

## THEIR SOCIAL FACT.

Incidents that Show it to be a Necessary Accomplishment.

Monsieur Challemeil-Lacour, a distinguished member of the French Academy who died lately, was noted for his tact and readiness in social emergencies. Both were severely tried upon one occasion. Monsieur Challemeil-Lacour was as ambassador from France to the Swiss Confederation. He called in due form on his arrival upon the President. The servant who opened the door said that His Excellency was in the cellar bottling wine, but that the visitor could come in and wait. The ambassador hung up his overcoat in the hall and went into the parlor. Presently the Swiss ruler bustled in.

'An ugly job, monsieur! drying his hands; an ugly job! But I always bottle my own wine. Pardon my coat, also. It is a poor fit,' glancing down. 'It is my son's, to tell the truth. I hurried it on without looking at it.'

The ambassador bowed and smiled. It was his own coat.

The interview being over, he went home shivering. He sent a messenger the next day for his 'coat, which he had hung up in the hall.'

Of all the qualities once essential to a sovereign, the one most useful now is tact. Queen Margherita of Italy, who belongs to a house trained to kingcraft for more than a thousand years, is said to be wonderfully skillful in dealing with social difficulties. An incident which occurred at one of her drawing-rooms illustrates her readiness and delicacy.

The persons who are to be presented at the Roman court are arranged in a large semicircle in the throne-room. The queen enters and passes around the line, attended by a chamberlain, who names each person, adding usually a word or two to give the queen some idea of their claim to notice. She asks a question or makes a remark to each and passes on.

On this occasion there was in the line a young man from South America whose embarrassment showed itself in pale cheeks and terrified glances as the queen drew nearer. At last she reached him, and stopped. He heard his name, saw her smile. There was a roaring in his ears; his knees shook. Every eye was bent upon him with amused interest, his terror was so perceptible.

'From Brazil?' she asked. 'And what town in Brazil is your home, Signor?'

'—your Majesty—I don't know!' he gasped.

The whole circle smiled; but the queen's face was calm as marble. 'You mean that our beautiful Italy already has made you forget your home?' Ah, signor, you are a skilful courtier! You flatter us too much! and playfully shaking her fan at him, she passed on, leaving him wondering how he came to make so brilliant a response, while the crowd looked respectfully bewildered, also.

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## UNFORTUNATE IMPEDIMENT.

It Prevented the Stout Lady From Being Obliging.

The following very unlikely but not meaningless story is borrowed from the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and is reprinted here in the hope that it may do good:

He was an angular man with gray whiskers. He gave up his seat in the crowded car with an alacrity that spoke well for the cheerfulness of his disposition. The lady who took the proffered seat was stout and haughty. She slipped into the vacant place without a word.

The angular man looked at her thoughtfully. Then he stooped over and said:

'I had an uncle, ma'am, that had just that same affliction.'

'Sir!' said the stout lady with an insult: toss of the head.

'Yes,' continued the angular man, 'he couldn't pronounce any word beginning with "th" to save his neck. That's right. He'd stutter and stammer, and the best he could do would be to give it the sound of "s." It was a dreadful affliction. His oldest son's name was Theophilus, but he always called him Sophilus. Had it long, ma'am?'

The stout lady was red from vexation.

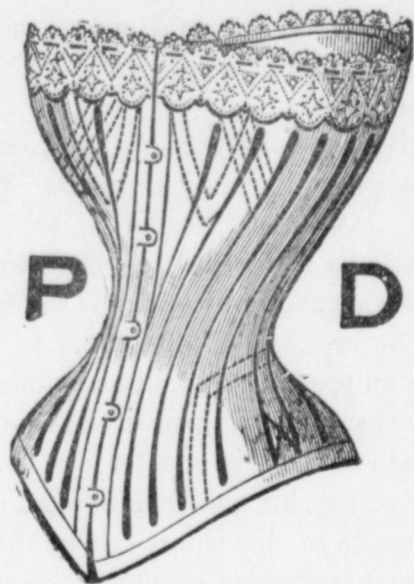
'You are insulting,' she managed to say.

'Well, I don't wonder you hate to hear anybody refer to it,' said the angular man, with great cheerfulness. 'But I couldn't help noticing it when you took my seat and wasn't able to say "thank you." I wouldn't have minded in the least if you'd said "sank you"—Oh, do you get off here? Good day, ma'am.'



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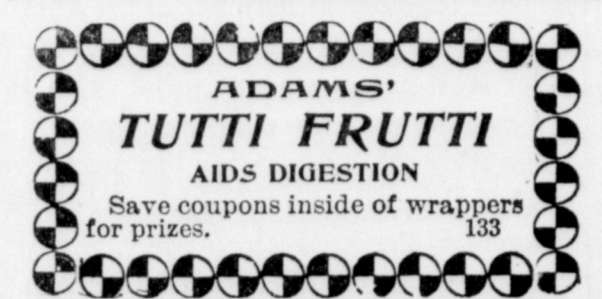
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## OPTIMISM IN REAL LIFE.

How the old man Described an Optimist to his boy.

'What is an "optimist," father?' a farmer's boy asked of his father, who, though far from being a learned man, had always been found by the boy capable of giving an intelligible answer to his questions. The farmer reflected a moment before replying. Then he said:

'Now, sonny, you know I can't give ye the dictionary meanin' of that word, no more'n I can of a great many others. But I've got a kind of an idee what it means. Probably you don't remember your Uncle Henry, but I guess it there ever was an optimist, he was one. Things was always comin' out right with Henry, and especially anything hard that he had to do; it wa'n't a goin' to be hard—'twas jest kind of solid-pleasant.

'Take hoeing corn, now. If anything kind of took the tucker out of me 'twas hoein' corn in the hot sun. But in the field 'long about the time I begun to lag back a little, Henry he'd look up and say:

'Good, Jim! When we get these two rows hoed, an' eighteen more, the piece'll be half-done!' And he'd say in such a kind of a cheerful way that I couldn't 'a' ben any more tickled if the piece had been all done—an' the rest would go light enough.

'But the worst thing we had to do—hoein' corn was a picnic to it—was pickin' stones. No end to that on our old farm. If we wanted to raise anything. When we wa'n't hurried and pressed at something else, there was always pickin' stones to do; and there wa'n't a plowin' nor a frosty winter but what brought a fresh crop of stones to the top, an' seems if the pickin' all had to be done over again.

'Well, sir, you'd 'a' thought to hear Henry that there wa'n't any fun in the world like pickin' stone. He looked at it in a different way from anybody I ever see. Once when the corn was all hoed, an' the grass wa'n't fit to cut yet, an' I'd got all laid out to go fishin', and father he up and set us to pickin' stones up on the west piece, an' I was about ready to cry, Henry, he says:

'Come on, Jim. I know where there's lots of nuggets!'

An' what do you s'pose now? That boy had a kind of game that that there field was what he called a plasser mining field, and he got me into it, and I could 'a' sworn I was in Californy all day—I had such a good time.

'Only,' says Henry, after we'd got through the day's work, 'the way you get rich with these nuggets is to get rid of 'em instead of to get 'em.'

'That somehow didn't strike my fancy, but we'd had play instead of work, anyway and a great lot of stones had been rooted out of that field.

'An' as I said before, I can't give ye any dictionary definition of "optimism," but if your Uncle Henry wa'n't an optimist, I don't know what one is.'

## WHAT A STEAMSHIP CARRIES.

The Varied Cargoes Which may be Found on Ocean Greyhounds.

The famous steamship Great Eastern, historically associated with the first efforts to lay Atlantic telegraph cables, has hitherto been regarded as the largest vessel ever launched. Its laurels as a sea leviathan, however, are of late endangered. The new ocean freighter, Pennsylvania, although scarcely attaining the external measurements of the former celebrated ship, will carry far more cargo. The capacity, indeed, of these new freight ships is a matter for astonishment to a landsman.

The Pennsylvania, for example, is rated at twenty thousand tons burden, and will carry loads such as may be briefly itemized thus:

160,000 bushels of wheat in bulk, equal to three hundred and twenty car-loads, or sixteen trains of twenty cars each.

1000 tons of flour, eighty car-loads.

4000 boxes of bacon, seventy-five car-loads.

3000 tierces of lard, forty-eight car-loads.

1300 bales of cotton, forty car-loads.

1200 head of live cattle, eighty car-loads.

3600 quarter of dressed beef.

In addition there will probably be a thousand tons of miscellaneous merchandise say eighty car-loads more; in all not less than seven hundred and eighty car-loads, or thirty-nine long trains of twenty cars each.

Nor is the above by any means the entire load of this modern ark. The Pennsylvania will have accommodations for eight hundred to one thousand steerage passengers, as also for a crew of one hundred and fifty men and fifty cattlemen, with food and fodder for all.

In the fuel bins, too, there will be carried a burden of 1300 tons of coal, or more than one hundred car-loads.

If we were to say that the entire agricultural product of sixty New England towns, or twenty Western counties, could all be stowed away in this mammoth ship, we should not exceed the facts.

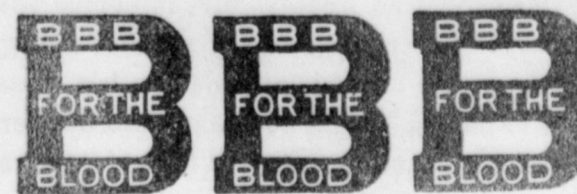
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## THE WOMANLY QUEEN.

A Few of Queen Victoria's Marked Characteristics.

When the world has united in honoring the womanly queen whose reign is without a parallel in English history, it is worth while to set down in order some of the personal qualities which have not been specially noted, but which have endeared her to her subjects, and rendered her the most useful sovereign of the century. Our correspondent in England thus describes them:

One of the marked traits of the queen is tact. 'Gracious' is the word which is most frequently used in England when her name is mentioned. It is kindness of heart that enables her to set visitors at ease when they are presented to her, and to convince the multitudes, who witnessed her triumphal progress through the streets of London, that her nature has not been hardened, but softened and sweetened by sixty years of exalted power.

Her manners are simple and sincere. She is thoughtful of the feelings of others, and says the right thing in the right way. She shows by her demeanor on public occasions that she honors her subjects, and desires to promote their comfort and happiness.

Another quality is a business-like talent for reigning. She has work to do, and she performs it in an orderly, methodical way. Her life at court is conducted by the clock. Everybody in attendance upon her is required to be punctual to the minute, and every day's arrangements are carefully ordered so that she will have time for every detail of public business and courtly ceremonial. She never allows herself to be hurried in examining and signing public papers.

She is thorough and precise in everything which she does. A portion of each day is taken up with the business of state. What remains is divided so that she has time for an afternoon drive, social life at court, the direction of the royal household, and adequate rest. She knows nothing of the secret worries of royalty.

Another trait is sterling common sense. Throughout her reign she has adapted herself to the conditions of constitutional rule, under which the continuance of monarchy has been possible in a revolutionary age.

She has respected the will of the people in every election; she has taken no interest in party politics; she has followed the advice of the ministers of the day; and she has shown sound judgment in making the crown the instrument of popular government. One prime minister after another has found her to be a capable, experienced ruler, well informed in home and foreign affairs, and with clear ideas of her own relations to the state.

Her greatest virtue as a sovereign has been her womanliness. As wife, mother, widow and first lady of the realm, she has never unsexed herself, but has remained an example of womanly graces of character.

Short in stature and without beauty of feature or grace of carriage to impress either a well ordered court or the throngs of sightseers crowding the streets through which she passed on Jubilee days, she commands respect by her purity of life, her devotion to her husband's memory and her children's welfare, and her genuine womanly qualities.

Elizabeth, with her inflexible will, and hard, masculine order of mind, was a kindly queen in an iron age of conquest. Victoria has been a womanly queen in a home loving empire, reigning in a golden era of progress.

## Quaver Justice.

It is not to be expected that perfect justice will be done under laws that are made and administered by imperfect men.

In Arizona, say the Philadelphia Inquirer, a man was sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars or go to jail for ten days. He had only three dollars, and the court accepted that sum in lieu of three days' imprisonment.

By some carelessness on the part of the jailer however, the man was kept in jail for the full ten days. Naturally he made objection and demanded redress, to which demand the court replied that it was no doubt just, but that there seemed to be only one way in which it could be granted. If he would commit a second offence he should be sentenced for ten days as before and then be allowed a three days' discount or rebate.

## BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

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## In for Alaska.

Wonderful stories of the richness of the Alaska gold mines are finding their way into the newspapers. Many fortunes are being made, but it is not a place for green hands and any who are foolish enough to leave home for the dangers and discomforts of the mining camps will have leisure for repentance, indeed such are the conditions in the camps that a man without several thousand dollars can hope for nothing better than day wages.