

Miscellaneous.

How Abuse Kills a Custom.

ST. VALENTINE'S OBSERVANCES DIE OUT...

That St. Valentine's day observances began by reason of man's observation of nature, continued as matters of sentiment, and finally degenerated into mere fun...

Simple, innocent custom, wasn't it?—and suggestive appearance of the most tasteful acts of tenderness. But observe how easily all human customs run into abuses.

"Gifts to Cease" were a sort of forced tax in Rome, and at one time a hard pressed creditor or criminal might take a sort of heart-rending revenge on his debtor by despoiling everything he had in the shape of Paris, at one time, with St. Valentine's day and Easter gifts, life became a burden to those who had more money than taste.

To hasten the destruction of some forms of life it will be necessary to use only the gang-plough in better, as it turns the surface of the soil more completely.

In the United States the abuse first took the form of ill-natured satire. Valentines with coverings as much like the tender ones as possible were sent to the person wished to wound or insult.

There are makes with human heads, ovis, dogs, monkeys and dozens of other animals all fixed to represent some supposed meanness of the receiver.

All these, and the abuses in the sentimental line, produced the natural result: Valentines are now left to children and servants, and even with them the sentiment has mostly given place to merriment.

In a very elegant place our entered a weary-faced, poorly-dressed woman, with three children, one a baby in her arms.

"Don't be foolish, dear; you may need them yourself, and perhaps the woman is an impostor."

"No, I'll not need them," he answered decidedly, but in a very low tone.

"The words are brushed a tear from her eye after the boy left her and said audibly."

"Just like his dear mother." About five minutes later, as the lady passed the mother and three children, she saw a pretty sight—the family feasting as they never had done before.

"And we, too, said 'Bless his dear heart!'" UNHAPPY MEN.—The world has more than its share of unhappy men who can do nothing well.

—The swift-running elevator is one of the curiosities of the present time. The competition of builders and experts has succeeded in accelerating the speed until in some instances it has reached five hundred feet in a minute.

Mining experts state that cholera never attacks the bowels of the earth, but human nature in general find it necessary to use Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry for bowel complaints, dysentery, diarrhoea, etc. It is a sure cure.

Agricultural.

Autumn Cultivation.

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RESULTS OF BUSINESS OF 1889. Increase in Assurance, \$948,407. Assets, 341,400. Premiums, 51,100. Surplus, 51,684.

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The Household.

Household Hints.

Save your carpets by buying old newspapers to place under them. Printed paper prevents moths or other insects from destroying carpets.

Cut flowers, if not too badly wilted, may be made quite fresh, by cutting off the ends of the stalks and putting them in real warm water, (stale and leaves, but not the flowers) for an hour.

When meat is to be boiled, be sure and put it into boiling water to start with, as that closes the pores instantly and keeps the richness in the meat.

There is nothing so pleasant as fragrance in one's room. Break off branches of Norway spruce and place them in a vase of water. In a few days tender pale green branches feather out, soft and cool to the touch, and giving a delightful health-giving odor.

Vinegar is very serviceable in aiding the digestion of celery, lettuce, beef-rod, and raw vegetables, and in preventing them from causing flatulency. It is equally useful in promoting the digestion of rich and oily substances, such as salmon. Lemon juice has a similar effect.

If a child chokes in trying to swallow a button, a penny, or any article of the kind, turn him head downward, holding him by the neck and heels. If the offending article does not roll out of his mouth administer a dose of castor oil to aid its passage through the stomach and intestines.

In washing all body linen, nappy and bed linen the practice of soaking them for some hours in water in which borax has been dissolved is a good one. Borax should be boiled beyond fifteen or twenty minutes at the most. None but the best soap ought to be used in any kind of washing, and after clothing has been rubbed in the first water, put loosely into the boiler, with plenty of water to scald it, it should not require rubbing again in the sudsing water.

A correspondent of the Scientific American says: "The best remedy for bleeding at the nose, as given by Doctor Gerson in one of his lectures, is a vigorous motion of the jaw, as if in the act of mastication. In the case of a child, a wad of paper should be placed in its mouth, and the child instructed to chew it hard. It is the motion of the jaws that stops the flow of blood. This remedy is so very simple and so easy to be well known to laugh at it; but it has never been known to fail—not even in a very severe case."

House Plants. Some women have wonderful success with house plants; everything they plant flourishes, seemingly with very little attention, while others meet with no success although they try hard. It is probable that more mistakes are made in watering the plants than in any other way. Many people know nothing at all about the requirements of a plant in that respect, and while many of their plants suffer for the want of it, others drop and die because of too generous a supply. It is quite natural to think that when a plant looks sickly it wants more water, and it is killed.

Joseph Jefferson, in his autobiography in the Century, relates what was probably the last act of Artemus Ward. When the famous wit was dying in Southampton he was tended by his devoted friend, "Tom" Robertson, the English playboy, who was also a very successful humorist. "Just before Ward's death," writes Mr. Jefferson, "Robertson poured out some medicine in a glass and offered it to his friend."

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"Well, Jan," said his mistress, "you're soon home again; you can't have really seen the bishop." "O yes, ma'am," the girl replied, "I've a need of it."

"Well," says the mistress, "what did you think of him?" "Oh, ma'am, he popped and 'opped and jumped about; 'twas beautiful to see. The story was soon explained. Jan, in passing through the town, had seen a crowd of people collected around a dancing bear, and never having seen either a bishop or a dancing bear, concluded that they were one and the same thing.

Bismarck and His Friend. Bismarck and a friend were out hunting one day, when the friend incautiously walked off into a morass, and feeling himself gradually sinking, called out to Bismarck, "for God's sake, come to my help, or I shall be lost in this quicksand."

"No," cried Bismarck, "I will not venture my life for a man who has so carelessly put himself in a perilous position. I shall be lost, too. It is evident your aid is inevitable; therefore to relieve you from any further anxiety, I have ordered my servant to bring you a chair, which I will have drawn near to you, and you may sit at once out of misery. I must not stay here through the heat of the day."

A Case of Disrespect. A colored man at Augusta, Ga., having been hired to drive a party of New York and Boston gentlemen, came to a plantation five or six miles away, felt his head swell accordingly. Half way out the road was a favorable opportunity to show his car which had broken down. There was plenty of room to pass, but the colored man saw a favorable opportunity to show his car which had broken down. There was plenty of room to pass, but the colored man saw a favorable opportunity to show his car which had broken down.

"What you want?" replied the other. "What you doin' dis road for?" "I ain't here, no more, does you reckon to do it?" "Shan't do it!" "I look a-hin, Marse, does you reckon to do it?" "Gentle," said Moses, as he came nearer and nearer in contact with Moses, who was sitting in a chair, and who was sitting in a chair, and who was sitting in a chair.

"I knowed dar was, gentlem, but if you'don't dispect some o' dese country niggers dar you'll dispect 'em!" He forbade the Bass.

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