

Art instincts of the Japanese. Possibly the Greeks may have been endowed with a universal instinct for art production and art appreciation...

Vanishing Seamen. It used to be common. Now it is steamer. The change suits a "T". The old time sailor has nearly vanished...

Professor Tweeg, Claim Jumper

There are persons who, working the great problems of the present that are constantly thrusting themselves upon us, must needs be going back not thousands but millions of years to a period when there was not a labor union...

Edmond Kean as Richard. It is impossible to form a higher conception of Richard III than that given by Kean. Never was character represented by greater distinctness and precision...

New Light on Electricity. An American observer has called attention to a curious property of an electric current in that when passing around a sharp corner it apparently projects a discharge along its original line of motion.

Time in the Old Days. Time in Europe is not but times were sometimes dangerous places, and a great innkeepers' convention was held in Germany early in 1890 at which plans were made for apprehending murderous bonifires...

Our First Shoemakers. The great American industry of shoe manufacturing, which now amounts to \$500,000,000 annually, appears to have had its beginning in Salem, Mass., when Thomas Beard and Isaac Hickman, the first shoemakers of record...

Trass and Lightning. The relation of trees to lightning, as shown by a bulletin of the United States forest service, does not wholly accord with popular beliefs. It is found that trees are the objects most often struck because they are the most numerous of all prominent objects...

Real Nice Neighbors. A strange couple had moved in the first floor flat and soon proved themselves undesirable, thereby marring what had been a perfectly respectable atmosphere. The woman across the hall reported to the owner of the property that she had listened at the door window and heard a very odd conversation going on between the man and woman.

The Story of the Pearls. Nearly everybody in a social set composed of elderly people who live in the upper part of New York has heard the story of the pearls. It is a true story without a moral. The men of the dinner party were smoking and the women were in the drawing room...

An Ancient Blast From Turkey. The Corriere della Sera reproduces the text of a quaint document preserved in the state archives at Vienna. It is the declaration of war sent by Sultan Mehmet IV to the Emperor Leopold in 1683. He it known to you the successor of the Caesars, to the king of Poland and to your allies...

A Unique Ice Fountain. In the parks and public places in the colder parts of Germany a not uncommon object in winter is the so called ice fountain, a rugged pyramid of ice many feet in height, which glistens in the winter sun and is most effective. It is constructed as follows:

No Crowding in English Cars. Americans submit to being compelled to ride in cars so crowded that they feel their feet tread on those of others and get no seats but pay just as if there was no crowding and abundant seats.

First Recorded Alimony. An Egyptian mummy now on exhibition in London was wrapped in papyrus which scholars have found to be covered with inscriptions. Among other things it indicates that at least one woman when her husband died, sued for alimony.

What I looked for better the unshakable birded animal alone and light out. The owners of the property, after your aid if they let you they're likely to make you dance with your own body of the pharosic period failed. There they come now.

An Object Lesson. Visitors to Durham cathedral are shown a round column in the transept with zigzag grooves cut as ornaments from top to bottom. Behind the zigzag short distance apart are two long windows, and the light from these falling on the column has the curious effect of throwing it out of the perpendicular.

Tomorrow. Little Gertrude of five summers had been living with her grandparents for some time. One morning she asked permission to go and spend the day at the house of a friend, when grandma refusing to let her go that day, consoled her by saying that she could go tomorrow.

The Quotations Used Most. The vote of the people as to the most hard worked quotations from (1) Shakespeare, (2) Milton, (3) Dryden, (4) Pope, (5) Cowper, (6) Campbell, (7) Byron, (8) Shelley, (9) Wordsworth, (10) Tennyson has resulted as follows:

Calling the Meat. Retelling the stories of the African "carrier," J. B. Harris in "Dawn in Darkest Africa" tells of a long caravan march through vast forests when food was short. One of the natives suggested "calling the meat."

Turks First Banned Tobacco. Tobacco was first carried into Turkey by English sailors, and its use was quickly prohibited. As in Russia, a tradition was discovered prohibiting its use by the faithful Mohammedans.

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Punishment For Smokers. Tolmeo was first carried into Turkey by English sailors, and its use was quickly prohibited, chiefly on religious grounds. As in Russia, a tradition was discovered prohibiting its use by the faithful Mohammedans.

Electrification of the Earth. The electrification of the earth is a problem of the physicists. As stated by Dr. George C. Simpson, observations from pole to pole have proved that the earth is a negatively charged sphere and that the flow of negative electricity into the conducting air is equivalent to a constant current of more than 1,000 amperes.

Hard Work. No matter how talented a man is, he cannot win success without hard work, but he must not be tempted to give it up because it seems like drudgery. No work can be well done by one who is unwilling to sacrifice comfort. The price of success is perseverance.

An Old Royal Romance. Kutub, the capital of the old Servian empire, is associated with one of the few real love affairs of a Turkish sultan. It was here, after the fatal field of Kosovo, that Bajazet arranged a truce of peace with the Servian King Stephen. One of the most important stipulations was that Stephen should hand over his sister, the Lady Despina, as wife of the sultan.

Euphemisms For Death. "Decesse" is now a regular form of word for death. But it began as a gentle euphemism, "decessus" departed, a term used much less harshly than "mors." All languages of the kind abound in euphemisms of the kind which go back to a superstitious reluctance to mention death plainly that gradually passed into a kindly desire to soften the idea.

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Some Consolation. Patient eloquently, I don't seem to be gaining very fast, doctor. Doctor cheerfully. You can't expect to get well at one jump. You will have to lay on your health gradually day by day sort of an installment plan as it were. Patient (brightening up). Well, doctor, if this thing keeps on much longer I'm afraid you'll have to collect your bill in the same way.

Woman's Prerogative. Does your wife ever change her mind? "Only on some minor matters," replied Mr. Meekton after careful thought. "I believe I recall that she once expressed an intention to love, honor and obey or something like that." - Washington Star

Suitable Play. "I am going to make my farewell tour in Shakespeare. What shall be the play—'Hamlet' or 'Macbeth'?" "This is your sixth farewell tour, I believe." "Well, yes." "I would suggest, 'Much Adieu About Nothing'." - Louisville Courier Journal

Why We Can See Smokes. Smoke is not composed of smokes only, but of solid or perhaps partly liquid particles, which are mixed with the gas and carried along by them. It is these particles of matter that are visible to the eye and not the gases themselves. - St. Nicholas

Happy Homes. To be happy at home is the ultimate result of all ambition, the end to which every enterprise and labor tends and of which every desire prompts the prosecution. - Dr. Samuel Johnson

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Clearing Up Her Friend. Nell-Jack told me last night he had given me his heart. Belle-Well, it's damaged goods. He told me last week I had broken it. - Boston Transcript

The Obstacle to Happiness. There is in all of us an obstacle to perfect happiness, which is weariness of the things we possess and the desire for the things we have not. - M. de Rilluz

On the Safe Side. Patron-Do you always make your portraits flatter the subject. Artist-Yes; it is better to do that than to repaint them. - Exchange

A Present. "What are you going to give Kitty and Jack for a wedding present?" "Oh, I guess I'll send Kitty the amount of letters Jack wrote me when we were engaged." - Boston Transcript

Nothing Mean There. "I say, Uncle Jack, I dreamed you gave me half a crown last night." "Did you, me boy? Well, you can keep it." - London Tatler

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He Was Out. Tightwad-We're you out when he came to borrow that ten? Calymark-No, but I was when he left. - Calymark's Politics

Patience is the strongest of strong drinks, for it kills the giant Despair. - Jerrold

A man may be a blot or a blessing, but a blank he cannot be. - Chalmers