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A Queer Ornament.

Some years ago we found in a secret drawer of a pearl-embroidered work-box three locks of hair fastened to small enamel heart-shaped mounts, with silver eyelets. Two were inscribed "R. C. Oct. 16th April, 1864." "R. C. 1864." The third had no inscription at all. In this box I now keep an engraving of a portrait of Elizabeth, queen of Bohemia, which plainly shows the curl of hair in her left ear, attached to a pearl earring. The painting, by Gerard Honthorst, was engraved by G. Verue.

When I showed these hair earrings to a gentleman of some considerable learning he informed me that an uncle of Anne, wife of King James I., was afflicted by a malady, still prevalent in Poland and some parts of Russia, which consists of a growth of hair and flesh pendent from the ear, on which it is dangerous to operate owing to the profuse hemorrhage which ensues. He added that in consequence of this royal infirmity a fashion arose in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries of wearing locks of hair pendent from the left ears. I believe there is a portrait of a Stuart lady still at Ham House so adorned—London Notes and Queries.

The Pilot Fish.

A little fish about which many interesting fancies cluster is the pilot fish. Aelian tells us that pilot fishes were supposed to be kindly disposed toward sailors and therefore liked to approach ships, which they continued with and guided until they reached land. They were deemed sacred to Neptune, the god of the ocean, who protected them from designed injury; consequently a man who had ventured to eat one soon afterward lost his son by drowning. Apollo was said to have changed a fisherman named Pimplus, who had crossed him in his loves, into a pilot fish and condemned him for all eternity to the task of gratuitous pilotage. He is also said to be a pilot of sharks, and is said to warn the latter away from baited hooks and other dangers and lead them to food. There really does exist a strange bond of friendship between the huge shark and this little member of the mackerel family, which are often to be seen traveling together, although the pilot fish's supposed care to warn its companion of impending danger and to provide food for it is a fallacy pure and simple.

An English Election Trick.

Corruption at elections in England took many curious forms in olden days, but there have been few more ingenious plans for securing the election of the desired candidate than that practiced at Sanford in 1700. It was doubtful which way the polling would go unless a receiving officer could be found willing to pass some twenty-six persons who still wanted seventeen days to complete the six months' residence required by law. Accordingly it was arranged that the candidate should insist on all the six votes demanded by statute being administered to each voter individually, and this, together with the time spent in dealing with every frivolous objection raised by counsel, made it impossible to poll more than four votes a day, so that the twenty-six were duly qualified by the time their turn came to vote.

The Tramp's Reason.

The late Joseph Dorsey of San Jose, the famous detective whose best feat was the capture of Alton Bernard after a chase from Alaska to Cape Horn, used to impute his success to his knowledge of men.

"A detective," he would say, "should know the habits of every class. Then no disguise can deceive him. All men, even the most unmethodical, have their habits. Even the tramp has his."

"You great big lazy loafer," I said to a tramp one December day. "You ought to be in jail."

"Yes, Algie," the tramp replied as he pretended to fix a tin-rod in his eye. "Yes; I know it's the correct thing for our set at this season, Algie; but, deuce take it, it's such a mild winter, don't you know?"—Kansas City Star.

An Indirect Hit.

A patient who was suffering from a scalp wound was recently admitted to a hospital. "How did this happen?" asked the resident surgeon.

"The wife hit me on the head with a stone," was the answer.

"It's the first time I ever heard of a woman hitting anything she aimed at," the doctor observed jokingly.

"Oh, she didn't aim at me! She was throwing the stone at our neighbor's fowls, and I was standing behind her!"—London Graphic.

What a Change!

"He used to kiss me every time we passed through a tunnel before our marriage," said the little woman, with sad reflections.

"And does he do so now?" asked the bosom friend.

"No; he takes a drink."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Reduced.

"Old Juggleworth died at an advanced age, didn't he?"

"On the contrary, he died at a greatly reduced age. He was really twenty years older than he said he was."—Chicago News.

The Penalty.

Jinks—How much do you think a minister ought to get for marrying a couple? Filkins—Well, if wholly unacquainted with them, perhaps he might be let off with six months.

His Way of Putting It.

Sillicus—Do you believe there is honor among thieves? Cynicus—No; they are just as bad as other people.—Philadelphia Record.

The Code of Hammurabi.

The so-called "code of Hammurabi" was brought to light during the excavations on the site of Babylon and is looked upon as being one of the very oldest if not the oldest of all known records. It is believed to be at least 1,000 years older than the Mosaic law. King Hammurabi reigned over Babylon about the year 2300 B. C., and the laws he iscribed on the clay tablets for the most part do not doubt long antedate that time. The Mosaic law is supposed to have been given to Israel about 1200 B. C., and it would appear, therefore, that the Hammurabi code has the much greater antiquity.—New York American.

Tons of Pins.

Nothing better shows the bigness of little things than the manufacture of pins. In England there are made each week between fifteen and sixteen tons of the small necessities, the materials being iron, steel and brass. The yearly production would amount to about 100 tons. The number of pins included in this great weight would make any ordinary figures seem insignificant—would, in fact, defy realization or comprehension. Germany also makes great quantities of pins, her production totaling about 144 tons a year. The United States makes great quantities of pins and imports many from England. Most of the latter country's output is manufactured in Birmingham by two firms, one of which has been in existence nearly a century and the other over a century.—Philadelphia North American.

How Every Man Should Vote.

"Anybody who doesn't vote my way is a damned fool!" exclaimed a little man on an outdoor trolley car.

"What's that?" asked a big man, turning around in his seat and looking back.

"Anybody who doesn't vote my way is a damned fool!" repeated the little man.

"Did I understand you aright?" asked the big man, rising from his seat and coming back to the rear of the car where the little man was seated.

The little man looked the big man over, but he was game and said once more, "Anybody who doesn't vote my way is a damned fool!"

"Hold on a minute said the big man, who seemed on the point of starting something. "First, tell me which way you are going to vote."

A foxy gleam shot into the eyes of the little man, and he piped as dauntlessly as ever, "I'm going to vote any way I darned please!"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Getting Away From Land.

The question has been asked, Is it possible to sail 1,000 miles from land? This can be done at several points. By leaving San Francisco and sailing northwestward into the north Pacific a spot is reached where there is no land, not even an islet, for 1,000 miles in any direction. So, too, sailing from the southern point of Kamchatka southeastward ships reach a spot equally distant from land of any kind, the nearest to the north being the Aleutian islands and to the south the outlying members of the Sandwich group. In the southern Indian ocean it is possible to sail 1,000 miles out from the southern points of Australia and New Zealand and still be as far from any other land, and the same may be done in a westerly direction from Cape Horn. Indeed, from this point a much longer distance might be reached, for the southern Pacific between the Horn and New Zealand covers a space of 80 degrees of longitude and 40 of latitude of absolutely unbroken sea, making its central point over 1,200 miles from anywhere.

Waco and Arkansas.

Every town has a right to pronounce its name in its own way, but Texas never seemed to get together on the pronunciation of the name "Waco." Years ago Texas was represented by two senators, one of whom called the town "Wak-ko," and the other insisted it was "Wack-ko." The reading clerks had a merry time. If the word were read one way the opposing senator would make a complaint, and vice versa.

It recalls the time when Arkansas was represented in the senate by Garland and Walker. One insisted that the state should be called "Arkansas," just as it is spelled. The other always insisted upon "Arkansaw." John J. Ingalls, who was presiding officer of the senate in those days, had the matter down to such a nicety that he would recognize the one as "the senator from Arkansas" and the other as "the senator from Arkansaw," being very careful to give each senator his favorite pronunciation.—Washington Cor. St. Louis Star.

Opened His Eyes.

The dapper little traveling man glanced at the menu and then looked at the pretty waitress. "Nice day, little one," he began.

"Yes, it is," she answered, "and so was yesterday, and my name is Ella, and I know I'm a little peach and have pretty blue eyes, and I've been here quite awhile and like the place, and I don't think I'm too nice a girl to be working in a hotel. If I did I'd quit my job. And my wages are satisfactory, and I don't know if there is a show or a dance in town tonight, and if there is I shall not go with you, and I'm from the country, and I'm a respectable girl, and my brother is cook in this hotel, and he weighs 200 pounds, and last week he wiped up this dining room floor with a fresh fifty dollar a month traveling man who tried to flirt with me. Now, what'll you have?"

The dapper little traveling man said he was not very hungry and a cup of coffee and some hot cakes would do.—Exchange.

Trapping Baboons.

Hagenbeck in his book says that baboons are caught in traps made much like the huts of serapies. Food is put into the hut, and once the baboons go inside a trapdoor closes behind them. Outside baboons make a great to do and urge the prisoners to escape. When the trappers come the captured baboons are terror stricken and try to force their heads through the walls of the huts. One baboon was caught three times in the same trap, and several when turned loose got back into the same trap a second time. When the baboons are carried away all their comrades therewith follow and scream and scream out to the prisoners, who answer in sad, mournful voices. On one occasion some big Arabian baboons were trapped, when 2,000 or 3,000 baboons burst themselves upon the trappers, who had hard work to save themselves with firearms and clubs. As the trappers were forced back the victorious baboons tore up the trap and turned loose the captured baboons.

Ink at \$100 a Pound.

"The best India ink—It should really be called China ink—never leaves China," said a missionary. "It costs \$100 a pound, and the scribes use it in writing the correspondence of the royal family and the mandarins. India ink is made of the oil of poisonous seeds of the sesamum or colza tree. Varnish and pork fat are added to the oil, and then, by means of combustion, all is changed to lampblack. The lampblack paste mixed with glue is beaten for days on an anvil, and must be gradually mixed in to give perfume and the purest gold leaf to give a rich luster. Finally the ink is dried in molds for about a month. What makes the best India ink so costly is its purity and, above all, the long time given to its combustion and subsequent beating. If you saw its beauty you wouldn't think it dear at \$100 a pound."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Lord Southey's Guillotine.

The most eccentric action of an eccentric man was Lord Southey's cool arrangement for suicide by means of a guillotine. He had a magnificent one erected in the drawing room of his house in the Rue du Luxembourg at Paris. The machine was of ebony inlaid with gold and silver, the framework carved with artistic skill; the knife, sharp as a razor, was of polished and ornamented steel. Preparing for death, his lordship had his hair cut close, and, clothed in a robe of white silk, he knelt upon the platform under the knife before a mirror and expressed the feelings which should release the knife. But the spring failed to work, and the would-be suicide decided to give the guillotine to a museum instead of making a second attempt to end his life. It is said that he made an annual pilgrimage to see the guillotine until the end of his life.

How the Chinese Preserve Grapes.

To preserve grapes the Chinese cut a circular piece out of a ripe pumpkin or gourd, making an aperture large enough to admit the hand. The inside is cleaned out, the grapes placed in it and the cover replaced and pressed in firmly. The pumpkins are then put in a cool place, and the grapes retain their freshness for a long time. Careful selection of the pumpkin is requisite, the common field pumpkin, however, being well adapted for the purpose.

Quite Willing to Migrate.

A traveler passing through a fever infected locality said to an Irish resident:

"Pat, I'm surprised that you stay in a place where people die so thick and fast."

"Faith," rejoined Pat, "if you'll be after tellin' me at a place where people niver die O'll move there to-morrow an' end me days."

His Relay Stunt.

"Dad, I was simply great in relay events," boasted the boy from college.

"Good enough, son! We'll make use of them talents. Your man will soon be ready to relay the carpets."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Miles of Them.

Lady (in modern bookstore)—I wish to see all of the latest books. Salesman—Very well, madam. Will you kindly step on board this scenic railway?—Life.

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Persevering mediocrity is much more respectable and unspookily more useful than talented inconstancy.

—Hamilton.

Wanted Her to Have the Best. Nellie—Who's the best? Is it me? Better—I should say. He said the best was none too good for me, and then he proposed.—Philadelphia Record.

It's usually when a man speaks without thinking that he says what he thinks.—Philadelphia Record.

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