

ODD THINGS ABOUT FLATS.
 Polit. Which Strike the Searcher as Existing Without Apparent Reason.

The inscrutability of the flat never diminishes with the march of progress. Nearly every new house put up presents some incomprehensible feature to be explained only on the vague ground that accounts for so many of the strange freaks of apartment architecture. Last week an experienced searcher was looking with a crescendo of satisfaction at a building that has just been completed. It was remarkably complete and the use of space was generally excellent. Light and air were present in an unusual degree. The rent was not high in view of the advantages of the building. Her approval was destined to meet a sudden end. She turned to the man showing the building and asked where the servant's room was. The apartment was not of the kind occupied by persons who live without servants.

'There's no servant's room, ma'am,' he said, 'in this apartment.'

'Then it is upstairs?' suggested the searcher.

The man again said that there was no room for the servants as casually as if he were explaining that there was no stain glass windows in the kitchen or Turkish smoking room in the apartment.

There never had been any room for servants, he said, and he had never heard any complaint as yet on that score. Most of the tenants had no trouble about the matter. They seemed to have their help come in or sleep in one of the other rooms. In fact the matter hardly seemed to him worth discussion. One would have supposed from his view of the situation that few apartments were supplied with rooms for servants. Nothing but the inscrutability of the flat builder could explain such a deficiency in an apartment which required at least one servant.

Most searchers for apartment homes nowadays like to have their dining room adjoin the parlor or at least be near it and not make it necessary to walk the length of the apartment to get to the dining room.

Any agent will say that this is almost always the demand of persons looking for apartments that cost from \$40 to \$1,000. Yet there are comparatively few flats of the great number in this city that are arranged in this way. Even the new buildings follow the old plan that puts the dining and drawing rooms at opposite ends of the apartments.

'The great increase in the comfort and especially in the convenience of flats,' said a real estate agent, 'is not to be denied.'

British Losses in the Boer War.

The losses of the British Army in the field in South Africa for the month of March make a heavy total. Fourteen officers and 151 men were killed or died of wounds, and 12 officers and 406 men died of disease; there were besides 40 men accidentally killed. Three officers and 36 men were missing and prisoners and 129 officers and 2,940 men were sent back to England as invalids, making a total loss to the army on active service of 3,069 officers and men.

The number actually in hospital at the end of March comprised men of all ranks, from General to private soldier, but the figures are not given. They are reported to be not far from 7,000.

The total British casualties from death, not including the colonials, from the beginning of the war to the end of March were 794 officers and 14,278 men.

The Drill Hall.

The new drill hall which is now assured will probably be erected on Chipman's hill. The majority of those interested in military matters agree that the locality is best in every way. The situation is central and there is every room for such a building.

The Asylum.

Mr. G. Gordon Boyne has been appointed temporary secretary of the Lunatic Asylum during Mr. Macdonald's absence. While all regret the latter's illness and hope for a speedy recovery, the public can rest assured that the affairs in Mr. Boyne's hands will be properly looked after.

Bishop Casey.

Bishop Casey comes to St. John this week to reside. His Lordship does not come among strangers and all will wish him a career of success and length.

Pie that melts in your mouth is astonishingly obdurate after it gets into your stomach.

'Willie,' said mamma, 'didn't I tell you to wash your face?'

'Yes, Ma'am,' Willie replied, 'and I did wash it.'

'I don't believe you. It's just as dirty as ever.'

'Mamma,' piped little Elsie, who had just been vaccinated, 'maybe he did do it, but it didn't take the first time.'

Until she spoke.

She was such a stylish, aristocratic-looking girl that she won admiring glances from the whole car. We Americans, I mused do not need empty titles to make our folk of gentle blood.

Her friend handed her some photographs.

She examined them critically.

'Them's bully!' she exclaimed.

Willie—Pa, is there any difference between a violin and a fiddle?

Pa—Yes, indeed, my son. If you has it at a concert or ope a it's a violin, when your next door neighbor plays it, it's a fiddle.

He wanted to borrow a hundred of me. He said he was broke, but the fact that he wanted to borrow the hundred of me.

Is proof that the fellow is cracked.

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Reassured.

Daughter—But he has become so cold to me since yesterday!

Mother—He is jealous, I think. You know you gave Harry Trotties four dances last night.

Daughter—Dear mother, you make me so happy!

All on.

Tom—So your engagement with May is broken. I thought she fairly doted on you.

Dick—So she did, but her father was a powerful antidote.

In Sumatra if a woman is left a widow, immediately after her husband's death she plants a flagstaff at her door, upon which a flag is raised. So long as the flag remains uniform by the wind the etiquette of Sumatra forbids her to marry, but at the first rent, however tiny, she can lay aside her weeds and accept the first offer she has.

It was this way, explained the Suffolk county farmer to a Brooklyn policeman. 'I was on a street car. So was another fellow. Bimeby he says to me: 'Dunno,' says I. 'Why not?' says he. 'Cause my watch ain't goin. But I'm sure it is. But I know it ain't. Then he got off the car, and I looked for my watch to see if she was goin. She was. She was goin off with that feller.'

Why She Discarded Him.

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