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OLD TIME STYLES.

The Fashions in Ladies' Hats in Richmond After the War.

A southern lady in a diary which she kept throughout the civil war tells of a bonnet which she made and which was regarded as "quite stunning." The author of "Dixie After the War" quotes from the diary as follows:

We had been wearing coal scuttle bonnets of plaited straw, trimmed with corn shuck rosettes. I made fifteen one spring, acquired a fine name as a milliner and was paid for my work.

I recall one that was quite stunning. I got hold of a bit of much worn white ribbon and dyed it an exquisite shade of green with a tea made of coffee berries. Coffee berries dye a lovely green. You might remember that if you are ever in war and blockaded.

When the northern ladies appeared on the streets of Richmond they did not seem to have on any bonnets at all. They wore tiny, three cornered affairs, tied on with narrow strings, and all their hair showing in the back. We thought them the most absurd and trifling things. But we made haste to get some.

The Yankees introduced some new fashions in other things besides clothes that I remember vividly, one being canned fruit. I had never seen any canned fruit before the Yankees came. Pleasant innovations in food were like to leave lasting impressions on one who had been living on next to nothing for an indefinite period.

Piccadilly.
A theory as to the origin of Piccadilly was put forward by Archdeacon Bickersteth many years ago. He had discovered a Piccadilly among the Chilterns, the central one of three conical hills near Twynhoe, and he learned that this hill had at one time been known also as Peaked hill. Might not London's Piccadilly likewise be a Peaked hill? No doubt the hill in Piccadilly is not remarkably peaky, but, then, the same thing might be said of the Derbyshire peak itself. There is another Piccadilly near Aberystwyth, and yet another near Bolton. But in the provinces one always suspects borrowing from London in such cases. There are Hyde Park Corners in provincial towns that have no Hyde park to justify them.—London Chronicle.

Imperative.
An infantry soldier named Scheiber died on the last day of his leave in his home in a little village in upper Austria. The village burgomaster, himself an old soldier, remembered that the commanding officer of Scheiber's regiment should be notified of the death, and he proceeded to do so in the following letter:

"The undersigned village burgomaster requests on behalf of the soldier Scheiber two days' more leave, as otherwise his interment cannot take place."—Vienna Press.

Remarkable Vision.
An old woman who had been in the infirmary with sore eyes told a neighbor that the doctor took out her eyes and scraped them with lancet. "Nonsense, woman," replied the other. "Ye shouldn't believe all ye hear. The doctors would only be stuffing ye." "Oh, but ye know it's no use saying that, for I awakened up out of the chloroform and saw both of my eyes lying on the table!"

PARADISE FISHES.

These Creatures Live in Odd Nests Composed of Air Bubbles.

Paradise fishes come from Japan, and their nests are very odd indeed, for they are composed of air bubbles. Unlike goldfish, they will breed and raise their young in an aquarium or even in a glass globe, and they raise three or four broods each year.

Ordinarily the male paradise fish is of a dull silvery color, but when he goes a-courting he puts on a brilliant coat, striped with streaks of red, blue and green. When the female fish is ready to lay eggs, she builds her nest by swallowing air and making bubbles, which are held together by a sticky secretion that comes from her mouth.

The eggs rise in the water and find a resting place among the air bubbles, to which they cling. The female fish tries to swallow the eggs, but her husband drives her away and keeps guard until the eggs are hatched. If the air bubbles burst, the male fish blows some more, so that the nest is always floating on the surface of the water.

At the end of five days the young are hatched out. They cannot swim, but cling like tadpoles to the air bubbles. If one falls, the father fish catches it in his mouth and blows it up among the bubbles again. He does not leave his little ones until they are able to swim, and then they take care of themselves.

HOUSE OF NAPOLEON.

The Dwelling in Corsica in Which the Great Man Was Born.

Historically Ajaccio, Corsica, is of the utmost importance, for here it was that on the 15th of August, 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born, and here it was that the future emperor spent his youth, enlightened by an intelligent and lovely mother. The "Casa Napoleon" is one of the—or, I should say, the principal building in Ajaccio. It is a solid three story building, with gray stucco walls and a number of large windows. Situated in the old part of the town, one would scarcely find it were it not for the boys who tender their services to guide the stranger to the place.

Although plundered in 1793 by the partisans of Pauli, the heroic Corsican fighter for liberty, the house still contains a few reminiscences of the great warrior. Besides a number of ordinary rooms, each room containing some furniture, one finds the bedroom where Napoleon was born, as well as Napoleon's sleeping and study room, with his bed and table; his father's study, still beautifully furnished, and the drawing room, in which are his mother's piano and her sedan chair.

THE WORD "FELLOW."

Its Honorable Beginning and Its Later Day Decline.

The degeneracy of a good word was illustrated in a case at Branksome (Dorset), in which a witness spoke of the defendant as "this fellow" and was ordered by the bench to substitute "this man." "Fellow" began very honorably by meaning a person who put down money with others in a joint undertaking, its component parts being akin respectively to "fee" (property) and to "lay" and "law." To this day it is dignified to be a fellow of a college, and nobody minds being called a "fellow citizen," a "fellow Christian" or a "good fellow."

But ordinarily "fellow" alone ranks now as in the painful scene in which Mr. Tupman said, "Sir, you're a fellow," and Mr. Pickwick retorted, "Sir, you're another." In the fourteenth century it was customary to call a servant "fellow" in kindly condescension. Perhaps that explains the word's decline, though it may be due to the use of "fellow" in the sense of boon companion. "Companion" and "mate" also were contemptuous at one time.—London Chronicle.

Percy Bysshe Shelley.
While it is as a poet that Shelley will always be remembered, the fact must not be overlooked that he had a passion for reforming the world, before all things. He wrote many valuable essays and pamphlets on questions of the day some time before he ascended the world with his brilliance as a poet. Of his lyric work it has been said that it "presents a sum total of high creative music, profound thought and transcendent music such as cannot be found elsewhere in English literature."

For a Sluggish Liver.
When your liver is really sluggish, practice the following exercises at least twice a day: Stretch one arm up as high as you can, while with the other one try and reach down toward the floor. Then reverse the position of the arms. You will find that you will unconsciously bend the body toward the lower arm. By this exercise the side muscles are strengthened, and the liver, which is like a sponge, is squeezed, and is thus much assisted in its work.

Economy.
Lady Shopper—Have you any of your one dollar goods marked down to 99 cents? Salesman—None left, ma'am. We have the \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 grades at the regular price and the \$5 grade marked down to—Lady Shopper—Give me the \$5 grade.

From Experience.
Ellie—I shan't read any more novels. They all stop when he wins his sweetheart, and then it's just the best part. Father—Little blockhead! Who told you that was the best part?—Floh.

What a different world this would be if we were all as smart as we think we are.

A QUEER OLD GUN.

The Way the Ancient Matchlock Was Loaded and Fired.

Among the arms now obsolete which formed a large part of the infantry equipment in the days when the army was started was the pike, which was in the form of a spear, with a flat and pointed head, mounted on a staff from thirteen to eighteen feet long. The firearm in general use at the time was the matchlock.

What would a sergeant major of the present day, with his men armed with the magazine rifle, think of such a weapon as this: "Attached to the lock of this musket was a pan; also a cock, the hammer of which was somewhat in the form of a bird's, serpent's or dog's head. This head was split, and a screw compressed or eased the slits. The piece being loaded first with powder and then with ball, some powder was poured into the pan. The pan was then shut to keep this 'priming' from dropping out and to keep it dry. When the soldier wished to fire, he fastened his burning match into the slit of the cock, opened the pan, looked to his priming, presented and pulled the trigger. The match, falling into the powder in the pan, fired it.

"Between the pan and breech of the barrel communication was established by means of a small hole. When the piece was being loaded the grains of powder were initially rammed and shaken down close to this hole, and when priming the soldier took care to perfect the communication of the powder in the pan with that in the barrel. Thus the explosion in the pan caused the ignition of the charge."—London Graphic.

The Price of Silence.
A well known business man in a town not far from Cincinnati discovered one morning on entering his office that his safe was out of order. He immediately telegraphed to Philadelphia for an expert.

When the latter arrived he found that the safe, an old fashioned affair locked with a key, could not be opened. After a hasty examination the expert, taking a piece of wire, dug out from the key a mass of dust and lint. He then opened the safe in the twinkling of an eye. The business man wore a sickly smile as he asked meekly: "How much?"

"Twenty dollars."

"Do any of your firm's patrons here know of your visit?"

"Not a soul but yourself."

"Then," added the business man, "here's \$40. I'll take it to be a great favor if you'll hustle out by the first train. If any one in this town knew that I paid a man \$20 to dig dirt out of a key for me I'd never do another dollar's worth of business in the whole state."

How She Knew He Lost.
"I can always tell whether my husband wins or loses at poker," said the woman in a red gown at an afternoon tea the other day.

"I always know when my husband wins," said a woman in pink. "If he wins he makes peace with me by buying a present, but it is only when he wins that I am told of the game at all. On other occasions when he comes in late it is always because of a pressing business engagement."

"My husband lost last night," the woman in red said. "I had been out late myself to a business meeting of the club and was still up when he came in. He frowned upon seeing the house illuminated and said: 'For heaven's sake turn out some of these lights and cut down expenses!'"

The Bank Clerk.
It is the duty of the clerk to be zealous. The low spirited has no place in a bank. Neither has the frivolous. The man who works for a bank is respected in his community because it is known that the character of his work is important and particular. He must not only be direct and speedy in what he does, he must not only be faithful and constant in all that he does, but he must go a step further and do what he does with a will, and a good will at that. Zeal requires interest and enthusiasm. One of the troubles with the bank clerk is that his senses and his buoyancy are apt to be dulled by the endless repetition of details. There is no way to shirk it. No bank clerk can go home at night with his work unfinished.—C. W. Stevenson in Bankers' Monthly.

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WILLARD KITCHEN,
March 12—41mo. Administrator.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the ensuing session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of building a railway from a point at or near Letang, in the Parish of St. George, in the County of Charlotte, to a point on the Saint Croix River in the County of York. St. George, N. B., February 12th, 1907.
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