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CHARLIE'S MEN.

The sky was gray, and the grass was green,
When the two Pioneers from Salt Lake came;
The grass was green, and the sky was gray
When on his horse he rode away,
When he rode away with his wife and his
Who were little to go with Charlie's Men.

Oh, hard was I from my home to part—
Heaven the hill with the laughing lands,
But the Prince Jehovah said, "Hardy my child" and
Lead.
And "Lead me," he said, "your prayer heart
Man,
And when we return rejoicing then
You shall wed the fairest of Charlie's Men."

I watched them spurring down the lane,
For they took the short and the dangerous
way;
I saw their spears gleam far and bright
Till the trees hid them from my sight,
Till faint and small as the chirp of a wren
Were the pipes that piped for Charlie's Men.

The sky was blue, green was the grass,
When joyful ward came up the pass.
The glare was gone, the sky was blue,
And dark brooded the Indian foe was true
Although the fire for our home was
The fight was won by Charlie's Men.

But other tales we had to mark
As years grew gray, and other years dark,
And the church was filled with tear and sigh
For some sad woman who had married to die,
And Hundreds, we could, in the aisles of the plain,
Her dead on the field with Charlie's Men.

I might be blind, for I never see
Put spectacles gleam beautiful
I might be deaf, for I only hear
The church singing cheerful and clear;
And be mute and crippled, as lean and lame,
My thoughts are thoughts of Charlie's Men.
—Simon Gordon in Lippincott's Magazine.

Holes Made by Lightning.

There is an old Hibernician about making a hole and trying to crawl in and draw it in after you. A hole is a hard thing to put into a collection of minerals, but there are a few holes in certain cabinets that are among the most prized of their contents. It must be added, however, that they have enough surrounding material to prove that they are holes. They are called fulgurites, and they are made by lightning. A thunderbolt striking into a sand heap or sandy soil is sometimes hot enough to vitrify, or turn into glass, the siliceous matter that it penetrates, so that you have a glass tube just as big around as a lightning flash.

The largest of these tubes known is about three feet in diameter, but commonly they are less than an inch in thickness. They have been known to penetrate sand for a distance of thirty feet. Though lightning occasionally penetrates rock it never goes into it for more than an inch or two, and more often vitrifies its surface without striking in. A good many fulgurites have been found in Mexico, but the largest and most remarkable are found on the mountain called Little Ararat, in Armenia, for which the lightning seems to have a particular affection.—Minerals.

Wear Proper Eyeglasses.

The philosophy of wearing glasses to improve our vision is that the eye is an optical instrument which, when perfect, is adapted for seeing both far and near objects without any conscious effort. But the number of perfect eyes is small compared with those that are imperfect.

Most eyes are either too long or too short, so that the rays of light are not focused distinctly upon the retina without an effort of the muscles of accommodation to do so, and that effort causes strain.

An eye that is too short is called hypermetropic, or farsighted. One that is too long is called myopic, or nearsighted. It is by the means of glasses that these defects are collected and objects brought to a focus upon the retina without the strain which otherwise takes place.

People frequently have no conscious defect in vision. They see all right. Still they have burning of the eyes, and sometimes piles or inflamed lids, caused by the unconscious effort to accommodate their vision for near or for objects.

Many headaches are also caused by defective vision. These cases can all be cured by wearing the proper glasses.—M. L. Lines in Jenness Miller Illustrated.

Paper in Many Trades.

The use of paper as a cheap material for curtains, wall paper and other house decorations has aided to make the homes of the people more attractive. The useful arts are beginning to depend largely upon the paper maker. Thus the present speed and safety of railway travel owes much to the invention of the paper car wheel, which combines strength and elasticity to a higher degree than any other material so far available. The building trades also use paper extensively, while commerce is facilitated by its use for wrappings and packages.—Engineering Magazine.

A Deadly Spirit.

Featherstone—Do you believe in ghosts?

Travers—Well, for years I have been living in a haunted house.

Featherstone—You don't tell me! Who is it haunted by?

Travers—By my tailor.—Exchange.

A Remarkable Echo.

At the castle of Simoneta, Italy, there is an angle in the building which reechoes a pistol shot sixty-nine times. The echoed reports from twenty-one to thirty-three are always louder than the report of the shot itself.—St. Louis Republic.

LITTLE GEORGIE'S RAPID TRANSIT.

Thrilling Ride of a Helpless Youngster Attached to a Useless Cable.

It is a common practice with children living on the cable routes to drop a string with a cork attached in the slot, and as the cable catches it and drags it along to follow it up for a block or two, or until they grow tired.

Georgie Rosewalk, eight years old, persuaded his little brother Spiro that they could ride without paying. Georgie procured a three-ply, fire-strand clothesline from the back yard of the store and carefully fastened it around his little brother's waist. The rope was strong enough to settle a dozen California mules. There was six feet of the rope left when Georgie concluded to give his little brother a free ride, and with some trouble he dropped the loose end of the clothesline into the slot.

The rope was promptly taken up by the big 14-inch cable and little Spiro started down the street to the astonishment of his big eight-year-old brother. The connection was made directly in front of St. Louis' church. From that point on the child was dragged with the rope around his waist past Franklin street and Van Ness avenue, a distance of 400 feet, and as he came rolling across the avenue William E. Murphy, who keeps a bookstore at 506 Hayes street, saw the phenomenon. He at first surmised that the thing was a dummy, but a glance showed him that it was not. It was only a live youngster sharing with the cable and no one to stop it.

Oddly enough, all of the laws of motion were upset with that young man. With a rope around his waist, the engine house engineer did not know anything about a foolish child being tied to a cable, it was only natural that when the line was drawn taut in the middle that the child would have to go to the morgue, whether the line dragged his head or his legs.

Providence and Mr. Murphy saved the baby's prominent and rare in the rescue. The boy and the cable were badly mixed when Murphy saw them, and he followed the child from Polk to the junction at Larkin street with a view to release it from the cable.

There was only one way in which to do it, and Mr. Murphy severed the connection between the boy and the cable at the junction of Hayes street.

Mr. Murphy bears some evidence of a conflict with the cable. He had been tugging with the lad's string with an ordinary penknife, severing one strand after another, and finally severed the connection at Larkin street.

The child did not suffer much damage from his unhappy trip. His left ear, from contact with the uneven basalt blocks on Hayes street, was partially torn away, and in contact with one stone a gash of four inches was made on his scalp. Otherwise he was not injured.—San Francisco Examiner.

Cutting Off the Nose for Punishment.

Rameses II. of Egypt, cut off the nose of any person convicted of treason or arson. Artaxerxes, another Egyptian ruler, punished robbers in the same way. After each nose had been amputated back even with the "bridge," the culprit was sent to a colony of noseless felons, the place of banishment being known as Rhinocolura, from the nature of the punishment its colonists had undergone.

In England in 1671 Lord Coventry, then "great keeper of the British seal," had his nose cut off by order of the king because he had dared to ask some questions about an actress then playing at the Drury Lane theater.

A conscript who protested openly that he had been enrolled into the army of Frederick the Great in a fraudulent manner had his nose amputated by order of that sovereign, who spoke of the punishment as an "indelible mark on the front side of the face."—St. Louis Republic.

Charcoal Is Good for the Teeth.

Charcoal is a great sweetener of the breath, and besides that it "strengthens and whitens the teeth, removes the tartar, prevents tooth ache and gives the gums and lips an attractive color." About as much as can be placed on the point of a knife should be rubbed gently into the interstices of the teeth on going to bed, to be rinsed out thoroughly in the morning. The objection to charcoal is its gritiness, and it must be reduced as nearly as possible to an impalpable powder. Its purifying qualities are undeniable, and it is said if taken internally it will cure indigestion.—Good Housekeeping.

The Wrong Man.

Visitor (to office boy)—Please ask the manager if he is too busy to see me.

Office Boy (a moment later)—Yes, he says he is too busy.

Visitor—Very well, tell him that I will call again next year. I wanted to pay my subscription.—Lemon Tie Bile.

Punctuated.

Lady—Splendid weather today, lieutenant—Donnerwetter! That's just what I was going to say.—Main ser Zeitung.

Title Pages.

It was not until 1470 that a title page was introduced to books, and it England not till shortly before 1480, when W. De Machlinie issued one to his little book on the pestilence. Caxton never used them, but Wynkyn De Worde employed them in nearly all his books.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Prayer in a Gambling Den.

It is narrated that a clergyman, desirous of imparting his sanctuary and unable to procure the necessary funds from his congregation, decided to secure financial aid from the ranks of the enemy. Late one night he entered himself into a gaming house and asked the manager:

"Can I have the privilege of offering a brief prayer and passing round the hat among those assembled here?"

"Certainly," replied the manager. The clergyman mounted a chair and for fully fifteen minutes appealed to the throne of God to point out to those about him the error of their ways, and at the same time suggested that they put some money in the work of the Lord by contributing out of their abundance. Just as he had finished an old time "gent," who in his life had won and lost two or three fortunes, exclaimed:

"I say, partners, I reckon that clergyman there holds a winning hand for the other shoes, and I guess we'd better sing a hymn and then chip in a collection for the church he wants to fix up. I'm betting ten to seven that chumips are a good thing, and it don't seem very long since I used to accompany my sainted mother to church way down east, but she's in heaven now. Anyway, let's sing the doxology, 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.' Most of you-uns know it. Now sing." The gambler had a good baritone voice, and he started the hymn and was at once joined by every one present. At its conclusion he remarked in a cool and collected manner:

"I say, Mr. Minister—forgot your right name, you know—pass 'round the hat." And tossing him a twenty dollar gold piece, he said, "I'll play that to win!" When the clergyman's hat had made the circuit it contained almost $1,000, and the needed improvements on the church were begun the following week.—Saratoga Cor. Chicago Times.

Getting Around It.

There is a small boy in Harlem who is "born in trouble as the sparks fly upward," and the greater part of his young life has been spent in enduring diseases and accidents and recovering therefrom.

His last series of mishaps began with scarlet fever, went on to a dislocated knee, a sprained wrist, a fractured thumb that necessitated the carrying of his arm in a sling for a couple of weeks, and culminated in the dislocation of some of the small bones of his right foot.

The commencement to the bad and bones that all these entailed so low-sed his physical tone that his physician prescribed quinine. This seemed to him a remedy worse than the disease, and after exhausting all his powers of resistance, entreaties and rajoleries to avoid taking the fushcine, but without avail, his mother found him one day laboring in an unusually industrious manner with pen, ink and paper.

"Are you writing to grandma?" queried she.

"No, ma'am," said this youthful enthusiast gravely. "I am writing an article for the paper to say that quinine is very indigestible."

"And what good will that do?" asked mamma, curious to know what process of reasoning was going on in the small head.

"Why, when doctors read what the paper says about it they won't give quinine any more."—New York Recorder.

How Eyes Are Tested.

The theory of the optically perfect eye is that parallel rays of light entering it are brought to a focus on its retina. Any deviation from this condition constitutes an error of refraction and requires for its correction an artificial variation of the luminous rays. The generally adopted method of determining the refraction of the eye is to use test types placed at such a distance that the rays of light emanating from them may be regarded in practice as parallel, and the deviation from parallelism necessary to correct a refractive error is effected by placing a lens in front of the eye. There are many other methods of changing the course of luminous rays coming from a test object, and of these the simple convex lens is the simplest and most often used in optometry.—New York Telegram.

Caviar for Expectorants.

For expectoration caviar, which is nothing but sturgeon's eggs, is prepared in two different ways. The eggs are scaled and then immersed in strong brine for three-quarters of an hour, and finally allowed to drain. In this way "granular caviar" is obtained. For "compact" caviar the eggs are first cleansed, then pickled and finally allowed to dry slowly. Then they are packed closely in canvas bags, which are inclosed in wooden barrels, after which they are ready for shipment.—N. Y. Sun.

The Place for Him to Call.

Mrs. Wilberby—Your old clothes man was around today.

Wilberby (gruffly)—Tell him, next time that, if he wants to look at any old clothes of mine, he will save time by calling at the office and see them on me.—Exchange.

How Nails Are Eaten.

Ants are eaten by several of the minor nations. In Egypt they are eaten raw with sugar; in Brazil they are served with a cotton sauce, and in East India stewed in Indian grease or Dutch butter.—St. Louis Republic.

A Grave in the Center.

The exact geographical center of the United States is marked by a grave—the last resting place of one Major Clipson, who is buried on a little knoll a short distance northeast of Fort Riley, Kan.—Exchange.

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