

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

The Duchess of Life is frequently seen in the streets of Brighton with her baby, Lady Victoria Duff, actually in her arms.

Melbourne, who is running a rainery in the west, gets \$5,000 per shower, and as he brought down three in one day last week, the fall trade may be said to be quite brisk.

The Queen of Saxony maintains three physicians, whose sole duty it is to attend to the ailments of the suffering poor. The queen pays the physicians out of her own private purse.

While the Prince of Wales is an adept on the banjo, his brother, the Duke of Connaught, may be described as a virtuoso of the drum, which he really plays with more skill than the Duke of Edinburgh plays the violin.

Mr. Grover Cleveland was the only president who was married in the White House, and Mrs. Cleveland, in her twenty-third year, was the youngest lady of the White House who had presided as a president's wife.

Simultaneously with the news that the Empress of Austria is showing signs of approaching insanity comes the information that she smokes 40 Turkish cigarettes a day. It does not need an expert neurologist to trace cause and effect in this case.

To win a bet of \$1,000, Baron Paul de Side, a young French nobleman, shipped as a common sailor on the Red Star steamer *Noordland*, during her last trip from Antwerp to New York. He says he wouldn't try it again for ten times the sum, as he was very severely worked during the voyage.

The Crown Princess of Denmark, only daughter of the late King Charles the Fifteenth of Sweden, is a superb woman. Her wit and intelligence have won for her the friendship of many brilliant men, while her striking beauty is the admiration of Denmark. She and the Queen of Portugal are the two tallest princesses in Europe.

Probably the smallest locomotive ever constructed has just been made by William Jacobs, a machinist of Mecklenburg township, Pa. It weighs but one and one-quarter pounds, and is a portion of an eight-day clock. Around the dial is a miniature railway track, and on this the tiny locomotive moves every five minutes.

The Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria has just received a curious present from a tourist agency in Palestine. It is a bagful of earth taken from the Mount of Olives, and is meant to be placed in the Archduke's coffin when he dies. Earth from this sacred spot is believed to preserve mortal remains with which it is buried. The gift will be devoted to the use which the giver designed.

Twenty-five years ago Clara Louise Kellogg was America's most popular prima donna. Her day of lyric glory has passed, and she lives in the memory of a successful and happy past. With one or two exceptions she is the only great prima donna who has retired with a fortune sufficient to enable her to round out her remaining years in comfort. Some time ago she married Carl Strakosch, much her junior in years. But she will always be known as Kellogg, the American prima donna.

Lillian Russell is as shrewd about money matters as the pretty speculator in the "Parisian Romance." In the last three years her savings have averaged \$10,000 a year, and besides this she is the sole proprietor of the apartment house in which she lives. Like all impulsive people, Miss Russell is generous to a fault. She is the mainstay of her mother and sisters, and contributes willingly and speedily to the relief of unfortunate artists or waning stars.

There are a dozen men in New York who might be mistaken for Bill Nye. The genial humorist, who has of late become part of New York's life, hasn't a hair on his face or head. He wears spectacles, and he is one man who can truthfully say that the newspaper features of him are faithful likenesses. Nye is as funny in his everyday life as he is in print. He can tell a story admirably, and, better still, he is a good listener. He has begun to write plays and hopes to succeed as well as in his newspaper work. His weekly letter pays him \$10,000 a year, and he makes quite \$40,000 by his lectures. In his case fun pays.

E. A. Sothern, the actor, is one of the best dressed men in New York. When he first went on the stage he did not give much promise, until Manager Frohman took him in hand. Frohman finally offered him \$100 a week for the first year under his management, \$250 a week the second year, \$350 a week the fourth year, and \$500 a week and 10 per cent. of the gross receipts the fifth year. Sothern is now making a great deal of money, and he is saving it, too. Some day he will be a rich man. In manner he is quiet and reserved, and in a mixed company where he is not well known he is as shy as a school girl.

All the ladies of the Vanderbilt family are thrifty and business-like. They inherit these traits, and they are bringing up their children to follow their example. They each keep a bank account, make all their own purchases, and employ and discharge their own servants. They also help in the education of their children, go into the kitchen now and then, and are noted for being excellent cooks. Their daughters are being taught the important art of cookery, too. Though the wives of the Vanderbilts are worth many millions of dollars, they are not too busy with society, or too dignified to do all kinds of household work. They can cook and sew as well as it they were compelled to do it for a living.

Mrs. Alice Lincoln, of Boston, has devoted the past twelve years to practical experiments in the management of tenement houses, and has proved that the prices paid by tenants in the most unhealthy tenements are more than sufficient to furnish them with well lighted, well ventilated and comfortable rooms. She personally rented one of the most unhealthy of these houses, established the new regime of cleanliness, lowered the rents, and still finds the house such a splendid investment in a business way, its revenue so generous, that she has not been willing to receive it all, and devotes the surplus to the needs of the tenants in times of misfortune. The once condemned old house is now known by the name of the Good Luck House.

PROGRESS PICKINGS.

Extenuating Circumstances—"Perhaps I don't look very cheerful," remarked the coal hole. "But consider how often I am pitched into."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mamma—"Now, Elsie, give the principal parts of the verb to break." Elsie (who has not looked at her lesson, brightly)—"Bric-a-brac, broke."—New York Herald.

"Yes; John was for ever asking me if I still loved him," said the widow; "if he had only lived to see how I mourn for his death he would have been satisfied, I guess."

Confectionery and Ice Cream Man—"We'll lose ten of our best customers next week. Assistant—We will? Are they going to Oklahoma? No; they're going to get married."

Young Man—I came to ask you for the hand of your daughter. Father—Will you have patience, young man? Young Man—No, sir. That ain't the one I want. It's Mabel.

Talkative drummer (to stranger on train)—"What's your line? Stranger—Brains. Drummer (sarcastically)—Indeed! How do you sell 'em? Stranger—By the case; I'm a lawyer."

Visitor (viewing the new baby)—"Do you think he is going to resemble his father?" The Mother—"I should not be surprised. He keeps me up every night."—Boston Gazette.

It was after a lesson, says an exchange, and the teacher asked: "Now, Harry, can you tell me why it was that Ben Adhem's name led all the rest?" "I don't know, ma'am," answered Harry, but I suppose the names were arranged alphabetically."

He—"You have a beautiful collection of pressed flowers." She—"Yes, but I lack one variety." He—"What is that, pray?" Perhaps I can secure it for you." She—"Orange blossoms."—New York Herald.

Waiter—Guests usually remember the waiter here, sir. Uncle Si—Do they? Wa'al I'll take a good look at ye. You ain't got no marks, but I guess I'll know ye again when I see ye.

Brooklyn girl—"That fellow is too previous." Boston maid—"Don't use that expression. You should say, 'That man was born before the world's civilization was ready for him.'"—New York Journal.

"It is a queer world," said the deacon. "What leads you to make the observation?" asked the elder. "Why, since I have got a fast horse my neighbors criticize me; when I had only a slow one they laughed at me."

"What's the reason you didn't speak to Boreham when he passed us?" "He insulted me the other day—called me a freckled idiot." "Called you a freckled idiot—how absurd! Why you are not freckled!"—London Fun.

The horse runs off and pitches the rider into a neighboring lot. Proprietor of the property comes up indignantly: "And was not the road, sir, wide enough to fall in without you having to drop in my wheat field?"—Fliegende Blätter.

"I'm glad Mortimer is to marry a wife with no false pride and with some practical knowledge of housekeeping." "Has Miss Van Duckats any of that?" "Why, yes. This paper says she looked very handsome sweeping up the avenue yesterday."—New York Herald.

"Do you remember how I was troubled with sick headache three months ago?" "Certainly. It was when I bought you that silk dress!" "Just think of it. I have had the same pains today—only not as intense as the last time!" "Well, I suppose that means a cotton dress!"

"How long has he been preaching?" asked the stranger, as he came in during the sermon and took a seat in a back pew. "Thirty or forty years, I think," replied the old member, "but I don't know exactly." "I'll stay then. He must be nearly done."—N. Y. Sun.

They were Very Loud—English Tourist (wild eyed and frantic)—Hi, there guard! I've lost me box—me luggage! Cawn't find it anywhere! American Railroad Official—Any trousseau in it like the pair you've got on? "Yes." "Then why don't you go into the baggage room and listen?"

A young Scotchman was once halting betwixt two loves, one possessed of beauty and the other of a cow. In despair of arriving at a decision, he applied for advice to a canny patriot, who delivered him self thus: "Marry the lass that has the cow, for there's no the deference o' a cow's value in any twa weemin in Christendom."

Singleton—I'm sorry to hear that you have trouble with your wife. What's the matter? Benedict—It's her way of talking. She says the most cutting, ironical things to me on every occasion. Never misses a chance to spring something horribly sarcastic. It's dreadful, I tell you. Singleton—Well, you knew her long enough before you were married to learn of the trait. Benedict—Oh, I did, but I took it for wit then.

"I wish I was a star," he said, smiling at his own poetic fancy. "I would rather you were a comet," she said dreamily. "And why," he asked tenderly at the same time taking her unresisting little hands in his own. "And why?" he repeated, imperiously. "Oh!" she said, with a broad earnestness that fell freezing upon his soul, "because then you would come round only once every fifteen years."—Pilgrim's Progress.

Aunt Julia (who has not seen her nephew in ten years)—"You must come up and visit me, Henry." Henry (whose recollections of the old homestead involve early hours and strict puritanism)—"I'd like to exceedingly, but I'm very busy just now."

Aunt Julia—"I'm sorry. Your Aunt Martha and I opened a young ladies' boarding school a year ago, and the term opens on the first." Henry—"Come to think of it, I shall have a little time on my hands about the second. Will it be convenient then?"—Judge.

The editor of a college paper says that a famous college president, a clergyman, was addressing the students in the chapel at the beginning of the college year. "It is," he said in conclusion, "a matter of congratulation to all the friends of the college that this year opens with the largest freshman class in its history." And then, without any pause, he turned to the lesson for the day, the third Psalm, and began to read in a voice of thunder: "Lord, how are they increased that trouble me!"

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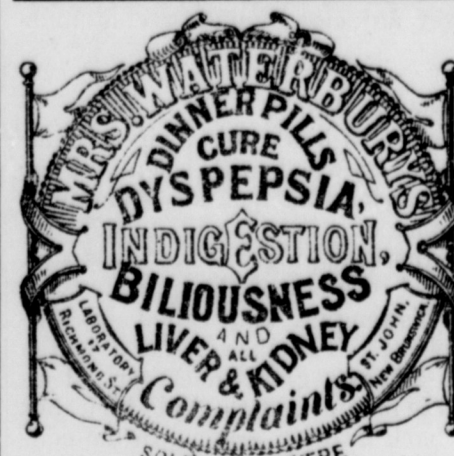
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That timid baby knocked and
"Please let me in; it's only me."
I threw aside the unfinished book,
Regardless of its tempting charms,
And, opening wide the door, I took
My laughing darling in my arms.
Who knows but in eternity
I, like a truant child, shall wait
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