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A Burst of Eloquence.

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CHEERFULNESS.

Cheerfulness is a great help along all the walks of life. Cheerfulness is so very salutary that it might well be called the nectar of health. A cheerful frame of mind greatly assists recovery from illness. So do cheerful doctors, cheerful nurses and cheerful surroundings.

The Music of Thunder.

The bass of thunder is considerably lower than the lowest sound produced in an orchestra—below the zero of music, we call it, at which all positive apprehension of musical sound ceases and our senses are merely conscious of a roar. In observing the music of thunder our attention, however, may be most profitably directed to the expression rather than to the notes. The musical diminuendo is more perfectly represented by thunder than by any other form of sound in nature. After the first clap is over the ear will pursue with pleasure the rolling away and gradual fainting of the peal until at an immeasurable distance it sinks into silence.

No Time to Give Away.

"Gimme that watch!" demanded a thief. "I would," replied the victim, "but really I can't spare the time!"

A South African Animal.

There is a curious looking animal in South Africa that looks for all the world like a piece of toast with four legs, a head and a tail. It resembles a pussy cat about the forehead and ears, but its nose is distinctly that of a rat, while its tail is not very dissimilar to that of a fox. This strange animal is called the aard wolf and doubtless dwells in South Africa because, judged by his looks, he would not be admitted into good animal society anywhere else.

GOOD WILL.

Have good will to all that lives, letting unkindness die, and greed and wrath, so that your lives be made like soft airs passing by.—"Light of Asia."

THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE MIKADO

Great Preparations Are Being Made For Ceremony.

For the first time in the history of the Japanese empire, extending over 2,500 years, an emperor is to accede to the throne in the presence of representatives of his people. That is why the accession of Emperor Yoshihito on Nov. 10 is regarded as a supreme event in Japanese national life and why it is looked forward to with such eagerness and delight by the emperor's subjects.

Strictly speaking, the ceremony is not a coronation, but an accession. The rulers of Nippon wear no crown,

EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF JAPAN AND GLIMPSE OF PALACE GROUNDS.

but in the presence of the spirits of their ancestors they formally accede to the dignity and prerogatives of emperorship. However, the coming great event is usually referred to as the coronation.

The ceremonies will last a fortnight and will revolve chiefly about the imperial palaces in the ancient capital of Kyoto. The official ceremonies may be grouped under three heads—the accession proper, the daijosai or grand thanksgiving festivals and the proclaiming of the accession before the various imperial mausoleums.

NEW WIRELESS INVENTION.

Professor Pupin Has Perfected Device to Transmit Voice Around the World.

Professor Michael I. Pupin of Columbia university, the man whose inductance coil made long distance telegraphy and telephony not merely possible, but commercially practicable, has announced that he has perfected a device which will have the same effect upon long-distance wireless communication.

According to Professor Pupin, his invention eliminates entirely the difficul-

PROFESSOR MICHAEL I. PUPIN.

ties due to what are known as static disturbances or electrical storms, which are constantly interfering with wireless messages and which render such feats as the recent 4,000 mile aerial conversation between Arlington, Va., and Honolulu possible only under ideal conditions. With the application of his device Professor Pupin says it will be possible to transmit the human voice an unlimited distance by wireless without the slightest interference from these ever present electrical disturbances.

As Shakespeare Said.

"Sweet Will Shakespeare's" influence is still with us, and many of the phrases which he used have become part of our language. Among these phrases are: "Bag and baggage," "dead as a doornail," "hit or miss," "love is blind," "selling for a song," "wide world," "fast and loose," "unconsidered trifles," "westward ho!" "familiarity breeds contempt," "patching up excuses," "misery makes strange bedfellows," "to boot," "short and long of it," "dancing attendance," "getting even," "birds of a feather," "Greek to me," "that's flat," "packing a jury," "mother wit," "killed with kindness," "mum" for silent, "ill wind that blows no good," "wild goose chase," "scarecrows," "row of pins," "viva voce," "give and take," "sold," "your cake is dough."

Shakespeare was the first author to use the words "man in the moon" or mention the potato or use the term "eyesore" for annoyance.

In a Japanese School.

In "A Wanderer's Trail", A. L. Rodger, the author, says:

"In Tokyo I gained my living as an English teacher. This task of teaching English in Japan is not a very difficult one. It is, however, a rather tiring occupation. The one qualification necessary is tact. Discipline in Japanese schools is very lax. It is no exaggeration to say that the student virtually rules the school. His power is ridiculously great. Should a class dislike a teacher they either boycott him or they boldly proceed en masse to the school authorities and demand his dismissal. And the almost inevitable result is the teacher's dismissal! To the authorities the only guaranty of the efficiency of a teacher is a full classroom. Needless to mention, I was an efficient, for my class room was always full. That is why I say the only qualification needed was tact."

Wonderful Linen Breeches.

A. O. Bunnell of Dansville has in his possession a petition which was circulated in his village in 1878 and signed by well known people, remarks the Utica Press. The petition appeals to a prominent citizen to wear his linen breeches. It seems that this gentleman had a pair of linen breeches, and every time he wore them rain fell. In 1878 there was a long continued drought in Dansville and thereabouts, and the citizens decided to appeal to Matthew McCartney to wear his linen breeches "in order that the parched up earth, low streams, dry wells and cisterns may be replenished with a bountiful supply of water." Mr. McCartney graciously consented to don his linen breeches, and on the original paper in Mr. Bunnell's possession is this indorsement: "Rain commenced falling the same night."

Saluting the Quarter Deeks.

In response to an inquiry as to why officers and men of the navy "salute the deck" and civilians remove their hats when going aboard a naval vessel it may be said that, though commonly called a "salute to the deck," the salute in question is really a salute to the flag. For instance, at sight on reaching the quarter deck or upon leaving it no salute is required, as the flag is, of course, not flying. The fact that this salute is rendered upon reaching the quarter deck from below or when coming on board and upon leaving the quarter deck, as when leaving the ship, is probably responsible for its having been known as a salute to the deck; but, as has been stated, it is really a salute to the flag. Men should when rendering it stop, stand erect and face the flag.—Philadelphia Press.

Stevenson's Cheerfulness.

"I shall never forget Mr. Stevenson," said a captain who commanded a ship on which Robert Louis Stevenson sailed. "The ship had broken her shaft and was delayed. He cheered everybody up by telling funny stories that were better coming offhand from his lips than most literary men could write if they worked over them for weeks. He knew, too, that it was only a question of a short time before he would die of consumption and that he could never again go home for more than a brief visit. It was simply wonderful what a difference that one man made among the passengers, and I guess almost all of us would gladly spend the time to make port under sail, with machinery disabled, if we could have a Stevenson aboard."

Making It Clear.

"Now, my good man, before we start out in your machine let us understand each other perfectly."

"Well, what is it?"

"I am not desirous of seeing how fast you can drive this car; it is the scenery I wish to see."—Detroit Free Press.

Elevating.

Wigg—The man who loves a woman can't help being elevated. Wagg—And the man who loves more than one is apt to be sent up too.—Philadelphia Record.

To pity distress is but human; to relieve it is godlike.—Mann.

A Matter of Improvement.

Mr. Henry Clay Pinckney, an Afro-American of deepest ebon hue, lay very ill. The mistress of the plantation called to ascertain his condition. "How is your husband this morning, Marinda?" she asked.

"Mis' Jane," was the reply, "dey hain't no imp'ovement one way or de yudder."—Argonaut.

SIRES AND SONS.

A. C. Hanna, a grandson of Adoniram Judson, is at work in the American Baptist mission, Moulmein, Burma.

Von Jagow, the German foreign secretary, has or had, at the outbreak of the war, a valet who was seventy-two years of age and deaf.

M. Paul Cambon, the French ambassador, is the chess champion of the diplomatic body in London. Working out chess problems is the diplomatist's favorite recreation.

Enzio Garibaldi, son of General Ricciotti Garibaldi and grandson of the great Garibaldi, has been severely wounded in the face during the fighting with the Austrians.

Joseph Stewart has resigned after serving for seven years as second assistant postmaster general. In one way or another he has been associated with the postoffice department at Washington since 1882.

Lord Cromer is one of the few Englishmen who can speak Russian fluently. In addition, he speaks French, German and Italian and has a considerable knowledge of Arabic. He was able to speak French fluently when he was five years old.

Fashion Frills.

And, as if their clothes were not already loud enough, the girls are to wear gong sleeves this winter.—Indianapolis News.

The place for a lady to wear her watch now is strapped to the ankle. We don't know why, and probably no one else does, but that doesn't matter.—Atlanta Constitution.

Fashion says women must wear furs on their gowns this winter. It's simply a matter of tacking down the scarf they've been wearing loose around their necks all summer.—New York Sun.

The introduction of cloth topped high boots is said to be the reason for the present fashion of short skirts, and in some cases the tops of the boots seen at a New York fashion show were just a few inches below the knee.—Boston Globe.

Current Comment.

The Golden Rule seems to have switched from the Bank of England to Wall street.—Pittsburgh Press.

Breaking of a four years' trolling record in Wall street isn't so much when you remember that they're breaking a world's record abroad.—Boston Journal.

Above the dull roar of the battle abroad the American people can now be beginning to hear an occasional presidential boom.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

The man who criticises the government of city, state or nation and then stays home on election day is the silent partner of the corrupt politician who buys the votes.—Baltimore American.

Flippant Flings.

The football hero is in the air. Did you raise your boy to be a lineman?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The dollar has succeeded the pound as the money standard, but most people will continue to reckon in jitneys.—New York Mail.

Japan records the story of a maid who remained in one household over fifty years. This indicates that Japan is trying to get our householders to emigrate thither.—Chicago News.

An American manufacturer announces that he has succeeded in producing a quality of limburger cheese that equals the imported article, this being another of the evil effects of war.—Detroit Free Press.

BRIGHT BRIEFS.

The wild oats crop seldom suffers from too much water.

It is no good having strong desires if you have a weak will.

Spend less than you earn and buy nothing because it is cheap.

The race is not always to the swift, but don't let that influence you to be slow.

Europe is pretty hard up, but she doesn't seem to need a Nobel peace prize.

The only time business and pleasure will mix is when a man makes pleasure of business.

If it hadn't been for the scientists there wouldn't be so many deadly instruments of warfare to overcome.

Another reason for the low financial state of Europe is that American tourists didn't see it first this year.

Any explorer should be discovered who can show that he has really discovered a new continent. One is sorely needed.

Accidents continue to happen to the Panama canal, but the country rejoices in the fact that they are not of the kind that involves loss of life.

The kings blame each other for the great war, but the financial burdens of it fall as heavily as ever upon the backs of their patriotic, unfortunate subjects.

People study themselves much more than any one else ever studies them, and yet they never see the things that are perfectly obvious to the most casual observer.