

A RARE SPECIMEN.

The following is probably the most remarkable specimen of alliteration extant. Any one who has written an acrostic, and who has felt the embarrassment of being confined to particular initial letters, can appreciate the ingenuity demanded by these verses, where the whole alphabet is fathomed, and each word in its line exacts its proper initial. The author must have been "homo miserrime potentis!"

An Austrian army, awfully arrayed,
Boldly by batter'd besieged Belgrade,
Cossack commanders cannonading came,
Dealing destruction's devastating doom:
Every endeavor engineers essay,
For fame, fortune—fighting furious fray:
Generals 'gainst generals grapple—great God;
How honors Heaven heroic hardihood!
Infuriate—indiscriminate in ill,
Kinsmen kill kinsmen—kindred kill kindred!
Labor low levels loftiest, longest lines—
Men march 'mid mounds, 'mid moles, 'mid murder-
ous mines.

New noly numbers notice naught
Of outward obstacles, opposing ought
Poor patriots, partly purchased, partly pressed,
Quite quaking, quickly quarter, quarter quest
Reason returns, religion's right redounds,
Sunarrow stops such sanguinary sounds,
Truce to the Turk—triumph to the train!
Unjust, unwise, unmerciful Ukraine,
Unjust vain victory, vanish victory vain!
Vanish war warfare, wherever welcome were
Why wish we warfare, wherever welcome were
Xerxes, Ximenes Xanthus Xaviers?
Yield, ye youths! ye yoman, yield your yell!
Zeno's, Zarpater's Zoroaster's zeal,
And all attracting—against arms appeal.

HINTS ON POLITENESS.

My little girl told me last night to give her some rules on politeness. I promised to indicate some very plain rules which govern well-bred persons in their intercourse with the world, premising what I think Hazlitt said to his son, that true politeness requires more than a desire to make those in our presence happy.

1. Girls should rise when an elder person of either sex enters the room.
2. If a gentleman calls upon you, do not hesitate once in a while to ask him into the family room, or give your parents to understand that you want them to come into the parlor to see your company. The young gentleman who does not wish to be occasionally in the company of your parents is not worthy of your society.

3. Be a true lady at home, especially at the table, else you will forget to act the lady abroad. Sit straight; eat deliberately. Don't bow your head too low to eat or drink. Don't pick your teeth or pare your nails in the presence of others. Don't rock or put your feet on another's chair, or look at a person's manuscript while he is writing, or take a book from him, or ask him what he has in a package. Every exhibition of idle curiosity is annoying to a refined person.

4. Do not address a person without speaking out the name. Some persons will take hold of your arm, or touch your shoulder or look at you. This is impolite. Speak out the name—Mrs.—, or Mr.—, or Miss.—, or the given name.

5. Don't speak in a loud tone unless your friends are deaf. Do not whisper in company unless it becomes necessary to say something of importance to your mother. If an old gentleman offers you his easy chair, do not take it; and be sure not to let your mother do anything for the comfort of visitors if you can do it yourself.

6. You will of course never look behind you to notice a person who has passed, nor stare at any one on the street, or in the stores. If you have fine clothes, do not be ambitious to display them on the streets or in the church.
7. Fix on an hour for retirement, and do not deviate from it except under an extraordinary pressure of circum tances. You need not hesitate to tell your friends that you must be at home at 10 o'clock. They will excuse you, for you must have rest and have it regularly, in order to pass the coming day cheerfully and profitably.

DIMENSIONS OF EUROPEAN CHURCHES.—To show the impossibility of St. Peter's being ever crowded, we annex the following statistics of its capabilities, as compared with other great churches, allowing four persons to every quadrate meter (square yards):

Church	Persons	Sq. yds.
St. Peter's	54,000	13,540
Milan Cathedral	37,000	9,250
St. Paul's, at Rome	32,000	8,000
St. Paul's, at London	25,600	6,400
St. Petronio, at Bologna	24,400	6,100
Florence Cathedral	24,300	6,075
Antwerp Cathedral	24,000	6,000
St. Sophia's, at Constantinople	23,000	5,750
St. John, Lateran	22,900	5,725
Noire Dame, at Paris	21,000	5,250
Pisa Cathedral	13,000	3,250
St. Stephen's at Vienna	12,400	3,100
St. Dominick's at Bologna	12,000	3,000
St. Peter's, at Bologna	11,400	2,850
Cathedral of Siena	11,000	2,750
St. Mark's, Venice	7,000	1,750

The Piazza of St. Peter's, in its widest limits allowing twelve persons to the quadrate meter (square yards), holds 624,000; allowing four to the same, drawn up in military array, 208,000. In its narrow limits, not comprising the porticoes of the Piazza Rusticucci, 474,000 crowded, and 138,000 in military array.

HENRY CLAY ON WINE-DRINKING.—The company had been seated at the table. Mr. Clay poured out two glasses of wine, and passing them to Mr. Dodge, remarked in tones sufficiently loud for all to hear:

"Mr. Dodge, let us pledge ourselves in a glass of wine."

"Without touching the glass, Mr. Dodge replied—'Excuse me, Mr. Clay, I am a strict teetotaler, and, with your permission, I'll pledge you in what is more emblematical of the purity of true friendship—a glass of pure water!'"

Mr. Clay slowly replaced the glass of wine upon the table, scanned with his eagle eyes the features of his guest, and discovering no expression but that of perfect respect, reached across the corner of the table, grasped the hand of his honest friend, and exclaimed:

"Mr. Dodge, I honor your principles!—and then laughingly added—"but I can't say that I admire you taste!"

Mr. Dodge, with his usual promptness of retort, replied:

"But is it not the doctrine that our orators are daily teaching us, Mr. Clay, to throw aside taste for principles?"

Amid the shouts of laughter that followed, Mr. Clay exclaimed:

"Handsomely turned. Charles move the wine from the table."

CROMWELL OUTWITTED.—Castlemagner, in the county of Cork, belonged to Richard Wagner; he was agent for the Irish inhabitants of Orery and Kilmore. When Cromwell was at Clonmel, he went to see him; but being represented as a troublesome person, who had been active in the rebellion, Cromwell sent him with a letter to Colonel Phare, the Governor of Cork, in which was an order to execute the bearer. Wagner, who suspected foul play, had scarce left Clonmel, when he opened the letter, read it, and revealed it, instead of proceeding to Cork, turned off to Mallow, and delivered it to the officer who commanded there, with directions as

from Cromwell, for him to deliver it to Colonel Phare. This officer had often preyed upon Wagner's lands, for which he was resolved to be revenged.—The officer suspecting no deceit, went with the letter, which greatly amazed the governor, who knew him; and immediately sent an express to Cromwell for further directions, who being much chagrined to be so treated, sent orders to have the officer released, and to apprehend Wagner, but he had taken care to get out of his reach.

A few days ago a hungry party sat down at the well-spread supper-table of a Sound steamer, upon which one of the dishes contained a trout of a moderate size. A serious-looking individual drew this dish toward him, saying apologetically, "This is fast day for me." His next neighbor, an Irish gentleman, immediately inserted his fork into the fish and transferred it to his own plate, remarking, "Sir, do you suppose nobody has a soul to be saved but yourself?"

And could anybody, you ask, be so lost to honor as to rob a newspaper office. Well, it seems so.—Here's the Pembroke Standard's place being plundered by burglars, who stole the cashbox containing money to the amount of \$8. Spell it out and gaze upon it. Eight dollars in a printing office. They must have had a Government contract for advertising. Goodness gracious—eight dollars—gracious goodness!

A shoemaker out west, with a literary turn of mind, has the following poetical gem attached to his shingle:

"Here lives one who never refuses
To mend all sorts of boots and shoes."
A professor who stated that one cannot taste in the dark, as nature intends us to see our food, was nearly floored by a pupil who asked, "How about a blind man's dinner?" But he recovered himself by answering, "Nature, sir, has provided him with eye-teeth."

"Will you have some strawberries?" asked a lady of a guest. "Yes, madam, yes; I eat strawberries with enthusiasm." "Do tell! Well we haven't anything but cream and sugar for 'em this evening," said the matter-of-fact hostess.

"And so they go," said a member of a Boston school committee; "our great men are departing—first Greeley, then Chase, and now Sumner, and I don't feel very well myself."

A fop, in company, wanting his servant, called out, "Where's that blockhead of mine?" "On your shoulders, sir," said a lady.

Mrs. Partington will not allow Ike to play the guitar. She says he had it once when he was a child, and it nearly killed him.

A physician writes, asking the renewal of a note, and says: "We are in a horrible crisis, there is not a sick man in the district."

An Arkansas obituary notice: "J. P., of Helega, on Monday, 3rd inst., aged fourteen years. His words were: 'I didn't know it was loaded.'"

Diogenes hunted in the daytime for an honest man, with a lantern; if he had lived in these times, he would have needed the head light of a lokomotif.—*Josh Billings.*

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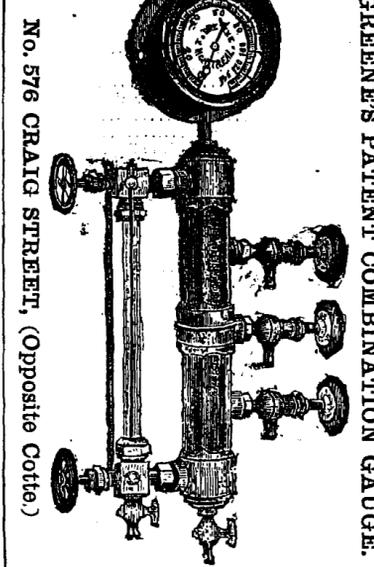
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