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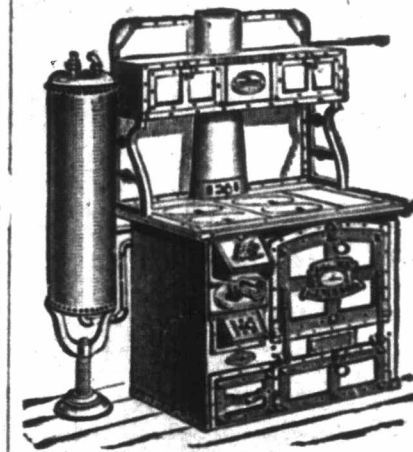
A distinguished Frenchman said of Dr. Holmes that he had taught the Yankees how to laugh properly, and it was a new experience for these children of the Puritans, who had been howling at Artemus Ward and John Phoenix.

Undoubtedly Dr. Holmes is a wit, and his is that kind of wit which brightens the dinner table and puts everybody in the best of humor. In early life, he had a weakness for punning, and reminds one of Tom Hood, but later this is suppressed or modified, and he reminds us in his extemporaneous repartee more of Douglas Jerrold. What can be more American than, when dining with Lord Coleridge, he remarked about lawyers that the poverty of the American lawyer and the wealth of his client was his glory.

When in England, Mrs. Siddons was being discussed. Some one said that the statesman Fox had been smitten by the great actress. Holmes said that from all he had heard of her he could not understand a man falling in love with her. She was too grand—it was like falling in love with the pyramids. Perhaps the Worshipful Company of Clothmakers or Board of Aldermen might have loved her—but one man—never.

It was Holmes who remarked that, though woman tempted man to eat, he had an idea that Eve had nothing to do with his drinking. He took to that on his own account. On another occasion, at a dinner party, he remarked with affected gravity: "I really must not smoke so persistently. I must turn over a new leaf—a tobacco leaf—and have a cigar only after each"—here he paused, as if to say "meal," but he continued—"after each cigar." When the smile ran round the table, he leaned back in his chair and said: "A foreigner is an alien, a foreigner who drinks too much is a bacchanalian, and may not a foreigner who smokes too much be called a tobacco-nation?"

Once, when he had been heavily lionized and mobbed by a deputation of rough men from the far West, and some one asked him if he did not enjoy it, "Enjoy it," he exclaimed. "I felt like the small elephant at the Zoo with a cheap excursion party on its back."



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sion party on its back."

He said Prof. Agassiz was the Liebig's extract of the wisdom of ages. "Whenever he goes off on long voyages to remote islands," said Holmes, "I can't help thinking what a feast the cannibals would have if they boiled down such an extract."

Speaking of a certain extremely thin aesthetic Boston lady, he said she reminded him of a bag of bones, and if shaken she certainly would have rattled. Her scratch-up, touseled hair suggested the idea that the birds had prepared it for a nest, and her strange, rich, hectic-looking gown resembling nothing so much as a faded fresco of the middle ages.—*Ex.*

**HOW SOME LARGE FORTUNES ARE MADE.**

The largest fortunes of the present day have been acquired by applying an acute and enterprising mind to the improvement of the conditions of life. Some of the largest among them may be traced to the extension of the railroad, telegraph and telephone systems, to the sewing-machine, to the automatic agricultural ma-

chines, to the application of electricity to mechanics, to new applications of chemistry to manufactures. Henry Bessemer who discovered a way to convert carbonized iron into steel was a type. He rendered it possible to gridiron the country with steel rails, and, of course, he became a millionaire. Any young man who will devise a method of making an article of general use at less than the present cost, or of making it better in quality at the same cost, will make a fortune as he did. The article need not be an important one, so long as it is generally consumed.

Swiss girls in the time of William Tell were married in bright-colored gowns, plaid apron, red hose, bridal wreath and a stomacher, on which the bride's name and the date of her birth were engraved in large letters.

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