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**A DREADFUL WEAPON.**

The Slashing Sharks' Teeth Club of the Polynesians.

Clubs were the weapons of primitive and savage man. Ancient specimens from Mexico are heavy sticks grooved along the side for the insertion of blades of basidian—that is, volcanic glass. The Sioux club is a flat piece of wood, curving and widening away from the grip and terminating in a spherical head, which in modern times carries a long spike, while the blades of several butcher knives are commonly inserted along the margin. The national museum of the United States possesses a great variety of these shocking weapons, designed, as the frontiersmen say, to "knock down the white man and then to brain him and cut him into mince meat." The Kingsmill islanders and other Polynesians make dreadful slashing weapons by securing rows of sharks' teeth along a haft of wood.

These weapons vary from a few inches to sixteen feet in length, and it has been said that in all the range of weapons devised by mankind there is nothing more blood curdling to behold. They show how the sword may have been evolved from the club even by tribes unacquainted with the use of metals. African weapons, again, are exceedingly complicated owing to the acquaintance of the natives with iron. The standard club is converted into a sort of tomahawk by the addition of blades or into a primitive spear by the addition of a sharp spud. The plain clubs in the African area are used chiefly for throwing.

The small knobbed clubs, or "kerries," such as are found among the Kaffirs and other African tribes, are generally used as missiles. Whereas the club proper was soon brought to perfection among savage tribes and was long ago abandoned as a weapon of civilized warfare, the missile—typified by the thrown clubs or "kerries"—is still being improved upon in boomerangs, bows and arrows, crossbows and firearms.

**Three Signs.**

Peculiarities of signs are a source of never ending delight to some people. One man reached his office grinning the other morning because on his way downtown he had seen three signs that read as follows: "Teddy Bears Retired," "Baby Carriages Retired" and "Umbrellas Recovered." — New York Post.

**Defined.**

"John," she said, looking up from the paper, "what is a political boom-erang?"  
"Why, I'd define it," he answered, "as a roorback on the return trip." — Philadelphia Ledger.

**BEETHOVEN AND BUSINESS.**

Selling His Music Was Distasteful to the Great Composer.

An extremely interesting article which has appeared in a German musical and theatrical paper under the above heading contains the following statement, says a London exchange: Beethoven never bargained in the ordinary way. His fees for a composition were demanded briefly and in a decided manner, and he always pointed out when mentioning a price that he meant guineas and not sovereigns, or, rather, their equivalent in Austrian coin. In 1801 he wrote to a music firm at Leipzig: "Now the unpalatable business part is done with. I wish things could be managed differently in this world. There should be only one music publisher to whom the artist might take his work, knowing that he might ask a fee according to his requirements. As it is, he has to be partly a tradesman. Good heavens, how different and unpalatable this is!" But this pious wish was never fulfilled, and Beethoven had to remain "half a tradesman" to the end.

As a suggestion of how dedications are occasionally made, the following letter, which Beethoven wrote to the same publisher in 1802 from Vienna, is interesting:

"The lady in question can have a sonata, and I will do my best to carry out her aesthetic ideas. The price is 5 guineas (ducates), and for this she may retain the sonata for a year as her private property, but not for publication. At the end of the year the sonata becomes my property—that is to say, I have the right to publish it, and if she thinks it an honor she may ask to have the work dedicated to her."

This, from the business point of view of the lady in question, is surely a tempting offer. At least, so the art patroness of today would think if she had a chance of suggesting to Beethoven the "aesthetic idea" for a sonata, to retain such a treasure in her own hands for a twelvemonth and thereafter have it dedicated to her—and all for 5 guineas!

**A Stinging Retort.**

Wax Bead (proudly)—I am going in a necklace which I am assured cannot be told from real pearls. Brass Ring (sarcastically)—Aw, they're stringing you.—Baltimore American.

**As a Caution.**

Weeks—The true American always saves the under dog in the fight. Wise —Yes, and then gives him a swift kick for being chump enough to get into it. —Boston Transcript.

In infants levity is a prettiness, in men grown a shameful defect, but in old age a monstrous folly.

**A Wonderful Bird.**

One day a wonderful bird tapped at the window of Mrs. Nansen's (wife of the famous arctic explorer) home at Christiania. Instantly the window was opened, and in another moment she covered the little messenger with kisses and caresses. The carrier pigeon had been away from the cottage thirty long months, but it had not forgotten the way home. It brought a note from Nansen, stating that all was going well with him and his expedition in the polar region. Nansen had fastened a message to the bird and turned it loose. The frail courier darted out into the blizzardly air. It flew like an arrow over a thousand miles of frozen waste and then sped forward over another thousand miles of ocean and plains and forests and one morning entered the window of the waiting mistress and delivered the message which she had been awaiting so anxiously.

**Would Let Folks Know It.**

Somebody sent this to the society editor and made affidavit that it really happened.

Here it is: They were out at an afternoon card party. A stout woman dropped a card to the floor. "Would you be so kind as to pick up that card for me?" she inquired of the little woman at her right.

"Certainly," said the accommodating woman at the right, picking up the card.

"You see," explained the stout woman apologetically, "I've got on a brand new fifty dollar corset, and I'm afraid I'll strain it if I lean over." "Hum!" commented the other woman enviously. "If I had a fifty dollar corset I'd wear it on the outside. I really would!" —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**He Was Sensitive.**

Blobbs—You're pretty much stuck on Miss Gobbs, aren't you, old man? Hobbs—I was once, but after what she said to me last night I'm not going to pay any more attention to her. Blobbs—Gee! What did she say? Hobbs—"No!" —Cleveland Leader.

**Freshman Mathematics.**

Freshby—Professor, is it ever possible to take the greater from the less? "There is a pretty close approach to it when the conceit is taken out of a freshman." —Jewish Ledger.

**Troubles of the Inanimate.**

"Tough old world this," sighed the anvil. "I get nothing but hard knocks all day long."  
"Yes," assented the bellows, "and I am always hard pressed to raise the wind." —Boston Transcript.

The trouble with many a man's integrity is that it needs constant vindication.—Chicago News.

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