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An Organization That Has No Counterpart in the United States.

The Methodist-Baptist Christian Tough Club of Clearmont, otherwise known as the M. B. C. T., is an organization that has no counterpart in the United States.

Unhappy Erin.

I've got enough turf for the winter's fire, to produce degenerate potatoes from exhausted ground, to keep a lean pig on the scraps that can be spared...

Tea and Tobacco.

Tea growing as an occupation for a woman is a business which has "caught on" with some success overseas, despite the fact that the work is hard and the profits are at first small.

Antique Coins Cheap.

Antique coins are a drug in the market. At a recent sale some of the coins of the days of Darius, Ptolemy, Nero and Julius Caesar sold as low as four cents.

The English Workman.

Next to the "sentimentality" so associated with Europe—because so irrational—comes the invincible patience of the English workman.

Then and Now.

A hundred years ago, when rich young men made the grand tour, it was the fashion to study painting and sculpture, to buy beautiful objects, and to fill country mansions with the choicest products of the chisel.

Two Numbers.

These two numbers 480,561—411,295 represent French births, the first in 1911, the second in 1905.

Speed of a Fly.

A fly so minute as to be almost invisible, ran three inches in half a second, and was calculated to make no less than 540 steps in the time a man could breathe once.

Japanese Make Railway Pay.

When the South Manchuria Railway was operated by the Russians it received a subsidy from St. Petersburg of 15,000,000 rubles yearly to make ends meet.

No Crowded Cars There.

In Hamburg the policemen in the streets are instructed to watch cars sharply, and if they find a car that carries a single passenger more than the number allowed by law the conductor is fined 3 marks.

Strict Barber's Union.

The Barbers and Wig Makers' Union in Vienna is very stringent in its examination before it will admit any new member to the society.

Wouldn't Let Her Smoke.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell like some other European actresses likes a cigarette. She lit one in the tearoom of the Plaza Hotel in New York City, but put it out when the management remonstrated.

St. Paul's Cathedral Safe.

Experts have decided that the famous St. Paul's Cathedral in London is safe so long as the buildings around it are not disturbed, and thus ends a long controversy.

Search for Road Material.

Pennsylvania State highway officials are experimenting with 23 varieties of limestone in search of an inexpensive, satisfactory road material.

ESTIMATING OUR COAL SUPPLY.

At Present Rate Pennsylvania Fields Will Last 400 Years.

M. R. Campbell of the United States Geological Survey estimates the amount of coal originally in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania at 21,000,000,000 short tons; and that in the bituminous fields at 112,574,000,000 short tons.

If we estimated for the bituminous production one ton of coal lost for every two tons mined, the exhaustion to the close of 1907 has been 2,760,000,000 tons, which would leave still in the ground in Pennsylvania a little less than 10,000,000,000 short tons of bituminous coal.

Japan's Population.

The population of Japan to-day is just about 50,000,000. The exact figures for 1907 are not yet available, but the estimates just published are based on the average growth of the last thirty years and may be taken as fairly accurate.

Machine Counts Money.

A machine that will count money has been produced by an Austrian inventor. The coins are thrown into a funnel at the top of the machine and slide downward, lighting on a spiral track.

Children's Sleep.

As a general rule the lad at school between the ages of 13 and 16 requires nine to ten hours sleep. Growing boys need a large amount of sleep and when this is denied them, neither their bodies nor their minds can develop properly.

The Overfed Husband.

Prof. Carl von Noorden, addressing a number of prominent scientists at Vienna on the subject of "Food and Nourishment," declared that the reason so many men begin to get fat immediately after they have been married is because their wives give them their favorite dishes on every possible occasion.

Germany's Hunters.

Consul Ilt of Annaberg reports that 600,000 hunting permits are issued every year in Germany. The government receives in fees something like \$1,500,000. The annual kill by the hunters is estimated at 55,000,000 pounds, having a market value of \$6,500,000.

The Way to Man's Heart.

"It's all right to talk about art, but give us the woman who can take a peck of apples, some flour and a rolling pin and make a bunch of pies that put a man in love with even his next door neighbor," says the Los Angeles Express.

Where Ivy is Beneficial.

Ivy growing over the walls of a house renders the structure cool in summer and warm in winter. It also keeps the walls dry. It is, however, very destructive to woodwork, forcing the joints apart.

Notwithstanding all the modern improvements of husbandry, the marital harvest is still gathered with the cradle and thrashed by hand.—Baltimore Herald.

Just think of it! A tea firm in Russia has failed for \$13,500,000. They will now be obliged to take something stronger for their nerves.—Boston Herald.

Dangerous Employment.

On the various car lines of New York city, including the steam surface, subway and elevated roads, there is an average of 30 employees injured each day.

Somewhere.

A man may be absolutely impossible, but somewhere there is some woman who doesn't think so.

CURE FOR HOMESICKNESS.

Dancing Put to Practical Use in French Military Camps.

Dancing was considered historically, philosophically and morally in a lecture before the International Academy of Choreographic Authors and Masters by M. Giraudet, a high authority on the subject.

Misspelled Names of Places.

A name very difficult to find correctly spelled is that of the Lake Ontario port, Sackett Harbor. When it is not "Sackett's Harbor" or "Sackett Harbor," it is commonly "Sacket Harbor."

On Mt. Etna.

The characters of all the climates of the earth can be detected the frigid close around one, the temperate with its belt of trees just underneath and the tropical at the base of the mountain, with its vineyards and luxuriant groves.

Gifted Woman.

There can be no high society where conversation is not the chief attraction; and men seldom learn to talk well when not inspired by gifted women.

A Tutor in Time.

A woman on the train entering Grand Rapids asked the conductor how long the train stopped at Union Station.

He replied "Madam, we stop just four minutes from two to two two." The woman turned to her companion and said: "I wonder if he thinks he's the whistle on the engine."

Touch.

I am sure that if a fairy bid me choose between the sense of sight and that of touch I would not part with the warm, endearing contact of human hands or the wealth of form, the flexibility and fullness that press into my palms.—Helen Keller, in Country Magazine.

Life in a Tolstoy Colony.

There are three Tolstoy settlements in England—at Christchurch, Purliegh, Essex, and on the Cotswold Hills, no long distance from Gloucester, but rather nearer to the town of Stroud. The current number of the magazine called "Vitality" has an illustrated article on the latter colony, with which the editor "was rather disappointed."

Just Rebuke.

There is one fault into which most people fall who have managed to scramble a little higher in the world than they are to whom is owed the consideration, attention, and love of kindred—that is, to be ashamed of those less fortunate relatives, to despise and slight even father and mother; if they be not genteel, refined, or intelligent as would be agreeable, to call them ungenial, and shake them off, no matter how much they love their proud and cruel contemner.—The Davis (N. C.) Times.

Not Catching.

A young lady teacher down at Tonkawa who had an inordinate dread of contagious diseases was sick and had symptoms of something alarming. The next day a little girl presented her self at school with her finger in her mouth and her little mouth swinging by the string and said: "Wese got a little baby at our house, but mamma told me to tell you that it isn't catching." The teacher blushed slightly, said she was glad and told the pupil to take her seat.—Newkirk Journal.

NOT ON THE MENU.

By W. E. Keller.

Travers sat alone at a little table in a corner of the cafe. The continued hum and murmur of low-pitched voices, all the interminable sounds of the restaurant surrounded him, but he sat quite still, with his chin resting in his hands, staring at the empty chair opposite to him.

"Nannie, Nannie it's so good to see you again. Let's see, it's been three years, almost, since that last time when—but we won't think of that now, we'll just be happy. Tell me, is your life happy, is he good to you? If he isn't—Oh, if I had only cared less what people might say, if I could have forgotten my miserable wife, we'd run off some place and been married in spite of your uncle and his money, wouldn't we? Yes, I know."

After a time, Travers knew how long, he pulled himself together and looked up. He glanced at what had been the empty chair, rubbed his eyes and looked again. A girl, in a light opera cloak smiled across at him.

"Yes, Bobbie, I'm real." Then, anxiously, as he continued rigidly staring at her, "Bobbie, don't you know me?" Travers had become very pale. He sat, tensely grasping the arms of his chair, mutely drinking in the picture before him.

"Do you know, I was just thinking of you—wondering where you were, what you were doing, whether you were happy or not; tell me, you are happy with him, are you not?" "With him? With whom?" "Why, your—husband."

"My husband! I have no—why, Bobbie, I'm not married!" "You're not—married! But Saunders, what about Saunders? You know, after I left I thought you would—"

"Yes, yes, I know you thought, you thought—oh, Bobbie, you thought too much—you had no right to think that I would marry him. You thought you would go away and let me enjoy my uncle's bounty, but you had no right to think that I wanted—"

"But Nan, I did it for the best, don't you see?" She stopped and drew back, crimsoning, the tears creeping into her eyes and her eyes.

It was now Travers' turn to lean forward. Tremblingly he reached into his breast and pulled forth a tiny lace handkerchief, crumpled and dark with pocket grime. Unfolding it, he spread it out before her.

"Why, that's mine," she quavered. "It's the one you stole from me at the Martin dance and then wouldn't give back." "Yes, that's it. And I've kept it with me ever since—always. But—" a thought striking him. "Your mother?"

At this she seemed suddenly to remember her position. Stuffing a sob she caught at her cloak, and, hastily rising, looked across the room. Travers reached over and gently pushed her down.

"You're not going just yet," he said, quietly, "not for all the mothers in the world." "I don't know why I came over here, Bobbie," she murmured, nervously twisting the handkerchief around her finger. "Mr. Saunders took me to a table over there and then went out to look for mother, who was coming behind with Mr. Burdick; and when I looked around and saw you I was so glad I didn't even stop to think, but just—"

"Saunders!" he interrupted roughly. "I thought—" "Yes," she said hurriedly; "he never seems to give up. It's impossible to make him understand that we can only be friends, and mother won't understand." Closing her eyes wearily. "Between them both I almost go crazy sometimes."

"Hang Saunders and his whole crowd," he choked out, grasping her hands and kissing them again and again, this time utterly oblivious to his surroundings. "I lost you once, three years ago, Nan Weatherby, but, by heaven, I'm not going to lose you now! Listen to me—" "Oh, Bobbie," she gasped, "everybody's looking at us!" "Never mind that," he smiled, still holding her. "The Reverend Charles McCracken lives just around the corner from here, and he is a good friend of mine. Shall we call on him?"

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