel of monkeys or a regiment of blond chorus girls."

"Jealousy, I suppose, because their parts cannot be exactly alike," observed the ordinary citizen who was lucky in the friendship of the lord of the greenroom.

"It is jealousy all right," said the manager, "but not over their parts. They have fought that all out with the author during rehearsals. When they get into my department the trouble is all over dressing rooms."

"One would think that any comfortable room would be good enough to dress in," remarked the citizen, betraying his ignorance.

"You'd think a lot of things," growled the manager, "but unless the dressing rooms are as like as two peas I'd like you to convince them that they were receiving proper treatment. Even if the rooms are alike the women are not satisfied. They want the wall paper and the wardrobe curtains changed to match their complexions."

The average theater is usually shy on dressing rooms. It may be thoroughly up to date and perfectly appointed in every way until you get back of the stage or under the main floor, where are the quarters of the people. I've never seen the time that I could not use a dozen more rooms than I had at my command. Generally there is one room that is very much superior in location and furnishings to the others. It is intended for the leading woman, and in the old days when there was only one leading woman there was little trouble about this prize room.

"In this act of the life play, however, there are likely to be several leading women. The woman who plays the name part insists that she is the star. The popular singer who is being featured in the piece and who draws \$50 or \$100 a week more than the woman of the name part insists that she is the star. If the leading man has a wife in the cast, she surely deserves the best dressing room. And there you are—three women and one decent room.

"It is just like shaking a red flag at a bull, this business of dealing out dressing rooms. Sometimes it all but breaks up a show, and many lifelong feuds between actresses are the result."—New York Tribune.

Eve's Apple Tree.

A fruit supposed to bear the mark of Eve's teeth is one of the many botanical curiosities of Ceylon. The tree on which it grows is known by the significant name of "the forbidden fruit" or "Eve's apple tree." The blossom has a very pleasant scent, but the really remarkable feature of the tree, the one to which it owes its name, is the fruit. It is beautiful and hangs from the tree in a peculiar manner. Orange on the outside and deep crimson within, each fruit has the appearance of having had a piece bitten out of it. This fact, together with its poisonous quality, says the Liverpool Post, led the Mohammedans to represent it as the forbidden fruit of the garden of Eden and to warn men against its noxious properties.

Time to Pray.

A preacher at the conclusion of one of his sermons said, "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to their feet. The preacher seated them and said, "Now every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted, a careworn, hungry looking individual, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only man not to meet his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethren here who just stood up are my subscribers, and—" "Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.—Joplin News-Herald.

Wonders of Geometrical Progression.

The story of Sylla and the king is usually told as a good illustration of geometrical progression. Sylla, so the story goes, was the inventor of the game of chess. The king was so delighted with the diversion that he promised to grant any request the inventor might make. Sylla, who must have been a mathematician as well as a mechanical genius, only asked that the generous king would put one grain of wheat on the first square of the board and double the amount upon each successive square up to and including the sixty-fourth. Lucas de Burgo says that there was not enough wheat in the kingdom to pay the crazy inventor, which was 18,446,744,073,709,557,618 grains!

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On my initial trip as commercial traveler in England a kind friend told me that I must state I was a "commercial" on entering an inn, and he added that the "commercial" room had peculiar customs. Arriving on a morning train in a famous university town, I was soon in the courtyard of an old fashioned inn, which had been recommended as the best commercial hotel. I was welcomed by the "boots" and directed to a "commercial room" marked "Private."

The "commercial" dinner was served promptly at 1 o'clock or at 1:15. Should twenty "commercial" be stopping at the house and but one be present at this dinner hour the soup is served. It was a few moments after the hour when I re-entered the "commercial room" to find sixteen seated at the long table, now covered with white linen and decorated with flowers. At the head of the table, engaged in serving the soup, sat Mr. President, who occupies this position by virtue of having remained in the hotel longer than any other person present, and at the other end is Mr. Vice, the second in length of stay. This I did not then know.

After hesitating for a moment I slipped modestly into a vacant chair. In a few seconds I was conscious that every eye in the room was fixed upon me. Presently the president, a ruddy faced old man of about sixty, said, "Perhaps the gentleman who has just seated himself is unaware that this is a private room?" This was said courteously, but firmly. My first thought was to telegraph to the American ambassador and to get out my passport declaring me to be a freeborn American citizen, but the savory odor of the soup and my friend's warning prevailed. So, half rising from my chair, I stammered out something about my ignorance. With every desire to relieve my evident embarrassment and at the same time to uphold the traditions of the table, the president said, "The gentleman is a stranger and wishes to join us." This was said permission was given at once by all, and I re-seated myself.—World's Work.

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