

Philosopher And King

By F. A. MITCHEL

There was once a boy who was born a prodigy. When he was twelve years old he could dispute with the most learned philosophers and when he was sixteen employed much of his leisure time in working out military problems as some persons in these days content with an imaginary enemy at chess.

THE MONEY THEY CARRY.

Poor Men, as a Rule, Have More in Their Pockets Than Rich Men. The next time you meet John D. Rockefeller just ask him how much money he has in his pocket.

What Brought Her Home

By ETHEL HOLMES

John Cook had been married ten years, during which time, except the first few months after the wedding, he had never been away from his wife for more than a few days at a time.

BURMA'S OLDEST TEMPLE.

This Towering Pile Looks as Though It Were Built of Gold. Burma's oldest and most famous temple, Shwe Dagon Laya, is one of the sights of Rangoon.

The White Haired Stranger

By ALAN HINSDALE

Luigi Carrano, a young officer in the Italian army, was so expert with the foil that he was detailed for duty at the Praetorian camp near Rome as a teacher of fencing.

THE WEAR OF COINS.

Chemical Action Has More to Do With It Than Has Abrasion. In the latest report of the British mint Sir Thomas K. Rose, a well known metallurgical expert, calls attention to the effect of grease derived from the sweat of the fingers or from other sources in accelerating the wear of coins.

BAGPIPES AND BRICKS.

One Case in Which Music Did Not Do the Soothing Act. The Adelphi buildings in the Strand, London, were built by two brothers of the family name of Adam.

SWEPT AWAY THE MOORS.

Grimaldi Saved Monaco and Was Made Ruler of the Tiny Land. Did you ever hear of the most distinguished of the Grimaldi family, not the Genoese general who remained at home and fought for his own country?

Love Affairs of Handel.

Women greatly admired Handel, who was very handsome but the severity of the composer seems not to have been ruled twice by love on his part.

A Prophecy That Failed.

The old Emperor William used to tell a story about himself which serves to illustrate that most grateful form of error prophecy.

Bluffs Sometimes Win.

The Chinese tell a story about a tiger that was fed by a monkey to a field where a fat mule was grazing.

The Elephant.

East Indians believe that the elephant lives 300 years. Instances are on record of these huge animals, which have been in captivity for 120 years.

When Shaw Was Married.

"I was very ill when I was married," Bernard Shaw once wrote, "altogether a shrew on crutches and in an old jacket which the crutches had worn to rags."

A Snake's Leap.

A naturalist denies that it is true that a snake ever leaps at its foe or prey. Except the cobra, no snake can raise more than a third of its length from the ground.

A Long Lived Pike.

In 1407 an enormous pike was caught in a lake near Hallerum, in Suabia, with a brass ring attached to it.

Tactful Discretion.

"But you listen to people who talk gossip," "Always," replied Mrs. Layne, "as to know what topics to avoid in my own conversation."—Washington Star.

His Lesson.

"But you silly boy, if I married you, with your means you couldn't even dress me!" "Perhaps with a few lessons I could learn."—Exchange.

Weather Note.

Mistress Well, Cooper, what is the weather to be like? Gardener—Well, mum, I dunno, but the paper do say 'forecast'—London Punch.

FREE CITIES OF GERMANY.

Bremen, Hamburg and Lubek and the Hanseatic League. Bremen, one of the "free" cities of Germany, is a republic. However, that is by no means the most remarkable thing about this seaport.

Simply Terrifying.

An old lady was in the same railway car as a party of golfers. "I found fearful trouble this morning," said one, "at the first I felt right into the middle of a blackberry bush and at the second I was stuck up on the top of a tree."

Out of Abundant Caution.

There is a property owner in Pennsylvania who has endeavored to inculcate in his tenants the principle of arbitration with reference to their disputes, offering himself as arbiter.

Going All the Way.

"How's farming?" "Fine! You know that abandoned farm I picked up?" "That prompted my question."

Spanish Law.

The dilatoriness of Spanish law is almost incredible. A watch was stolen; the owner immediately informed the police of the robbery. Seven years afterward he was called upon by the authorities to give evidence as to the robbery.

Not Edible.

"Him—Ah you fond of 'La Boheme'?" "Her—I don't know. It depends altogether on what kind of dressing you put on it."—Toledo Blade.