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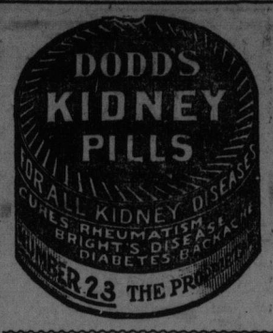

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Remember reading about his father's ghost appearing before Hamlet, of Denmark? Remember how the ghost tells the frightened prince that he could tell a few things that would harrow up his soul, freeze his young blood and do a whole lot of other things, even making his hair to stand on end like quills upon the fretful porcupine?

Anyway, the real porcupine never does what the ghost says it does, until it gets mad. Then the quills stand on end, and heaven help the boy or girl or the animal that goes near it. Hunters up north say that they often bag game of different kinds, especially lynx, and find porcupine quills in their skin, showing a fight with a porcupine.

Porcupines live on nearly every continent, but they differ somewhat in each locality. The porcupine is a rodent, which means that the rat is one of its near relations. It lives in forests and attains a length of two to three feet, besides its tail, which is six inches long. Its back and sides are covered with quills, those on the middle of the back as thick as the goose quill and more than a foot long. The points of these quills are sharp, but the ancient tradition that they are poisonous was exploded long ago. The quills ordinarily lie flat, with the points directed backward, but when the porcupine is excited they are erect. Occasionally the animal rolls itself up like a ball with these ugly looking quills pointing in every direction. In the winter the porcupine becomes torpid and doesn't care whether school keeps or not. It lives on roots, barks, fruits and vegetables.

The porcupine never runs from a human being. Neither does it show fight unless attacked, but if one should happen to stroll into your house, don't tease him; you may be sorry for it. The wildest animal leaves him severely alone, and the porcupine is the only animal which can defy the Canadian lynx. Sometimes a wild animal, driven by hunger, approaches the porcupine to kill it for food, but all Mr. Porcupine has to do is to roll up, lie still and use his quills. The first weapon of defense he uses is his tail, which he lashes right and left and often puts a quietus to the attacking party by piercing its heart or brain with one of the quills by a swift and well directed swish. The bear is the only beast known to attack the porcupine with some success. The bear puts his paw under him and hurls him repeatedly against a tree until there is a dead porcupine in the forest. But when Mr. Bear tries to eat him he suffers indigestion. The porcupine knows how to swim, but seldom uses this gift. He is said to be a stupid little beast, so nature has given him the unique quills as a weapon of defense.

HONORS PAID TO ELLEN TERRY

New photograph of the famous English actress, taken at the docks on her arrival in New York a week or two ago. Ellen is well over sixty, and has a husband, named James Carew, who is thirty-nine. She left James over in England to look after the 'ouse. Miss Terry, or Mrs. Carew, whichever you may please, will tell 40 American cities from the lecture platform this winter what she thinks about Bill Shakespeare.

Her brother, Fred Terry, is also in America to play 12 weeks in the east in "The Scarlet Pimpernel," a piece that had a run of 2,000 nights in London.

New York, Nov. 5.—President and Mrs. Taft, Mayor and Mrs. Gaynor, J. P. Morgan, E. H. Gary of the United Steel corporation, William Dean Howells, the author, some 200 others, friends of Ellen Terry, united in surprising her today with a "Book of Welcome," bound in gold and vellum and signed with their names.

Miss Terry arrived here from Chicago and had no tinkling of the presentation awaiting her. When she stepped to the platform of the Hudson Theatre to deliver her lecture on "Shakespeare's Heroines Triumphant," the audience rose and cheered for five minutes.

Just as she was about to leave the stage Kate Douglas Wiggin, the author, stepped forward, carrying the book of welcome, and turning first to the audience and then to Miss Terry, read a preface of her own to the signatures, closing as follows, with a quotation from one of Miss Terry's most famous roles:

"Since that star danced under which you were born until this present moment, dear Ellen Terry, each of us could have said, as Portia to Bassanio:

"'One half of me is yours, the other half yours, and so all yours.'"

Percy Mackaye, the poet and playwright, then read a sonnet "To Ellen Terry on Her Return to America," also written in the book and the presentation closed.

Many in the audience said that Miss Terry seemed in as good voice and as fresh and winsome today as 20 years ago, although she is now 62 years old. Other names from the world of art, literature, the stage and society included in her book are:

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Fashions

The shortened waistline is the proper thing for evening gowns.

More dress hats are in all black or black and white, with a touch of metal or color than in any other shade.

Long coats of plush or fur will be worn quite as much as last winter, and they will be plain, buttons forming their principal trimming, and perhaps a collar of some other kind of fur.

Evening wraps made of bright colored fabrics are being lined with black satin, and in some cases with velvet.

The extreme spider web and filmy treatments of last spring's veilings are repeated in many variations.

Handwork on heavy silks is a characteristic touch of some of the velvet gowns.

Attractive everyday hats of long nap beaver as soft and velvety as fur are making their appearance. They are seen in all the brown beige and gray tints and in blue, red and gray colorings and are light and pliable.

Little girls are wearing Little Red Riding Hood capes, with puckered hoods, only they are not merely red but every color imaginable, to match the sashes and ribbons. They are made of French flannel or chiffon cloth, only the hood being lined with thin silk.

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BUDGET FROM BOSTON GIRL

Hubites Still Permitted to Wear Protruding Hat Pins—Suffrage Meeting at Lowell—Rats vs. Side Combs.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 4.—After some years of checkered fortunes, the Boston Herald is once more in the field of active journalism, under the expert guidance of one of Boston's ablest and most experienced newspaper men, and with a financial reorganization which should insure for it its share of prosperity and success. One is always disappointed to see a newspaper of the standing and character of the Boston Herald go to the wall, and it is therefore, with sincere good wishes that the citizens and fellow newspaper men welcome the Herald back to its accustomed place in the forefront of clean, virile journalism. its present editor, Robert L. O'Brien, has been for many years connected with the Boston Transcript, and brings a wealth of valuable training to his new work.

Rats are threatening the comb industry, which has heretofore been a flourishing business in the vicinity of Boston. Not the four-legged kind, however, but the wads of curled hair that women have been wearing on their heads. Previous to the rage for puffs, curls and the like, the comb manufacturers who are mostly located in central Massachusetts, had a lively time keeping up with the demand for side and back combs, but now, they claim, even the factory girls, who are working on short time, insist on following the fashion, though this threatens to deprive them of their daily bread.

Feminine Boston was granted another respite when the city council at a recent meeting decided, in the absence of Councilman Hale, indefinitely to postpone action upon his bill for the restriction of hat pins. Mr. Hale has been agitating the question of the feminine necessities for some time, maintaining that the dangerous point was reached when the pin extended more than one-half inch beyond the width of a woman's hat. Basing her opinion upon an ugly gash which she recently witnessed on the otherwise charming face of a friend, the Boston girl quite agrees with Mr. Hale that it is time something should be done to protect the public at large. A young man at the Amherst-Harvard football game leaned slightly sideways toward his lady companion, in order to watch an exciting play. He retreated suddenly under pressure of four sharp reminders which projected in a cluster from the turned-up side of the lady's hat. It is needless to say that for the time being he lost all interest in the game, and was about the maddest man in Cambridge. The suggestion comes from a local editor that women be allowed to please themselves as to the length of their hatpins, but that they be covered with cork tips. The hatpin in and for itself is a necessary article, both for utility and for protection against masculine offenders, but let us have some regard for the poor individual who needs both eyes in his business.

After a week of "becauses" at Lowell, the suffragist women returned to Boston with their reasons and their yellow "Votes for Women" banners, satisfied that they had stirred up an interest in the most conservative of New England mill towns. Seven labor unions listened attentively to their pleas. Several of these, including the aristocratic plumbers' union, made a special request for speakers. Six hundred men on the old south common, where orators and ranters have more than once been greeted with cabbages and bad eggs, made up as attentive an audience as any in the fashionable precincts of Belvidere. Philip Cnowden, M. P., delighted his hearers as he predicted the immediate victory of the suffrage bill in the House of Commons. Thereafter the conventioners departed to their homes and work in connection with the election began. The good old bay state is likely ere long to become accustomed to the woman campaign speaker. At Salem Mrs. Franklin H. Wentworth has taken the stump in behalf of her husband, a candidate for the legislature. In the same part of Essex county Rep. William H. O'Brien, now running for congress, gets the support of suffrage women which is his due by reason of his spirited advocacy of their cause at the state house. Four leading politicians of Beverly heard with surprise that Miss Margaret Foley, suffragist of Boston, in Mr. O'Brien's interest, was haranguing the employes of the big shoe machinery trust as they came from the mill door They hastened to the spot and remained there, respectful and attentive until she had finished. Though non-commital, as befits politicians, one of them observed that she put up a good argument. And some suffrage advocates there are who would like to go out into the Fifth Middlesex and lend a helping hand to young Roger Sherman Hoar, of honored lineage and energetic personality.

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