

CASUAL OBSERVATIONS.

Little Things of Interest with Crisp and Timely Comments.

A few years ago a newspaper man in Boston popularly known as Charley Hoyt, began writing farce comedies with names that seemed decidedly out of place when attached to a play.

Passing the I. C. R. depot late one night this week I saw a striking instance of this. A number of men were working on the street railway track, preparing for the electric cars.

Have you ever noticed it? I know a number of people who have, and it was the remarks of one them that started me on the subject.

I am at loss to account for this remarkable curiosity, unless it is an inborn desire of man to know more about that which is usually supposed to be in a downward direction.

The great question this week was "What did he do with his money?" Mr. G. Herbert Lee is the only one who knows all about it in his particular case.

Take two men, both earning the same salary and so far as anyone knows there is no reason why their expenses should not be the same.

Man is a queer creature. He has his hobbies, whims and weaknesses and the financial question always enters into them somewhere.

It is an easy matter to live beyond one's means, without making any show or giving any evidence of being extravagant.

There is a good story in the way some of the boys around town get rid of their surplus cash, and the mention of poker calls the fact to mind.

number of quiet retreats and the boys who frequent them would make interesting reading, which could be made more so by dozens of little anecdotes and experiences that many remember only when they cannot help it.

THEY COUNTED THE MINUTES.

The Travellers Suffered Agonies of Fear as the Desperado Sat Glowering at Them.

A crowd of ten had been sitting in the Hoffman House bar room all the evening telling stories. This stranger with a broad-brimmed hat had been admitted to the circle early in the night, and had listened attentively, but had not talked.

"It was dark when supper was ready, and then there came an addition to the family in the shape of the most villainous looking negro that I ever saw in my life.

He was fully six feet three inches in height, with coarse features, a coarser tongue, and a surly manner. We felt instinctively the moment we laid eyes on him that he was probably the wickedest man in the whole mountain region.

"The big brute of a negro had a rifle, which, as he came in, he flung down by the hearth, making some savage exclamation as he did so.

"It was about 10 o'clock when we lay down. We had hoped that this fellow would go off to bed himself.

"Half an hour passed. It seemed an age. I felt that I couldn't stand the thing much longer. I was getting weak.

"Now," I thought, "comes the end," and I clutched my pistol so hard that there was danger that it would explode.

"He is going to lock the door and then shoot us," I thought.

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A STORY OF EARL ROSEBERY.

His Interest in a New York Bootblack and What Came of It.

One day in 1873, when Earl Rosebery, Gladstone's newly appointed secretary of state for foreign affairs, was in New York inspecting American institutions, he passed through City Hall square, and, noticing that his shoes needed polishing, he stopped in his walk and beckoned to a small bootblack.

The Earl questioned him further and asked him where he lived.

The Earl was greatly pleased with the father's work, and was also interested in Pat. He asked Father Drumgoole to investigate Pat's history, and said if the boy was found worthy he himself would educate Pat for the pursuit most suited to him.

After Earl Rosebery returned from a trip to Washington to called on Father Drumgoole and gave him money to clothe Pat and enable him to begin his studies.

BREVIOUR HOUSE, Dec. 17, 1873.

MY DEAR FATHER: I cannot get away to say good-bye to you today, but I must in the first place send my address to you—2 Berkeley square, London, W.—that you may write and tell me how your good work is getting on and how Pat is progressing.

ROSEBERY.

Will you devote a little of Pat's money to having him photographed and sending me a copy?

The Earl also sent Father Drumgoole his photograph in a rich frame, which is still at the mission.

BEN BUTLER'S TACT.

He Averts Disaster to a Public Meeting by Presence of Mind.

At one time Ben Butler, then living in Lowell, was chairman of a meeting held in the Town Hall. Rufus Choate, the great orator and jurist, was booked for an address. The hall was filled—packed, in fact, with many thousand people.

"Ladies and gentlemen—We are assembled here to hear the matchless oratory of the great Rufus Choate. A man has brought me information that outside of this hall there are no less than 20,000 people who are clamoring for admission.

"Say, Choate, would you rather deliver this speech here in this hall or in hell?" Albany Times-Union.

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Sermon on Cycling.

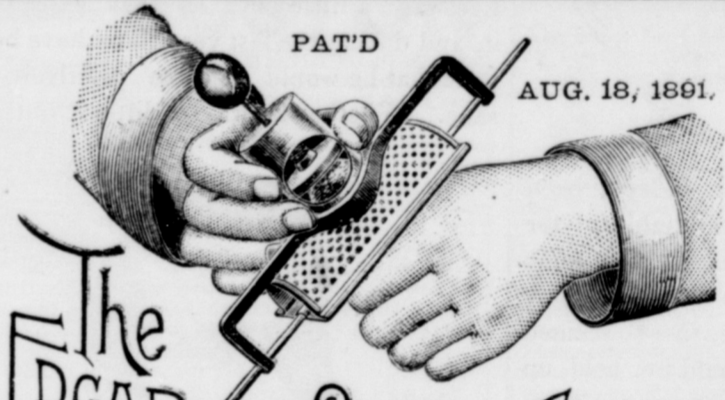
The Rev. L. D. Temple, of Lansing, Mich., in a recent sermon on cycling, said in part: "The bicycle is one of the good gifts of God through modern inventive genius. Let us hail the use of the bicycle by women.

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FOOT PRINTS, OR INCIDENTS IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, by J.W. LAWRENCE.
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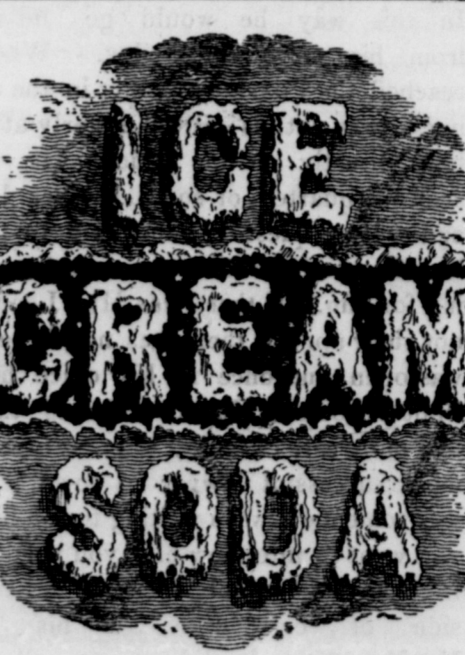
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