

THE POLITE NEW YORKER.

His Action Proved That Gallantry Is Not a Lost Art.

"Don't tell me any more that New Yorkers are not polite," chirruped the young man who "takes a powerful sight of notice" to the old man who reads as he rides as the pair left an elevated train. "Saw something a little while ago that convinces me there are others besides blanket Indians on the Manhattan reservation."

"What was it?" queried the man who reads and sees nothing unless perchance it be a vacant seat spotted afar off over the top of his newspaper.

"You didn't notice it? Of course you didn't. You were too busy forgetting the fact that there were women in the aisle of the car. It happened between Ninety-third and Eighty-first streets, and it almost made me feel that the days of chivalry had returned. An old woman was holding on a strap and standing in front of a dapper chap with a blase face."

"Step up farther in the center of the car," shouted the guard, and the old lady was about to obey when the dapper head opened and its owner gallantly said:

"Don't move, madam. I get off at Fifty-third street and Eighth avenue, and if you'll wait you can have my seat."

"Such gallantry on an elevated train in New York almost brought moisture to my eyes, and if I had had a baseball bat I am quite sure that I could not have restrained myself from bringing moisture to that part of the blase face which on the gridiron is usually protected by a rubber guard."

Health Making Storms.

What the tide does in the ocean of water storms do in the ocean of air—deleterious and poisonous germs are removed or killed. The noticeable smell of ozone after a thunderstorm and the increased bodily comfort are well known. Storms, in the main, are due to the action of our atmosphere in resisting the escape of the radiant heat. Even at the equator great cold exists at the trifling height of four miles above sea level, which is reduced to three during the night. One week of continued night in the tropics would lock them in the grip of eternal frost and put an end to all life. Now and again the upper fluid is punctured, so to speak, and through the breach so caused a downward rush with rotary movement is made till equilibrium is again restored. Storms, therefore, are essentially beneficent, both to health and life. They reshape for use the necessary life giving air and warmth as earthquakes do the crust of the earth.

Shout Breaks a Glass.

Every one knows that windows will rattle when a loud noise is made in a room, but very few persons know that a glass can be broken by shouting into it.

Any ordinary glass which has a clear tone will do for this trick, and the exact nature of its tone can readily be ascertained by passing a moistened finger around its rim. This point being settled, the performer should hold the glass in front of his mouth and shout into it in a tone about an octave higher than that of the glass. The result will be that the glass will break immediately, and for the reason that it will not have strength enough to resist the force exerted against it by the waves of air.

The thinner the glass is the more easily it will be broken.

The Heat of Lava.

The lava streams from the eruption of Vesuvius in 1858 were so hot twelve years later that steam issued from their cracks and crevices. Those that flowed from Etna in 1787 were found to be steaming hot just below the crust as late as 1840. The volcano Jorullo, in Mexico, poured forth in 1759 lava that eighty-seven years later gave off columns of steaming vapor. In 1780 it was found that a stick thrust into the crevices instantly ignited, although no discomfort was experienced in walking on the hardened crust.

Thorough Work.

Mrs. Youngwife—A friend has sent me a basket of quinces, and I don't know how to use them.

Mrs. Oldwife—Nothing is simpler. Pare and core them, make preserves of the best pieces, marmalade of the oth-

ers, and keep the cores and peepers. Mrs. Youngwife—Well, I declare! And what shall I make of the basket they came in?

A Freak Tree.

Probably one of the most remarkable curiosities in the world is the twin tree growing in the province of Loire, southern France. This marvelous freak of nature consists of two healthy trees some twenty feet high, with brilliant foliage, the top one actually growing upon the lower.

A cavity was formed in the upper trunk of the bottom tree, which was filled with decaying bark and the accumulated dust and debris of years. This became a sort of bed, from which sprang the roots and in time produced the upper tree. Contrary to all the laws of horticulture, the life of the tree has not been injured in the least by its parasite companion on top.

The top tree is a lime, and the peasants in the neighborhood make occasional pilgrimages to this tree, as they make a sort of tea from the buds of the lime, which, they say, on account of its peculiar growth and situation, has mysterious and beneficial powers if imbibed.

The lime is firmly rooted in the lower tree, having withstood the ravages of the wind for years, and seems to be nourished as well as if it were growing in the natural soil of the earth.

Camels In Africa.

At the present day camels are used for all sorts of domestic purposes in Africa. They may even be seen drawing plows in the interior of the regency of Tunis. You may remark a woman and a camel harnessed to the same plow, and you hesitate to decide which is the greater outrage. They are also used for drawing water from the strange, cumbersome, old fashioned wells of north Africa. Their chief use, however, is for caravans. You may behold them bringing in huge cases of dates from the oases, or you may see them with great tentlike structures of red silk upon their backs. These tents are for the conveyance of Arab women of the upper classes, who seek to maintain the privacy of the harem when on a journey. Two women and some children are often accommodated on one camel. They have cushions on which they can lie down and even sleep. It is stuffy, and it is dark, but they deem themselves well off in escaping from the searching rays of the burning sun.

First European Railway.

The first carriages that ran on rails in Europe were those of a horse railway between Linz and Budweis, in Austria. This was in working order in 1827. Locomotive railways were much longer coming. The first line, in a modern sense, was opened from Paris to St. Germain in 1835, but railway development was greatly hindered by a terrible accident on the Paris-Versailles line in 1842. The next was the Brussels-Malines line in Belgium. Belgium was also the first country to begin, in 1830, systematic plans for a national network of railways. Prussia followed in 1835 and Austria-Hungary in 1833. The first great trunk line in Europe was from Paris to Rouen, opened in May, 1843.

Value of the Lessons.

Mrs. Bilkins—Do you think it is worth while for my daughter to go on taking singing lessons? She has been at it for five years and cannot sing yet.

Professor von Note—Dit you expect her to learn to zing? She vill neffer zing in zee vide world.

"Then why didn't you say so long ago?"

"I thought you merely wanted to amuse them."

Such is the flexibility of our language that a noble brute may be either a thoroughbred St. Bernard or a rascally foreign fortune seeker. —Washington Times.

Both Were Candid.

Doctor—Your wife is in a very critical state, and I should recommend you to call in some specialist to consult on the case.

Husband—There, you see, doctor, I was right again. I told my wife long ago she ought to get proper medical advice, but she always thought you might be offended.

LIGHT AND DARK.

Day and night, sunshine and shadow are not more different from each other than a healthful from a sickly woman. The healthful woman carries light and sunshine with her wherever she goes.



The woman who suffers from ill-health casts a shadow on her own happiness and the happiness of others. She cannot help it. Those who suffer cannot smile and sing. Ill-health in woman is generally traceable to disease of the delicate womanly organism. Many women have been restored to happiness by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong, sick women well.

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Care of Puppies.

Puppies after weaning will keep strong and healthy and will grow fast if fed only on fresh buttermilk and corn bread, with soup instead of the buttermilk twice a week, till they are five or six months old. Do not feed them sweet milk. Keep the puppies where they can get plenty of exercise. Do not crowd them. Arrange their kennels so that they can go in and out of their sleeping quarters. If fed in the same vessels, some dogs get more than their fair share of food and lose their manners also. Fasten a number of chains where they eat at such distances that no one can reach the other; then feed in individual pans. Give little medicine and plenty of exercise, and you will then have strong, healthy dogs. An hour's run every day in the year in the fields and woods, weather permitting, is essential to good health. —Outing.

Suffering Sours the Temper.

"In all my experience as a physician," said Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the nerve specialist, in a lecture, "I have not seen more than a dozen men or women who have been improved morally by long continued suffering. Acute illness and illness which brings the patient close to death often has a beneficial effect upon the disposition, but I cannot agree with the assertion which we frequently hear made in the pulpit that suffering is usually the means of refining. I have seen a few isolated

Way Down.

"She married beneath her, didn't she?"

"Yes; I believe some two or three millions beneath her."

His Epitaph.

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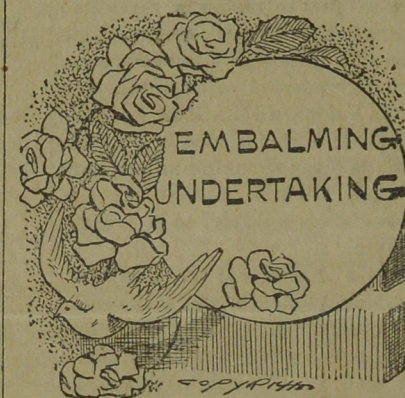
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