

THE WRONG GUEST.

How Brother of Beerbohm Tree Enjoyed a Fine Entertainment.

Discovers Invitation to Club Dinner Was for Distinguished Brother. Responds to Address of Welcome and Acts His Part Well

Max Beerbohm, at a dinner of the Cemented Bricks held at the Holborn restaurant, London, told an anecdote of how he had been mistaken for his brother, Beerbohm Tree, when some years ago they visited America together.

Max did so. He found he was the guest of the evening, and it was not until the chairman had got well into the middle of his speech of welcome that he found that it was Mr. Tree who was being eulogized.

When the Red Mountain Banner appeared on the following morning, with "Mr. Tree among the Eagles," bidding its readers remember the Mayflower and the "great speech of Actor Tree—who is here to cement the union between the old country and the new," Mr. Tree, by that time actually arrived, could not contain himself.

TO BE FINISHED IN ENGLAND.

Fitting Up and Decoration of Rooms of Kaiser's New Yacht Not to Be Done Here.

The fitting up and decoration of the rooms of the German emperor's new yacht will be done in England, says a London dispatch to the New York Herald.

The style adopted throughout will be what is known as the "colonial Adams."

All the rooms will be paneled with mahogany, which will be enameled in white and burnished to a fine cherry color.

The furniture of his majesty's room and the ladies' saloon will be inlaid with stainwood, and the other rooms with mahogany.

The deckhouse will be treated in mahogany and inlaid with hollywood. An interesting feature is that no electric light will be installed, but that candles will be used instead.

LARGE RIFLE RANGE WANTED.

Government Looking for Adequate Accommodations Near Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

It is learned that the government is planning to establish an artillery rifle range somewhere within 50 miles of Fort Sheridan, Ill., if the land can be secured. To this end an inspector general of the army has been visiting Lake and McHenry counties in Illinois and Kenosha county, Wisconsin, looking for a suitable site.

Girls Discard Side Saddle.

The first organized revolt against the side saddle is being made by a class of young society girls who meet every Friday night at the Central Park Riding academy, New York city.

The High Hand-Shake.

We learn from the Washington Post that "the ridiculous elevated hand-shake" does not obtain in the capital. Yet, says the Chicago Tribune, there is nothing that comes so high that Washington society cannot afford it if it chooses.

The Unlucky Number.

A Kentucky man has been sent to jail for having 13 wives. He should have remembered, says the Chicago Record-Herald, that 13 is unlucky and stopped with a dozen.

Looking for Spring.

If this is what the ground hog intended to predict, said the Chicago Record-Herald, let us hope that he may come out often to look around.

STARTS ON LONG VOYAGE.

Titus, a Steamship Tug Has Left New York to Make Soundings for the Pacific Cable.

To take soundings in the Pacific ocean from near San Francisco to the Hawaiian islands, thence to the Ladrones, and from there to the Philippines, for the projected Pacific cable, the Titus, a 120-ton sea-going tug, has just left New York.

He expects to begin soundings about the end of April, and to complete this task by the end of May. For ascertaining depths, a new device will be used. It is a large iron cylinder, topped by a cone, containing air, and is hermetically sealed, except when the cylinder is immersed. Then water, flowing into the cylinder and through a tube, has access to the cone containing the air.

Working on the principles of hydraulics and gravitation, it is possible to drop the cylinder to a reasonable depth, and the pressure is indicated on a dial attached to the cone. When the cylinder is drawn up, by taking the pressure and the depth, and making the proper computations, the total depth of the sea at that point is determined.

Soundings will be taken every half hour, with the tug going at a speed of about six miles an hour. It is not expected that a greater depth than 6,000 feet will be found on the course.

NEW OFFICERS FOR NAVY.

Sixty Men with Shoulder-Straps to Be Graduated from Naval Academy at Annapolis.

There will be an addition to the navy of 60 new officers. Secretary Long has authorized the graduation on May 1 of the present first class at the naval academy. This means the commissioning as ensign of 60 naval cadets, who under ordinary circumstances would not be graduated until July 1.

It began to look as if naval officers on foreign stations, notably those with the Asiatic squadron, would not be able to come home for five or six years, the regular tour of duty being but three years.

With the graduation of the naval cadets two months earlier than usual it will also be possible to send some of the officers who are instructors at Annapolis to sea for duty on board ship. There are 15 of these officers who may be so detailed.

SENT OUT BY MISTAKE.

McKinley Memorial Postal Cards Sent to Congressmen Without Being Marked "Specimen."

Postmaster General Payne several days ago sent to each member of the senate and house of representatives a die-proof of the McKinley memorial postal card the department will issue in the near future. In almost every case the secretaries of the various members of congress seized upon the cards and addressed them to friends all over the country, generally with a little explanatory note calling attention to the new postal card and stating it should be treasured as a curio, being the first to go through the mails.

Harvard to Get Big Gift.

The officials of Harvard university have announced that only \$294,000 is yet to be raised before the medical department can secure the \$1,000,000 offered by John D. Rockefeller. They also said that they had promises of several large contributions and felt sure of completing the fund.

Wears Skull Cap in Senate.

Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, surprised his colleagues the other day by appearing in the senate chamber wearing a silk skull cap. The Connecticut veteran has been suffering from colds as a result of going about the Capitol building with his head uncovered, and has adopted this means to overcome the difficulty.

Great Country, But Few People.

With a population of only 210,000 Manitoba equals in size the whole of Great Britain and Ireland.

NEW CABINET OFFICE.

Measure Introduced in Senate Would Provide for Department of Physical Culture.

Senator Mason, of Chicago, introduced a bill in the senate the other day which provides for the establishment of a department of physical culture, whose secretary shall, "within the limits of common sense," do everything he can to advance the cause of physical culture to the individual improvement of the human race, as well as to the improvement of general conditions under which people live, prosper and prolong their usefulness.

NEW ANGLO-AMERICAN CLUB.

Organization Just Effected at London by Men of Position on Both Sides of Atlantic.

The new Anglo-American club is to be opened almost immediately in Piccadilly, the house selected being quite close to Devonshire house, cables the London correspondent of the New York Herald. It is to be a fairly smart club, without the exclusiveness of the "Rochesters," the Marlborough or the Turf.

Some very well-known men of position on both sides of the Atlantic are on the committee. The duke of Abercorn is one of the Englishmen referred to, and Senator Chauncey M. Depew, on the American side. All the members of the Union, the Knickerbocker and the Metropolitan clubs, of New York, as well as the other leading clubs of America, will be admitted without ballot.

Great things are expected of this club, as it is thought it will be a great convenience to American men who have not the use of a club house in London of any importance.

The club will be in working order before the coronation. A splendid site ought to be obtained. The premises, up to the present, have been used as a hotel and restaurant, but not with any great success.

ARMY NOT DRAWING DOCTORS.

Sixty-Three Vacancies in Military Medical Posts Causing Annoyance to Officials.

Army medical officers are greatly distressed over the fact that there are 63 vacancies in their corps, and that the examination now being held in Washington has not produced more than 40 candidates, of whom it is likely that not more than four or five will pass. The examination is a severe one, promotion in the department is slow and uncertain, and there are few attractions which would interest young medical students.

All of the contract surgeons now in the service who have any desire for military life have come for examination for appointment to the regular establishment. The prospect is that new officers will be added to the medical department at such a slow rate as to gradually increase the number of vacancies in its junior grade.

Army surgeons say it is only a question of time when relief must be sought by means of legislation. It is possible that an effort will be made to have congress do something in behalf of the medical officers when the army appropriation bill comes before the house.

HANGS HIS WIFE AS A JOKE.

Iowa Swings Her to a Tree During a Christening Party—Woman Cut Down Just in Time.

A man's "practical joke" on his wife at a christening party in the northwestern part of Rock Island, Ill., the other night, all but ended fatally for the woman.

The joker, a large and powerful man, while in a happy frame of mind from the frequency with which he had drunk the newly named infant's health, picked up his young wife and carried her out of the house. Finding a rope, he tied one end around the woman's neck, threw the other end over the limb of a tree, and then pulled his wife from the ground. Fastening the loose end of the rope, he returned to the party. The "fun" was too good to keep, and he confided it to a friend, telling him he had played a joke on his wife.

An investigation resulted in the woman's being cut down just in time to prevent her death by strangulation. She was unconscious for some time.

Named in Honor of America.

The new Anchor Line steamship Columbia was successfully launched on the Clyde, on Washington's birthday, being christened by Lady Halfour of Burleigh, wife of the secretary of state for Scotland. The Columbia has been ready for launching for several days, but the company deferred the event so as to have it take place on Washington's birthday. The new steamship is 500 feet long, has a displacement of 15,000 tons, and is built for Transatlantic service.

SPLENDID SHOWING.

Growth of Foreign Commerce of United States During 1901.

Rapid Pace of This Country in the Great Race for the Supremacy in the Trade of the Largest Markets of the World.

The important document entitled "Review of the Foreign Commerce of the United States in 1901," showing the pace at which this country ran during the last calendar year in the great race for supremacy in trade in the world's markets, has been made public by Frederic Emery, chief of the bureau of foreign commerce of the state department.

It is stated that the commercial reports of our diplomatic and consular officers last year record continued growth in the sales of many lines of manufacture from the United States in foreign markets and the increase of the general concern throughout Europe as to the possible results of our industrial competition.

Although the figures of our exports compiled by the treasury department show a considerable falling off in the total value of manufactured goods sent abroad, it is stated there seems to be a steady and unintermitted spread in the popularity of what may be termed American "novelties," all over Europe. By the word "novelties" are meant not only labor-saving implements and machinery which are strange to most Europeans, but a great variety of articles of merchandise, all of which possess distinguished points of excellence and relative cheapness, new to Europe, which commend them to purchasers there in preference to similar articles of home manufacture.

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CHILDREN WIN ELECTION.

Allegheny (Pa.) Boys and Girls Induce Parents to Choose Their Favorite as School Director.

School children of the Fifth ward, Allegheny, Pa., elected a school director in the recent municipal election by a handsome majority through their parents. Miss Kate Cassatt McKnight is the only woman elected school director in Pennsylvania.

The nomination came unsolicited and she did not canvass for a vote. She left it with the school children. She has been their friend since she was a girl and entertains the school children of her ward each year. This lined up the Young Men's Civic club on her side and she beat the machine candidate.

Miss McKnight is vice president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, is secretary of the local D. A. R. and a leading society and club woman. All her ancestors have been leaders in Pittsburgh since its founding and one of her grandfathers was the first mayor of Pittsburgh. She says that, being unmarried, she can enter heart and soul into her duties as school director.

Twins Are Maids of Honor.

Two of the most interesting personalities about the English court are twin sisters, the Misses Doris and Violet Vivian, who are maids of honor to the queen. The twins are the daughters of the late Lord Vivian, who was a leading diplomat for many years, and the sisters of the present peer, who has come home invalided from the front. They are both handsome girls, which is not surprising, as both their parents were handsome. They have not as yet had much to do, for Queen Alexandra has not needed their services, but when the period of court begins they will be in constant requisition. Their presence will add a good deal of charm to the court circle.

Stole Hive of Bees.

A hive of bees belonging to the government was stolen from the agricultural department a few days ago, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Up to the hour of going to press, however, the government had not missed any red-hot stoves.

London's Telephone System.

London's new telephone system, which is being put in by the government as a part of its post office service, will have a capacity of 14,000 subscribers, who will pay by the message.

THE "WATER CURE."

Gen. Funston Describes a Method of Torture in Philippines.

Had Never Seen It Applied to the Native by American Soldiers, and Did Not Believe It Was Practiced to Any Extent.

Gen. Frederick Funston, in discussing the "water cure," a form of torture charged against the soldiers in the Philippines, said that he had never seen the "water cure" applied, but he had heard it described. "The victim is bound and a canteen forced into his mouth," said the general. "His head is thrown upward and back and his nose grasped by the fingers of the torturer. Strangulation follows as a matter of course. When the victim is released and he is given a chance to talk on recovery or take another dose of it. The operation is brutal beyond a doubt, but hardly fatal.

The charge which I have just referred to the request of the war department was most vague. It was made by a soldier and to the effect that he had helped administer the water cure to 150 natives. That is the kind of report a soldier is apt to write home when business is dull and he has three or four beers under his jacket to help his imagination. Nothing of the kind ever occurred with the knowledge of the officers or ever occurred at all, for that matter."

FIND RICH MINES IN AFRICA.

Experts Said to Have Located Immense Beds of Copper and Gold Quartz.

Reports from two experts have been received in London from different parts of Africa which, if borne out later by developments, are likely to have an important influence on the world's gold and copper supply. One of the reports comes from Assinie, on the French ivory coast, and says that a reef of quartz gold eight feet wide and panning from two to eight ounces has been opened up on the ivory coast.

From North Rhodesia the British Chartered South Africa company has received news of the discovery of a copper field estimated at 40 square miles. The field is situated 150 miles north of Victoria Falls and runs thence to the Congo Free State.

In the ancient mines dug by the natives and reopened by engineers in the employ of the Chartered company copper assaying 44 per cent. is now being secured, besides a large percentage of silver. The Cape to Cairo railroad will be diverted to pass through the copper field.

THE YELLOWSTONE PARK.

Government Spending Many Thousand Dollars in Better Roads and Bridges.

Many thousand dollars are being spent by the United States government in the Yellowstone national park. Roads are being improved and heretofore inaccessible places high in wonderland are being placed within reach of the tourist. A roadway is in course of construction to the lower portions of the Grand canyon, high bridges being necessary to span the deep chasms. It is the intention to spend \$500,000, and it is possible that the congressional appropriation may exceed that amount.

DISCOVERS AN AMAZON TOMB.

Western Norway Finds a Skeleton with Complete Set of Armor in Fine Condition.

The discovery at Solon, in western Norway, of the tomb of an Amazon, is exciting great interest in scientific circles. The discovery was made by Prof. Goldberg. The tomb contains the remains of a woman between 20 and 30 years of age, apparently buried with her horse and complete armor, the latter being in fine condition, and the complete skeleton of a horse also occupying the tomb.

It is said this is the first discovery of the kind, although the old sagas frequently speak of women warriors. The tomb probably dates from the viking age, and the woman must have been a prominent warrior, as only persons of celebrity were buried with their horses and arms. The excavating party is making further explorations.

Decrease of Theological Students.

The number of students enrolled last year at the Auburn (N. Y.) Theological seminary, a Presbyterian institution, was only 72, contrasted with 91 in 1900, 105 in 1899, and 123 in 1897. President George B. Stewart gives as the two chief causes "the loss of prestige in the ministry and the increase of materialism in society and the church."

When He Soars Across the Ocean.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer says Neptune will say to M. Santos-Dumont, the aeronaut: "If you happen to fly my way, drop in."

Always Comes with Oil Boom.

Now that oil has been discovered at Pike's Peak, says the Chicago Record-Herald, a good many people are likely to bust there.

STEAL GEMS FROM ALTAR.

Seven of the Precious Stones in Crypt of New York Cathedral Removed by Thieves.

Seven of the precious stones in the altar of the Tiffany chapel, in the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Cathedral heights, N. Y., were removed by thieves. After midnight the thieves, presumably two in number, gained access to the grounds from the entrance on One Hundred and Thirtieth street, opposite St. Luke's hospital. They then broke a window in the crypt and had an easy approach to the altar.

The altar is of Carrara marble, faced with glass mosaics. The symbols of the four evangelists are done in mother of pearl and a central monogram is treated with gold, garnets, precious stones and mother of pearl inlaid. Just above, at the rear of the altar, is a small tabernacle inlaid with colored marble and gems. Back of the altar, against the wall, is the reredos, of polished black marble, inlaid with mosaics.

That the thieves were familiar with the nature of the most valuable jewels, the night watchman, it is supposed, saw at the other end of his beat, which extends from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Amsterdam and Morningside avenues. Caretakers were sleeping in a little window but close to the crypt. It is believed the thieves are the same who attempted to rob the crypt two weeks ago, when the decorations of the altar, including the cross and two vases, were disturbed, but the robbers evidently were frightened away on that occasion.

SUPPOSED CORPSE FLEES.

Man Found Frozen Still Escapes from Morgue and is Found at Home Eating Hot Dinner.

Found frozen in a snowdrift and apparently dead, after the recent storm at New York, William Ferry, a farmer, near Anthony, N. J., lay for ten hours on the cooling board of an undertaker's shop, surrounded by coffins and paraphernalia of death. But for the absence of the undertaker, he might have been buried alive.

Ferry was found lying in the snow. The body was cold, and the supposed corpse was taken to an undertaking establishment. Half a dozen neighbors gathered to watch over the body. The absence of the undertaker prevented further action. When he arrived the party gathered in another room. Upon their return to the cooling room they were horrified to find the supposed corpse missing. "Body snatchers" was their first thought. An alarm was sent out and a messenger hurried to Ferry's home. When he arrived Ferry was disposing of a hearty meal. He said he suddenly became conscious, and observing his surroundings, fled through a side door and hurried home.

ONLY INSECTS TO BLAME.

Decided by Congress at Havana That Mosquito is the Spreader of Yellow Fever.

"The Mosquito and Its Relation to Yellow Fever" was the subject of discussion before the sanitary congress at Havana. Maj. W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of Havana; Maj. Harvard, chief surgeon of the medical department in Cuba, and Drs. Finlay and Ross read papers on the subject. The congress adopted a resolution setting forth that the stygonia faveata mosquito is the only means of the transmission of yellow fever yet discovered, and that the prophylaxis to be adopted should be directed toward the destruction of this mosquito, or, where this is not possible, toward the isolation of the people from it.

To Make Study of Cancer.

The official heads of the medical profession of Great Britain are determined to unite for a systematic investigation into the causes, the prevention and the treatment of cancer, according to the London correspondent of the New York Herald. The king has given countenance to the movement, and it is likely interesting developments will follow shortly. The councils of the Royal College of Surgeons have adopted a joint resolution empowering delegates to draw up a detailed scheme of work. Sir William Church, Sir William Broadbent and others equally well known are on the committee.

An Odd Scandal.

A scandal has arisen over the reburial of Robert Hamerling, the German poet, who died in 1899. He was moved into a permanent tomb in the cemetery at Graz, when the coffin was opened and the medical men present, among whom were two university professors, surreptitiously and without authority removed the head in order to measure the skull. Since then the skull has been kept in the anatomical laboratory at Graz university. Hamerling's relatives and friends are indignant, and demand that the poet's head shall be put back with the body at once.

Becoming Center of Universe.

It is not improbable that after Henry of Prussia our next royal visitor will be the queen dowager of Italy, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, and exclaims, we are evidently attracting considerable attention in the higher circles abroad.