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The Incident at the Club—Any Port in a Storm—Her Last Wish—in the Wrong Direction—Wit and Safety—From Our Exchange.

CARE NOT WHAT his name or place,"
Cried Smith, his face all flaming hot,
"I'll kick that man and sing his face.
Who said that word, nor care I what.
The dead may cost me what 'tis done
To thump him if he weighs a ton!"

Smith's fellow-sailors round him drew
And sought to soothe his blushing ire;
Whom came the insults no one knew,
Wherefore Smith's anger burned the higher.

"I'll hunt that man," he told each one,
"And kick him if he weighs a ton!"

Up rose young Brownbush then, and strode
Unruffled, calm, and five feet high.
Straight where the insulted sailors glowed.

"I said it, sir," quoth he, "and I
Repeat it truly. Durst go hence
And try thy skill at threat and frown!"

Paled then the cheek of Smith and fed
"I have no feed with you," he said;
"I'll touch no man of common size;
But who so flouts my father's son,
I'll kick him—if he weighs a ton!"

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Any Port in a Storm.

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Notes on the weather in parts of Europe, the shipping routes for textile fabrics.

The coal cargo of the Scotch ship Adie Iredale, which was abandoned at sea, burned for a year.

There are 21,000,000 church members in the United States and church property valued at \$475,000,000.

His majesty of Portugal in consideration of the small size of his kingdom contents himself with \$224,440 a year.

The largest oil painting in the world is by Titianetto, entitled "Paradise." It is 83½ feet in height and 84 in width.

The smallest coal burning locomotive in America is the work of G. D. Young of Denver. It weighs but 132 pounds.

The town of Sing Sing, N. Y., where the penitentiary is located, owes its peculiar name to John Sing Sing, a friendly Indian.

Bulgarian peasants, it is said, have given up grain growing to a great extent and are engaged in raising roses, the star of which is very profitable.

The first free public school ever established in the world was at Worcester, Mass., in 1839. The site of the school is to be marked by an enduring monument.

On the summit of Ben Lomond may be seen the smallest tree that grows in Great Britain. It is known as the dwarf willow, and is, when mature, only two inches in height.

Minnesota is not a very old state, but she already has more than \$6,000,000 invested in public buildings and \$10,000,000 in her school fund, with 1,000,000 acres of university land yet unoccupied.

The Wimondashag society of Washington—which ran the wife, mother, daughter and sister together for its title—drew the color line until lately, but it has admitted colored members.

Electric locomotives are proving themselves to be well adapted for use in coal and other mines, and they now furnish the motive power for hauling cars in about thirty mines in the United States.

SONG OF ADAM.

Mr. Hobell's dad is to have singing birds all over his house.

Tobacco was so called from the West Indian island of Tobago.

The late Lord Lovelace, who died recently, had ignored all animal meat for many years.

The man who thinks the boy who lives next door to him is a good boy has not yet been found.

Mrs. Sharp—A man always makes a fool of himself for a woman. Bachelor or—How? By marrying her?

Judge J. T. Dalton, of Silvana, Ga., who has married over 120 couples, says that he never received a single fee, save a bushel of potatos.

"Why was their engagement broken off? Did they quarrel?" "No, that was the trouble. They were both so amiable that they got tired of each other."

Waiter, to happy-looking customer—Well, sir, what is it Happy-looking Customer, spontaneously—Boy-eight-pounder—finest in the land! Looks like me, too.

Two old slaves, John Thompson aged 86 years, and Misty Gwego, 70 years old, were married at Louisville, recently. They were lovers previous to the war, but from that time until a short time ago they had not seen each other.

William Green bears the distinction of being the greatest steeple climber in England. He has repared fifty or more steeples and spires, and is sent from all parts of the kingdom. His greatest achievement has been in repairing the spire of Salisbury cathedral, which is over 400 feet high.

The original of Barnaby Rudge, a man named Walter de Brissac, who was a packman or peddler by trade, recently died in Chatham, England. Dickens used to talk to him when he met him in Chatham, and was struck by his cleverness and story. He always dressed in the costume of a man of the Georgian period.

LIGHT SELECTIONS.

Mrs. Harriet Condit caught a herring at Hartford, Conn., and in her book she found a lady's pin embedded. It was set with moonstones and pearls.

Some months ago the free library of Sheffield, Eng., began blotting out the sporting and betting news in their newspapers. More than 20,000 readers protested, and the council has rescinded the order.

The largest increase in gold production in any state last year was in Colorado, whose increase approximates \$6,000,000. The only state in which a decrease is shown is Nevada, a falling off of about \$675,000.

A relic from the battlefield of Chickamauga, consisting of a piece of Southern pine, on one side of which is imbedded a bit of shell and in the other two balls, is prized by Isaac H. Patten of Watertown, Mass.

The entire orchard of a farmer near Stockton, Cal., was stolen. He went to town, and while he was away several men came and began to dig up his fruit trees. They said that the trees had been sold them by the farmer, and his son believed the story.

Dr. Claude Wheeler tells this story on himself: He had an elderly patient who dabbled in medical literature. This gentleman announced to the doctor the other evening that he concluded he was suffering from aphasia, or the loss of the memory of words.

"Oh," said the doctor, "that is a loss myself to find a proper word to express a thought."

"Ay, but in your case," growled the old gentleman in return, "that is the error to ignore but to remember."

A BAD TIME.

Oppression in Germany, more in France and Spain.

According to the weather records kept in Bennington, the month of February, 1842, was decidedly trying.

This record states that in the early part of the month of that year, there was little frost in the ground and snows were frequent.

The Vermont State Banner—now the Bennington Banner—states that on the 2d of the month Mr. Ford brought into the office a handful of greenhoppers. Squatters had made their appearance, and it was reported that frogs had been shot in the ponds.

Rev. E. W. Hooper, D. D., pastor of the old First church of Bennington Center, became alarmed over such continued mild weather for this latitude, and predicted that dire results would follow, and to the credulous subsequently escaped, as though the good doctor's words had the ring of prophecy in them. But through the muggings rose bright and strong, and a south wind blew soft and springy—the two hearts expanded with the warmth of happiness.