

HE WAS TOO PREVIOUS.

Thought a Proposal of Marriage Was Coming, But It Failed to Come.

A few months ago a gentleman had the misfortune to lose his wife... Myrrha said he, with downcast eyes, as he took her by the hand, "you know my wife?"

HOUSE WITHOUT STAIRWAY.

Ladder Was Used in Fire Mansion of an Eccentric Washington Man.

Years ago a story was told of a naval officer who wanted a house built to please his own taste in every detail... The house was built without a stairway.

Officers Set Fashions.

In the Japan of 1850, all classes except the officials adhered strictly to the old dress of Japan... The officials wore the European fashion.

As the Judge Understood It.

A lawyer addressing a jury in a case of justice, court, in the name of his client, "Honest and upright justice, wherever the justice, striking the rock a thundering blow with his fist, shouted:

SOUVENIR OF THE JAPANESE

Bell at Annapolis That Was Presented to Commodore Perry Fifty Years Ago.

One of the reminders of the early friendship of Japan for America now adorns the grounds of the naval academy at Annapolis, Md. Suspended in a pagoda-like structure just off "Lover's Lane" is a queer looking bronze bell of unique design.

CANOEING IN SWIFT WATER.

Seasonable Suggestions for the Amateur Who Wishes to Enjoy the Sport.

To give any description of landing a canoe in rapids would be a waste of time, both for the writer and the reader... The best way to learn is first to watch some one do it and then try it yourself.

Women as Expert Mariners.

In some coast villages among the Danes, Norwegians and Finns, women are employed as sailors and prove themselves to be expert mariners... In the smaller sailing vessels, where there is a woman on board, she is the wife of the skipper.

Victims of Alcoholism.

During the last 20 years there died in Europe a million of alcoholism... That is more people than were killed in all the wars of the nineteenth century.

HAIR MUST BE GRAY.

YOUNG LOOKING OLD MAN CAN'T TALK OF EARLY DAYS.

Notable Instance of Un deserved Condemnation on the Score of Untruthfulness by One Who Knows. "There goes a man," said John Ritchie, the reporter expert who, according to a Chicago paper, has had charge of the stenographic reports of more national conventions than any other man in the republic.

OVERRUN WITH LAZY WOMEN

That, According to a Woman Speaker, Is the Condition of Great Britain.

There are a million more women than men in Great Britain, and over a quarter of a million more men than women in Canada, New Zealand and Australia... The average English woman prefers, she said, a hundred years of starchy contentment in England to a cycle of Canada.

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LUCK IS ONLY FORESIGHT.

So Said the Humble Man, But He Heard Something Somewhat Contradictory.

"You think, then," said the gentleman who stood on the marble steps leading up to his \$700,000 palace, "that your present condition is due merely to the fact that you have been 'lucky'?" "Yes," replied the humble one who leaned upon the handle of the lawn mower, relates the Chicago Record-Herald.

EUROPEAN FARM PROGRESS.

Modern Methods Have Been Adopted by Agriculturists of Various Countries.

British experts who have been trying to discover what is the matter with the English farmer as a rule, have found the cause of his having fallen behind his brethren in other European countries... In Denmark, France, Holland, Germany and Belgium within 25 years, the farmers have adopted modern methods of doing business.

Chinese Burial Customs.

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Wounds Dressed with Burnt Straw.

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She Was No Blotter.

Edith—Why did you refuse him? Ethel—He has a past. "But he can blot it out." "Perhaps, but he can't use me the blotter."—Woman's Journal.

HE HAD DONE SOMETHING.

Not What His Father Wanted Him to Do, But It Satisfied Mother All Right.

"As the son of the house went out of the front door in formal tuxedo and swinging a stick with a satisfied air the father of the family growled savagely and waved his paper with an impatient movement. "There is some satisfaction in raising chickens," he said, gruffly.

GREATEST OF THE PORTS.

London Is Very Closely Pressed by New York for Honor of First Place.

The recent report by the Antwerp Bureau of statistics that London is the world's greatest port is a subject of much interest... The London port is the largest in the world, having a tonnage of 10,000,000 tons.

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TALES FROM FAR NORTH.

Rough Experiences of Men and Animals in the Regions of Extreme Cold.

A recent book on the Klondike country says: "In November, 1898, horses were left to die on the trails and in Dawson. There was neither work nor feed for them. Horses were offered to me for their keep, but I refused. These same horses wandered up in the hills, where the snow was five feet deep. They brushed the snow away with feet and snouts, finding lucious whortleberries, blackberries and raspberries in great quantities. The lowest authentic record at the barometer was 57 degrees below zero. Yet in the spring the horses were reclaimed by their owners and looked infinitely better than when turned out to die at the beginning of the winter. This was a lesson as well as a revelation. During the summer of 1898 horses were imported into the Klondike in numbers and 1,200 of them passed the next winter in transporting men and supplies from Dawson to the mines. The dogs were almost entirely appreciated and their value formerly \$150—became merely nominal, for a good horse, after all, could pull a team over the smooth trail—a labor that would require three sledges and 20 dogs."

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