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My Lady Monogram.

I wonder if she'd sell her soul to decorate a fan! My Lady Monogram is my despair. She gathers crests and letterheads in every place she can. Many forbidden fields for her I dare. I hasten to the great hotels where never I was guest. Even the flunky at the door I brave; And there the costliest letterheads I glean at her behest, That she may have a monogram to save. I gather spoil from every club where I've a friend enrolled; My titled chum regards me as a pest; Heraldic signs and rarest coats of arms in blue and gold My Lady Monogram considers best. I'd delve the wide world o'er and o'er to deck this fan of thine, If at the end thou would'st accept of me, The letters three which make this humble monogram of mine, And may one seal suffice for me and thee.

Men of Memories.

Among men noted for wonderful memories were Milton, who was said to be able to repeat Homer; Professor Lawson, who boasted that he could repeat the whole of the Bible except a few verses; Lord Macaulay, who made the same boast about "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Paradise Lost"; Dr. Lerdan, a friend of Sir Walter Scott, who could repeat an act of parliament on hearing it read but once; and a London reporter who took no notes, but could write out an unexpected debate verbatim. Henry Clay could not memorize a single stanza of a poem, but never forgot a name, a face or an argument.

Clear if Not Transparent.

An Irishman at a political meeting grew so excited he rose to shout his satisfaction. "Sit down!" called the man behind him, touching his coat-tails. "Don't you know you're opaque?" "And that I'm not!" cried the other. "I'm O'Brien." V. C. tells a story of Professor Huxley, which suggests that he may have heard of the Irishman. The professor had made a demonstration, and asked a student: "Did you follow me?" "Yes, sir," he replied, "except at one point, when you were between me and the blackboard." "Well," said the professor, "I always try to be clear, but I can't make myself transparent."

When Grown-ups "Get Even."

James McNeill Whistler, the late famous painter, was exceedingly fond of a French poodle that he owned. Once when the animal had throat trouble, its owner audaciously sent for Sir Morrell Mackenzie, the great throat specialist. Mackenzie was not a bit pleased at being called to treat a dog, but he prescribed and got partial revenge by charging a big fee. He still further "got even" the next day by sending for Whistler to come to him immediately. The artist, thinking he was summoned on some matter connected with his beloved dog, dropped his work and rushed like the wind to Mackenzie's. On his arrival Sir Morrell said gravely: "How do you do, Mr. Whistler. I wanted to see you about having my front door painted."

The Shortest Surnames.

An investigation to discover the shortest surname seems to show that Mr. By possesses it. Of course there are others equally short in pronunciation, the weighted with a superfluous letter. Such is the name of Dr. Goe, the recently retired Anglican bishop of Melbourne. Geo. Ade, the writer, belongs to the list. "Nye" is another example. The premier of New South Wales, Sir John See, has certainly established a record for brevity in this connection among prime ministers. Short surnames naturally suggest long ones. Scotland seems to supply a fair share of the latter. Gentlemen who in these busy times have to write "Featherstonehaugh" or "Osbaldistane" at the ends of their letters are certainly entitled to sympathy. There is an Irish chieftain, too, whose signature is "McGilllicuddy of the Reeks."

Queer Corean Customs

You know we sit on the floor in church in Corea, writes a lady traveller. The Corean boys very seldom have any money for collection and they seem really sorry; but money is very scarce among the poorer classes, and probably they never had any of their own. One day I went with one of the missionaries into a courtyard and we had a meeting just with the boys. We had the little organ, and soon the boys came in from the street. Some of them did not know what a prayer was, but when they were told, they all shut their eyes thru quite a long time in Corea. The boys are never rude to us. Some of them call after me on the street, "Lady, where are you going?" but this is Corean politeness, and quite polite. It is also Corean politeness to answer, "Yes, where are you going?" When we say that, they think we are quite polite and nice to them.



Interior of Chapel, Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary, Alta.

A sacred burden is this life to bear, Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly, Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly, Fall not for sorrow, falter not for sin, But onward, upward, till the goal ye win.

No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife Without all life being purer and stronger thereby. —Owen Meredith.

Not Like Arizona.

A Michigan housekeeper who had a day for everything and did everything on its day, was obliged to spend a winter in Arizona for her health. Her letters often contained such charges as: "Remember, Mary, to clean the linen closets the first week in January." "Do not forget, Charles, to sprout the potatoes the second week of February." The winter brought with it an unprecedented amount of snow, but in spite of family letters, Mrs. Barrington in Arizona was unable to realize the state of the weather at home. Towards the end of February the conscientious housekeeper wrote to her gardener, instructing him to be sure to plant the sweet peas along the back fence on the usual date, the first day of April. John, the gardener, bought the sweet peas, but was unable to carry out the rest of Mrs. Barrington's instructions for a reason which he explained in the following letter to his mistress: "Respected Madam—I have bought the peas, but I cannot plant them. There is so much snow that I cannot find the fence."

A Common Defect in Eyes.

"What did the oculist say about Tommy?" "He says he has football eyes." "Football eyes?" "Yes. It seems he has strained one eye badly by looking thru holes in the fence."

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