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TIP-BITS.

Edwin Arnold sent these lines to the Indian journals on quitting Bombay in March:—

AN ADIEU.

India, farewell! I shall not see again
Thy shining shores, thy people of the sun,
Gentle, soft-mannered, by a kind word won
To such quick kindness! o'er the Arab main
Our flying flag streams back; and backwards stream
My thoughts to those fair, open fields I love,
City and village, maiden, jungle, grove,
The temples and the rivers! Must it seem
Too great for one man's heart to say it holds
So many unknown Indian sisters dear,
So many unknown brothers! that it folds
Lakhs of true friends, in parting? Ah!—but there
Lingers my heart, leavo-taking; and it roves
From hut to hut, whispering: "He knows and loves"
Good-bye! Good-night! sweet may your slumbers be
Gunga! and Kasi! and Saraswati!"

Why is a balloon voyager greatly to be envied? Because he rises rapidly in the world, and has most excellent prospects.

In a letter from Sophia we find the following story:—Gadban Effendi, at some early period of his life was in delicate health, and his malady settling in his nose brought about the total loss of that feature. This misfortune was mitigated by the adoption of a paper substitute, which answers uncommonly well, and never turns blue on frosty mornings. But of course it is not a thing to take notice of or talk about. Yet, when Gadban Effendi was going to Stamboul, last January, with the Prince's message to the Sultan, a passport was given him by the Bulgarian Foreign office, which contained his *signalment*, of which one of the items was, "Nez Postiche." This brutal precision irritated Gadban very much. He demanded an audience of the Prince, and insisted that the passport clerk should be dismissed. Prince Alexander, with his wonted grace of manner, soothed the wounded spirit of the diplomatist, and on taking leave of him was so anxious to be polite, that, forgetting the peculiar disabilities under which Gadban Effendi labored, he presented him with a valuable silver snuff-box.

ANOTHER MATCH SPOILED.—They were looking over her family album, Birdie and her Harold, when they came to a portrait of an aged gentleman.

"Who is that old baboon?" asked Harold.

"Why," replied Birdie, shutting up the book angrily, "you don't think grandpa looks like a baboon, do you, Harold?"

What is the worst thing about riches? asked a Sunday school superintendent. And the new boy said "not having any."

Some people are willing to be good if they are paid for it. Others prefer to be good for nothing.

DRAMATIC INCIDENT.—The following conversation was overheard on the sidewalk on Union Square, near the Morton House:—

"Now that I have read you my play, what do you think of it?"

"It has only one fault, and that can be corrected very easily."

"What is that?"

"It will take about two hours to play it, will it not?"

"Yes, just about two hours."

"Well, in my opinion, that is a little too long. You must arrange it so that it will begin an hour later and close an hour earlier. Then it will be just about right."—*Texas Siftings*.

HE GOT THERE.—Tramp (at door)—"Madam, could you give me a little help? I'm one of the sufferers by the St. Cloud cyclone."

Lady—"Why, how can that be? The cyclone occurred only yesterday. You couldn't have got here by this time."

"Oh, yes, I could, ma'am. You see, I was blown about three quarters of the way by the cyclone."—*Chicago News*.

The Albany, N. Y. Methodist preachers, at a meeting, have adopted resolutions denouncing Sunday newspapers, and deciding by "all honorable and proper means to oppose them so far as we may prevent their circulation."

The pianomakers have struck for eight hours. Now if the piano-players would only follow suit!

A colored man went into a Galveston newspaper office and wanted to subscribe to the paper. "How long do you want it?" asked the clerk. "Jes as long as it is, boss; if it don't fit the shelves, I kin t'ar a piece off myself."

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