

PAUL HARPER'S GRIT

Son of University Professor Shines Shoes for Students.

He and His Room-Mate Hang Out a Shingle Announcing the New Enterprise and Earn Lots of Spending Money.

When Paul Harper, second son of William Harper, needs money for any of the little charitable enterprises he often indulges in, he shows as much tact and ability as does his famous father when the latter feels the University of Chicago is in need of some substantial gift toward a new hall or a new class.

Recently the boy found a new field for his charity, and he had to have money. It didn't trouble him a bit how to get it. He unfolded a plan to his chum, the son of the late Col. Francis W. Parker, and quicker than it takes to tell it a sign was hung in one of the halls of Morgan Park academy which read: "Harper & Co., polishers of boots and shoes to Morgan Park Academy."

The news spread quickly throughout the dormitories and halls, and there was a scramble among the students to be the first to have his shoes shined by a university president's son. They came in droves and stood in line waiting their turns. They wore calf shoes, tan shoes and patent leathers. No matter what the style of leather, the price was the same to all—five cents. For more than two hours the boys—Harper and Parker—were polishing shoes at a rate that would permit a downtown bootblack to retire from business in a few months.

The professors in the various classes were compelled to go to the "shoe shining parlor" to get enough pupils together to make a decent showing. There was no interference, however, with the establishment of Harper & Co. On the contrary, the faculty saw the humor of the situation and the professors were inclined to treat the matter as a good joke.

THE CORONATION SERVICES.

King Edward Anxious to Have Coronation in West Minister Abbey Greatly Shortened.

Details of the coronation are gradually coming up for the royal decision, says the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, and nearly all the essential points will be decided before the departure of the king for Paris and the Riviera. Great efforts have been made to shorten the service at Westminster abbey. If the ecclesiastical authorities were allowed to have their way the service would occupy five or six hours, with an official requirement that the spectators should be in their places an hour or two in advance. The litany will certainly be dropped, and the musical portion of the service will probably be curtailed.

Other changes are proposed, but there is a tendency to magnify the importance of every detail. The abbey service and the royal drive through the metropolis are the only fixtures. The day for the naval review has not been announced, nor that of the gala night at Covent Garden, nor the day's functions at the Buckingham palace. The garden party at Hatfield may occur on the Saturday after the coronation service. The king's health is reported to be excellent.

AUSTRIAN BARON'S AMBITION.

Will Make His Debut on the Concert Stage at New York City, Using His Own Songs.

Society is interested in the New York debut on the concert stage of Baron Clemens Franckenstein of Vienna, who, as Clemens von Franckenstein, has just given a recital of his own songs at Mendelssohn hall.

Among the baron's compositions which were performed was a group of songs written to the words of Hauptmann's "Sunken Bell," which was performed here by Mr. Edward A. Sothern. Baron Franckenstein has previously played into musical setting, the whole of which will be performed next season. Baron Franckenstein, who has been in this country only two weeks, is well known in the society circles of the Austrian capital. His father was in the diplomatic service of Austria-Hungary, having been stationed in Copenhagen, and his brother is one of the secretaries of the Austrian legation in Washington.

Queer Feet in England.

Count Tolstoy's illness calls to notice a small community of professed disciples in a Norfolk (England) village styling themselves the brotherhood church. The members are forbidden to give or to receive money. They work for a living, but accept payment only in kind. All property is held in common. They are opposed to matrimony and the farther peopling of the world. The community numbers about 120 persons and has been in existence five years. Though some members have fallen away, it attracts new members, and maintains a strong vitality.

The Eccentricities of Nature.

Some of the water that is now lying on top of the ground in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, remarks the Chicago Inter Ocean, would have made millions of hearts glad had it appeared on top of the ground in the corn belt last summer.

EXTERMINATING INSECTS.

How to Rid the House of the Various Pests That Torment the Housekeeper.

Carbolic acid is one of the best aids in housekeeping, and a housewife who uses this chemical with judgment will find it a valuable friend. The cheapest form is to buy the crystals and put four ounces in a bottle. Place the bottle on a pad of paper in a saucepan and surround with cold water; place on the stove and when dissolved pour into a quart bottle which is nearly full of cold water; cork securely and place out of reach of children. When washing closets, floors, or washing store-rooms, use two tablespoonfuls to half a bucket of water. The odor soon passes off and freedom from insects is assured. A tablespoonful to a quart of water is good for flushing plumbing, rinsing garbage pail, sink and for coating nest-boxes for laying or setting hens, says Ladies' World, New York.

Ants are often exterminated by brushing this solution around their haunts, but the most effective method of destroying ants is to wipe the under part of shelves, floors or wherever they congregate with a cloth slightly moistened with kerosene. One application will drive them away. If they have nests about the outer part of the cellar, pour about a cupful of kerosene in their haunts. Pests are often very troublesome during the summer months. If the carpet or matting of a room is wiped with a cloth wrung from carbolic acid water, using two tablespoonfuls to a half pail of water, and all the wood-work wiped, fleas will find new quarters. Air the room thoroughly after using the acid, and the odor will soon pass away. If this is not effective the following preparation sprayed in infested places will drive them away. Put four ounces of oil of eucalyptus and 14 ounces of alcohol in one bottle; into a second bottle put four ounces of ether and two ounces oil of bay. Let stand half a day, shaking occasionally, then mix. Keep the bottle well corked. This preparation will drive flies away also. Sprinkle a few drops about the room. The odor is not unpleasant, being balsamic and spicy. Cockroaches are often very troublesome during the heated term. Cleanliness and constant vigilance is the one safeguard against them. Do not allow children to scatter crumbs, and be careful to remove or cover closely all food at night. Damp cloths should not be thrown in corners, and all soiled clothes must be placed in a closely covered receptacle in an outhouse. Turpentine added to the water, when washing the kitchen floor, is a good preventive, and a wash of a tablespoonful of carbolic acid to a quart of water, applied with a brush, will exterminate them.

Hot solution of alum, using two ounces of alum to a pint of water, is one of best insect exterminators. It will destroy cockroaches, ants, etc., but it must be applied hot with a brush, therefore it cannot be used on varnished wood or painted articles, as it would destroy the paint or varnish also. If the hot alum water or a solution of carbolic acid has been used on the floors before the carpets have been laid, moths will not be troublesome. If, however, this precaution has not been taken and moths have begun to eat the carpets, take the tasks out and turn the carpet half a yard; wash the boards and floor with a strong solution of the acid, putting it on with a brush and forcing into all the cracks. When dry lay the carpet back and track in place, then with a sponge wring from a strong solution of the acid, go over the carpet, rubbing it well. Change the water frequently. This will destroy all the larvae.

To exterminate bed-bugs mix in a large bottle, one pint each of wood alcohol and turpentine, and one ounce each of corrosive sublimate and gum camphor. Shake thoroughly; apply the wash with a small brush, forcing it into all crevices and going over all the furniture. It is a deadly poison, so keep guarded. To get rid of mice, one of the safest methods is to mix a cup of flour with a cup of plaster. Cover all food and place this where they can reach it. They never come back for the second helping. To Cure Brittle Nails. A professional manicure says that the brittleness of finger nails noticeable in winter comes from extreme cold. The temperature affects the nails of some persons more than those of others, but almost any nails are more difficult to care for in winter than in summer. It is possible sometimes to relieve this brittleness by rubbing almond oil thoroughly into the nails and finger ends at night, after which a pair of old gloves should be drawn over the hands. Persons whose nails show great brittleness in cold weather should be very careful not to leave the hands uncovered out of doors for a moment, and should also take the precaution to draw on a loose glove if working at the fire for any purpose, as the extremes of dry and heat and sharp cold injure some nails seriously. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Tartar Croquettes.

Mix well together two cupfuls cold minced duck or veal, one cupful cold mashed turnips, one grated raw onion, juice of one lemon, one tablespoonful grated horseradish, one cupful bread crumbs, the beaten yolks of two eggs, and seasoning to taste. Form into croquettes, roll in bread crumbs, and fry to a nice brown. Serve on buttered toast. Almost any cold meat may be used in this way. Equal quantities of mashed turnips and mashed potatoes, nicely seasoned, also make very nice vegetable croquettes. —Ladies' World, New York.

One Way to Look at It.

Probably this is the first time, says the Chicago Tribune, that the heathen ever got as much as \$50,000 in one lump from their friends in America.

Fast Profits Cut No Ice.

Fast profits never count with the fire insurance men, says the Omaha Bee, when they contemplate present losses.

MAY BE A COUNTESS.

Telephone Girl Claims Right to an English Title.

Romance in the Life of the Son of Earl of Perth, Whose Daughter the New York Hello Girl Claims to Be.

A telephone girl employed in New York has a well-founded idea that by the death (just announced) of George Drummond, earl of Perth and Melfort, in the Scottish peerage, she may succeed to some titles, if not any money. The earl, who died in his ninety-fifth year, lived in the humblest circumstances and had no landed estate. He may have had the half-pay of a captain of the Ninety-third Highlanders to sustain him at the residence of his declining years, the Cottage, Kew, England.

The name of the telephone girl is May Harriet Drummond. She claims to be the granddaughter of the earl. If she should establish her descent, or if she should be able to prove that her father had established his title, she would now be entitled to call herself the countess of Melfort in the Scottish peerage and the Duchess de Melfort, Countess de Lussan, and Baronne Valcroise in France.

Her father, according to her claims, was George Essex Montirax, Lord Drummond and Viscount Forth. The earl of Perth and Melfort held only Scottish and French titles. He had no seat in the house of lords. He had two sons by his first marriage. One of them died in infancy and the other, George Charles Francis Malcolm Drummond, died in 1861, leaving a son, George Essex Montirax Drummond. May Harriet's father always said he was this son.

It is of record that George Essex Montirax Drummond ran away from England with his nurse, Eliza Harrison, when he was 16 years old and married her on Long Island in 1871. One infant son died, and then May was born. George Drummond had little means to support his wife and child. He conducted a farm on Long Island and afterward got jobs in newspaper offices and in clothing stores along Broadway, and sold tickets on the Sixth avenue elevated railroad for several years. He died in St. Luke's hospital in 1897.

His wife married again. She became the wife of Henry W. Masters, an iron molder, who lives in Brooklyn, at 1364 Fulton street. The daughter, now duchess and countess, if she can prove it, was married several years ago, but separated from her husband and resumed her maiden name.

Should she marry again and have a son he would be a Scotch earl and a French duke, providing the case was properly established.

ROOF GARDEN FOR CHURCH.

Chicago Church to Have Such Modern-Day Feature on Its New Building.

Chicago is to have the latest thing in church architecture — a five-story house of worship, with a roof garden and a gymnasium in connection. The auditorium of the church will be in the rear. The main entrance will be through a commodious arcade.

This unique structure will become the permanent home of the Metropolitan Church of Christ, which now holds Sunday morning services in the People's theater, formerly the People's institute, at Leavitt and Van Buren streets. It will be erected in the immediate vicinity of the same corner.

Rev. Mr. Scoville said: "If roof-gardens are profitable for pleasure and entertainments, why not for places where, during the hot weather, men and women can be gathered by the hundreds to enjoy the fresh breezes of heaven while they listen to the Gospel in sermon and in song."

There is only one roof-garden church—the Church of Christ in Columbus, Ind. This has proved a great success during hot summer nights. Rev. Mr. Scoville explains that ice cream socials and musical entertainments will be given on the roof of his church. "I will rent the roof-garden to political parties for campaign meetings," he said.

Walks to Vienna on Water.

Capt. Grossmann has walked down the Danube from Linz to Vienna, a distance of 100 miles, on his newly invented water walking shoes, towing his wife in a boat. It taking him 21 days to make the trip. The long time spent on the journey is explained by the fact that Capt. Grossmann stopped at several places to give exhibitions of his shoes. These are five yards long. The trip was made without mishap, notwithstanding there was an unusually strong current and much floating ice in the river. In addition, there were a number of storms which made the traveling perilous.

Cleaning Out United States.

Nobody down in this direction believes Canada could clean out the United States in six months, says the Chicago Tribune. It would take at least four years to argue the southern part of the country to a standstill, and there are persons still alive who once thought a job of that kind could be done in three months.

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FRESH FEMININE FINERY.

New Materials and Trimmings for Next Season's Gowns—Rain-Proof Velveteens.

For general wear next season mohair or mohair brillantines will be greatly favored. Black, blue, gray and brown will be equally fashionable colors. The black jacket with facings of white mohair will be greatly used for its simplicity, while those made with white silk or moire revers will be more elaborate, having a trimming of gold or silver braid at the edge. Many of these gowns will continue to show strapped seams, the straps, however, being of mohair or mohair braid instead of silk. This is newer than the taffeta bands either plain or stitched, and also a much more durable garniture, says the New York Post.

A very becoming evening toilet made for a brilliant young brunette is composed of orange colored crepe de chine with a graduated founce of orange satin joined with an irregular pattern of Mechlin lace, an applique, threaded here and there with black velvet baby ribbon covered with gold spangles. The low pointed corsage is of black velvet slashed front and back, showing a shirred underbodice of orange tinted chiffon and a gold and topaz dog collar set on a velvet band.

Corduroys and rain-proof velveteens are constantly growing in popular favor for costumes, jackets and pretty winter suits for children. Velveteen, or "gamekeeper" velveteen, is now manufactured by some new mercerizing process, and handsome winter shades of the fabric are everywhere set forth. It has a soft, silky surface and a fast-dye wool, and the goods are warranted to look better after two years' wear than a "linen back" velvet will appear after one season's use.

A gown is of mauve and white striped Muscovite silk. The skirt is a two piece model, with a seam down the center, front and back. It is trimmed on the lower half with three founces of silk-dotted net. Above each founce is an applique trimming of Venetian point lace, of irregular pattern, and used also as a decoration on the waist, below a shirred yoke of the net. Beneath the flower designs in the lace a band of green velvet is set.

A simple but very stylish tailor costume easily copied has a skirt of the fashionable tint of soft sage green, with jacket of sage green velvet. The back of the jacket is closely fitted, and in front turns back with flat collar and revers of pale ecru cloth edged with a narrow roll of very dark mink. The gored skirt is trimmed with horizontal rows of the cloth, showing a mere line of velvet at the edges. The vest is of tuck white silk, fastened with small gold and green enamel buttons.

"Summer velvet" is among the list of very elegant materials to be employed in the creation of spring gowns and garnitures—and also in the formation or decoration of Easter millinery. This fabric is but little heavier than satin. It has a beautiful silky surface, a brilliant luster, and, although light in weight, possesses an extra fine and very close pile. It is being made great use of in the preparation of royal gowns for the coming coronation of King Edward VII.

NEVER QUOTE THEM RIGHT.

Trite Sayings That Are Said to Be Commonly Reproduced in General Conversation.

Nearly everyone is fond of quoting from the poets and dramatists, and nearly everyone commits some egregious error in his quotations. All of us say: "The even tenor of their way," when what Gray wrote was "The noiseless tenor of their way." "When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war" should be "When Greeks joined Greeks then was the tug of war." When we say "The tongue is an unruly member" we misquote from James, 2:8, where it is written: "The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil." "Charity shall cover over the multitude of sins" (Peter, 2:8), is almost always distorted into "Charity covereth a multitude of sins." We say: "Welcome to the coming, speed the parting guest," whereas the correct quotation is: "Speed the going guest." Butler wrote in "Hudibras," "He that complies against his will is of his own opinion still," but we alter the sense as well as the wording of the passage by quoting continually: "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

How often we hear people, quoting the passage on mercy from the "Merchant of Venice," say: "It falleth as the gentle dew from heaven," whereas the bard wrote "Falleth as the gentle rain." We quote with great complacency: "The man that hath no music in his soul," whereas what Shakespeare wrote was: "The man that hath no music in himself." In his "Lycidas" Milton wrote: "Fresh woods and pastures new," but it is almost always misquoted as "Fresh fields and pastures new." In "Henry and Emma" Matthew Prior wrote: "Fine by degrees and beautifully less," a phrase which has become in popular use: "Small by degrees and beautifully less."

Sorry He Spoke.

He was sitting in the parlor while his fiancée was playing a Chopin sonata on the piano. Her mother was seated almost opposite her future son-in-law, and when the proper opportunity presented itself, she said: "Don't you think Edna has a great ear for music?" "I certainly do," replied the young man. "If you'd stretch a few strings across it would make a lovely guitar."

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A BINDING AFFAIR.

New Jersey Couple Sign Agreements to Wait to Wed.

Man Enlists for Service in Philippines to Remain Single Until He Can Return and Claim Girl Who Promises to Be True.

Lemuel Meekins, of Fairview, N. J., wants to be a soldier in the Philippines for three years, and to make sure of a wife upon his return, he called on Justice of the Peace George F. Seymour at Hoboken the other night, in company with Miss Laura Morgenson, of Granton, whom he intends to make his bride. Miss Morgenson is about 20 and is a telegraph operator in New York city. Meekins is 25, and he will resign a position in a New York department store in order to enlist. The couple had drawn up two agreements which they formally signed before the justice. One agreement is as follows: "I, Lemuel Charles Meekins, do solemnly vow to remain unmarried and unengaged for a period of three years and six months from date. To pay no marked attentions to any unmarried woman or widow during said period, other than the attentions due from any gentleman. To carry on no correspondence by mail or communication by telephone with any unmarried woman or widow; or, wounded on the field of battle, to receive care or attention only from those employed regularly as nurses, and to receive no attention from any school-teacher who may be in the Philippines during said period, and I do further agree to save from my regular pay 75 per cent. of all moneys received from the United States government during the term of my enlistment."

Miss Morgenson's agreement is equally interesting. It is as follows: "I, Laura Amelia Morgenson, do solemnly vow to remain unmarried and unengaged for the period of three years and six months from date; to receive no marked attention from any unmarried man or widow during the period of three years and six months; not to be escorted to or from, or to be present at, any church service, church social entertainment, concert, musical picnic, excursion, outing, theater, baseball game or any place of public amusement, or reception, with any unmarried man or widow, or any man other than members of my immediate family. And I do solemnly vow not to carry on any communication or correspond by mail or by phone with any unmarried man or widow, or encourage, promote or foster any courtship whatsoever during the said period of three years and six months."

LOVE LEADS TO DISASTER.

Widow of a Locomotive Engineer Falls to Recover Damages Because Kiss Caused Wreck.

The supreme court of Ohio has affirmed the judgment of the superior court of Cincinnati against Mrs. John G. Price, who brought suit for \$10,000 damages for the death of her husband, an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio, who was killed in a collision. It was Price's habit when the train passed his house to throw a kiss to his wife, who was always on the lookout for the expected greeting. One day the look toward the home and woman that he loved proved fatal. On account of the presence of a Vanderbilt special train on the road schedules had been disarranged and but a short distance from the spot where Price's home stood was a train waiting on the track. Disaster would have been averted had the engineer's eyes been fixed on the track ahead. The casualty was one of the worst that ever happened in Cincinnati, half a dozen persons being killed and many injured.

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Kentucky Youth Made Riddy by Tennessee Girl.

Former's Threat to Suicide Followed by Appeal of Girl, His Proposal by Return Mail and Her Cutting and Witty Reply.

W. P. Pelfrey, president of Suicide club at Compton, Ky., has declined as a husband by Columbia V. Beas, of Nashville, Tenn. who sought to prevent the young man from jumping off a cliff and received proposal the next day thereafter. Recently ten young men at Compton formed a suicide club, a pledge that the first member proposed marriage and was refused should take his life. Pelfrey, elected president. This office he was the first to try his luck. Pelfrey tried and failed and announced the date on which he would fufill his pledge, but his life was saved a remarkable manner.

Miss Beas read of the club's organization and their pledge, and wrote to Pelfrey imploring him to reconsider his action. In connection with himself she brought up other equally as great men had done on like occasions. She pointed to Pelfrey how he and the others had a chance to become great after life by marrying a man from Tennessee. Pelfrey, who by no means slow, put his own construction on the letter and Beas received this reply: "Dear Miss Beas: Your letter advised me to abandon the presidency of Suicide club and go to Tennessee get a wife has been received. I am convinced that your advice is very wise and I will accept of it. I will not be so far distant when you and I may be united in holy bonds of matrimony. You are very good I am after and do please to write me not far distant when we may meet as one."

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