

HUMORIST HAD LAST LAUGH!

How Mark Twain Turned Joke on Vienna Authorities Will Be New Story to Many.

The letters of Mark Twain record but little concerning the years he spent in the Austrian capital, the Christian Science Monitor observes. The humorist did some special writing for American papers during these "Wanderjahre." Indeed, the Vienna journalists took him to their hearts as a colleague of a particularly genial type and often invited him to a friendly "spread," at which the guests were members of the Austrian fourth estate. The story of how he got into trouble with the authorities, through the indiscretions of a Vienna journalist, has probably never been published.

As the tale goes, a certain reporter, either in a facetious or a vindictive moment, gave out that Mark Twain had been seen suspiciously loitering about the bridge which spans the Danube canal near the Ring strasse, and not far from the Hotel Metropole, at which the Clemenses lived. Mark could not let his reflection upon his character go unchallenged. He hastened to explain—to apologize, in fact, for having given the authorities the slightest anxiety about him.

The explanation was thoroughly Twainlike. He had found by the bridge the longest German word he had ever seen and, in order to comprehend it in all its longitude and latitude, he had planned one end of it to the bridge with the idea of unfolding it! Bearing his precious burden with him, he came to the opposite end of the bridge, only, alas, to find that he still had yards to spare! The apology was accepted with many a broad grin.

EXPLAINING GODS OF EGYPT

Prof. Flinders Petrie Has Thrown Much Light on Sources of Mythology of Ancient Land.

The question of the character and origin of the local gods of Egypt is still obscure; but a paper by Prof. Flinders Petrie, published in "Ancient Egypt," part 3, 1917, does much to clear it up. Professor Petrie collected the original records of these cults, and by marking the headquarters of each deity he arrived at important results. It appears in only one southern city, and his cult seems to have come from the northeast. The distribution of Mut, the mother-goddess, is decidedly eastern, while that of Amen is western. Set was certainly brought into Egypt by the desert road, as he had there two centers of the first class, and he was introduced by the Red sea way to the eastern delta.

The distribution of the Osiride triad indicates a settlement so early in the land that the worship was generally diffused. Professor Petrie sums up his article thus: "The geography of the worship of the gods is thus seen to have a considerable value historically, as bearing on their origin and connections. When more complete research into the localities of various uncertain names may extend our identifications, it will be possible to get more light on the sources of Egyptian mythology."—Nature.

Where Civilization Started.

The industrial settlements were places of refuge for a pastoral and agricultural people and the light and dryness that characterized the dwellings show a step in advance toward more permanent abodes. In this period science places the beginning of civilization.

By these linen-spinning men spinning and weaving were invented. Agriculture was born among them; animals were domesticated—the ox, the cow, the sheep, the goat, the dog. The uses of metal were discovered and the age of iron was ushered in.

Habitations similar to these still exist in the East Indies and among the American tribes of Maracibo. They existed also in Lake Prasias, in Thracia, during the time of Herodotus, the Greek historian.

Chinese Exports of Human Hair.

Since the abolition of the queue after the fall of the Manchu dynasty long pig-tails of Chinese hair are no longer readily available. The dealers are relying more and more on the combings of women, although there are men who make it a part of their business to let their hair grow to about eight inches in length and then sell it to the barber, who in turn sells to the small trade in hair. For exporting, hair is assorted according to length and tied in bunches. Most of the exports go to England, France and the United States, where the hair is bleached with peroxide, thinned with acid and boiled in dye. It is thus rendered finer in texture and, incidentally, absolutely sanitary. The appearance of the hair is also completely changed.

Little Danger of Salt Famine.

So universally needed, salt deposits are found in many parts of the world. The quantity of salt in the ocean is said to be equal to at least five times the mass of the Alps. Near Cracow, Poland, is a bed 500 miles long, 20 miles wide and a quarter of a mile thick. This mine is the greatest of its kind in the world and houses a complete city under the earth's crust engaged in operating the salt deposits. Houses, streets, electric lights and all the accessories of above-ground villages are here found. Mine mules have been born in the Cracow works, to live a long life of usefulness without once ever coming to the surface.

Under False Colors

By GEORGE WAVERLY KEELING

(Copyright, 1918, Western Newspaper Union.)

It was in September when all Fordham was made curious and interested by the fact that the old Worden place, which had lain neglected and unoccupied for five years, found an occupant. Quietly and at night a great van arrived, delivered its load of furniture, and the turreted mansion with its ten acres of garden awoke to signs of life.

Old Lem Watts, who received a fair stipend for airing the house once in awhile, pruning the fruit trees and keeping the place presentable in case a tenant or purchaser appeared, could not satisfy the inquisitiveness of the villagers to any appreciable degree. The new tenant, he said, was an old man, a Mr. Dale. Besides himself there was John and Betsy Wade, apparently old family servants, secretive and uncommunicative. Their master never showed himself and there was no inquiring as to where they came from, nor as to how long they intended to stay.

That he was a generous, kind-hearted individual was soon evidenced. Every fall it had been the custom of the miserly loving lady of the village to surreptitiously visit the fruit orchard and molen patch of the Worden place. Juvenile Fordham was astute as one morning they found the high barred gate wide open, bearing the glaring announcement: "Boys invited. Take all you want, but don't break the trees or waste the fruit."

Miss Inez Lewis, teacher of the district school, heard of this and was naturally interested. When the annual visit of the schoolmen to the school came around, she was deeply grateful when Wade appeared with a great basket of flowers.

"Mr. Dale sent them to decorate the school room," he told Miss Lewis.

"He is very kind and thoughtful," said Inez. "Please thank him for all of us."

"We just date on the old hermit," one of the scholars told her.

With the first deep snow of the winter there came another demonstration of the good will of "The Hermit," as the stranger was called. Inez took the walks cleared of snow up to the school house door and learned that Mr. Dale had been seen behind a horse and scraper before daylight.

There was a spell of bright warm weather in late November—"squaw winter," the country folks dubbed it. One evening Inez discovered that she had left at the school house some written exercises that must be corrected by morning. She went alone to the isolated school house, secured the papers, and, returning, made a short cut by crossing the open space lying the old mansion. One room was lighted. As she passed opposite to it Inez paused involuntarily.

Within the room was the man she had never seen before save at a distance. To the amazement of Inez the hermit was removing a false white beard. Amazed, spellbound, Inez witnessed the transformation of a seeming octogenarian into a handsome, pleasant faced young man. Where had she seen that face or its counterpart presentment before? Oh! she remembered. Her father was sheriff of the county. A month previous, added to his collection of "Reward Offered" and "Arrest on Sight," she had been attracted by the photograph. She now recalled the picture—it was that of the disguised Mr. Dale. The circular promised a liberal reward for information that would lead to the locating of Walter Blair, "wanted."

"I cannot believe it," reflected Inez, "and oh! it would grieve me to have him discovered, for he must have some great kindly impulse in his nature, and the boys think the world of him, and then that free! Oh, no! he cannot be a criminal."

Poor, tender-hearted Inez! She worried over the situation all night. Suppose her father should discover this hidden identity and, as duty bound, should drag this deer of kindly deeds to prison! Inez made a staunch resolution. On her way to school next morning she stopped at the old mansion and rang the door bell. To her surprise, denied of all disguise, Mr. Dale answered the summons.

"Come in, Miss Lewis, won't you?" he invited. "I feel that I know you, for I have seen you pass each day."

"Oh!" spoke Inez, trembling and embarrassed. "I have some—that is—there is a notice from the city—my father, as sheriff, got one, about—"

"One Walter Blair?" intimated her host, with a quick smile. "Dear little lady, I assume you have come to warn me?"

"I haven't any right to," fluttered Inez, "but you have been so good, so kind."

"Let me relieve your mind," spoke the young man pleasantly. "I have been in hiding, disguised, for many months to evade being a witness in a case that would mean ruin to a close friend. Yesterday I received word that the case was settled, so I can resume my right name and personality once more. And your kind impulse to aid me, as you thought—I shall never forget it."

Nor Inez, either, her winsome face, her gentle sympathy, he could have told her, and how a sight of her daily had cheered his enforced solitude. Walter Blair left that until better acquainted, he announced his love and asked Inez to become his wife.

LEND, NOT GIVE

In asking people to invest in War Savings Stamps, the Government is not asking them to contribute money.

It is merely asking for the use of money, and willing to pay liberally for it.

The Government simply wishes to employ your money and pay for its services just as it would employ you and pay you for your services.

You will get your money back with interest—compound interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. The stamps mature in five years, but you can cash them any time you wish before the date of maturity and still get interest—at three per cent.

If you need the services of your money before five years, the savings stamp handed to the postmaster will be the letter of resignation, and you'll get your money back with additional payment for the time the Government has used it.

There is no red tape, no bother, no uncertainty, no worry. It is the simplest, safest, and most satisfactory investment you can make.

Greenville, S. C., June 8, 1918.
Editor The Advertiser:

Please call attention of your subscribers to the fact that all women of German birth over the age of fourteen are required to register under the act for the registration of German alien females. This registering will be done in towns of less than five thousand inhabitants by the local postmaster, beginning June 17 to June 26.

Respectfully,
Thos. H. Pope.

Again Appointed Census Agent.

Mr. C. W. McCravy, who has been government census agent for the county for a long term of years, has been re-appointed for the year 1918-19. The principal duties of the agent is to secure statistics on cotton ginnings.



For all the family - the new beverage

Here is the ideal beverage for the whole family—strong, healthful, and delicious.

It is ideal because it is a delicious, healthful, soft drink that is not only a satisfying thirst quencher, but has real nutritive value.

It is Kovar—the new beverage.

Kovar is made by special processes recently discovered and used exclusively by Piel Bros.

Made with famous Saazer hops

It is made with the famous Saazer hops, certified cereals and pure water. All these materials are of the highest grade obtainable.

The Saazer hops are universally accepted as the finest grown. You'll recognize their distinctive flavor in Kovar.

The cereals are the best Nature produces and are high in food value.

Its purity is guaranteed

These are combined by the new processes discovered in the Piel Scientific Station. The result—Kovar—a foaming, amber beverage with

a unique tang and a rich, "drawn-from-the-wood" after-taste that will delight you.

Its healthfulness and purity are unqualifiedly guaranteed.

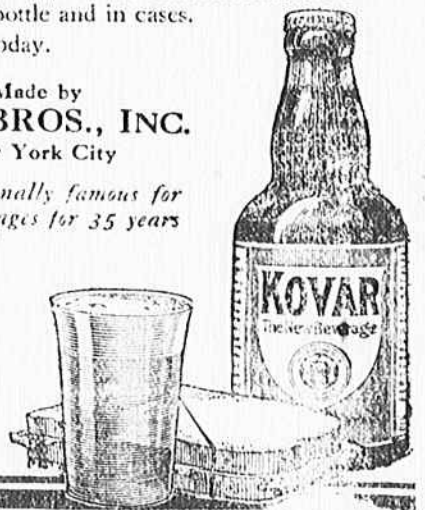
Kovar is good for growing children and old persons because it has a mild tonic effect. It is especially good for nursing mothers. And everyone—young and old—enjoys drinking it. Kovar makes an excellent table beverage as it aids digestion. It is enjoyable at any temperature; it need not be ice-cold. It is the ideal all-year beverage.

Kovar is now sold everywhere—in hotels, restaurants, soda fountains, drug stores, cigar stores, grocery stores, etc. It comes in distinctive bottles—10c a bottle and in cases.

Try Kovar today.

Made by
PIEL BROS., INC.
New York City

Internationally famous for
fine beverages for 35 years



BILLING GROCERY CO.
Sole Wholesale Distributors for Laurens and Newberry Counties, S. C.

Another Big Week of June Specials At J. C. Burns & Co.'s 2 Big Stores Same Goods for Less Money

RED HOT PRICES.
Special lot Ladies' Slippers and Oxfords ... \$1.48 and \$1.98
Consist of patent leather, gun metal and white canvas. Now is your time to buy foot dress and save some money.
Special lot of Fancy Lawns worth 15c, going at ... 10c
Special lot yard-wide Bleaching, worth 25c, our June sale price ... 20c
Limited 10 yards to you.
Special lot best Dress Gingham worth 30c a yard, our June sale price to you ... 25c
20-inch Silks, fine quality, worth per yard \$2.25, our June sale price \$1.69
Special Straw Hat and Panama Hat Sale 98c, \$1.25, \$1.75 up to \$1.50
Buy now and enjoy life and keep your brains cool.
Children's Slippers 69c, 98c and up to \$2.39. These are special values.
25c bottle Chamberlain's Diarrhoea Remedy (guaranteed), special June sale ... 20c
Keep a bottle ready.

RED HOT JUNE PRICES.
Men's Sox, per pair .10c, 15c to 48c
Worth 5c to 15c a pair more elsewhere.
6 cakes Lenox Soap ... 25c
Above soap is now being sold at 7c a cake by other firms.
6 boxes Blue Ribbon Matches, worth 12c, our June sale price to you 25c
Special Toilet Soap sale—Armour's Soaps, worth 7 and 15c a cake now ... 5c and 10c
Special values in Ladies' Hats for June sale ... 98c, \$1.25 to \$3.50
These hats are going fast—come quick.
Special values for June sale in Ladies' and Children Hose.
Ladies Silk Boot Hose, special June sale ... 25c
Ladies and Children's Lisle Hose at ... 15c, 20c, 25c up to 75c
Worth more at the mill now.
Special lot Men's fine Dress Shirts, worth \$1.25, June sale price ... 89c
Special June offer of \$1.00 bottle Wine of Cardui (women's friend) ... 79c

Men's Odd Coats for summer \$2.98 up to ... \$4.50
Men's Palm Beach and Mohair Suits at ... \$7.50 to \$12.00
Big line to select from. Wear one this summer and keep cool. Smile and look good.
Special June sale of Men's Dress Shirts ... 50c, 69c, 98c up to \$1.98
The above shirts are special values for June.
June sale of Ribbons, assorted widths and colors; your choice, yard 10c
Special June sale Men's Pants \$1.48, \$1.98 up to ... \$5.29
These pants are 25 per cent under the market value.
Men's low cut Shoes at away-down prices \$1.48, \$1.98 up to \$6.00 a pair.
Big line; all kinds and shapes.
\$1.00 bottle of Wampole's Cod Liver Oil, June sale ... 79c
25c pkg. Black Draught ... 15c

We have very near everything you may need. This newspaper would not list our two immense stocks of general merchandise. Our stocks are now doubly larger than ever before, and our goods were bought many months ago. The saving in price is yours if you will come in and buy these goods while they last. Procrastination is the thief of time. Don't put it off; buy while these two big stocks last. Now it's up to you; we have the goods and we are going to sell them. **JUNE SPECIAL---FANCY LAWN, 9c a Yard.**

Red Iron Racket—J. C. Burns & Co.
Two Stores Chock Full of General Merchandise
No. 1 Store 210 West Laurens Street.
No. 2 Store North Side of Square, Burns Block
10 Pounds Good Green Coffee \$1.00