ART STUDENTS IN PARIS.

A LITTLE FAMILY OF FRUGAL AMERICAN YOUNG WOMEN.

Cost of Living in the French Capital. Necessaries That Come High, and Inexpensive Amusements. A Small Cooperative Living.

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HE WAS TOO SMART.

A Grocer's Clerk Whose Brightness Failed to Impress His Employer.

Up on Eighth avenue, in that far away region where the elevated road is so high that passengers in the cars can't help wishing they had lived before it, an old and stolid German conducts a grocery. Until recently he had as clerk an agile youth with a tendency toward snow, both in his talk and costume. He was a rather amiable youth, however, and when one day his accustomed place behind the counter was found to be no longer occupied with him, not a few inquiries were made in regard to his disappearance. To such questions the old German responded with a gruff "Heinrich was bounced," and when asked why this action had been taken would only say, "He vas too schmart for der grocery pizness."

This enigmatic explanation gave rise to the gravest suspicions in the minds of the young man's acquaintances, and the neighborhood talked gravely about his supposed downfall for some days. Then the facts in the case came out, and a peculiarly Harlemesque romance was revealed.

It seems that Heinrich, in one of those lulls of trade which come in the grocery as in other lines of commerce, had been assailed by what appeared to him to be a bright idea. Procuring a large piece of fair white paper he printed thereon in large black letters the legend, "N. O. Molasses, fifty cents." He hung the placard up in a conspicuous place and waited developments.

They came in the form of a tall, thin woman, fierce of visage and sharp of tongue, the keeper of a big boarding house and the best customer Heinrich's employer had. Her keen eyes noticed the sign at once.

"What's that!" she said, "New Orleans molasses gone down to fifty cents a gallon! Thank goodness one thing's fell! Send me four gallons at once; I'll lay in a stock before it goes up again."

Here was Heinrich's opportunity. "You haven't read it right," he said, somewhat frightened, but determined to give his bright idea an airing. "Of course we couldn't sell New Orleans or any other kind of molasses for any such price as that, so I—to prevent mistakes, you know—put up that sign—'No molasses, fifty cents'—but I can send you some for"——

"You'll send me nothin'," cried the woman angrily, and she marched out of the store.

She never came back. Heinrich tried to explain how harmless his bright idea was, but the old German couldn't understand it. "You vas too schmart for der groc'ry pizness. Better you get out," was all he would say, and the wretched victim of his own brilliancy had to go.—New York Times.

ETHIOPIANS MADE WHITE.

Doctors Say This Can Be Done Through the Transplanting of Skin.

Provided a victim could be found for the skinning operation, surgical skill is equal to the feat of turning a negro's skin permanently white. The question of the transposition of color in the cuticle of the two races has been given a local and peculiar interest by an experiment in the grafting of the skin of a negro upon a white man, performed by Dr. John Ege, of Reading.

The experiment of Dr. Ege was made for the purpose of healing a wound on the leg of a white man, and if it succeeded in this it was all that was expected of it. Not only did it do this, but as the wound began to heal Dr. Ege was surprised to notice the thirty particles of black skin transplanted were gradually losing their color, and by the time the wound had entirely healed the new surface was as white as if the cuticle belonged by nature to the spot to which it was transplanted.

This result was surprising to the doctor, because medical men have hitherto declared that colored skin whenever transplanted would retain its color. It seems probable now, therefore, that some of the theory of skin grafting may undergo a change, and that in the future one may be enabled to change one's skin as easily as the Parisian belle the color of her hair.

A physician in seriously discussing the matter said that the original cause of the difference in the color of the skin of different races is still a matter of some dispute. Some authorities on the subject maintain that it is attributable solely to climate. In contradiction to this, however, other authorities prove that the dark color of the skin does not depend on geographical position, nor even altogether on racial purity, by the fact that the extremes of the chromatic scale are found throughout the whole negro domain.

Dr. J. V. Shoemaker, the eminent dermatologist of this city, in speaking of the result of Dr. Ege's experiment, said that in his opinion a negro's skin grafted upon a white man would probably lose its color, the process of cutting disturbing the cells containing the coloring matter. Dr. H. G. Bousaing, demonstrator of anatomy at the Medico-Chirurgical college, also holds this opinion, but at the same time says it is imperative that the particles of skin transplanted should be very minute, as in the case of Dr. Ege's experiment.

Dr. Bousaing also said that while colored skin transplanted on a white man will lose its color and become white, white skin grafted upon a negro would never become black. From this it will be seen that, although a negro might possibly be turned white, those white persons who are so enamored of the soft, glossy, unctuous epidermis of the negro as to desire a change are debarred by nature from indulging their peculiar taste.—Philadelphia Record.

The Law's Majesty.

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To Give Away.

A boy of five or six years was made happy by the arrival of a baby sister. He had been the only child in the family, and being a good and obedient boy had been humored till he was perhaps in some danger of being spoiled. Before the little new sister was many weeks old, however, Master Fred began to feel that his own position was sadly altered.

The stranger had supplanted him. Father, mother and servants were all the time talking about the baby. There was no mistake; Fred was no longer king.

The boy began to be unhappy, and just then he remembered a placard which his father had put up at a conspicuous point on the premises some months before: "Ashes to give away. Inquire within." Fred had taken great interest in this notice, and had inquired minutely into its meaning. He remembered now that very soon afterward a man called and carted away the ashes.

He had been to the kindergarten, and could spell and print after a fashion. So with such helps and hints as he was able to get slyly from the servants, he managed to construct the following sign, which his astonished father one day found posted in a sightly position as he came home to dinner:

A Baby to give away. Inquire of Fred.

—Chicago Herald.

Labels on Trunks.

The labels on a trunk that has seen service would not generally be regarded as things of much value, yet there are plenty of persons who regard them among their most highly prized assets. One day a man who was going on a short journey sought the loan of a trunk from a gentleman who had just returned from a European trip. The owner of the trunk was very glad to let him have it, stipulating, however, that none of the express labels should be removed.

"You see," said he, "it cost me a good deal of money to get those Paris, London, Berlin, Vienna and Rome labels on that trunk, and they furnish me not only a pleasant recollection of my trip abroad, but they also furnish absolute proof to all who may see this trunk that I have done Europe and have seen something of the world. You can take the trunk with pleasure, but I will hold you responsible for those labels." In many cases where trunks are sent to the shops for repairs, instructions are sent with them that none of the labels shall be removed.—New York Times.

The Term Yankee.

There are many different stories as to the origin of the term Yankee. That which is most generally accepted, however, is that it came from the Indian attempt to pronounce the word English or the French equivalent, Anglais. This explanation would put the origin of the word Yankee at a date in the early English settlement of the Atlantic coast of this country. Another theory is that it was a cant word in eastern Massachusetts nearly 200 years ago, which meant very fine, as a "Yankee good cow," a "Yankee good gun," etc. The designation is usually applied to residents of New England. Immediately before and during the civil war it was held to mean a citizen of the northern states as distinguished from a southerner, while Europeans often extend the term so as to include residents of the whole country.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Horrid Looking Pet.

A short time ago a New York merchant received a curious present from Australia. It was a horned toad of an aspect so hideous and forbidding that it is known to naturalists as the Moloch Horridus. The little creature, in spite of its dragonlike appearance, proved to be docile, intelligent and affectionate. As a faster it was a rival to Succi, having passed six weeks of its life going through the mails without either a drink or a meal. "Moloch Horridus" is now an established favorite in the family, the goodness of his heart having shone through his forbidding exterior.—New York News.

Brunettes in the East.

In New York city any one who walks about with his eyes open cannot fail to observe the noticeable preponderance in numbers of brunettes. In both sexes the brunette type of beauty largely predominates, and the women, while dark complexioned, are also quite small and usually of well rounded figures. In Boston and Jersey City practically the same conditions obtain, but Brooklyn has a rather larger percentage of blondes.—A. H. Kardin in Epoch.

The merry antics of monkeys are many and diverting. Humboldt was acquainted with a monkey in India which took delight in riding a pig. Every morning the creature caught one, leaped astride his back, and clinging there with great firmness took his fill of riding. Another monkey, domesticated by a missionary, used to put the family cat, a strong, good natured animal, to the same use.

An excellent way of testing tea is to put a teaspoonful in a glass of water and shake it thoroughly. If the tea is pure the water will be a clear amber tint, but, if adulterated, strongly colored.

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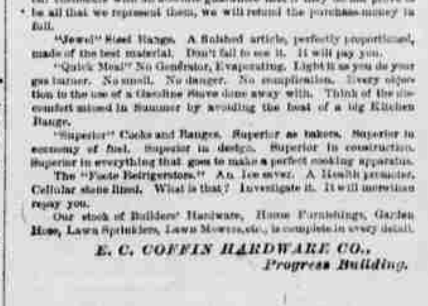

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