

VERDI AND HIS THRIFTY WAYS

Great Composer Worried Over Small Hole in His "Best Coat"

Baron Edmondo Mayor des Planches, ambassador from Italy, told a new Verdi story at a dinner given in Washington recently.

HAD STRONG TOUCH OF VANITY.

Old-Time Organ Blowers Who Took Their Work Seriously.

"The organ blower is passing—he will soon be like the armor, exact," said a musician.

State the Rattlesnake.

There is a snake thief out in California who must have had an unpleasant surprise recently after a successful "pitch of a grip which he picked up in the railroad station at Los Angeles."

A Tragedy in Arabia.

Once an old Arab out of stone carved a scarab, as a sort of good luck charm to wear.

Billville at the Play.

When Chauncey Olcott was here an old Billville farmer had a front seat at the play, and when he heard the name "the loveliest death in the face and got a wife, the old man muttered audibly."

A Pleasure Foregone.

"Have you studied political economy?" No, sir, answered Senator Northington.

Not Disappointed.

Adam Zawlocz: What's got you so much interested in that paper?" Job Sturky—I'm looking over this list of a hundred men that own all the money in the country.

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WHY CHILDREN ARE DECEPTIVE.

Fear of Punishment Frequently Leads to Untruthfulness.

Untruthfulness in children sometimes arises through the fault of their elders, who suggest to them untruths, which children induct from an innate sense of politeness and a wish to be agreeable.

FINISHED SERMON FOR HUSBY.

Wife's Readiness and Eloquence That Was Altogether Unappreciated.

"Speaking of wives' duties," said the Manayunk philosopher, "I once attended service at a Unitarian church in Brooklyn when the pastor's voice went back on him."

Leech a Weather Prophet.

A leech confined in a vial of water will prove an excellent weather prophet.

Witch's Comb in a Window.

So many "precious" things are on sale every day that one grows rather skeptical about them.

Sale of Opium in France.

According to the Echo de Paris, the government has under consideration a decree more strictly regulating the sale of opium than has hitherto been the case.

Two Kinds of Fame.

When Haydon, the painter, visited Stratford, he held forth about Shakespeare to some rustics he met in a wayside inn.

Club for the Babies.

A Paris Journalist has founded a babies' club. It is a spacious and pleasant building, with a garden and a clubhouse where games of all kinds are provided.

Ominous.

"The bookkeeper," said the junior partner, "has been married nearly four months now."

Play Has Historic Characters.

Alfred Teston's new play, "Gino-timo Rossini," which was recently performed for the first time is described as the "life of the great master of music."

Chinaman Official Penmanship.

Penmanship in Peking, having refused to reduce their 50 per cent. rate of interest, the municipal board has opened official penmanship, charging only 15 per cent.

AS MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION.

Mrs. Brady's Helpful Hint to Her Faithful "Micky."

The Bradys used to drive several miles to mass each Sunday in "the little trap" with "th' old gray mare," Micky, "the boy," a being of many summers, whom custom and a conservative tradition had, in spite of his uncertain years, always treated as the possessor of perpetual adolescence.

MORE THAN THEY COULD STAND.

Fish Story Too Much Even for Hardened Listeners.

"Speaking about showers of fish," said the solemn-looking nature faker from his seat on the starboard, "reminds me of the time we were marooned on an island in the blue Pacific."

Important Find of Old Coins.

In the side of an old well where it had lain undisturbed for 2,200 years, an earthenware jar containing 500 pieces of the time of Alexander the Great has been found, at Luxor, Egypt.

Money in Growing Pecans.

Strung along at a few points north of Jackson on the Illinois Central a few years ago some enterprising gentlemen established pecan groves.

Enough Said.

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Lord and Marquis.

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The Fast Part.

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PRaised THE DOMESTIC BEER.

Good Joke on Connoisseurs of Popular Malted Beverage.

In an inconspicuous place in Yorkville there is a resort over which a German of ample proportions presides with the dignity which comes with the possession of a Franco-Prussian war medal.

ARROGANCE OF THE WEALTHY.

Pitiful Snobbishness Exhibited by One Rich Woman.

A family removed from the country to the outskirts of the city, and brought their chickens along, the good woman of the household sold a few eggs among her neighbors.

Old Beliefs About Butchers.

"Butchers never serve on juries in murder trials," said a court errier.

First Post Office.

The first letter post, in the modern acceptance of the word, seems to have been established in the Hanse towns in the early part of the thirteenth century.

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AFTER THIRTY YEARS

RELEASED PRISONER CASHED CHECK FOR LARGE SUM.

Mystery of a Deposit of \$25,000 to Account of Man Subsequently Convicted of Murder—Was it Payment for Crime?

In the case of the Mechanics and Traders' bank of New York city there is a record of a payment made some years ago of a large sum, \$25,000, and with a corresponding or balancing record upon the ledger showing that this amount had been carried for some unknown or mysterious depositor for nearly 30 years.

The state officers examining the accounts or books of this bank by chance ran across this item, and having asked an explanation, received one of the strangest in the history of banking in New York.

He had discovered, he said, that there was a credit upon the books of the Mechanics and Traders' bank of \$25,000, and that this deposit had remained with the bank for nearly 20 years untouched.

The president was advised to permit suit to be brought against him, saying that it would be the better part for the bank to pay that \$25,000 on judgment than to run the risk of paying it to the wrong person.

Circumstantial Evidence. "You say you met the defendant on a street car, and that he had been drinking and gambling," said the attorney for the defense during the cross-examination.

Family of Sixty Millions. The most conspicuous trait which has been revealed in the character of the oyster is its abhorrence of raw suicide.

Decadence of Wagering in England. We have lost our love of wagering, and perhaps this is not a matter for general regret.

A Different Bird.

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Tattoo as Temperance Pledge.

Kim Kyong Syop is a big, strapping fellow, energetic in body and soul, in spirit, who is engaged in selling the Scriptures in Korea.

Prudence.

"So you have determined to divorce our country," said the swartly, astute.

Out of the Mouths of Babies.

Little Arthur stood peering down into the countenance of his baby sister, whom the nurse was singing to sleep.

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SUN'S RAYS ABOVE THE CLOUDS.

Balloons Compelled to Shelter Faces from the Fierce Heat.

At the height of two miles the sun shines with a fierce intensity unknown below where the dust and the denser air scatter the rays which, thus diffused, lose their intensity while illuminating every nook and corner of our houses.

TRAITS OF AUSTRALIAN GIRLS.

Equally at Home in Saddle or Ball room, Says Writer.

Many Australian girls live right up in the bush, or "stations," which are miles away from any town or village, and their time is largely occupied with riding and driving.

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