

SPEAKING AS A FINE ART

Many Men Who Attempt to Address Audiences Cannot Make Themselves Heard.

Speaking is one of those arts which people seem to think it unnecessary to study and learn, and the probability is that most speakers of the kind mentioned are blissfully unaware of their inaudibility.

To be a lecturer, it is not only necessary to know your subject, but the art of enunciation and audible delivery needs to be learned also.

In conversation we carelessly slur half our syllables, leaving our interlocutor to guess them from the context, but this will not do in a public speech.

THINGS THAT COLOR THE SEA

Blueness of Waters of Old Ocean in Constant Ratio to its Saltness.

It has been proven that the blueness of sea water is in constant ratio to its saltness. In the tropics, the tremendous evaporation induced by the blazing sun causes the water to be much more salt than it is in higher altitudes.

China's Yellow Sea is usually supposed to owe its origin to the flood of muddy water which its great rivers pour into it.

Factory Lighting.

A special report on illumination in factories states that as regards artificial illumination there seems to be little to choose between lighting by electric glow lamps and by modern systems of incandescent gas.

World's Largest Index.

On Beacon Hill in Boston, under the golden dome of the state house, is one of the largest indexes in the world. In fact, the Russian public index is the only one known to be larger.

The Camel's Peculiarity.

The camel alone among animals does not perspire with its entire skin. It perspires only in the back of the neck, and so when traveling in extreme heat does not require a continual supply of water in order to replace the moisture evaporated through the pores.

A curious consequence of this peculiarity is the fluctuation, within four degrees, of the blood temperature of a healthy camel. That is a rise of temperature of four degrees, which in a human being and in other mammals would be a sign of fever.

STRATEGY OF A BUSHMAN

How a Little Native of South Africa Put a Fierce Lion to Flight.

The little bushman of South Africa is not only small in size, but feeble in mind. Yet there is on record an encounter between a bushman and a lion which shows the man as cool in danger and fertile in resource.

The bushman, however, did not lose his presence of mind and presently hit upon a device whereby he might outwit his foe.

When the lion discovered that the man had suddenly disappeared from the path he was a good deal perplexed.

The bushman at once changed his position, while the lion stood irresolute in the path, following with his eye the shifting black man.

ANCIENT RELICS ARE FOUND

Pieces of Pottery Unearthed in Jerusalem Appear to Date From 3000 B. C.

Some interesting archaeological discoveries have been made recently by a French party engaged in extensive excavations at Jerusalem.

Judging from the fragments of pottery and other objects which were found they appear to date from about 3000 B. C.—2000.

There were also found some broken figures of Ashtaroth, the Canaanite form of the Babylonian goddess Ishtar.

When Every Sailor Wore a Queue.

The sailors' broad collars were devised so that the powder or tar on the wearer's queues should not come off on the blouse.

Camping Gear.

Personal likes and prejudices have much to do with the form of tent chosen. My own preference is for either the A or wedge tent.

Rubbing the Other Way.

At the tender age of three masculine conceit had gripped that small boy with a relentless clutch.

CHIMNEYS OF COLONIAL DAYS

Fireplaces Played an Important Part in the Homes of the Early Colonials.

In America the early colonists had little use for the mason's art, except in the construction of the huge chimney stacks which in any dwelling of considerable size and any pretensions to comfort formed a very considerable part of the structure.

In some sections where the dangers of an attack by Indian raiders were imminent, the wooden walls of the lower story inclosed a stout wall of brick or a kind of rubble masonry.

LINEN OVER 6,000 YEARS OLD

Fabric Found in Cemetery at Tarkhan as Fresh as When First Woven.

In one of the apartments at University college Prof. Flinders Petrie has placed on exhibition some remarkably interesting antiques unearthed at Tarkhan.

The great cemetery of Tarkhan, which occupied a mile of desert 40 miles south of Cairo, and which dates from the earliest historic age until the race of the pyramid builders.

A great sheet of linen which is placed on exhibition is as fresh and as firm as when cut from the original length—and it is some 6,000 years old.

Wandering Youth.

Sudden disappearances of men and women unhappily are a pronounced feature in the life of all great cities, but London has been the first of the world's metropolises to attempt a tabulation and classification.

Puzzles for Patients.

Although the patient had waited half an hour for her interview, the time had not dragged.

"You answered your own question before you asked it," the doctor said. "I keep them to amuse the grown-ups.

Horses in the Glacial Epoch.

The opinion has been expressed that horses became extinct in the glaciated regions of North America, and probably in the whole continent, about the middle of the glacial epoch.

FOUGHT ON VEGETABLE DIET

Great Warriors of Homer Were Not Sufferers From Insufficient Domestic Help.

The heroes of Homer prepared their food with their own hands, and were not, therefore, sufferers from insufficient domestic help.

It may be difficult to imagine Diomedes in the act of peeling an onion or Achilles washing cabbage.

Parley formed the crown with which Hercules, as conqueror of the Nemean lion, crowned himself.

The cabbage was adorned by the Egyptians, who raised altars to it. Afterward they made this strange god the first dish in their repast.

Alexander found the onion in Egypt, where the Hebrews had learned to like it. He had it cultivated in Greece, and given as food to his troops.

Asla is said to be the native soil of the asparagus. Yet the Romans cultivated it with such marvelous success that the stalks raised at Ravenna are said to have weighed three pounds each.

TAKE INTEREST IN ANCESTRY

Americans Coming to Believe Study of Genealogy is of Some Consequence.

The growing interest in ancestry indicates that Americans are fast coming to believe that it is of some consequence to know from whom they are descended.

It is a pride which deserves encouragement. One cannot know too much about himself, and in acquiring a knowledge of his ancestors he is learning the most important facts about his own personality.

Genealogy is the most fascinating branch of history. And well it may be, since it is the one branch which has life. Everything else may be a mere catalogue of dates.

Along the Peruvian Coast.

Off shore—there was neither bay nor night in the even line of surf—deserted brigantine at anchor dipped slowly with the long Pacific swells.

A Drummer Boy Astray.

A Scotch story is that of a diminutive drummer in a local brass band who was in the habit when out parading with his comrades of walking by sound and not by sight.

JEFFERSON AS A NATURALIST

Carried Bones of Common Sloth to Philadelphia Supposing Them Those of Mammoth.

It is said that when Thomas Jefferson journeyed from Monticello to Philadelphia on his way to take the oath of office as vice president he carried a lot of bones in his baggage.

It was not until after Jefferson reached Philadelphia that he was undeceived, for at a glance the learned Doctor Wistar saw that they were the bones of the common sloth.

It has been pointed out that, indirectly, no less a naturalist than the great Buffon may have been responsible for Jefferson's error.

"I should have consulted you, sir, before publishing my natural history, and then I should have been sure of the facts."

JUDGE LIKED GOOD SCRAP

Because Plaintiff Was Not Injured His Honor Discharged the Defendant.

In a case tried before a Maine justice of the peace, one Jones, a lumberman, pleaded guilty to assault upon one Libby, another woodsman.

"Any bones broken?" asked the judge. "Nary one," said Libby, shaking his head seriously.

"No, your honor," answered Libby. "He didn't injure me none, he only struck me a few times."

"Well," said the judge, slowly and with disgust showing in his accent, "when this court strikes a man that man always has at least one black eye. I'll assess the costs of this court, that's one dollar and twenty cents, on the defendant, but you don't get no damages for any such scrap."

High-Caste Pushcart Men.

At a railway station in Calcutta, early in the morning, a long train, consisting largely of third-class carriages, is made up, amid the clamor of disputes, invariably incident to any purchase in the Orient.

The great civilization in India, however, as elsewhere, is the railway, which has made it necessary for the Brahmin to sit next to the despised Sudra if he would travel.

How Vienna Helps Brides.

"Lectures for Brides" is the name of the latest course started by the Vienna institution for popular instruction known as the Urania.

Though mainly intended for those who are about to be or have just been married, all girls over 17 will be admitted.

Sounds Better.

The feeling of many men with regard to public office is much the same as that which a certain distinguished Frenchman had toward the Academy—that group of 40 who are called "The Immortals."

PRIZE FOR FLYING DEVICE

French Authorities are Moved by Frequency of Fatal Accidents to Army Aviators.

Paris.—Gravely concerned at the frequency of fatal accidents to army aviators, the French ministry of war has extended its patronage to a competition organized by the Union of Safety of Aviators.

An announcement to this effect was made in the chamber of deputies by Colonel Hirschauer, head of the army air corps.

Great progress had also been made in the strength of machines. Construction and purchases were most strictly supervised.

With regard to the recruiting of the "flying corps," the colonel said the eighteen hundredth application had just been received.

PRESERVES BREAD 42 YEARS

Missouri Woman Has Collection of Real Antiquities—Pastry Hard as a Rock.

Fulton, Mo.—Mrs. William Backer, on Jefferson street, has a collection of keepsakes and heirlooms unusually unique and probably in a class to themselves, as such collections go.

The piece of rye bread was given to Mrs. Backer by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Veltz of Germany, as the former embarked for America.

The discharge paper was given to John Veltz, father of Mrs. Backer, and shows his honorable release from the Second regiment of German Infantry after faithful service for four years.

WILL OUST DOVE OF PEACE

Grove and Temple, Meeting Place for Forty-four Years, Soon Will Be a Thing of the Past.

Mystic, Conn.—The passing of this town as the headquarters of the Universal Peace Union was heralded when Charles F. Hastings of Philadelphia, treasurer of the organization, came here to make arrangements for the sale of "Peace Grove" and "Peace Temple."

Since Andrew Carnegie helped to found the American Peace society and the subsequent growth of that organization, interest in the peace union has gradually died out until, in recent years, the attendance has been small.

The organization still exists, however, and the annual convention will be held this September at Bucks Hill Falls, N. Y.

ELOPE ON MOTORCYCLE; WED

Midnight Marriage Follows Trip Tail as From Great Falls to Fort Benton, Mont.

Great Falls, Mont.—An elopement on a motorcycle, ending in a midnight marriage at Fort Benton, was the denouement of a romance.

With the bride riding on a seat in the rear of the motorcycle, Schmidt journeyed to Fort Benton, hunted up the clerk of court, got a marriage license, and the couple were married at a hotel there by the Rev. J. N. Chestnut of the Episcopal church.

Man Pulls Women's Hair.

New York.—A man with a mania for pulling women's hair has been terrifying Fifth avenue. Arthur Cook, an architect, has been arrested as a suspect.

Frog, Buried Twenty Years, Lives. Springfield, Mo.—Workmen excavating for a new building discovered a live bullfrog at the depth of eight feet. The frog was found at a spot where a well stood twenty years ago.