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THE HEADLESS BANDIT.

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Dr. Loya, a French physician, who greatly interested himself in the question, "What passes in the head of a decapitated human being?" related the following remarkable story, which he stated was taken from the archives of the Vienna courts: It was in the year — that Schoenburg, a well known bandit, and four of his associates were caught and condemned to death. They were already on their knees ready to pay the penalty of their bloody deeds by submitting to the awful fate of decapitation when Schoenburg addressed the judge, asking that his four companions might be pardoned on certain conditions. "If," asked the bandit, "after I am beheaded I get up and walk to the feet of my comrades, will you pardon him?" The judge thought that he was pretty safe in complying with the request. "Then," continued Schoenburg, "if I walk to the second, the third and the fourth, will you pardon them also?" The judge replied that if such a miraculous feat could be performed he would obtain pardons for the other three also. The bandit was now satisfied, and, bending his head, he received the fatal blow. Instantly the head rolled down in the sand, but to the surprise and horror of all present the headless trunk arose and walked alone. Alas! it appeared, the body walked around until it passed the first, the second, the third and the fourth condemned bandit, when it fell down and became motionless. Query, "How could a headless body think?"

THE COUNTRY HOUSE.

A Room Apart That Should Be Known as the "Office."

The most privately conducted home must communicate with increasing frequency with the world outside. The coal man, the ice man, the automobile repair shop must be upgraded or ejected. Reports must be reviewed, accounts kept, bills examined and the senders occasionally treated with a check. From a room removed from the rest of the house one must speak with the railway station, settle with the expressman or deliberate with the chauffeur or coachman, for none of those things should disturb the tranquility of the home or the equanimity of guests. If the house is to minister to all the activities of a home it is better term of living. For want of a better term a room devoted to such a purpose may be called the "office" of the house. Here the telephone stands on a table that bears also the miscellaneous utensils and printed matter that are always wanted in a house where they cannot be found. Here are cookbooks, gardening books, dictionaries, time tables, with a few old plates, a cast or two, bits of Dresden, water colors and a few cherished photographs relieve an otherwise humdrum collection of necessities. Here arriving parcels are placed and the daily mail opened. Mysterious cupboards there are and drawers with locks that work—indoors and out.

FORGAVE MRS. SIDDONS.

She Did Not, According to Her Father, Marry an Actor.

Mrs. Siddons, the actress, was born in 1755 at the Shoulder of Mutton inn, Brecon, south Wales, of parents connected with the theater, her father, Roger Kemble, being a strolling manager. The child Sarah was reared in a theatrical atmosphere, and at ten she was playing Ariel.

As she grew up she became very beautiful and had many admirers, among whom was Henry Siddons, a young actor in her father's company, who had little difficulty in winning the girl's heart. Mr. and Mrs. Kemble had made up their minds that Sarah should not marry in the profession, in consequence of which they strenuously opposed the marriage, and young Siddons in a fit of retaliatory humor composed a song detailing their opposition and his speedy dismissal from the company. Sarah left the company, too, and hired out as lady's maid in Warwickshire for two years.

During this time the lovers carried on a lively correspondence, and finally, gaining the reluctant consent of the Kembles, were married at Trinity church, Coventry, in 1773, when Sarah was eighteen.

It is said that Mr. Kemble told her if she ever married an actor it would make him discard her forever. After her marriage he said, "I may forgive you without breaking my word, for you have certainly not married an actor," whatever the gentleman himself may think is his vocation." This is an authority of Lady Eleanor Butler, who knew the persons.

MEANINGS OF CALIBER.

Either the Diameter of a Gun or its Length Divided by Diameter.

There is surely no word in the nomenclature of guns, big and little, which has caused and is causing so much confusion in the lay mind as the word "caliber."

The confusion arises chiefly from the use of the term in an adjectival sense to indicate length, as when we say a 50 caliber six inch gun.

The word caliber as applied to artillery signifies essentially and at all times the diameter of the bore of a gun. A gun, then, of six inch caliber is a gun whose bore is just six inches.

For convenience and because the power of a gun when once its bore has been decided upon depends so greatly upon its length, artillerymen are in the habit of defining the length of the gun in terms of the caliber.

The six inch rapid fire gun, as mounted on the ships of the navy, is a trifle under twenty-five feet in length and is therefore known as a 50 caliber gun.

In the case of small arms the caliber is expressed in hundredths of an inch, as when we say a 22 caliber or 32 caliber pistol, meaning that the bore is .22 or .32 of an inch in diameter.—Scientific American.

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GRUB STREET IN NEW YORK.

A Gastronomic Assignment and the Fate of an Epic.

A story is told of a poet who came to the metropolis with a completed epic. This found no acceptance, so after cursing the stupidity of the public and the publishers he took to writing "Sunday stuff." Soon the matter of fact attitude of the workers around him, with the practical view of the market he secured, led him to doubt the literary value of the work he had done in the sentimental atmosphere of his native place.

Frequently a commission to write a column of humor a week came to him, and he cut his epic into short lengths, tacked a squib on each fragment and eventually succeeded in printing it all as humor at a price many times larger than the historic one brought by "Paradise Lost."

Another newcomer brought unsalable plays and high notions of the austerity of the artistic vocation. Three months after his arrival he was delighted to get a commission to write the handbook a utilitarian publisher proposed to sell to visitors seeing the metropolis. This commission brought not only a fair payment for the manuscript on delivery, but involved a vital secondary consideration. The title of the work was "Where to Eat in New York," and its preparation made it necessary for the author to dine each evening for a month in a different cafe at the proprietor's expense.—James H. Collins in Atlantic.

BADLY TREATED.

The Census Taker—Your name, mum? "I don't know."

"Beg pardon, mum."

"I've been divorced. At present my name is Mrs. Jones in this state. In several states it is Miss Smith, my maiden name, and in three states it is Mrs. Brown, my first husband's name."

"This your residence, mum?"

"I eat and sleep here, but I have a trunk in a neighboring state, where I am getting a divorce from my present husband."

"Then you're married at present?"

"I'm married in Texas, New York and Massachusetts, divorced in South Dakota, Missouri, Alaska, Oklahoma and California, a bigamist in three other states and a single woman in eight others."—Chicago Tribune.

FISHERMEN.

There Are Two Classes, the Genuine and the Pretenders.

It has sometimes been said that fishermen cannot be manufactured. This is true to the extent that nothing can supply the lack of certain inherent, constitutional and inborn qualities or traits which are absolutely necessary to a fisherman's makeup. Of course there are many who call themselves fishermen and who insist upon their membership in the fraternity who have not in their veins a drop of legitimate fisherman blood. Their self asserted relationship is nevertheless sometimes seized upon by malicious or ignorant critics as permitting the assumption that the weaknesses and sins of these pretenders are the weaknesses and sins of genuine fishermen. But in truth these pretenders are only interlopers who have learned a little fish language, who love to fish only "when they bite," who wince at bad luck, who betray a meagreness when they hear a roasting fish story and who do or leave undone many other things fatal to good and regular standing. They are like certain whites called squawmen who hang about Indian reservations and gain certain advantages in the tribes by marrying full blooded Indian women. Surely no just person would for a moment suppose that genuine Indians could be treated fairly by measuring them according to a squawman standard. Neither can genuine fishermen be fairly treated by judging them according to the standards presented by squaw fishermen.—From "Fishing and Shooting Sketches," by Grover Cleveland.

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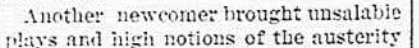
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JAPANESE SAINTS.

The One Most Beloved by the People is Bizen.

Among the many Buddhist-Shinto saints, whose quaint effigies set up in every conceivable nook and corner of Japan make it a "country of graven images," one of the most impressive and interesting is the pathetic person called Bizen. He was once upon a time a member of that strange company of Buddhist disciples known as the "Sixteen Rakkian." But one day he fell from grace by remarking upon the attractions of a woman, and he was expelled from the society of chaste brethren. The great Buddha gave him, in return for all that his worldliness had cost him, power to heal humankind and to grant the prayers of children whose longings for motherhood. But he was put outside the temples. He must henceforth sit without, in the midst of the passing throng, and submit himself to personal contact with all that was unclean and healthless. The simple hearted people love him, I think, above all saints. His wooden images in the temple porches are the strangest objects in all Japan. They give him soft cushions to sit upon, and he is always clothed in quaint little cotton stuff collars and mufflers in all sorts of soiled looking colors, and on his head his devotees usually keep a curious little cotton cap.—Eleanor Franklin in Leslie's Weekly.

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A CONTRAST.

French and English Women as They Cross a Muddy Street.

See a Parisienne cross a muddy street. She advances tiptoe to the edge of the pavement, poises like a bird ready for a flight, deftly raises her dress more than enough to show her embroidered skirt, the dainty hose and elegant bottines, and without more delay she trips across, toe and heel barely touching and the mud refusing to cling to the fairy feet that hardly leave an impression on it. Landed on the other side, she gives her fine feathers a little shake into place and passes on with shoes that look as if just put on at that moment.

Watch an Englishwoman immediately afterward. She reaches the curbstone, comes to a dead standstill and stolidly contemplates the muddy road. Finally she selects a route. Then, very cautiously, she lifts her dress, making sure that the tops of her shoes are under cover; then, slowly advancing, she puts her right foot out. Flump it goes, the water oozing over it, and then splash, splash, splash, until the other side is reached, when with soiled skirts and soaked shoes she proceeds on her wet and muddy way.

Nothing could be more characteristic of their respective nationalities, and nothing could be more amusing than their mutual contempt for each other's ways.—Translated from the French For St. Louis Republic.

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"Well," replied the elevator man, "so it was safe to go up. You see, the dangerous part of it was coming down!"—Philadelphia Press.

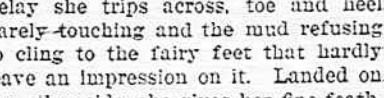
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