

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

Ben W. Hooper, Governor Elect of Tennessee.



From street walk to governor's chair is the romantic career of Benjamin W. Hooper, recently elected chief executive of the state of Tennessee.

De Forest Gets Early Start. The career of Lee De Forest in wireless telegraphy dates back to a thesis on the Hertzian waves which he wrote in college.

President Diaz of Mexico. For the eighth time General Porfirio Diaz, at the age of eighty, has taken the oath of office as president of the republic of Mexico.



stated in the presidency by an overwhelming majority. Since that time he has retained the office.

A Realist on Hops. William Dean Howells, discussing realism at one of his Sunday afternoon lectures in New York, let fall a neat epigram on hops.

THEORY ABOUT WOMEN TESTED

A Queer Experiment and Its Happy Result.

"Good gracious, mamma," said Miss Louise Hewlett at the breakfast table "just listen to this."

"Wanted—A woman twenty years old with artistic tastes, capacious, fond of golf, lawn tennis and desiring to act as secretary."

"Kingular," said the mother thoughtfully. "That the advertiser whom I suppose to be a man, says nothing about beauty."

Since Miss Hewlett was looking for a position she answered the advertisement and was invited to call which she did in the company of her mother. She found a man of thirty-five years, one without and apparently in his right mind.

Another month passed. Mr. Vinton was absent occasionally, sometimes by day sometimes by night. One day he was a day or two absent together. What he did he never told Louise was pleased and delighted but did that some reference to these absences would be at least civil. She did not like to be treated as a child or an entire stranger. Mr. Vinton failed to satisfy her curiosity whereupon she tossed her head and declared that it was high time such a ridiculous arrangement was terminated. Mr. Vinton made no comment upon her action. Indeed he seemed to be rather pleased with it, egging her on to more of the same kind. Finally she became angry and ended the interview in tears.

One morning a delicate little message came for Mr. Vinton which fell into Louise's hands. She took it to him and watched him while he read it. His countenance was not to be read. Flushing the note in his pocket, he went to his bedroom and soon after Louise who was watching him from a window saw him go out with a suit case.

"Just what I expected," she said. "That note contained an invitation. He's gone to the country to visit some girl he is in love with."

"Vinton remained a week. When he returned Louise asked him when he intended to be married."

"I am not engaged," he replied. "They were sitting in the library at the time, and Vinton took up a book Louise tried in vain to keep her tongue in her head. Finally she could endure the silence no longer and asked a number of inadmissible questions. Some of them Vinton answered others he parried while others he received in silence. But not for a moment did he manifest any dissatisfaction with her for attempting to pry into his affairs. Finally he told her that he had been to see an invalid who had died during his absence. Louise arose and strode silently out of the room. Vinton called her back.

"If you don't mind," he said, "I am curious to know what has offended you."

"You have led me to believe that was not true."

She stood waiting for him to continue the debate, but as he only said, "Thank you very much," she went out and spent the rest of the day in her room with the door locked.

At the end of the year Vinton invited mother and daughter into the library and announced to them that he desired to terminate their present arrangement.

"And now," he continued, addressing Louise, "I will satisfy your curiosity. A year ago I wished to make a very advantageous match. The lady's characteristics I described in my advertisement. I am a theorist and have a theory about women. It is that if a man wishes to know what a woman will do under certain circumstances he must infer that she will act exactly contrary to what he would expect. I desired to test this theory, and if it proved a law I would apply it to the lady I wished to marry and thus enhance my chances of success. During the past year I have applied the test to you seventy-eight times, and you have fulfilled the conditions sixty-nine times. You will readily see the advantage of having two women of like characteristics, the one to practice upon the other."

At this point in the theorist's exposition of his methods Louise rose from her seat and was sailing majestically out of the room when Vinton caught her about the waist and held her.

"Darling," he said, changing his tone, "there is one result of the experiment yet to be told. The practice piece became the object piece, and the object piece has passed from the problem. The invalid who died while I was away was the girl I was endeavoring to win. We never became more than strong friends, and while I was planning for the advantages that would have accrued in marrying her I was falling in love with you."

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Hyatt of West Point, Leading Quarterback in East.



Far from losing any of his value the quarterback has been shown by this season's football games to be a more important factor under the new rules than he was under the old. There are few good ones this season, and it will not be much of a job to select one for the All-American team. About the best in the east is Hyatt of West Point. He is a good runner, a hard, sure tackler, handles punts cleanly and is also a great kicker. In the west Johnny McInerney of Minnesota has the field all to himself. He appears to be about everything a quarterback should be.

Johnson Yet Unchallenged. What is the matter with the white heavyweights and their managers and press agents? If it were not for Johnson and Langford in their semi-monthly stunt of kidding the public with "bet a million" challenges the dear old public would think that the game had died with Jeff's defeat at Reno.

Not a chip out of either Al Kaufman or his adviser Billy Delaney. They allow Langford to go to the front as if he were the logical candidate for championship honors which he is not by a long shot and take a back seat themselves.

Bill Long while disappointing his admirers in the six round affair with Kaufman is not entirely out of the running by any means although in no shape to think of fighting for some time to come. Hugh McIntosh still thinks the Australian is Kaufman's man and is willing to make a substantial wager on his man in a twenty or twenty-five round go with the Call form.

During all the talk recently of champions and near champions there has been in Pittsburgh a young fellow who all the time believed he was the one man who could send Jack Johnson into oblivion. During the past three months he has been working assiduously to perfect himself in the fist art. He has been training faithfully, and now he has come out boldly and asked for a chance to show what he can do. Gil Hart is the youth in question. He is a Pittsburgher, is twenty years of age, stands six feet one inch in his stockings and weighs over 200 pounds when in fighting trim.

Card Index For Ball Players. The famed, oft maligned and much abused card index has scored another triumph, according to John E. Bruce, secretary of the national baseball commission. But it was not until this season that the card index entered the office of the secretary of the national baseball commission. Now every one of the 8,000 players in organized baseball in the United States is "carded." Each player has a card of his own, and on that card is the player's complete record from the time of his entrance as a professional into the great national game. Secretary Bruce says it was this card index which enabled the national commission at its recent session to dispose of its work of drafting 600 players in one-half the usual time.

Ask Big Money For Breeding Scheme. In connection with a horse breeding scheme laid before the development commissioners by the English board of agriculture it is announced that \$50,000 per annum was asked for it, the main provisions being very limited.

International Hockey Match. A hockey match between the Scottish and French associations has been provisionally arranged to be played Dec. 10 in the south of England. London, Oxford and Cambridge are all possible venues.

Chicago's Big Ice Rink. Chicago has an ice rink which comprises 20,000 square feet of floor space and will permit 2,000 persons to skate.

He Saw She Saw It. As the man who writes little items for the paper sat getting himself fitted with a pair of shoes the other day he saw this happen. A woman was getting waited on by a clerk who wore on the third finger of his right hand a diamond twinkler weighing at least a carat and a quarter. He hadn't always worn a ring of that sort. It was new to him. He took a great deal of pride in his new ring. Oh, how it sparkled when the light was just right. Once or twice he got so interested in twisting it around on his finger with his thumb to a position where it would be most easily noticed by the woman customer that he forgot to finish lacing up the shoe she was trying on.

But he had succeeded in bringing the jewel to her attention. She had a sharp, leathery, suffragettish face and a disposition to speak right out on things. "I see it," she remarked in a refrigerated tone. "It's very pretty and attractive. You wear it with a good air of abandon too. I admire it exceedingly. After you've finished toying with it I wish you would go ahead and show me something else something with not quite such a narrow toe." (Cleveland Plain Dealer)

Weighing Machines. Weighing machines and scales of some kind were in use 1800 B. C. for it is said that Abraham at that time weighed out 400 shekels of silver current money with the merchant to Ephron the Hittite as payment for a piece of land, including the cave and all the standing timber in the field and in the fence. It is said to be the earliest transfer of land of which any record survives and that the payment was made in the presence of witnesses. The original form of the weighing scale was probably a far suspended from the middle, with a board or shelf suspended from each end and one to contain the weight to be weighed. The standard was probably so small that the material of which it was made and from its frame length. It is also known as the Roman balance and is of great antiquity.

The Spinning Mule. Samuel Crompton, a boy of sixteen, called the best features of the spinning machine invented by Hargreaves and Arkwright added to them some of his own and after three months of anxious and secret experimenting produced the first spinning mule, so called because it was a kind of hybrid between Hargreaves' jenny and Arkwright's water frame. The raw apprentice lad was, however, no match in cunning for the cotton lords, who soon found out the secret of his new machine and shamelessly robbed him of the fruits of his ingenuity. Many years afterward, it is true they used their influence to secure for him a parliamentary grant of £5,000, but he was then a broken hearted and disappointed man to whom the money came too late to be of any real service.

The Human Riddle. One of the strangest problems of our inexorable nature is the choice of evil and the rejection of good even after long experience has proved that misery and evil are synonymous. Virtue it is true does not always exempt from sorrow but crime must ever be wretchedness. Hope loses its bloom and fear acquires a keener sting. The present is anxiety, the past remorse, the future is despair and yet the wayward man drinks the bitter cup when the sweet is offered to him and launches his boat upon an angry sea, where storms attend his course and shipwreck terminates his voyage, rather than glide down the smooth current of a tranquil stream where peace pilots him on the way and happiness waits him on the shore.—Exchange

The Term "Butty." The term butty in the days of Shakespeare had quite a different meaning from that which it has at present, being an expression of endearment and good fellowship. Some suppose that the word, when it is used in approval, is derived from the Dutch boel or German buhle, which stands for the English lover. The harsher use of the word is, however, to be traced to below the roof of bull, with a significance of noisy blustering.

A Frank Reply. A kind local lady went to Columbus to distribute helpful literature to the convicts in the penitentiary. "What are you in for, my poor fellow?" she inquired of the first prisoner she saw. "Because I can't get out," he answered. Then she moved on to the next cell.—Toledo Blade.

Chilly! "My dining room is the hottest place on earth. I wish I knew what to do to cool it." "Did you ever take a friend home to dinner when your wife didn't expect it?"—Buffalo Express.

If He Has Sense. Singleton—Is a man safe in getting married on Friday a week? Wedmore—No, but he's comparatively safe from getting married.—Boston Transcript.

A Matter of Vision. "Marie, didn't I see the baker kissing you this morning?" "Madam herself is the best judge of her eyesight."—Pele Mele.

The true aim of art is to embody man's thought concerning nature.—W. M. Rossetti.

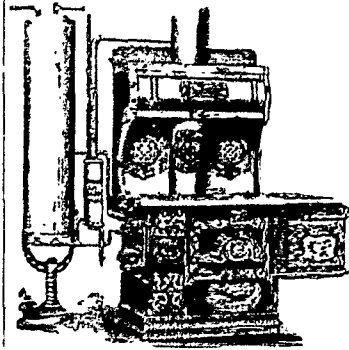
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