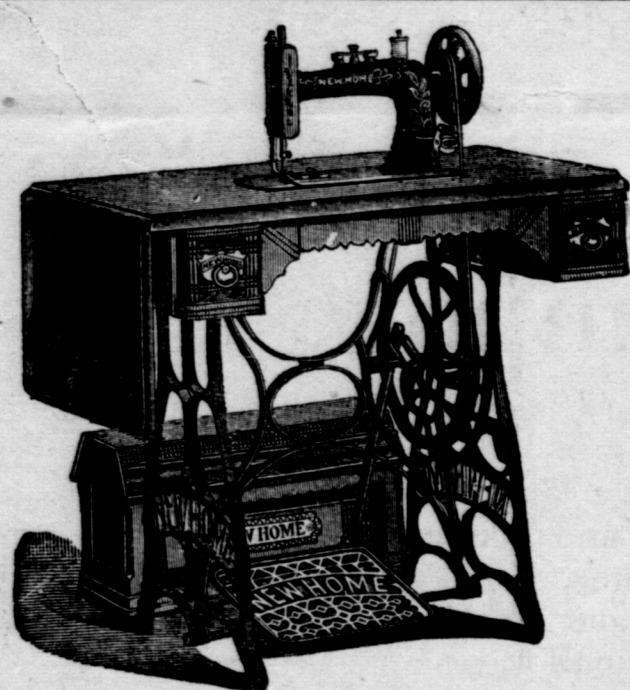


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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31.

The Poet and His Hair.

He stood upon the bridge of sighs,
Fast by the vale of tears,
And with prophetic vision scanned
The swift approaching years.
Then, up the heights of Fame he climbed,
And from that corpse-strewn place
He—with the light of other days—
Looked full in nature's face.
Upon the sands of Time he walked—
With footsteps quick and light,
And with a wreath of glory, crowned
The moody brow of night.
From dizzy heights in Fancy's land
The poet was called down—
His wife with him had left the heir,
For she had gone to town.
The infant yelled—the poet mourned
As he paced through the room,
And like a Spartan, welcomed he
The dreaded crack of doom.

Aluminium Money Favored.

Financiers are discussing the advisability of the question of replacing the material of bank notes and bonds with aluminium, which has already served its purpose in the manufacture of visiting cards and postal cards. It is stated that coins might be made of the new metal, these coins to be worthless except so far as the guarantee of the bank is concerned in placing a value on them. Henry Bessemer, the great English steel manufacturer, is warmly espousing the idea, and recommends the making of such bonds which, in the shape of a coin are exceedingly light, fireproof and difficult to melt, so that they are free from all the disadvantages possessed by paper money. Bessemer says that he has already perfected a process which prevents counterfeiting such coins, making it more difficult to counterfeit than paper money, for photo-lithography has made it easy to imitate the most skillful design, and the only safeguard is the secret process of making the paper.

A naval officer once found he could not teach the youngest men in the Naval Academy not to squirm, and start, and jump, and plug their ears with their fingers when the heavy cannon were fired. It was of no use to argue with them, pleadings were useless. It was highly ridiculous to have a lot of young men, whose profession is to make war when war is needed, act like school-girls when the sea artillery was in noisy operation. Finally the officer hit upon a plan. He had a camera "trained" upon his gallant cadets without their knowing it, and then he ordered broadside after broadside to be fired. The noise was tremendous, and the action of the cadets were as usual most undignified and most unwelcome. A few days later some excellent photographs of the "young-men-afraid-of-a-noise" were hung in prominent positions to be a perpetual reproach to those who plugged their ears. These photographs did their work. The next time the cannon roared the cadets stood like statues carved from stone, petrified with the fear of the "deadly camera" and its brutal flash.

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Battled the Bartender.

If there is one thing that Al Vail, the well-known barkeeper, is prouder of than his good looks, says the Cincinnati Times Star, it is his knowledge of all species of mixed drinks and his ability in getting them up in good style.
A few days ago a stranger wearing a tile, a glass diamond, and a rosy head-light glow upon his nose, stepped up to the bar and said:
"Give me some fortinatus a la Francaise with a dash of bourgeois a fortiori."
"Eh! ah, yes," replied Al. "Will you—ahem!—take it hot or cold?"
"Cold!" queried the stranger contemptuously. "Who ever heard of the like? If that's all you know about the drink I'll take something else. Fix me up some cum grano salis with a bete noir on the outside."
"Yes, sir," said Vail promptly but weakly; "I'll have it ready in a moment. You want a grain of—what did you say?"
"Aw, bosh! I said nothing about a grain of anything. Don't you know what cum grano salis is? Let us go. Give me an ego sum homo, will you, and be lively. I am in a hurry."
"Accommodate you in a jiffy!" murmured Al, getting red in the face. "Give me an egg, Billy (to the under barkeeper). Let's see. An egg and one hom—what in thunder did you want besides the egg, stranger?"
"I said ego sum homo and said it plainly. Great Heavens! where's the barkeeper of this place? I can't fool around with an ignorant apprentice."
"I—um—don't seem to have heard of the drink you mention, stranger," said Vail, sheepishly, while his countenance took on the aspect of the setting sun. "I thought I knew—"
"Oh, no doubt you thought you were an expert," remarked the customer sarcastically. "Ho, ho, ho! S'pose I'll have to take something plain if I deal with you, I reckon you know how to fix me up a honi soit in a little qui mal y pense, don't you?"
"Oh, yes," and Al smiled in a sickly fashion. (Aside. "What does he mean by Molly's pants?") "Billy, where's that bottle of bourbon?"
"Bourbon?" shrieked the red-nosed man. "Bourbon? Why, man, there's no whiskey goes with that drink! Well, may I be carried away on a stretcher if I'd 'a' believed this! And in a metropolitan saloon, too! Give me a plain ipse dixit, will you?"
"Friend," moaned Al, as he leaned over the bar, while the perspiration rolled off his brow, "I can't do it. We've plenty of ipse, but there ain't a bit of dixit in the house."
"Say, can you fix me a rara avis?"
"I can't, fearfully confessed the embarrassed barkeeper. "I don't know how."
"And you call yourself a barkeeper?" said the man with the glowing proboscis. "Well, I've got nothing to say. Try to learn, young man. You may yet gain some knowledge of your business. Good-by—good-by."
It was not until two days afterward that the crest-fallen drink-mixer discovered that he had been the victim of a put-up-job, and that he had been trying to fill orders for a lot of old French and Latin phrases. Then he repaired to the alley in the rear of the establishment and silently kicked his heels against the curb-stone.

A Model Letter.

A boy who was recently sent to a boarding school has just sent the following letter to his loving and anxious mother: "I got here all right and I forgot to write before. It is a very nice place to have fun. A feller and I went out in a boat, and the boat tipped over and a man got me out, and I was so full of water I didn't know nothin' for a good long while. The other boy has to be buried after they find him. His mother came from Lincoln, and she cries all the time. A hoss kicked me over, and I have got to have some money to pay the doctor for fixing my head. We are going to set an old barn on fire to-night, and I should smile if we don't have a bully fish. Lost my watch and am very sorry. I shall bring home some mud turtles, and I shall bring home a tame wood-chuck if I can get 'em in my trunk."

Wonderful Submarine Boat.

A Baltimore inventor, Mr. Simon Lake, after years of study and experiment, has invented a submarine boat, which he describes as follows: It is capable of being submerged to any desired depth and again raised to the surface at the will of the operator. It is capable of being propelled when on the surface, or when emerged, or when on the bottom, as required. Many of the operations in raising vessels and removing cargoes can be performed from it without going outside of it. The boat can be fitted out as a torpedo boat and can then readily destroy fleets of the largest ironclads. The crew can live in it as comfortably for days at a time as when on shore, and operations on wrecks can be carried on by night as well as day, and as easily in storm as in calm. The vessels will prove invaluable in laying foundations for piers, bridges, docks, lighthouses, breakwaters and locks for canals. It will also be of use in removing obstructions such as rock or shingle from entrances of harbors, all the drilling operations being accomplished by power in an ordinary atmosphere. The inventor expects to start building his first boat in a few weeks.

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