

THE GHOST OF GOWER

...of Confusion Reveals Perpetrator of Weird Jokes.

How the Bleached Town Was Terrified by the Pranks of a Mischievous Resident for a Number of Years.

When Thomas P. Ogden died a few days ago the ghosts at Gower, Mo., were terrifying the residents of that town...

In the livery stable in Gower were box stalls for the horses. Posts were set in the ground between the stalls and planked up on each side.

There lived in the neighborhood a man who boasted that he was not afraid of "ghost or devil," and he was employed to locate the cause of the groans.

Ogden threw a white blanket down on the man at work in the stall and he leaped out of the hole with a frightened yell...

On a hill near Gower stands an old mansion built in the style that planters affected before the war.

Ogden contrived a network of wires in the cemetery near Gower, to which he attached balls of cotton soaked in benzene.

Ogden has confessed that he haunted many of the houses about Gower, and that he is alone responsible for the reputation that has attached to the place of late years.

Ogden has confessed that he was on his deathbed Ogden called in a number of his friends and made a confession.

Automobile Horror School. A free school to teach drivers not to be afraid of automobiles has been started by the president of the Automobile club at Lenox, Mass.

Happens That Way Occasionally. Mrs. Updell Haven't you taken that summer trip yet that you've been talking about so long?

The Usual Thing. Stranger How did this out-of-the-way place ever get the reputation of being a health resort?

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

Acquire a Well-Poised Body by Correct Standing, Sitting and Walking.

If your mirror tells you that you are not beautiful, do not allow that to depress you.

A pair of bright, sparkling eyes, a sweet, lovable mouth—no matter whether it be large or small—fine hair, a good complexion, or a graceful figure—the possession of any one of these constitutes claim to a certain amount of comeliness.

In standing, rest the weight of the body principally on the balls of the feet, letting the heels lightly touch the ground.

One of the first endeavors of a woman who wishes to improve her personal appearance should be to acquire a graceful carriage.

Have you ever noticed how an admittedly beautiful woman carries herself? How erect she holds her head?

Smooth skin, a clear, healthy complexion, and bright eyes, no matter whether they be round or almond-shaped, small or large, blue, black, green, gray or brown, go a long way toward making a woman good to look upon.

WOMEN SHOULD KEEP YOUNG.

They Should Not Assume the Mental Burden Belonging to Those of Ripper Years.

The middle-aged woman needs to keep a sharp lookout upon herself. There is danger of standing still mentally, of leaning at 30 or 40 upon very brittle opinions and ideas formed at 20 years of age.

The young woman usually considers that with her college diploma in hand strenuous mental application and effort come to an end.

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Took It Seriously. Maid—Did yer iver hear that family had a skilton in thor closet? Cook—Oh, ho.

HUNTED FOR HIS WIFE'S FAN.

He Was Newly Wed, But the Ordeal Was Too Much for His Patience.

"Tom, dear," said Mrs. Newlywed the other evening, just as they were about to leave the house for the theater.

"Tom! If you can't do a little favor for your wife without swearing about it, you needn't do it at all.

"No, I haven't." "Well, don't get cross about it. Maybe I left it on the bed. Is it there?"

"Tom! If you don't stop I'll take off my things and stay at home! If you'd look for the fan instead of prancing around you'd find it. See if it is in my bonnet box. Sometimes I drop it in there. Found it?"

"Found it?" snarled Tom, jeeringly. "Talk about a needle in a haystack! It's nothing compared to a—"

"Find nothing! A man might as well hunt for the north pole or Capt. Kidd's treasure or some particular grain of sand in the bottom of the sea as to look for—"

"There, there! Stop making such a pitiful spectacle of yourself. If I were a man, I'd be a man! Look in the closet—oh, here's the fan. I declare if I haven't been lying here on the hall rack all the time. I remember now that I laid it down when—Tom Newlywed! I'd be serving you right if I didn't go a step with you. Using such language! Come on, I suppose you'll snarl and snarl all the way down town!"

HOUSEKEEPING LORE.

Various Bits of Domestic Information for the Aid of the Busy Housewife.

Flour used for cake should be the pastry or winter wheat which lumps in the sifter.

Kettles should never be allowed to boil dry and then be filled with cold water, thus cracking the enamel.

After your bacon is sliced off do not throw away the rind as useless. Scrub off the outside with plenty of water and a vegetable brush and use therewith the scraps of fat remaining to season your dried pea soup or your kettle of "greens."

To Prepare Starch.—Mix three tablespoonfuls of starch with half a cup of cold water and cook 20 minutes.

Did you know that iced coffee with lemon is quite as refreshing as iced tea? Make an extra amount for breakfast, pour what is left off the grounds into a glass jar and set down cellar or in the icebox to chill.

Score the corn on a dozen ears, press out the pulp and leave the hulls on the cob. Rub together one tablespoonful each of butter, sugar and flour, add one teaspoonful of salt; stir in gradually one cupful of sweet milk, and then mix it all with the corn. Add the well-beaten yolks of three eggs, then the whites whipped to a stiff froth, turn into a buttered pudding dish, and bake for 20 minutes in a quick oven.—Ladies' World, New York.

SURE DEATH TO WOODCHUCKS.

Canada's Department of Agriculture Tells How to Do Away with the Pests.

In many parts of Canada a good deal of damage is annually done in grain, hay and pasture fields by the common woodchuck, or groundhog.

The equipment necessary for this sort of woodchuck hunt consists of a bottle of carbon bisulphide, a bundle of old cotton or other cloth, a pallid spade.

The course is three years and originally only 15 lieutenants were admitted in a class, but this number has been gradually increased, until to-day 50 are admitted annually.

One Found in Lansing, Kansas, Seems to Prove Existence of Prehistoric Man.

M. C. Long, curator of the Kansas City public museum, has photographed the "Lansing skull" from different view points.

On March 23 of this year workmen found the skull while digging a tunnel deep into the side of a hill on a farm near Lansing, Kan.

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JAPAN'S WAR SCHOOL

Military Staff College an Institution Long Established.

Prominent German Officers Have Been Instructors — Important Features of the Curriculum and No Success.

The United States staff college is now an established part of our military educational system, and in the opinion of the army it is one of the greatest of all the great improvements effected by the present secretary of war, says a Washington report.

It was modeled originally after the Prussian staff college, and has had some prominent German officers on duty as instructors.

The graduates receive a medal worn, like an order, on the uniform, and the first five or six are presented by the emperor with a sword of honor.

Even the military instructors are ordered to serve for a time with the various arms of the service.

After a year's service with troops the best of the graduates are ordered to duty in the general staff, and after one or two years are permanently assigned to the general staff.

The subjects of study are tactics (including naval tactics), military history, general staff duty (organization, maneuvers, mobilization, supply of armies, transportation of troops, etc.), military geography, artillery and small arms, fortifications, attack and defense of fortifications, administration, military hygiene, law, riding, languages, general history, general geography, mathematics and topography, and sketching.

The interest taken in this school is evidenced by the fact that, although only officers of at least two years' service with their regiments are eligible, and then only upon the recommendation of their immediate superiors, at least 100 come up annually for the entrance examinations, although only 15 can enter.

THE OREGONIAN ENGINEER.

Wiley Milligan Overlooked in the Prize Showered on the Great Warship's Captain.

Having talked themselves nearly to a standstill about the achievement of Capt. Clark in bringing the battleship Oregon through the Straits of Magellan (not around the Horn, as it was published countless times), and putting her into action at the battle of Santiago, the emotionalists for the first time should pause to consider by what means the gallant captain was enabled to accomplish that wonderful feat.

Did you ever hear of Milligan, chief engineer of the Oregon on that most famous of all voyages since Jason sought the Golden Fleece? I know not. Like Ibrer Rabbit, he seems to have lain low. All honor to Clark, but there are a thousand officers in the navy who could have "commanded" such a ship on such a voyage. I doubt, however, if there lives an engineer in the service who could have equaled Milligan's work in the engine-room. But Milligan remains a chief engineer, with the rank of commander, and is now on shore duty in the Norfolk navy yard, unappreciated, unhonored and un-sung. What in Heaven's name would a battleship be without her engines? A derelict. What sent the Oregon after the Spaniards, with a "bone in her teeth"? Her engines, under Milligan, the perfection of mechanism. Is there no reward for the engine-room?

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Cast Iron articles were first made in England in the year 1700.

Four persons cross the Atlantic in the steerage to each cabin passenger. The number of ships in the American whaling fleet has fallen in the past 18 years from 97 to 40, and much the same is the case with the Scotch whaling industry.

In water of 10 fathoms or under a large ship of 30 knots loses about three-quarters knot speed compared with her pace when travelling in water 30 fathoms or over.

Henri Houriet, a Swiss watchmaker, has recently completed a watch made entirely out of the ivory taken from a billiard ball—works and case complete. It keeps good time.

The middle colonies, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, were really conquered soil, taken from the Dutch. Neither of the two great companies attempted to colonize this part of the coast, and it only came into English possession in 1664.

The South Kensington museum, London, has been presented with the famous Walsingham collection of micro-lepidoptera, consisting of 200,000 specimens, and upon the collection of which Lord Walsingham has been engaged for 20 years.

UNCLE SAM THEIR BANKER.

Soldiers Have on Deposit with the Government \$4,000,000 of Their Savings.

The American soldier is coming to be a thrifty person, who saves his money and uses the government of the United States as a depository. A long time ago, when rates for money ranged from five to six per cent., a law was passed by congress authorizing the war department to take deposits from soldiers and pay interest on them at the rate of four per cent.

Of course, at the time that was a low rate of interest, but in these days of two and three per cent. from the savings banks it is a very high rate. For a few years after the law was passed the savings fund amounted to almost nothing. Then the soldiers realized that this was an exceptionally good way of saving, and many of them started accounts with the government, says a Washington report.

A few years ago a soldier received an honorable discharge and drew \$10,000 from his savings and interest, and another soldier, who had received and deposited a cash inheritance during his term of enlistment, drew \$30,000. But these were exceptional cases. However, during the last fiscal year the soldiers of the government deposited with the war department upward of \$4,000,000, and that money is now drawing four per cent. interest.

At the time that this law was passed there were many desertions from the army, and it was provided that if a soldier deserted he should lose all the savings he had on account. Hence when an enlisted man gets an amount of money on deposit with the government, he becomes a better soldier and never deserts.

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