

Short Story of the Day.

ANGLO-AMERICAN.

"I don't see how I ever came to marry an Englishman," said Mrs. Barry, not for the first time.

"It was the most sensible thing you ever did," said her husband from behind his paper.

"I believe you think I'm in love with you still," she said.

"Well, it looks that way," he answered with a British conceit, holding the paper to one side so that her head might not come between him and the Venetian question.

"I don't mind about you," she went on. "You've lived here so long that you're as nice as an American, and your voice has nearly lost its English inflections."

"Dear me, I must get an English governess," he interposed.

"But sometimes I'm worried about Jack. He isn't one thing or the other, and if he should ever go to war, he would hate to fight against England when he's naturally sending him such lovely presents."

"My son fight against England!" exclaimed Mr. Barry. "I'd like to see him try it, that's all. He will find he has to settle with his father first."

AGE OF THE EARTH.

Planets Believed to Have Existed at Least 20,000,000 Years.

Whether it is because of extreme modesty or a desire to baffle the inquisitive scientists, or perchance an attempt to conceal the fact that she is getting old and decrepit in spite of her efforts to appear young and giddy, Mother Earth has for centuries and centuries kept her age a secret.

Professor Oliver C. Farrington of Field museum, in speaking before the Massachusetts association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the Bismark last night, says the Chicago Times Herald said that more searching inquiries are now being made than ever before, and that the time is not far distant when the old lady would be humiliated before the whole world by a fairly truthful charge.

Until certain data which geologists are now working to obtain are secured the latest computation, which it is believed will be the most accurate on record, cannot be completed, but an estimate of 20,000,000 years is allowed for the age of the earth.

The stratum in question is known as being of St. Louis limestone and lies about half way among the various strata. Roughly estimated, this layer of rock has been 10,000,000 years in forming, which, multiplied by two for the whole distance, gives the approximate age of the earth already arrived at.

Material for Romance in a Will. (Mail and Express.) Much material for romance has been heretofore extracted from the last wills and testaments of persons deceased, who had the ordinary human incapacity for seeing into the future, and these in the prospect that the supply will fall.

He was suffering from cancer in the stomach and was childless, but he made his will not only in expectation of death but of birth, and aimed to provide for the future offspring. His heart was set upon leaving his name and the bulk of his fortune to a son, but he considered the contingency of a daughter and also of multiple birth, and the instrument was so drawn up to carry out his cherished purpose in behalf of his "oldest son," in case his widow and his memory should be blessed with one.

The farmer was gathered to his fathers, and within a week the widow gave birth to two boys. It was duly noted that the first born was marked with a mole under the right shoulder blade, which would serve to identify him as the eldest son, and in the excitement of the occasion no further observations were made.

"After Jack has graduated from Harvard we will throw them together a good deal," she said. "Since we are in sensible America we won't have to be eternally changing them."

"Why, he had rather done with that when I met him, but I shouldn't fancy he was timid," she said.

CARMAN AND HOVEY.

Another Book by the Frederickton Poet and His Friend Now Dead.

The "Last Songs from Yagabondia," by Bliss Carman and the late Richard Hovey, reach us from Small, Maynard & Co. in a neat little volume of some eighty pages, bound in brown boards stamped artistically with the portraits of the two poets and of Tom B. Metcalf, who has furnished the designs.

A Lyric. And if some day he came back, And that would be so good, Tell him he was waited for, Till his heart was cold.

At the Crossroads. You to the left and I to the right, For the ways of men must sever, And it will be for a day and a night, But whether we part or whether we part (For our ways are past our knowing), On the ways we meet to follow heart, Here's luck!

Woman's Dress. (New York paper.) Pretty fichus are made of inch-wide satin ribbon, joined with entreeux of a harmonious shade, and finished at the edge with a frill of lace.

Gorgeous wide belts of folded gold tissue are shown for wear with evening bodices of silk, lace or chiffon. One of the plain gauze is fastened with a big turquoise buckle.

The newest turnover collars are of crepe de chine, with delicate embroidered edges. They come in white, pale pink, lavender, green and ecru.

Sealskin turbans are shown for cold weather wear. One has a bunch of pink roses and green leaves for trimming, and another is ornamented with white roses.

A very effective evening hat is of white tulle, the crown being entirely covered with a large, flat gold rose. The hat turns back from the face, and the only trimming is supplied by several tails.

Chinchilla hats continue in fashionable favor. One has a crown of the fur and a brim which rolls back from the inevitable soft pompadour.

REVERIES OF A BACHELOR.

What treasures dear of the days ago are these which I cherish now!

A curling lock from a giddy head, That prisons a glint of gold; It had a place in my heart until The love in my heart grew cold.

What treasures dear of the days ago are these which I cherish now! What loves they tell of the withered past; Of many a careless vow.

Temperance Column. (Trust the people—the wise and the ignorant, the good and the bad, the honest and the dishonest, and in the end you will educate the race.)

Don't Want Men Who Drink. A lady in one of our large western cities tells how she prepared to contribute to the interest of a temperance day at her Sunday school.

A Plea for Willard Temple. Dear Sir—I am impelled to write at this time to ask you if you cannot in some way influence some of the prominent men of your city, or elsewhere, to come to the rescue of the noble temperance women who are trying to reform the world.

Candy and Whiskey. Brandy drops were made years and years ago on a small scale, but not until the screws were put on Sunday drinking did the whiskey drop make its appearance.

Had Her Revenge. BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Marion Rogan, the young woman who in a spirit of revenge stung vitriol into the face of Dr. Frank L. Taylor, a well known young dentist of this city, was placed upon probation by Judge Bond in the superior criminal court this afternoon.

Had Her Revenge. Then the girl conceived the idea of spoiling his good looks that he might not molest another woman, and on July 13th she met Dr. Taylor at the public library and threw the acid in his face. Dr. Taylor lost one eye entirely and probably will be blind for life.

She—"I wonder why it is that so many old maids have fat bank accounts?" He—"Probably for lack of marrying. The husband's resources."—Brooklyn Life.



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