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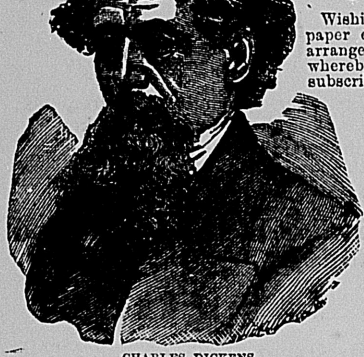
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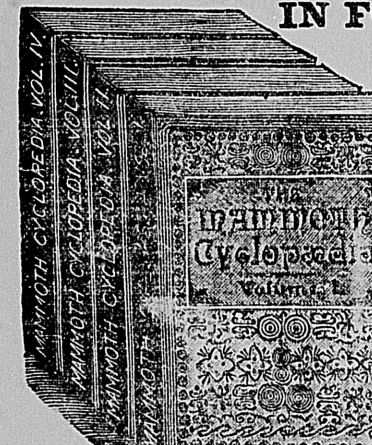
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Dr. Talmage, First Sermon.

Ah, how well I remember the first Sunday in my first church!

The congregation gathered early. The brown-stone church was a beautiful structure, within and without. An adjacent quarry had furnished the material, and the architect and builder, who were men of taste, had not been interfered with. A few creeping vines had been planted at the front and side, and a white rose-bush stood at the door, flinging its fragrance across the yard.

Many had gone in and taken their seats, but others had stayed at the door to watch the coming of the new minister and his bride. She is gone now, and it is no flattery to write that she was fair to look upon, delicate in structure of body, eyes large and blue, hair in which was folded the shadows of midnight, erect carriage, but quite small. She was such a one as you could pick up and carry over a stream with one arm. She had a sweet voice and had stood several years in the choir of the city churches, and had wielded a magic of presence that had turned all whom she ever met into warm personal admirers. Her hand trembled on her husband's arm as that day they went up the steps of the meeting-house, gazed at intently by young and old.

The pastor looked paler even than was his wont. His voice quavered in reading the hymn, and he looked confused in making the publications. That day a mother had brought her child for baptism, and for the first time he officiated in that ceremony. Had hard work to remember the words, and knew not what to do next. When he came to preach, in his excitement he could not find his sermon. It had fallen back on the sofa. Looked up and down, and forward and backward. Fished it out at last, just in time to come up, flushed and hot, to read the text. Made a very feeble attempt at preaching. But all were ready to hear his words. The young sympathized with him, for he was young. And the old looked on him with a sort of paternal indulgence. At the few words in which he commended himself and his to their sympathy and care, they broke forth into weeping. And at the foot of the pulpit, at the close of the service, the people gathered, poor and rich, to offer their right hand—*The Will Talmage, in Ladies Home Journal.*

Beating the Landlord.

Unhappy parents who, whenever they seek for flats, run against the autocratic "No children permitted in this building," should take a leaf from the experience of a cute Yankee with four children. He moved to this city last spring, and he and his wife, after a few days in a hotel, went flat-hunting. Wherever they went they met this objection against children. His wife became discouraged and wanted to go back to their rural home in New England, where their children had had the range of a large yard and garden. But our Yankee friend was a man of resources. He put on his thinking-cap one evening, and the next morning he started out by himself, leaving Mrs. Yankee at the hotel with the children. At the first house where he found a flat which suited him this dialogue with the janitor took place:

"What is the rent of this flat?"
"Nine hundred dollars a year."
"I will lease it for a year if there are no children in the house. I will not take it if there are any."
"There are not any. You may depend upon that."

This maneuver threw the agents of the flat off their guard. Nothing was asked of our Yankee about the possession of children by him. The lease was made out and executed, the advance payment was made and then he moved in, wife, children, and all. There was a grand tableau of indignation on the part of the owner of the flat. But there the Yankees were, young and old, and there they will be until the first of next May. Nothing can get them out.—*N. Y. Star.*

About Noses.

The nose must be considered the unfortunate member of the countenance. It is bound to grow in any shape which pleases a capricious fate, subject to no rule or possibility of restriction. Its prominence has often to be deplored, especially when the contour is something that one wishes to have hidden; for there it stands, in the center of the face, more prominent than a light-house off a rocky coast, the first to catch the eye of a friend, the last to arrest the attention of a casual acquaintance. Unlike some of its fellow-members, it has no expression of its own, worth speaking of; and what it has is of the reverse order. The plain mouth may break into a smile to touch the coldest heart with a gleam of radiance wholly unlooked for; but any such attempt on the part of this awkward attachment only ends in distortion. The "expression" of the nose is best in its natural state and its normal condition.

There is, of course, the model nose, well-proportioned, in keeping with the features it accompanies, beautiful, even; but even then it gets no credit, painters do not dwell upon it, poets do not sing it, lovers do not apostrophize. The novelist simply describes it as, "shapely," and passes on to other and more charming objects. Fortunately the functions of this organ are simple, and but few words are necessary in regard to its treatment, since the diseases to which it is subject are few.—*Good Housekeeping.*

Poundkeeper Finn of New York estimates the dog population of that city at from 25,000 to 30,000. During the last year the dog catchers caught 7,408 dogs, 300 of which were redeemed by their owners paying \$3 fine, the remainder being disposed of.

They had wedding cake five and twenty years old at a New York marriage anniversary the other day. It had been kept in stone jars.

The Lancers.

There is a rumor abroad that the lancers may be brought back to the ballroom, on the strength of a new figure introduced in it of the minut style.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

Ex-City Auditor Books, of Chattanooga, is short about \$6,000.

The population of North Dakota is officially announced at 182,425; increase 145,516.

Rev. W. T. Boutwell, one of the oldest ministers in Minnesota, died Saturday at Stillwater.

Some of the English friends of Birchall, the condemned murderer, are endeavoring to get up a petition for his reprieve.

Anderson Harris, a negro arrested at Jackson, Miss., on the charge of murdering G. M. Lewis, mayor of Clinton, confessed his guilt.

Walter O. Kernochan, a wealthy young man of New York, shot himself in the head and died instantly. He suffered from insomnia.

While a funeral procession of 140 carriages was going to the cemetery in Illinois, Ill., four teams ran away and several persons were injured.

Midsummer heat was felt in Cincinnati Sunday. The mercury at noon rose to 84. Government standard, and at midnight it had fallen only to 72 degrees.

Frank Wooden (colored), who confessed to setting fire to the residence of Dr. Pace, at Athens, La., on the night of the 9th inst., was lynched Saturday night.

Thomas Greening, a farmer living near Cameron, Mo., on Saturday shot and fatally wounded William Lohman while the latter was setting fire to Greening's barn.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders, the postmistress, and toll-gate keeper at Toledo, Pa., who was shot Friday night by masked ruffians, died of her wounds. Her assailants are under arrest.

PUSHED BEFORE A TRAIN.

A Constable Killed and His Prisoner Hurt in an Attempt to Rescue the Latter.

AKRON, O., Oct. 13.—The killing of one man and probably fatal mangle of another at Orrville Friday night turns out to be a murder. Coroner Solon Boydston, of Orrville, who was acting as policeman during the fair, had John Sweeney, said to be from Cleveland, in custody on the depot platform. Sweeney saw a pal in the crowd and made a sign to him. The latter stepped up, and just as a switch engine was going by shoved Boydston in front of it. The corner was terribly mangled, and must have died instantly. He retained his grip on Sweeney as he went and the prisoner was also run over, being very badly injured. He will probably die. The man who did the pushing was caught by the crowd and is now in custody. He refuses to give his name. There is great excitement at Orrville, where Boydston was a prominent citizen and highly regarded.

FOR CONGRESS.

A List of Nominations Made by Various Political Parties on Saturday.

Congressional nominations were made on Saturday as follows: Wisconsin, Fourth district, Robert Schilling (U. L.); Eighth district, W. C. Jones (Pro.), vice Murray, declined. California, Fifth district, E. F. Loud (Rep.), vice Byrnes, declined. Indiana, Twelfth district, J. H. Babcock (Rep.), Kentucky, Fifth district, A. G. Caruth (Dem.) renominated. Massachusetts, Second district, Bushrod Morse (Dem.), Missouri, Eighth district, J. J. O'Neill (Dem.), New York, Sixth district, J. J. McKean (Dem.), Ohio, Twentieth district, H. L. Stewart (Dem.), Pennsylvania, Ninth district, D. B. Brumm (Labor).

FOUND WATERY GRAVES.

The Capizing of a Small Boat on a New Jersey Stream Costs Five Lives.

KINKORA, N. J., Oct. 13.—Five persons were drowned in the river at this place Sunday afternoon by the capizing of a boat. They were Solomon Fletcher, aged 32; John Fletcher, aged 22; Angelo Fletcher, aged 24; Cheafus Merriek, aged 43; Alonzo Cannon, aged 22. The first three were brothers. The men were bringing twenty-three large pillings, each about fourteen feet long, from Silver Lake ice-house, in an open boat with a single sail. In attempting to make land between the ice-houses and the sluice their boat was upset.

STRICKEN WITH INSANITY.

The Grand Duke Nicholas, of Russia, Suddenly Goes Mad—Physicians Declare His Condition to Be Hopeless.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—It has been learned that at the close of the Russian military maneuvers in Volhynia the Grand Duke Nicholas, who had the chief command of the army, suddenly became insane from the effects of the disease from which he has long suffered, and that melancholy and heartrending scenes occurred until he was removed incognito to General Martynoff's estate in the Don Steppes. The physicians declare that his condition is hopeless.

Result of a Quarrel.

LIMA, O., Oct. 13.—John Schaeffer quarreled with his step-father, William Schaeffer, Saturday and knocked him down. The father, while down, pulled a revolver and shot John in the breast, inflicting a probably fatal wound. John then pulled his revolver and shot his father twice, killing him instantly.

Two Bad Fires.

SIDNEY, O., Oct. 13.—John Loughlin's desk factory caught fire about 7 o'clock Sunday morning and burned to the ground within two hours. The loss may reach \$25,000.

ASHLAND, O., Oct. 13.—Fire Sunday morning destroyed the business houses of R. F. Ridgely, Mrs. Hoffman and Alex. McKonkie. Loss, \$25,000.

Rube Burrows' Will.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 13.—Rube Burrows left a will bequeathing all his property, which is in three States, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, to his son and daughter. The estimate put on the property was \$20,000.

Bringing Japanese to America. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—Advices received here from Japan are to the effect that a scheme is on foot to bring 2,000 Japanese laborers from Japan and establish a colony in Mexico.

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