

SOUTH CAROLINA SENATOR



Hon. Benjamin R. Tillman, United States senator from South Carolina, who has been a prominent figure in national politics for a number of years. ...

CLEARED STATESMAN OF DEBT.

Disraeli's "Endymion" Fulfilled Expectations of Author.

In the year 1872 Lord Beaconsfield commenced his last novel, "Endymion," a work undertaken chiefly from the honorable desire to obtain a sum of money that would finally wipe off a residue of monetary engagements.

NEIGHBORS KNEW HER HABITS.

Matter That Puzzled Mrs. Lawton Really Was Quite Simple.

When the Lawtons had lived in Willow park about a month they were invited to a succession of little dinners at the houses of their new neighbors.

"I don't see how you all hit on just the right things, when Mr. Lawton and I are such difficult guests," said Mrs. Lawton in a burst of confidence one afternoon when the neighbors were taking tea with her.

Ingratitude to Employes.

It is a pretty serious thing, Mr. Employer, to vent your spleen upon those who are really doing their best to help you succeed.

The Life Earnest.

High hearts are never long without hearing some new call, some distant clarion of God, even in their dreams; and soon they are observed to break up the camp of ease and start on some fresh march of faithful service.

Unchanging Laws of Etiquette.

It is astonishing to see how little the standard of good manners seems to have changed since the middle ages.

His Chance.

"But maybe you don't like to hear the smart sayings of other people's children," said the man who had been repelling them off for an hour.

NO MUSIC IN THE JAPANESE.

As a People They Are Not Moved by Melodious Sounds.

There is no music in Japan except that made by the birds, the wind, the running streams and the roaring waterfalls, says a writer in the Milwaukee Sentinel.

WHITE DEER WAS STONE DEAF.

Remarkable Animal Encountered by Hunters in the Woods of Maine.

Speaking of blindness, deafness and dumbness among cats and dogs, Dr. H. D. Gill, veterinary surgeon and horseman, told incidentally of a remarkable wild animal, a deer, that was once encountered by two friends of his who were hunting near Moosehead lake in Maine.

Out with a guide, the hunters came to a spot from which they could see within shooting distance four deer grazing, one of the four being white, an albino.

Sharpened Feminine Barb.

Difficult subjects require careful handling, and for this reason a room clerk at a woman's hotel must have special qualifications, says a New York letter.

The Waist Came Back.

"The other day I hung my prettiest waist out on the line at the kitchen window," said the flat-dweller, "after I washed it. Then I forgot all about it, and when I went to look for it two days later it was gone.

The Rural Guest.

"So this is a first-class hotel?" drawled Uncle Hiram Hardapple as he carefully flung his weather-stained hat on the corner of a radiator.

Boone and Circumstances.

When a noble act is done—perhaps in a scene of great natural beauty; when Leonidas and his 300 martyrs consume one day in dying, and the sun and moon come each and look at them once in the steep dells of Thermopylae; when Arnold Winkelried, in the high Alps under the shadow of the avalanche, gathers in his side a sheaf of Austrian spears to break the line for his comrades; are not these heroes entitled to add the beauty of the scene to the beauty of the deed?—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Quite So.

"Julius Caesar, young gentlemen, reformed the calendar. What may we surmise from this?"

Cholly's Awful Mistake.

Marie—Wasn't it shocking about Cholly Worthington! He fell out of his new airship when it got stalled a half mile up in the air!

DESBERTER GOT SAFELY AWAY.

Story of an Ingenious Escape from Governor's Island.

An army officer, who was talking of the escape a few days ago of a couple of prisoners from Castle William, told several stories of other attempts, frequently unsuccessful, to get away from Governor's Island.

BROOM A RELIC OF THE PAST.

Modern Housekeeping Declared to Have No Longer Use for It.

The newest household invention, found only in the buildings most recently erected, is the vacuum cleaning system, says the Delineator.

Settled the Whole Question.

Rev. William Carter discussed at a dinner in New York his successful experiment of conducting services in the Belasco theater.

Death and Tired Legs.

Alpine climbing, long walking tours and similar fatiguing recreations may be suitable enough for those who keep in training all the year round but are disastrous for those whose ordinary exercise consists of a short daily walk.

Goosepits in Russia.

In Russia pits for cock fighting are unknown, but "goosepits" some 60 years ago were common throughout that mighty kingdom.

Marie's Juvenile Logic.

Marie is a very bright kindergarten pupil. She came home to her parents the other day and told them that the kindergarten teacher had said she will grow up to be a very nice looking young lady if she is a good girl, but will grow up to be a very ugly woman if she is a naughty girl.

Ins and Outs.

"What's that noise?" asked the visitor in the apartment house.

KEEP THE ROOSTERS MUZZLED.

Simple Contrivance That Means Much to Light Sleepers.

They were like fairy helmets—little wire helmets no bigger than a walnut.

FOR SAFETY IN THE SCHOOLS.

European Schemes Intended to Guard Against Disaster.

How to guard against disaster in schools in case of fire is a subject which is receiving much attention in the large cities of Europe.

MASTODON'S BONES

REVEALED BY DREDGE AT WORK NEAR AURORA, ILL.

One Tooth Measures 12x6x4 Inches, While a Huge Knee Joint is Sixteen Inches Across—Puzzle to Finders.

Aurora, Ill.—The digging of the drainage ditch out in the flats at Oswego was interrupted the other morning by the finding of a series of peculiar objects in the ordinary run of clay and sand which is being thrown up day after day.

"What is this truck, anyway?" asked the engineer. "Something there in that corner looks like a tooth."

"Bones," answered his assistant, in the sepulchral tone which the word inspires by force of association.

"Sure?" queried the skeptical engineer. "Whatever they are they are awful spongy and decayed-like."

"Been there a long time probably; naturally would be," commented the other.

"Well, they can't be horse bones, and they can't be cow bones. They are too big. Let's ask the boss."

C. A. Prout, a Wheaton contractor, who is in charge of the work, and William M. Cory looked the bones over.

"Must be a mastodon's," said one of them. "I've heard of instances where dredges dug up bones of prehistoric beasts."

No one being able to contradict this statement, and there being no evidence offered by any other members of the quiz class, the mastodon motion carried without a dissenting voice.

The find was carefully scheduled, so that the scientific world might know thereof, to-wit:

One mastodon's tooth. Dimensions one foot, by six inches, by four inches.

One piece of back bone, a foot across in its largest radius, and five inches through the smaller radius.

Knee joint, 16 inches across, with ends of leg bones adhering thereto.

Proof positive of the mastodon theory was had when some of the unclassified bits crumbled when exposed to the air.

Mastodon's bones always have been buried for so many ages from the harsh air of the outer world that they invariably crumble.

At considerable expense of time and effort the important elements of the find were coated with shellac. The discoverers are now looking for a zoological collection where the relics may repose in peace and serve as exhibits of the world's wonderful past.

GIRL WITH PACIFIC FLEET.

Pretty Creole Stowaway Makes Long Trip with Battleships.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A pretty creole stowaway made a trip through the Strait of Magellan with the Pacific fleet. Despite the rigid discipline, feminine ingenuity outwitted wily officers and the sweet little maid from Trinidad made the trip around the southern continent and landed with honors in Peru.

Elmer E. Day, a marine engineer of Boston, who was a civilian passenger on the supply ship Brutus, brings the romantic story of the winsome creole girl. Mr. Day was in Pittsburg recently and while at the Seventh Avenue hotel related the narrative of the girl's adventure to his friends.

"Senorita Alesece enjoys the distinction of being the only woman who made the famous trip," said Mr. Day. "It was not until the ships had been two days out of the Port of Spain, Trinidad, that an olive brown little maiden crawled up out of the store-room of the big supply ship and asked for something to eat."

"Her appearance caused consternation. The nearest land was 500 miles away and the big fleet was sailing along at ten or 12 knots an hour. No stop was scheduled and none could be made. She enjoyed all the luxuries on board."

"She told the crew that her home was in Porto Rico, but she had gone to the British colony when a mere mite of a child. She had lost her parents, she said, and for several years had been a waif in the streets of the Trinidad metropolis."

DIGGING UP OLD CITY.

Archaeologist Petrie to Excavate in Ruins of Memphis.

Cairo.—The most important excavations ever attempted are to be begun shortly under the direction of Prof. Flinders Petrie, the celebrated archaeologist, who has worked 24 years among the ancient monuments of Egypt. The professor has returned here from England for the purpose of beginning the excavation of Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt, which has never yet been properly explored.

The sites of the temples at Memphis, which covered a great area, include that of Ptah, founded by the creator of the first dynasty. Adjoining it was the Temple of Isis and the shrine of the foreign Aphrodite, at one time a great cosmopolitan center.

It is expected that Memphis will prove a mine of sculpture and statuary. By mere chance nine statues have been found there already, and systematic search is sure to reveal a great store of treasures. As a great capital and social center for 6,000 years, Memphis should yield an enormous harvest. The school of art at Memphis was the finest in Egypt, and the Temple of Ptah, the god of craftsmen, may be expected to contain its best work.

Buys Liberty with His Skin.

San Francisco.—At Fresno James Dalley, a prisoner in the county jail for larceny, received his liberty as the price of his skin.

Dalley was serving a six months' sentence, and was offered his liberty if he would allow physicians to graft skin from his body to the body of Louis Deak, a miner, who was seriously burned a few weeks ago by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

The operation of grafting was performed at the county hospital, skin from Dalley's leg being applied to the burned back of the miner.

Bones of Forty Men Found.

New York.—A burial vault, the existence of which was never suspected, has been discovered at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook. It contains the bones of 30 or 40 men believed to have been British soldiers wounded at the battle of Monmouth Courthouse, in June, 1778.