

THE SNOB IN SOCIETY.

American Said to Be a Different Creature from His British Cousin.

The accepted definition of a "snob," together with its attendant adjective, "snobbish," is not the same in America as in England.

WARNED BY HIS SOUP.

Queer Yarn of How an English Broker Saved His Fortune in Wall Street.

Vermicelli cut into little letters is a thing commonly found in modern soup. But it is not often that it saves a man from financial disaster.

FLIRTING WITH FACTS.

Illustrative Instances of the Way the Daily Press Gets Things Twisted.

Some funny things concerning the paper trade appear in the daily papers now and then. For example, a New York paper stated recently that the ground wood pulp mill at Sault Ste. Marie has a daily capacity of 125,000 tons.

Laugh Heartily and Live Long. The discontented worries of a morose person may very likely shorten his days, and the general justice of nature's arrangement provides that his early departure should entail no long regrets.

Naval Station in Hawaii. Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, will be the site of one of the most important of the American naval stations on the Pacific.

VANDALS AT THE CAPITOL.

Mole Hunters Dig Holes in Mosaic Flooring in Front of Entrance to Supreme Court Rooms.

Vandals in search of relics have dug several holes in the mosaic floor directly in front of the entrance to the supreme court in the capitol building at Washington.

The damage done can be repaired at a small cost. It frequently happens that visitors entering the building cannot resist the temptation to take away some memento of their visit at the risk of being arrested and imprisoned.

VESSELS TO BE HEAVIER.

Plans for New Battleships Provide for Increased Displacement at the Sacrifice of Speed.

Plans for the new battleships is the question now under consideration by the naval board of construction. It has been decided to increase the displacement of these vessels from previously designed ships of the same class.

It is proposed to have a formidable battery on board each vessel and to have a large sailing radius, fully 10,000 miles in extent. To accomplish this it will be necessary to limit the speed to 19 knots.

Express Cars on Street Railways. It was announced the other night that the New York Electric Vehicle and Transportation company has acquired control of the Metropolitan Express company.

Tons of Dynamite to Be Exploded. Three and one-half tons of dynamite are to be exploded under the narrows between Fort Hamilton and Fort Wadsworth.

Tree Freshman on Flagstaff. Howard Blakeslee, of Detroit, the freshman class president, was caught at three o'clock the other morning near the top of the 150-foot flag pole that came to Ann Arbor college from the world's fair.

Morgan's Way of Doing Things. J. Pierpont Morgan has not been accorded a place in New York's Hall of Fame, but, remarks the Chicago Record-Herald, he always has the satisfaction of knowing that he can buy the thing and get in if there is no other way.

KRUPP PLATE IS GOOD.

Second Test of the Six-Inch Armor Plate for the Battleship Maine Proves Wonderfully Successful.

Another test was had of a six-inch Krupp armor plate for the battleship Maine, which failed to withstand the initial test last month. The result was quite as surprising as that of the first test.

There is now a good chance for the Bethlehem Steel company, which made the armor, to receive, instead of loss, the contract price of more than \$150,000.

The last test was made at the Indian Head proving grounds. In the first test two shots developed a crack and made a bulge in the back of the armor. Three shots were fired in the last test at the uninjured portion.

The Bethlehem company will furnish another plate for a test to show that the defect in the first plate was merely local.

NEW RAILROAD IN ECUADOR.

Material of All Kinds Being Shipped on Rush Orders from This Country.

Shipments of cars, locomotives, rails and steel for railroad bridges to Ecuador have commenced in enormous quantities. The heavy orders are from the South American railroad, which is being built across the Andes from the port of Guayaquil to Quito.

The American Bridge company is under contract to rush 30,000 tons of steel bridge material. A certain car company has begun shipments on a contract for 300 flat, box and stock cars.

FALLS AMONG PARIS SAVAGES.

French Aeronaut Discovers That There Are More Perils on the Land Than in the Air.

Comte Henry de la Vaulx, a famous aeronaut, had one of the most thrilling adventures of his life, not up in the air, as might be expected, but after he had made a safe descent in Paris.

Women were trampled upon, several men were overcome with the escaping gas, and others, to add to the excitement, threw lighted matches toward the exhaust pipe of the balloon.

Flying Machine a Success. Great secrecy has been observed by Denny Bros., the builders of Shamrock II, in the construction of a flying machine for Senors Bagara, father and son.

Rich Souvenir for President. Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, wife of the Colorado millionaire, has sent to President and Mrs. McKinley each of the ladies of the cabinet a magnificent souvenir, which was to have been presented if Mr. and Mrs. Walsh entertained the presidential party when it passed through Colorado Springs.

Largest Flat Building. A flat building to go up in Cincinnati this season will probably be the largest one in the country. Its frontage will be 1,000 feet.

Exports of Paper. The exports of paper from this country in 1900 amounted to about \$7,000,000.

LIKES THE SAMOANS.

Commander Tilley Pleased with Islands Held by United States.

Says the Natives Are Now Docile and Are Extremely Religious - Men Make Good Soldiers and Many Have Enlisted in Navy.

Commander B. F. Tilley, U. S. N., governor of the United States possessions in Samoa, Tutuila, who has just arrived in this country on leave of absence, discussing the conditions there, said:

"The natives are now docile and contented. When I was boarding the Ventura they gave me a 'siewa' or Samoan charivari to show their good will. Ten girls and ten men followed the boat, singing and making music by beating mats with sticks.

"The possessions are divided into counties, each governed by a native officer appointed by the American commander. This system has pleased the Samoans. Recently the chiefs at Faga Togo offered the water front land to the government at a reasonable price, and announced that they would build a Presbyterian church with the money.

"The Samoans are not permitted to have whiskey, but they do not like it anyway, and there is no trouble to keep them sober. They are a brave, warlike, hospitable people, quite the finest 'natives' I have ever seen. Our government ought, if possible, to preserve the race from admixture. We have enlisted 58 Samoans in the navy as landsmen, ordinary seamen, seamen and petty officers. They are kept ashore and are the military resource of the island. They are wonderfully proud of their uniforms and feel like magnificoes with rifles in their grasp.

ENGLAND LOSES POPULATION.

Emigration Statistics for 1900 Show That More People Leave the Island Than Enter It.

The emigration statistics of the year 1900 show that more people leave England than enter it. The following figures show the totals of the general passenger movement:

Outwards-To countries outside of Europe, 298,561; to Europe, 699,292. Inwards-From outside Europe, 175,747; from Europe, 748,825. Balance in favor of outward movement, 48,381; increase over 1899, 40,000. Total emigrants in 1900 from England, 483,868; net gain, 72,000; net loss, 411,868. Of whom 115,000 were men, 100,000 were women, 10,000 were children. The increase in the foreign population was 14,000, chiefly in the East End of London. The majority of foreigners leaving had entered during the year. Of the emigrants from outside of Europe, 189,391 went to the United States, 50,007 to British North America, 15,723 to Australia, and 25,518 to South Africa. More foreigners than natives went to Canada. Of 63,505 aliens going west through the United Kingdom, 25,633 were Russians and Poles. Of the emigrants to outside of Europe, 168,825 were British and 129,736 foreigners.

Gives Brain Room to Grow. One of the rarest operations known to modern surgery was performed the other day upon Isidor Levine, the 13-year-old son of Adolph Levine, of New York city.

Setting Hen in Load of Hay. Buckhout & Co., of Tarrytown, N. Y., received a carload of hay the other day from Michigan. When Station Agent John H. See broke the seal on the car he was surprised to hear the cackling of a hen inside, and on investigation a large white Leghorn hen was found strutting up and down on the top of the hay, and in one corner of the car was a nest containing six eggs.

Embarrassment appears to be the natural concomitant of matrimony. At least this is true in the incipient stages. Invariably, however, there is a striking contrast between the relative composure of the man and the woman. Both are nervous but never both at the same time. If they come a week beforehand to make arrangements she is rattled and he is cool; while on the day of the ceremony she rises to the occasion and he sinks under it.

Deadly Disposed Of. Assistant-Here's a statement from your tailor in this morning's mail. He writes on the back that he wants a settlement at once.

Deaths of Widows and Wives. Statistics collected in Germany show that the death rate among widows is considerably higher than among wives.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Just listen how Smith is praising Jones." "Yes, he is coming to the danger point. In a minute he will puncture his praise with a 'but' and let all the hot air out."-Indianapolis News.

Smithers-"That girl must be tremendously fond of you, judging by the way she keeps winking at you." Withers-"She tells me it's a nervous affection."-Town Topics.

A Great Preface.-Publisher-"I fear your book is too short; it consists of only 40 pages." Author-"Oh, I explain all that in the preface." Publisher-"What length is it?" Author-"Five hundred pages, sir."-Ohio State Journal.

Grocer-"Now, my little man, here's your treacle. Did your mother or send the money?" Little Henry-"Please, sir, she told me to put it in the bottom of the mug so's I shouldn't lose it."-Glasgow Evening Times.

Philanthropist-"What's the matter, little boy? What are you crying about?" Little Boy-"The fellows on the street have formed a trust and I ain't in it. A feller can't play baseball or shabby all by hisself, can he?"-Boston Transcript.

Anxious to Please.-"Who was that woman?" asked the editor. "The president of the Woman's Rights club," replied his assistant. "She was making a kick because we referred to her as a 'strong-minded person.'" "All right. Be careful to call her a 'weak-minded person' in the future."-Philadelphia Press.

"Mose," said Mr. Subbuba, "I want you to clean out my cellar to-night." "Deed, mistah," Mose protested. "I kin't do no wuck laik dat at night, sah, dat would be satisfactory to yo', sah." "Why not? You've often cleaned out my chicken-coop at night." "Yas, sah; but I reckon dat wuz'n satisfactory to yo', sah."-Philadelphia Record.

TO SAVE SABLE ISLAND.

The "Graveyard of the Sea" to Have Trees Grown on Its Wreck-Strawed Shores.

The Canadian government is taking steps to prevent the washing away of what is familiarly known as "the graveyard of the Atlantic." During his visit to the Paris exposition, Maj. Bourdeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, made an examination of a number of sandy formations off the coast of France, which the French government has succeeded in preserving by the simple process of planting them with a particular tree, possessing binding qualities in its roots.

The urgent need of this action can be gathered from the fact that the island was once 40 miles in length while to-day it is barely half that length and only two miles in width. The encroachments of the sea have gradually shifted the sand until now over half of the island is completely submerged. It is anticipated that if the island is covered with trees it will stand out more clearly and sharply defined to the officers of ships in the vicinity than at present, and thus prove a boon to mariners, who dread this treacherous spot.

Notwithstanding its remoteness and inhospitable characteristics, Sable island possesses many points of interest which make it worthy of a visit. Its race of ponies, which are annually penned and shipped to Halifax for sale, is famous. It also contains a small colony of people who at least have no ground for longing "for a lodge in some vast wilderness." It is recorded that some years ago a ship, in whose timber a colony of rats had its abode, went down off the island, and the rats succeeded in getting ashore. Before long they had multiplied to such an extent as to have become a source of danger to the settlers, but it was not until they had well-nigh destroyed all the food supplies on the island and had brought the settlers face to face with starvation that the latter thought themselves and imported some Nova Scotian cats, which kept the pest in check until a passing ship left a pair of foxes on the island. That was the beginning of the end of both rats and cats. The foxes soon overran the island. They killed, not only the rats, but the cats as well, and how best to deal with the foxes is now under consideration of the government.

When Bride and Groom Are Nervous. Embarrassment appears to be the natural concomitant of matrimony.

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ANTI-HAZING RULES.

War Department Issues Stringent Regulations for West Point.

The New Orders Are the Direct Result of the Recent Mutinous Proceedings at the Military Academy.

According to a special to the New York Herald from Washington, stringent regulations defining and prohibiting hazing have been issued by the war department. These regulations are the direct result of the recent mutinous proceedings at the military academy. Hazing is thus defined: Any cadet, who shall strike, lay hands upon, treat with violence, disturb in his room or tent, or offer bodily harm to a new cadet or candidate, with intent to punish, injure, annoy, molest or harass the same; or, who shall, with the same intent, invite, order, compel or permit a new cadet or candidate to sweep his room or tent, make his bed, bring water, clean his arms, equipments or accoutrements, or perform any other menial service for him, or to assume any constrained position, or to engage in any form of physical exercise; or, who shall, with the same intent, invite, order or compel any new cadet or candidate to eat or drink any article of food, or to take into his mouth any articles whatever, or to do for him anything incompatible with the position of a cadet and gentleman, or any cadet, whose duty it is to enforce camp, barrack or mess regulations, who shall permit any new cadet or candidate to eat or drink any article of food, or to take into his mouth any article whatever in violation of said regulations, shall be summarily dismissed from the military academy.

Hazing also includes any other treatment of a "harrassing, tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting or humiliating character." Dismissal is the penalty of violation of these regulations. The practice of a duel or personal combat is also prohibited, and the principals and other persons involved, or any cadet abusing or condemning another for declining to accept a challenge, will be dismissed.

TO MAKE FAST TIME.

Some Advantages New Schedules Will Have on the Electric Roads of England.

Parliament has been petitioned to grant its approval of the construction of an electric railway between Liverpool and Manchester, which will make the fastest time on record. The single rail system, which it is proposed to introduce on this line, will bring changes in other respects than that of speed. For one thing one cannot journey by this method of locomotion and speak to his fellow travelers at the same time. The noise caused by the running wheels would effectually drown the most vociferous efforts. Again, reading will be out of the question. The vibration is abnormal and the rapid motion by which the passenger is whisked along at the terrific rate of 110 miles an hour precludes the possibility of such a thing. Even on the Irish line, where the speed rarely reaches 60 miles an hour, reading is a practical impossibility. The great recommendation of the system, as shown in its working in Kerry, rests in the fact that it is practically impossible to derail the engines or carriages.

Couch Goes to Mount Vernon. Through the efforts of Mrs. E. B. A. Rathbone, vice regent for the state of Michigan of the Mount Vernon Ladies' association, the historic old state coach used by George Washington when he rode to New York city to take the oath of office as first president of the United States will be preserved for future generations among the other relics at Mount Vernon on the Potomac. This information was announced by Augustus Frey, who has owned the coach for several years, and recently came to the conclusion that it would look better at Mount Vernon than it has stored in his barn. It is understood that Mr. Frey gave the coach to the association.

The coach, once rich with decorations and embroidered upholstery, has lost much of its elegance and is now but a shadow of the suggestion of the elegance of the period. For years it was used by Gen. and Mrs. Washington about Mount Vernon.

New Poet Faces France. The growing awkwardness of French duellists in seriously wounding each other during their contests is a matter deserving earnest consideration. France needs all its adult blood, says the Chicago Tribune. There is so little new blood coming on to take its place.

His Object. An Ohio man who has an automobile refuses to run it more than 20 miles an hour through crowded streets, says the Chicago Record-Herald. It is thought he is trying to gain notoriety by being eccentric.

Future Possibilities. It may be possible that Mme. Bernhardt contemplates the assumption of old men's parts in the distant future, says the Chicago Tribune, and is slowly blazing her way in that direction.