

MESSAGE NOT PLEASANT ONE

Negro's Farewell Words Somewhat Disquieting, Though No Doubt He Meant Well.

When it is a matter of doing journeyman humor, Irvin Cobb has all the rest of the fraternity hereabouts clinging to the life raft, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star.

"I wish to take this message to you, Mistah Cobb," said the dingy. "You 'membah when I used to work for you all father? We certainly did."

ONE WOMAN'S GREAT RECORD

Thousands of Lives Made Useful and Happy Through the Efforts of Modest Heroine.

A modest heroine who died in New York last week was accorded a few lines of obituary notice in the daily press, but the record of her good deeds during her long and useful life would fill a volume.

Smugglers' Ruse.

An ingenious method of smuggling saccharin has been detected at Bregenz, Austria, where seven men were arrested for importing large quantities of contraband.

Has Written Memoirs.

Mme. Steinbell, who recently held the attention of the world in a sensational trial in Paris, is now living very quietly in England.

Big Game in East Africa.

The increase of big game shooting in East Africa threatens to bring about the complete extermination of the larger mammals within about half a century, despite the restrictions applied to this form of sport by the authorities.

FIENDISH WORK OF PIRATES

Entire Ship's Company Slaughtered by Chinese and the Vessel Carried Off and Sold.

Says the North China Daily News: "Another terrible story is reported to-day from the south. In the middle of the tenth moon a vessel with a large cargo of unhusked rice, bound for a seaport near Canton, anchored for the night at Pakongkeu, some dozen miles north of Tsingyun.

FATHER OF SAVINGS BANKS

Rev. Henry Duncan, Scotch Presbyterian, Was the First Man to Inaugurate System.

"The one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first savings bank will take place this year and all Presbyterians will be entitled to front seats in the centennial celebration," said a Michigan banker.

Ramrod Discipline.

If it is true that the German crown prince received from his imperious father 48 hours "stube-arrest," or detention in his own palace at Potsdam, for some formal breach of court etiquette, this will not be the first time that he has incurred such a penalty.

An Ecclesiastical Umbrella.

An umbrella big enough to cover a dozen persons belongs to the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, England. It is used on wet days for wedding parties, so that the bride and bridegroom, the bridesmaids, and guests may not get their smart dresses spoiled when walking from the church door to the carriages.

Size of an Earthquake Wave.

Not long ago an attempt was made to measure the height and length of the waves of an earthquake that occurred in Greece, the pulsations of which were perceived by the aid of a specially constructed pendulum at Birmingham, in England.

Origin of "Bull Con."

"Bull con," a slang phrase which means to flatter, to praise with ulterior motives, had its origin in the west years ago. When the gold brick game was started the bunko men sprung a fine, high-sounding combination of words upon the simple farmers.

EVIL IN MILITARY SERVICE

Youthful Frenchman Poets Out How Years Are Wasted Without Any Good Resulting.

Why French soldiers are not over-enthusiastic is explained by one of them, who is quoted by a writer in the London Truth: "Here am I, at the age of 21, just about the age when a young man in England would be crowning his college career or starting in life, just when he would be becoming a man, in fact, and I am doing nothing."

CHARACTER TOLD BY GARDEN

To the Observer the Cultivation of Plot is an Open Book as to Owner's Character.

As you walk along a village street, perhaps the first home you notice will have only the most brilliant flowers in such profusion that you do not notice the arrangement of cultivation.

Slight Change in the Wording.

A Sunday School teacher shipped a chair to a little girl by freight. When it arrived it was badly broken, owing to the carelessness of the brakemen on the train.

No Nickname with J.

"What you want to do for that kid?" said the old bachelor, who had backed off suspiciously from the new boy, "is to call him something that can't be nicknamed. The way to do that is to give him J for a middle initial."

Ceylon's Poison Stone.

Travelers returning from Ceylon tell, usually with a smile, of a certain kind of stone that cures the bites of poisonous snakes. One traveler, an Englishman named Reed, persisted in investigating, and came to the conclusion that there may be truth in the native belief.

A Poser.

A number of loafers of a southern Kentucky town had gathered around the stove in "Bud's" country store to consider various methods of saving the country. After a variety of topics had been discussed, one of the debaters remarked, by way of promoting peace:

Probably One of Several.

Frederick P. Keppel who will be dean of Columbia college after June 30, had a visitor the other day in the office in the Low library building, where Mr. Keppel acts as secretary of the university. The visitor, a youngish man, congratulated Mr. Keppel.

Think Pleasant Thoughts.

When you are dropping off to sleep try to think of something pleasant and don't screw up your eyes and draw down the corners of your mouth, for both these habits help to bring wrinkles.

Going Back on His Colors.

A Harvard football player after the recent unfortunate encounter with Yale thought he would escape the public eye by cutting across the fields. A big bull, which looked as if it could do good work in a mass play, bobbed up and cast an evil eye upon the jersey of Harvard crimson.

BACHELORS LIVE IN CLOVER

Certainly There is No Need to Pity Them in This Day and Generation.

The typical old bachelor—crusty, irritable, solitary—seems to be passing away, if indeed he is not already extinct. Nowadays there is every encouragement for bachelorhood, until it has developed from a single state to a united kingdom with royal palaces in all great cities.

TOAD THE FARMER'S FRIEND

Useful Little Creature a Most Active Destroyer of Injurious Insects.

A pamphlet recently issued by Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture pays a glowing tribute to the toad. According to this high authority, few creatures of its size have suffered more from false witnesses.

Health on One Meal a Day.

During a visit to the south of England a gentleman recently met with a person who related a unique and most interesting experience in dietetics. It was that for the last three years he had lived on one meal a day, and that meal was composed chiefly of apples.

Death Generally Painless.

Physicians and nurses, those whose business it is to hang over weary sick beds at all hours of the light and darkness, are very generally of the opinion that most deaths are without fear and painless. Only in rare instances in their experience is there anything approaching the death bed scenes of song and story.

A Perturbed Philadelphian.

Just as the conductor of a Darby car on Walnut street was pushing the lever that helps to hermetically seal the door the other day an energetic young woman made a bound for the fast disappearing step. She missed it, the car rolled on and the energetic young woman found herself in a heap in the street.

Uncle Allen.

"A preacher who draws a big salary," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "sometimes gets a tempting offer, to go somewhere and give a lecture, and he asks a college young man who is studying for the ministry to fill his pulpit for one Sunday. The college young man does it, and all he gets in thanks. Such things happen sometimes, and I suppose it's all right. I'm only kicking because the young chap lets that sort of game be played on him, by jinks."—Chicago Tribune.

Arizona Farmer May Have Discovered One of the Mythical Seven Cities.

Every once in awhile excavation in southern Arizona results in the discovery of a buried village. The most recent discovery of this kind was made by Frank C. Erwin at his home, 14 miles from Cochise.

Dictionaryaries Up to Date

Slang Phrases That Become Popular Are Incorporated in Their Pages at Once.

IDEA OF PERPETUAL MOTION

Woman's Act About as Close as Anyone Has Yet Succeeded in Attaining.

Jimmy had arrived at the age when various mighty questions were burning to be answered. He had just put one concerning perpetual motion to his father. "No," said his father, "nobody has ever discovered perpetual motion yet."