

ESKIMO COURTSHIP.

How the Native Selects a Bride—The Marriage Ceremony.

The Eskimo gentleman never selects a wife in his own village. As soon as he is able to make a living for a family he goes into a neighboring village and falls in a fit of love before some likely girl. She is then penned up for some time in a house—a sort of dugout or burrow in the ground—and when the bride day comes he goes there and crawls in. It is in the play that the bride to be shall so strenuously object that she fights him off. He then goes out and gets his dogs and sled, and when they are harnessed up he goes in again, overcomes her, ties her hands and feet, places her on the sled and hauls her to his own village. That completes the ceremony of marriage. The whole village gives them a wedding feast. Next day, or later on, if they don't forget it, they go before a minister of the gospel and are married in due form. This feature of the union, however, is not important and does not bother them very much.

The dressing of the bride's hair is a revelation. It is done up in a series of knots about a foot high on top of her head and pulled so tightly from the scalp that very often big patches of it are fairly pulled out by the roots, leaving bald and barren places around the ears and the temples.

An Intelligent Dog.

A gentleman once had a very handsome and intelligent collie in his possession. One day he lost the dog when taking it through the city. The creature in vain searched everywhere for his master and at last, seeing a hansom cab creeping leisurely along, jumped into it and settled himself determinedly on the seat. The driver tried to entice it out, but without success, and a little crowd collected. None dared to tackle the dog, but at last a facetious spectator shouted out, "I say, Bill, darn me if he don't want to be druv home." "That's it; that's what he wants," they all agreed amid shouts of laughter. Then one examined his collar and found an address clearly engraved upon it. Without further ado cabby jumped up and drove up to this same address, which proved to be the correct one. Needless to say, the cabman was substantially rewarded. The dog had been in the habit of driving home every evening with his master in a hansom and, with doggie reasoning, had decided to follow his usual custom when he had given up hope of finding his master.—London Opinion.

Dr. Jowett and Bible History.

The following story of Dr. Jowett was current among the undergraduates at Oxford in my day. It had reached the master's ears that Balliol men were not so successful in the examination in "Rudiments of Religion" as in the classical schools, so that he determined to call up the next batch of candidates and catechise them himself in Bible history. "Mr. Smith," he is reported to have said, "what prophet went up to heaven in a chariot of fire?" "Elijah, sir." "It is disgraceful that a scholar of this college should be so ignorant! Mr. Jones?" "Elijah, sir." "Mr. Brown?" "Elijah, sir." At this point the library boy entered, and to strike the undergraduates with shame he was appealed to. "Tell these gentlemen what prophet went up to heaven in a chariot of fire." "Elijah, sir." Then ensued a pause and then, "Well, gentlemen, perhaps it was Elijah!"

Butchers Who Swap Meats.

A housekeeper who went to live on the far east side of New York asked a butcher why she couldn't get from him the best cuts of meat. His shop was in Second avenue, above Thirty-fourth street. The housekeeper, although she was economical, occasionally wanted a fine steak or a choice piece of other meat for a special occasion. She learned that while the butcher bought a whole ox he did not keep the best parts of it.

"Every day," he said, "I send the best meats I buy to the shops farther west. The butchers over there buy it from me, and I get from them the cheaper cuts, for which they have no use. We have a regular system of exchange."

A Little Too Much.

"A wife has a right to expect much of her husband," remarked the philosophically inclined person musingly. "Yes, I suppose she has," replied the meek appearing man with wilted looking whiskers; "I suppose she has, but when she expects him to live up, steadily and without swerving, to the motto on her first husband's tombstone I somehow think she is expecting more than she really ought to expect from a common, everyday, earthly man."

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He went to the office of his publisher and asked for three copies of his new novel, directing that the cost should be placed to his account. Armed with the fresh, nicely bound volumes, he immediately sought out the nearest secondhand bookseller and disposed of the copies for as much as they would bring.

"I remember I enjoyed that dinner tremendously," he said. "It proved to my entire satisfaction that even the humblest author could live by his books!"

New York Pawnbrokers.

In New York the pawnbroker is compelled to wait a year and one month before offering pawned articles for sale. During the last month of this period the merchandise must be so advertised that the person who pawned the goods may recognize them as his property from the description given in the published notice.

As an instance of the severity of the court against any infraction of this rule a pawnbroker who loaned a certain lady \$6,000 upon a valuable necklace valued at \$12,000 and at the expiration of the required limit sold the jewels without specifying explicitly enough so that the lady was enabled to recognize and redeem her property the New York court ordered that the lender pay to the lady \$6,000 and a year's interest on the value of the necklace.

A Curious Royal Custom.

When any Spanish sovereign dies, the body is at once submitted to the process of fossilization, nor can it be placed in the royal pantheon until the body has been absolutely turned into stone. Curiously enough, the period required for fossilization varies considerably. Some royal bodies have become solidified in a very short period, while others have taken years before the fossilization took place. It took exactly thirteen years to convert the body of the father of Alfonso XIII. of Spain into stone.

Riding Away With the Bride.

In many of the border counties of England the quaint old bridal customs of hundreds of years ago are still in vogue. The parents carefully abstain from appearing at the marriage ceremony, clinging to the idea that the bridegroom still rides away on a foaming steed with his bride behind him as in the good old days. The brides prefer the custom to the modern method of being given away at the altar in the orthodox fashion.

To Reform Him.

Minister—You say you are going to marry a man to reform him. That is noble. May I ask who it is?
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Minister—Indeed! I did not know he had any bad habits.
Miss Beauti—Yes, his friends say that he is becoming quite miserly.

Foolish Resolutions.

The New Year's vows that Perkins made To keep will prove a strain. He vowed to shave himself this year And use not words profane.

How the Novel Ended.

Helen—Why is it novels always have a good ending?
Sue—Well, the one I read yesterday didn't have a good ending.
Helen—It didn't?
Sue—No; mamma threw it in the fire.

He Surprised Her.

Kidder—Skinner played a mean trick on his wife. He told her if she learned how to cook he'd give her a surprise. Slimkins—Did she learn to cook?
Kidder—Yes, and then he surprised her by discharging the cook.

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