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Raphael's "St. George and the Dragon."

By far the most celebrated representation of the encounter of St. George with the Dragon is that by Raphael, a picture which, although the property of this country, has, owing to the chances of England's political history, passed into the keeping of Russia. The famous picture was painted by Raphael expressly for Henry VII. of England, at the bidding of the Duke of Urbino, who, with his lovely wife, had been a favored guest at the court of Edward IV. The princely gift was received with great enthusiasm by King Henry, and it remained in the possession of the royal family until the Commonwealth, when Cromwell sold it for the magnificent sum of £100! The happy purchaser was the Earl of Pembroke. From his collection the picture ultimately, after various intermediate vicissitudes, found its way to the Imperial Gallery of St. Petersburg, where it still is. Raphael has treated the allegory in his picture in such a manner as to lend considerable force to the argument that St. George and his dragon are, after all, nothing but a variant of the sun myth, a first cousin of Perseus and his Andromeda, and similar tales.—Liverpool Post.

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How Lord Chesterfield Succeeded.

The account which Lord Chesterfield gives of the method by which he became one of the most elegant and fascinating talkers, and one of the most accomplished orators of his day, strikingly shows what miracles may be achieved in the acquisition of these arts by care and practice, writes William Matthews, L. L. D. His personal appearance was much against him, and he had by nature none of the grace which afterwards so distinguished him; yet early in life he resolved to win distinction in the drawing-room and in the Senate; and, until he had succeeded, he neglected nothing which could conduce to success. He determined not to utter one word in conversation which was not the very fittest he could choose; and he charged his son likewise never to deliver the commonest order to a servant save in the best language he could command, and with the best utterance. For years, Chesterfield wrote down every brilliant page he met with in his reading, and translated it into French, or, if it was in a foreign language, into English. By this practice a certain elegance became habitual to him.

Man and Nature.

The energetic self-confidence of the race that Mr. Kipling says is not afraid "to shake the iron hand of Fate or match with Destiny" is well caricatured in the old story of the citizen of a Western town. When a stranger said that the town had no culture, the citizen replied heartily: "No we ain't got no culture, but when we get some we'll make her hum." The latest story of the American's belief in his own efforts is the reply of former Mayor Hewitt of New York; reported in the New York Times. "To what do you ascribe New York's greatness?" asked a stranger. "To push," was the answer. "I suppose the city has been greatly favored." "In having men of grit," replied the ex-mayor, "and in attracting others of the same sort." "I mean the natural advantages of New York have had much to do with her progress." "Nature," was the reply, "would make the grass grow in the street if we let it."

Where the Order Came From.

The colonel was entertaining some of his friends with stories of Army life, and the talk turned to the inflexibility of orders. That reminded the colonel of Tim Murphy's case. Murphy had enlisted in the cavalry service, although he had never been on a horse in his life. He was taken out for drill with other raw recruits under command of a sergeant, and, as luck would have it, secured one of the worst kickers in the whole troop. "Now, my men," said the sergeant, in addressing them, "no one is allowed to dismount without orders from a superior officer. Remember that." Tim was no sooner in the saddle than he was hurled head over heels through the air, and came down so hard that the breath was almost knocked out of him. "Murphy," shouted the sergeant, when he discovered the man spread out on the ground, "you dismounted!" "I did." "Did you have orders?" "I did." "From headquarters, I suppose?" with a sneer. "No, from hindquarters." "Take him to the guard-house?" ordered the sergeant. "If any one asks for me, James, I shall be back in ten minutes," said Mr. Fosdick. "Yes, sorr," replied the Irish officer boy; "and how soon will you be back if no one asks for you?"



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He Almost Won.

An old story which has lately been revived owes its new lease of life to a touch of human nature and a genuine humor that are as fresh in one age as in another. Here it is: Mike had made a bet with Larry that Larry could not carry him with his hod up the ladder to the top of the house without letting him fall. Larry took the bet. Mike sat in the hod, and Larry swung him to his shoulder and started up the ladder. Rung after rung was passed, until near the top Larry's foot slipped; and if the stick of the hod had not caught in the ladder, Mike would have fallen to the ground, four stories below. But Larry with an effort forced his burden back into place, went the short remaining distance and dumped Mike on the roof. "Well, ye've won," panted Mike, "but I thought I had ye when your foot slipped."

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More Than he Meant.

There had been a high-school entertainment in the town hall, in which the graduating class had participated, with the assistance of the best local talent of which Boomville boasted. It was a great success.

The editor of the Bazon gave a glowing account of the affair, winding up as follows: "Mr. Hiram Huffercamp, the well-known elocutionist, who was to have read a number of selections from his own writings, was sick and unable to be present. A very delightful evening was spent."

It might be thought that a glacier would be the last place to search for microbes. According to a note presented to the Paris Academy of Sciences by Janssen, the celebrated French astronomer, however, M. Binot, chief of the Pasteur Institute laboratory, has lately been studying the Mont Blanc glaciers from the bacteriological standpoint by taking borings at different points, so as to bring up specimens of ice from various depths. An examination shows that in all layers of the glacial ice colonies of microbes of different species are present.

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Not "Pairsonal."

Complaints had been made at an Aberdeenshire village kirk of the discomfort caused by dripping umbrellas in and outside the various pews. To remedy the nuisance a member of the congregation presented the kirk with a large umbrella-stand, which was fixed up in the lobby of the building.

After reading out the notices on a certain Sunday, one of the elders remarked:—"Ye'll nae doot hae seen the splendid umbrella-stand that Mr. Gillespie has presented tae the kirk. Noo, umbrellas are umbrellas and human nature is human nature, sae ye'll nae think it wrang o' me if I ask those who sit near the pulpit, and canna leave the kirk so soon as the others, tae bring their oldest umbrellas. And, wi'out bein' pairsonal, I may say that we should all feel a heap easier if Rab Tamson would tak' up a sitting a wee bit farther frae the door."

Queer Food.

The hedgehog figures frequently in sylvan repasts, though he is hardly big enough to be sent to table as a piece de resistance. The primitive manner of cooking it supersedes the most costly refinements of elaborate batteries de cuisine. The elephant's foot, or rather, the slice below the pastern, which is a famous dainty in eastern hunting camps, is treated on precisely similar principles, which shows that the simplest cookery of all nations has much in common, like their folklore.

Shakespeare's British hedgepig, like its cousin, the porcupine, is shrouded in a plastic tenebrous of clay. Then he is laid to temporary rest in a bed of smoldering cinders. When supposed to be done to a turn, the dwarf pig is dug up, and then the prickly skin is detached with the splitting of the case of clay. All the generous juices, with their bouquet, have been confined and trans-fused.—London Saturday Review.

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The Strawberry.

Though history and story are alike silent as to the cultivation of the strawberry in early times, we know that the fruit was well known in England in the fifteenth century. Shakespeare has three allusions to strawberries. In "Henry V." the Bishop of Ely, in illustration of the good qualities which the young king possessed, in spite of his wild habits and objectionable companions, says: The strawberry grows underneath the nettle And wholesome berries thrive and ripen best Neighbored by fruit of baser quality.

The reference here is obviously to the wild berry. But in the play of "Richard III." strawberries are spoken of as growing in the bishop of Ely's garden at Holborn, and this seems to show that the berry was cultivated with considerable care as early as the latter part of the fifteenth century, though Hajda's Dictionary of Dates" asserts that the common strawberry was brought to England from Flanders in 1530.

Loss of Flesh.

If you find yourself falling below normal weight there is danger. The use of fish oils can temporarily add fat, but will never build up healthy tissues. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food acts through the blood and nervous system and carries new life and energy to every nook and corner of the body. It regulates the various organs of the body, makes the appetite good, adds healthy flesh, and replaces the tissues wasted by disease. Naturally and gradually this food cure restores color to the cheeks, increases the weight of the body and thoroughly overcomes disease.

"Sleeping Sickness."

A medical commission will shortly proceed to Uganda to investigate the disease of sleeping sickness, which has broken out in the protectorate. Though this malady has long been known on the west coast of Africa, it has not hitherto been recorded in Uganda, and its appearance there has excited considerable anxiety. The disease has claimed many victims. It is characterized by a gradually increasing drowsiness, with prostration. In the latter stages the sufferer becomes continuously somnolent, and ultimately unconscious. It is stated that no authentic case of recovery from the established disease has yet been published.—Westminster Gazette.

Lord Russell and Despondency.

A good lesson for those who are inclined to early despondency over their chances in life is contained in a passage from the recent biography of Lord Charles Russell of Killowen. Sir Charles said once to his biographer, "I think I never desponded," and then related how, dining once with two friends on the same circuit, he found them in the lowest spirits. One thought of going to the Straits Settlement, but afterwards became Speaker of the House of Commons; the other meditated immigration to India, and he—this was Herschell—became Lord High Chancellor.

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