

WHY IT IS DONE.

The Simple Origins of Numerous Little Customs and Fashions.

There are any number of little customs and fashions which are survivals of primitive times, or have a more modern historical genesis which has been forgotten generally, but can be traced readily. Gate posts, be they wood or stone, standing in front of a house, frequently have round balls at their tops. This is said to be a survival of the time when our ancestors had a barbaric fad of decorating their gates with the heads of their enemies taken in battle. Such a pleasant little custom could not be allowed to be forgotten altogether, so we have kept the round knobs on our gate posts as reminders of the good old times.

The wearing of "spats" or over-garters is traced back to the days of the Indian Mutiny. The Highland regiments employed in that war wore spats, as a distinctive part of their uniform, and those troops, for the relief of Lucknow and other brave deeds, became most popular in England, so that their custom was much affected. Children were clothed in Highland costume, a practice in vogue in those days. As staid and portly merchants would not have looked well in kilts, they compromised by wearing spats, and thus started a fashion which has become universal.

The two useless buttons at the back of your coat date from the time when all gentlemen wore swords, and the buttons were placed there to keep the sword belt from slipping down.

Not only ancient barbaric customs and historical events have created fads and fashions, but popular novels often are responsible for popular styles of dressing. There was the Dolly Varden hat, which was supposed to be a replica of the one worn by the heroine of "Barnaby Rudge," and before that the Pamela hat, which was supposed to be like the head covering of Richardson's persecuted heroine. And, speaking of hats, for what crimes of feminine head-gear has Gainsborough's picture of the Duchess of Devonshire not been responsible?

It is asserted that the present popular styles of high turned down collar—the kind that grips your necktie so that you cannot haul it around to tie it properly, and that slips your Adam's apple every now and then with a vicious pinch—was first seen in Pinocchio's "The Squire." The collar was designed for Mrs. Kendal to wear as Kate Verity, the heroine. The shape caught the popular fancy of both sexes, but seemed especially to appeal to the men, and the result we labor with daily.

A MILLIONAIRE SOCIALIST.

Editor Wiltshire Who Has Come to Canada to Create His Magazine.

Deputy. Madden of the United States Postoffice Department has ruled that Wiltshire's Magazine, a Socialist publication, cannot be permitted to use the United States mails on the usual conditions accorded like publications that are not Socialist. Mr. Wiltshire has arrived in Toronto, and has found Postmaster-General Mulock less intolerant, and is now sending his \$9,000 magazines to subscribers in the United States via Canadian mail regulations. Thus he gets his publication to the readers of it, in Uncle Sam's domain, and our Postoffice Department gets the revenue.

No Doubt of It.

The inmates of a Yorkshire asylum, says London Spare Moments, were engaged in sawing wood, and the attendant thought that one old fellow was not working as hard as he might.

The old man had turned his saw upside down, with the teeth in the air, and was working away with the back of the tool.

"Here, I say," called out the attendant, "what are you doing? You'll never saw wood in that fashion. Turn the saw over."

The old fellow stopped and looked at the attendant contemptuously. "Did you ever try a saw this way?" he asked.

"No, of course I haven't."

"Then he'd try noise, mon," was the rejoinder. "I hev, and this is t' easiest."

He Meant the Bird.

A man once received as a present from a sea captain a fine specimen of the bird known as the "laughing jackass."

As he was carrying it home he met a brawny Irish navvy, who stopped him.

"Thwat kind of burrd is that, sorr?" asked the man.

"That's the laughin' jackass," explained the owner, genially.

The Irishman, thinking he was being made fun of, was equal to the occasion, and responded, with a twinkling of the eye:

"It's not yerself—it's the burrd I mane, sorr!"

A Saxon New Year's Custom.

Many curious customs and associations cluster around New Year's day. The Saxons in "ye olden times" used to dance around an apple tree on New Year's eve, singing a song, to insure a good crop, and bells were rung to announce the death of the old year and usher in the birth of the new. In other parts of England at midnight the house door facing the west was opened to let out the old year, while the door facing the east was opened to welcome the blithe new year.

Sometimes He Did.

"Do you ever do anything in the acrobatic line?" asked the manager of the vaudeville performer.

"Not at this season of the year," was the reply.

"Do you at any season?"

"Oh, yes."

"When there's ice on the coal hole covers."

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Theatrical

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At the Grand on Wednesday night, Feb. 12th, Will. S. Rising, the well known and popular actor-singer, has had as unique an artistic career as any one on the English speaking stage. He has run the gamut from concert and oratorio to minstrelsy, grand Italian and English opera, comedy, farce, comedy, society drama, melo-drama, and Shakespeare. Some time ago he was a reigning favorite in London at the Comedy Theatre, while his friends friends Richard Mansfield and E. H. Sothern, were playing unimportant parts in other productions. The former at "The Rivals," and the latter at "The Strand." Through these years of reputation making in that great reputation factory—New York City, where stars are manufactured and sustained by a crowd of box-office managers, Mr. Rising has been moving quietly, starring occasionally. He adapted one comedy from the French, entitled, "Tangled Up," and in his present success, "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," he has an excellent vehicle to display his talents and that of his excellent company. The comedy is from the pens of Robert Buchanan and E. Harlowe, and deals with the love of a gallant English officer for a ward in chancery, which leads him, through the advice of a brother officer, to a clandestine marriage. His wife is, however, taken back to school, whether he follows, in charge of his friend, Major O'Gallagher, and is presented as a new pupil at the seminary. In his disguise as a girl, numerous ludicrous scenes are contrived which convince the audience with laughter. Numerous songs, duets and specialties are introduced, making a most pleasing entertainment.

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ONE METHOD.

"I don't see what you all has to get so proud about," said Miss Sadie Cottonball.

"Cohse you doesn't," answered Miss Miami Brown. "I's been studyin' de white folks. What you wants to do is just put on de air yosef an' let de yuthah folks do de guessin' 'bout what de reason is."

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Only ginger ale and ice water will be served in the Manitoba Legislature. The speeches will now be easier to understand.

It is said that pillow shams are no longer fashionable, but there are numerous other shams with which to fill the void.

The married man who stays out late discussing the questions of the day may have to face the questions of the night when he gets home.

Held Wanted—Some 5,000 Chathamites wanted to work with a view to holding a successful Old Boys' Re-union on July 1, 2 and 3.

Col. Sam Holmes doesn't pose particularly as a prophet, but he is willing to bet that it will rain next week. The almanac furnishes his tips.

When the money is all gone a number of misguided men will realize that the pool room man and the bucket shop artist are not in the business exactly for their health.

Lady visitor—"And was your husband good and kind to you during your long illness?" Parishoner—"Oh, yes, miss; 'e just was kind; 'e was more like a friend than a husband."

If the weather man would keep these cold, fierce winds for the warm, close and hot summer days and give us calmness with these cold days, this wouldn't be such a bad world to live in after all.

Have you heard anybody telling you of late how cold the winters used to be long ago and that we never got any of those good old fashioned winters now a days, I guess this Chatham has killed off all of the above species.

Prof. Yunch, when he was here, was praising the violin as an instrument. The great violinist said—"The violin is the only instrument. It will express your passion. Why, you can even say damn on your fiddle."

A friend of mine who has speculated extensively in the bucket shops with the usual results, said to me, when I upbraided him for again engaging in this sure to lose speculation—"Well, you see, I have built a couple of blocks in Chicago, with my money, and I came to the conclusion the other day that the chimney needed fixing, so I am again making a fool of myself."

A Yankee undertaker advises:—"Why live and be miserable when you can be comfortably buried for twenty dollars?" We shall expect something of the kind over here soon. Don't be surprised when you see this sort of thing in the papers: "Billy Morgan looked down the barrel of his daddy's gun to see where the bullet went to when it went off. The funeral was a humorous occasion, and the aged pioneer wouldn't have it. He was open to bury the whole neighborhood at twenty-four hours' notice. A pound of tea given away with every coffin. Order early and avoid disappointment."

Judge Houston tells a good story at the expense of the medical fraternity. The Judge's father was a sturdy old Scotchman who had always been healthy and would never have a doctor. During his last illness, in his 94th year, the family determined to have the physician called in, but the aged pioneer wouldn't have it. He finally consented that the doctor should pay a friendly call. The doctor had his eye from the family and began feeling the pulse and examining the aged sick man. Mr. Houston, Jr., however, stopped the doctor and said, "Doctor, as long as you are paying a friendly visit you can stay, but as soon as you get professional you will have to go. I want to die a natural death."

CHATHAM NOT THE ONLY PLACE.

St. Catharines Star.

A parent has handed to the Star a memorandum of the "home work" his little child was given to do at night, after spending the day in the school room, whence the hours are long enough, in all conscience, for studying purposes. Here it is:

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A single stitch in an endless web. A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb! But the pattern is rent where the stitch is lost.

Or married where the tangled threads have crossed; And each life that fails in its true intent.

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—Susan Coolidge.

A Law Unto Himself.

Every Man Must be That, to Retain His Health and Digestion.



THE GREAT HUXLEY.

There are thousands of people in this world who eat no meat from one year's end to another, and certain savage tribes in Africa and Polynesia are most exclusively meat eaters; but while there are thousands of these there are millions who live on a mixed diet of meat, vegetables and grains and if numbers is a criterion it would seem that a mixed diet is the best for the human family.

The fact that you will find many vegetarians who appear healthy and vigorous and meat eaters equally so, and any number of robust specimens who eat both meat and vegetables and anything else that comes their way all goes to show that the old saw is the true one, that every man must be a law to himself as to what he shall eat and drink.

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