

Some Amusing Blunders.

We do not know whether the recipient of the following letter felt amused or enraged on reading it. It was written by a Buckinghamshire farmer to a distinguished scientific agriculturist...

A very slight stretch of imagination is required to depict the amazement of that inquisitive old gentleman, of a botanical turn of mind, who inquired of the gardener in one of the public places of promenade: "Pray, my good man, can you inform me if this particular plant belongs to the 'Arbutus' family?"

Many an amusing mistake has been made by people of hearing. We are told that a certain Dean of Ely was once at a dinner, when just as the cloth was removed, the subject of discourse happened to be that of extraordinary mortality among lawyers.

Another instance may be quoted, if only to show how careful people should be in expressing themselves on public occasions. A church in South London had been erected, when a dinner was given, at the conclusion of which the health of the builder was proposed.

On the other hand, some mistakes, although amusing, are not altogether complimentary. Few, for instance, would care to endorse an observation which fell from the lips of a gentleman, after gazing some time at the skeleton of a donkey, and admiring and wondering at the structure of that despicable animal.

The late Lord Lansdowne used to relate that when, after Turner the painter's death, he went to the artist's house on a foggy morning, in the hope of a peep at his reserved works, the old woman in charge, looking up through the area railings, took him for the cat's meat man, and bawling up, told him he "needn't come again, as the cat had died the day before."

The audit books of the late County Treasurer of Leeds and Grenville is still going on. The amount so far foots up about \$12,000.

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As he shot out the open door, and closed it with a slam, his closing word was not a ben-ediction on the ram.

Fashion Fancies.

Shirred draperies are in great favor. The new shade of red is called Gill Blue.

New toilets of grenadine for the summer are literally loaded with frills, cascades, revers, and plastras of Spanish lace.

New neckties for ladies are of satin merrily edged with lace and embroidered with crabs, lobsters, and groups of tiny mice.

It is quite refreshing to see a silk garment without a load of jet lace, fringes, and beadwork. Jet garniture has become decidedly common.

The large rolling linen collars, with a border of colored linen, are very stylish for morning wear and travelling.

The Spanish lace bonnets are very pretty and simple. They have something the look of a well-ranged Spanish veil supplemented by a graceful but lavish display of flowers.

Side pouches and chateleine bags for summer use are very dainty affairs, and are made of tinted satin, hand-painted in delicate sprays of flowers and trimmed with flutings of lace.

Sacques are made longer and single-breasted this spring. One advantage greater length gives, it allows a longer tail to the basque, which, in the most stylish coat sacques, is an important feature.

It is very fashionable for young ladies to part off the entire front of the hair from temple to temple, then cut it short enough to arrange in soft, loose, curling rings of Bernhardt waves about the forehead.

The tunic jacket of foulard surah, with lace jabot and flowing sleeves, will be much worn in the morning at summer resorts, over round skirts made plain silk, with narrow lace platings around the bottom.

Elbow sleeves will continue through the spring and summer months, not only for evening but for afternoon dress. With out door toilets very long gloves will be worn with them, edged at the tops with lace ruffles.

For common spring wear the rough straw bonnets, in black, cream, and white, or in browns, blue, and greens, to match the suits, promise to be the favorites. Two yards and a half of broad ribbon, will trim such a bonnet.

Spun silk is a late revival; it is soft, and at the same time strong. For gathering and gauging, which is so much used for trimming, it is very suitable on account of its pliability.

Deity Roman sandals are made of white and tinted satin, with rich white lace appliques drawn smoothly over them. These are worn with bridal toilets.

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The Ram at Church.

Mollie had a little ram, fleece black as rubber shoe, and everywhere that Mollie went he emigrated to.

He went with her to church one day—the folks hi-la-rious grow, to see him walk demurely into Deacon Allen's pew!

The worthy deacon quickly let his angry passions rise, and gave it an unchristian kick between the sad brown eyes.

This landed rammy in the aisle; the deacon followed fast, and raised his foot again, but ah! that first kick was his last!

For Mr. Sheep walked slowly back about a rod, 'tis said, and ere the deacon could retreat, it stood him on his head.

The congregation then arose and went for that ere sheep; but several well-directed butts just piled them in a heap.

Then rushed they straightway for the door with cures long and loud, while rammy struck the hindmost man and shot him through the crowd.

The minister had often heard that kindness would subdue the fiercest beast—"Ah!" then he says, "I'll try that game on you!"

And so he kindly, gently called, "Come rammy, rammy, ram; to see the folks abuse you so, I grieved and sorry am!"

With kind and gentle words he came from that tall pulpit down, saying "Rammy, rammy, ram; ram, rammy, rammy, rammy, ram—best sheepy in the town."

The ram looked meek, and on he came, with "rammy, rammy, ram; rammy, rammy, rammy, ram; nice pretty ram."

The ram quite dropped his humble, air, and rose from off his feet, and when he parson lit he lay beneath the hindmost seat.

Words of Wisdom.

Aim at perfection in everything though in most things it is unattainable; however, they who aim at it and persevere will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable.

The earth is now traversed by self-denying missionaries, who encounter every hardship to carry Christianity to remote regions. But where is the infidel who has exiled himself from his country to civilize savage tribes! Not one is to be found. They sit at home, nursing their pride, and cherishing the virtue they cannot equal.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Senator Trumbull, of Illinois, once said to a young lawyer who came to him with an application to be appointed to a place in the government—"I presume you can have the place; but before I take a step in that direction I feel like giving you one word of counsel. If you take office in Washington you will ruin your whole life. You will never know how to live without office afterward, and no office can surround a man with the fortune of a gentleman."

WORK FIRST, THEN PLAY.—A man who is very rich now was very poor when he was a boy. When asked how he got his riches, he replied: "My father taught me never to spend money till I had earned it. If I had but half-an-hour's work to do in a day, I must do that the first thing, and in half an hour. After this was done I was allowed to play. I early formed the habit of doing everything in its time, and it soon became perfectly easy to do so. It is to this habit that I now owe my prosperity."

Post Office Regulations.

It is earnestly requested that lovers writing to their girls will please confine their gushing rhapsodies to the inside of envelopes only.

Parties are earnestly requested not to send postal cards with money orders inclosed, as large sums are frequently lost in that way.

Nitro-glycerine must be forwarded at the risk of the sender. If it should blow up in the Postmaster's hands he cannot be held responsible.

When watches are sent through the mails, if the sender will put a notice on the outside the post master will wind up and keep them in running order.

When eggs are sent through the mails and chickens are hatched on the journey the chickens become the property of the Government, if it is a Conservative one.

When letters are received bearing no direction, they for whom they are intended will please signify the fact to the postmaster that he may forward it at once.

Ducks cannot be sent through the mails when alive. Their quacking would disturb the slumbers of the clerk on the postal cars. This rule, however does not apply to a "duck" of a bonnet.

Chief Griffiths, of Brantford, fully believes, in spite of the facts that the body was found in the Grand River, that J. B. Sage was in Michigan when he was looking for him.

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