

BLACK LETTERS AND WHITE

Former is Better Because It Can Be Read at a Greater Distance Than the Latter.

There is a tendency on the part of railroad to adopt signs with white letters on a black background...

The impression of a letter at the limit of vision is received on the ends of a small bundle of nerves...

It follows, therefore, according to the Scientific American, that all nerves on the dividing edge between any black and white area transmit the sensation of light so that all white lines and white areas appear wider and all black lines and black areas appear narrower than they really are.

Black letters grow thinner at the limit of vision and are still recognizable while at the same distance white letters grow thicker and cannot be distinguished.

NOGI ORDERED TO MARRY

Japanese Hero Took Bride Practically at the Command of His Superior Officer.

The Countess Nogi was a woman no less remarkable in many ways than her famous husband.

She was the daughter of Sadayoki Yoji, and one day she was sitting in the window of her father's house in Tokyo watching the troops march past.

He would not hear of it, as he had dedicated his life to the nation and did not intend to marry.

The word was given from above to the young officer, and Nogi practically married Miss Yoji at the command of his superior officer.

Unused Doors.

With slight trouble and small expense an unused door may be most advantageously converted into a bookcase by having a carpenter set up a vertical board on each side of the door-jamb and upon these boards...

Cast-Iron Magnets.

The difficulty of making good cast-iron permanent magnets has been overcome by a very simple process.

In strength of field, cast-iron magnets are from ten to fifteen per cent inferior to those of steel.

Hairpin Box.

One may obtain the most charming and at once the most useful hairpin box which has been shown for many a day.

TEARS ALWAYS CLOSE

SEEMED STRANGE MINGLING OF HAPPINESS AND PAIN.

How the Tiniest Bridesmaid and the Athletic Usher Came to an Understanding in Just 2 Minutes 21 Seconds.

He was the very largest and most athletic of the ushers, and she was the tiniest and most feminine of the bridesmaids.

She was very slight, very shy and full of trembles. She had trembled all through the wedding, from the time the pink chiffoned maid of honor took the first step.

And yet she wanted to cry! That is like a woman, especially the kind who are very slight, very shy, and full of trembles.

The biggest usher had not trembled during the ceremony. He had occupied himself chiefly in wondering why in thunder people have church weddings in July.

But when the ceremony was over and all the other bridesmaids had paired off and began pacing down the aisle, the tables were suddenly turned.

As soon as the smallest bridesmaid felt this trembling her own crying and she no longer felt like crying.

The master of ceremonies, who had been timing everything with his watch in hand, afterward stated that the procession from altar to door took just 2 minutes and 21 seconds.

And yet, what took place during that 2 minutes and 21 seconds was so very insignificant when one tries to set it down.

At the close of the 2 minutes and 21 seconds of Mendelssohn marching, when the tallest usher was helping the smallest bridesmaid into the carriage, he whispered one word to her—and then, strangely, she wanted to cry again.

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No Nose for News.

The new reporter turned in his story about the church bazaar, his first assignment. It was the usual story, with the usual names of committee women.

He lingered around the city editor's desk as the hour for the paper to go to press drew near.

Soaking Sapsleigh Again. Sapsleigh—I shall never have the courage to propose to a girl, never.

KING HAS FIFTY YEARS' REIGN

George of Greece, Welcomed Half Century Ago to Throne, Has Guided Nation Well

Athens.—King George of Greece, who again looms large in the public eye by reason of the flame of war which appears to be spreading rapidly over southeastern Europe, recently entered upon the fiftieth year of his reign.

When the future king arrived in Athens, forty-nine years ago, he was welcomed by a little nation of a million people. He has more than two million subjects now, and Greece has progressed very creditably under his rulership.

No one doubts that the king has a genuine love for his adopted country and, at the present moment, shares to the utmost degree the dream of every Greek of making Aegean sea a Grecian lake, as it was in the palmy days of ancient Athens.

WHAT RATS COST IN FRANCE Statistics Show Damage to Crops From Rodents Reaches \$40,000,000 Yearly.

Paris.—Forty million dollars yearly is the estimated figure of the damage done by rats to crops and property in France.

The example set by several American cities has been followed with great interest in France and has led Doctor Fontenelle to make a special study of the rat and the mouse.

SEVERE TESTS ARE REQUIRED Seven Hundred Candidates for Aeronautic Corps Must Undergo Rigid Examinations in Paris.

Paris.—The 700 candidates for France's flying corps are to be subjected to very severe tests at the physical examination ordered by the ministry of war.

Among the requirements are perfect vision, normal color sense, sharp hearing and absolute soundness of the organs of respiration and circulation.

GIRL COEDS DIG POTATOES Why Wisconsin Normal Students Attended Football Game at Superior.

River Falls, Wis.—Digging potatoes, washing windows, splitting wood and doing family washing are some of the modes of occupation employed by thirty girl students of the River Falls Normal school.

MAD DOG SPREADS RABIES

Horses, Cattle and Hogs Are Bitten by Rabid Animal Near Madison, Mo.

Warrensburg, Mo.—A mad dog in the farming community south of Holden bit dogs, cattle, horses and mules and infected them with rabies.

Removing Ink Stain From a Book. You can quite effectively remove the ink stain from an injured volume by applying a dilute solution of oxalic acid, tartaric acid, or citric acid.

SCHOOLS IN PHILIPPINES

Under the administration of President Taft, industrial education in the Philippines has made rapid progress.

The civil government finds its duties much less onerous now that the military invasion of the islands has been superseded by the educational in certain lines, particularly lacemaking and embroidery.

The most important industry taught the boys is hat weaving. The schools do not attempt to replace hand machinery with modern apparatus, for it is recognized that there is a real demand for the products of careful hand-workmanship.

UNCLE SAM SHOWS WAY. Great Britain has asked a leaf from the book of United States as the pioneer in systematically destroying derelicts or floating wrecks along the coast.

Cleanliness is Next to Godliness. The author of the phrase, "cleanliness is next to Godliness," quoted by John Wesley in his sermon on "Dress," and again in his journal (February 12, 1773), is not known.

Suppression of Oldest Newspaper. The president of the Chinese republic, Yuan Shai Kai, recently suppressed the newspaper King-Bao, which undoubtedly was the oldest paper in the world.

Where the Weight Fell. Among the ancestors of Wendell Phillips were several Puritan clergymen. Perhaps it was a push of heredity which made him, at five years of age, a preacher.

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NOT A POETIC SOUL

Maiden Might Be Classed as of the Earth, Earthy.

Simple Narrative Which Further Proves That Love Most Endure Many Hardships in its Search for a Kladder Feeling.

He was a very poetic and impressionable youth, and, though she was a very prosaic maid, there was something very attractive about her and he often asked her to accompany him on moonlight walks along the country lanes.

They were crossing a small bridge over a creek, when he said: "Don't you admire a little bridge?" "Yes," she interrupted, "bridge is a great game. I often play with Mrs. Van Duser as my partner."

He betrayed no disappointment at her lack of interest in their surroundings as they stood by the edge of the stream, and he wandered on with her into the open country.

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LITERATURE FOR ALL MOODS

That is What Librarians Are Expected to Select for Their Exacting Patrons.

Infinite are the requirements and profound the judgment of librarians. The other day a little girl who does the family marketing rushed into a branch library with the announcement that the sewing society was going to meet at her mother's house that afternoon and wouldn't the librarian please send around a book suitable for the elocutionists of the circle to read aloud while the others worked.

"Ma says this ain't the kind of a story they need today," she said. "They ain't workin' on baby clothes and shirtrwaists today. They're darnin' men's socks and mendin' shirts, and they want something suitable."

There was a consultation of librarians. Just what kind of literature would fit the mental attitude of women engaged in darning socks and mending shirts was a question hitherto unconsidered. They decided on a woman's rights pamphlet called "The Eternal Warfare." Apparently it suited, for the child did not bring it back.

TWENTY WORDS IN THE LEAD

Cleveland Lawyer's New Stenographer Kept Well Ahead of Him When He Dictated.

A Cleveland corporation lawyer has a new stenographer—the second new one in a week. Strange to say, he didn't discharge the first one because she was incompetent, but because she was too good. Let him tell it.

"This girl came to me well recommended, and when I dictated a test letter, I found her extremely rapid and accurate. So I employed her on the spot. She fell right in with the work, and I decided that I had found a treasure. But on the third day she gave me a shock.

"I was dictating an opinion in a complicated infringement suit, and it was very important that it should be accurate in every word and phrase. This was the third draft I had written. In fact, at one place I interrupted myself and said to the stenographer:

"Am I speaking too fast for you, Miss Jackson? Are you getting my words down correctly?" "Oh, I'm getting them all right," she answered, smiling. "And you don't speak nearly as fast as I can take. I'm about twenty words ahead of you now!"

"There's such a thing as being too good."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Ivory Smuggling. Ivory smuggling is looked upon as a very serious crime in British East Africa, and this is only as it should be, for, in order to secure the ivory, the traders have to kill great numbers of elephants. The game preservation laws, particularly as regards elephants, are most severe, and woe betide the man who is caught breaking the game regulations or in possession of illicit spoils of the chase.

The smuggling of ivory, therefore, says the World Wide Magazine, is treated in the same manner as smuggling gems and clothing into the United States, illicit diamond buying in South Africa, or other forms of smuggling in England. The rigid law, however, do not prevent the Arabs and Indians from indulging in an illegal trade in ivory on a large scale.

Charms of Walking. "In Europe whole families go off for tramps together; in England, every Saturday half-holiday sees loaded trains of walking parties starting out of London, making for Epping Forest, or Burham beeches, for the hills of Surrey or the river banks. Not to walk on a holiday is the exceptional thing. A club of people meeting for regular walks finds it possible to have a delightful interchange of conversation amid the pure joyousness of the open air and beautiful woodlands. This community of thought and interest is, after all, the finest thing society has to give us."—Suburban Life Magazine.

Where the Weight Fell. Among the ancestors of Wendell Phillips were several Puritan clergymen. Perhaps it was a push of heredity which made him, at five years of age, a preacher. His congregation was composed of circles of chairs, arranged in his father's parlor, while a taller chair, with a bible on it, served him for a pulpit. He would harangue these wooden auditors by the hour.

"Wendell," said his father to him one day, "don't you get tired of this?" "No, papa," wittily replied the boy-preacher; "I don't get tired, but it is rather hard on the chairs."

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