SPEAK, TOO LOUDLY IN PUBLIC

Foreigners Here Do It, and So Do W: When We Are Abroad.

"Did you ever notice," he asked "how foreigners always apeak very loudly when talking with other per wons of their own country?

"I mean that foreigners traveling about in this country conduct their conversations at the top of their voices. The same is true of them in restaurants, where they discuss the most private mauers openly and loud ly. They have abundant confidence that no one else will know what they are saying.

"I remember on one occasion being on the street with a young woman who knew Italian much more than I end. We passed several Italians who were walking along and one of them lurning to a companion made a remark about the young woman's per gonal appearance that wasn't exactly fattering.

"From her face I knew that she understood. I turned about anguly but she put her hand on my arm and usked me not to do anything So we Get it go at that."

"Yes." said the other man, "and if you ever have been abroad you will remember that Americans and Eng lish there are quite as free in their way of expressing loudly all sorts of eninions. It looks like a stand-off to

## HAD HIS HEARERS HYPNOTIZED

Sawmill Man Evidently Was Some thing of a Spellbinder.

An anecdote which is amusing on ac count of the "cheek" it displays, comes from Ohio. It was during a freshet, after a season of protracted drought. A great flood came down the Ohio griver, bearing on its bosom baystacks. driftwood, sawlogs, live stock and a few men, women and children clinging to the wrecks of their houses. Hundreds of people came forth to rescue the drowning victims, others sought to save the perishing cattle, horses and sheep, but none so excited as a kawmill man. He had an eye-both eyes-on the sawlogs, thousands of them, and all the property of men 500 miles up stresm.

He wanted those logs, but at the same time he did not want to incurany personal risk. So he mounted the head of his logway and attracted the sattention of so many of the crowd as were not trying to save life and propwrite and made an eloquent approch.

The ending was something like this: "And now, fellow citizens and men-if you are men-bestir yourselves and save those logs, and I'll give you half of them!"

They say it is an actual fact that the men "saved" about 100 logs before they realized the absurdity of the

Makeup Deceived the Officer. A laughable scene was enacted on the stage of the principal theater in Hanover on the evening of the first production there of Wedekind's "The Awakening of Spring." The play had a run of more than 200 nights in Berin, and the house at Hanover was rold out because there had been much discussion as to whether the censors would allow the production. While the scope in the first act between Frau Bergman and her daughter was on a police officer strode upon the stage and demanded in a declamatory manher to see the license allowing "the child there" to act. The man of the law was not a little surprised to learn that "the child" was an adult and an metress of high standing, whose admirable makeup was an additional proof of her artistle talent.

🖫 Dangeroke. "See my knife?" said a New York Littorney, holding up a pocket knife with the blade literally burned away to:a mere black wire. "And see my Pinger?" His finger had a red, angry rear, and he proceeded to explain. "About three weeks ago I , took a eleeper for Chicago. One of the little electric lights at the side of my berth did not work to suit me, and I took may kalle to pry it open or regulate 4. Gee! there was a flame shot out, my knife blade molted right down, and I had to have a surgeon attend ray finger. The electric current was a powerful thing, perhaps it might have Filled me, for being so 'cuta.'

"Frozen" Fortunes.

"Yes, electro-cute," suggested his

If London prices for meat and wool were raised correspondingly with the nose of production all would be well, but, taken over a series of years, the interest made on capital invested in pastoral properties is not by any meaus bigh. Pastoralists at present are not unwilling to sell out when they nee a chauce of setting their money eack. - Melbourne Pastorallets' Re-

No Hope.

"They say these new directates gowns are semething wonderful to contemplate.

"Weil, I don't think there's any hope that they'll interfere with the wearer's determination to get off a street our the wrong war "-- ( dareland Plain Dealer.

Wanted a Nine-Shooter. "I want a good revolver," 'mgan the

determined looking man "Tes, sir," said the enlesinan "Sir chembern?"

"Why-er-you'd halter make it a nine-chamber. I want it to use on a gat next door."

LEAVES SPROUTED ON TABLES.

Additions Not Considered an Ornament by Their Owners.

Green leaves growing on an orns mental parlor table was the astonishing sight that greeted Mrs. John Foy of Meadow street, West Springfield, Mass, one afternoon recently, as she was engaged in the task of dusting her parlor furniture. At first she thought it was a naturo fake of the optical delusion variety, but a closer inspection convinced her that the leaves were actually growing from the Jegs of the table.

A few days ago a peddler sold several of these tables, made of willow in the bark, to Mrs. Foy and some of her neighbors. Mrs. Foy had not looked at here until the day she made the surprising discovery. Throwing a shawl over her head, she ran to the homes of her neighbors. Mrs. Stephen (Verespej and Mrs. Thomas Wright, and found that their tables, too, had begun to flourish like the traditional green bay tree.

The explanation was simples. The willow had been cut while in the bud and immediately wound into the tables without curing, and the moisture in the air the last few rainy days. was sufficient to bring out the leaves

WOMAN TURNED CLEVER TRICK. Mean Man Defeated for Honor That He Coveted.

A letter written by a woman decided a contest for the office of president of a men's club in New York a few days ago. There were two candidates for the place; one a clerk in a New York financial institution, whose young wife had been a working girl, the other a wealthy manufacturer, with a reputation among his neighbors for "closeness." The day before the election each member of the litthe club received a typewritten letter, signed by a woman whom all knew. which began with these words: "If what I write you is not true, it is libel." Then she said that the club should not honor its "meanest man" and related some amusing incidents to demonstrate that she was not mistaken in her estimate of the man, in closing she wrote, "what do you think of a man who has his barn painted and says to his wife: 'That's your birthday present. If you can afford to elect that kind of a man for your president, go ahead!" The alleged "meanest man" was defeated.

"Souplana Dementia." Every time John Jenks of Seattle. Wash., sees soup he goes crazy. Vermicelli, consomme, mulligatawny, extail or just bean soup-it's all the same to John. Every time he sees soup, or a friend mentions soup, he shricks and howls, and if he is offered it at table he grabs the dish with a maniacal yell and throws it up in the air. When it's noodles Jenks rubs he washes his face in it and yells like a flend. This is the peculiar case agitating Seattle; and is the ground for a divorce applied for by Mrs. Shehezerde Jenks who fears John's mania will spread. The courts have the matter under advisement and the doctors are diagnosing this case of "souplana dementia." Meantime polite folks, when John Jenks is invited to dine, make thereat was the soup downstairs safe away from all suggestion to Mr. Jenks.

Measures Steam Consumption. A German patent has recently been taken out for a steam consumption meter consisting of a small alternator whose magnet wheel is built into the steam piping, and is rotated by means of turbine blades fitted to its periphery. The voltage so generated in the alternator armature indicates directly on the scale of a voltmeter or frequency meter the pounds of steam consumed per hour, or a continuous record can be taken by means of a train of wheels. In order to correct for variations in steam pressure the resistance in the voltmeter circuit is varied automatically by the action of the pressure gauge.

The Practice. "Good gracious, Mrs. Riter, what is all that noise and swearing about?" "Sh! That's my husband, who is furiously angry because I disturbed him in his work to tell him the coal was out and we would have to order

more to-day." "Is his work so important?" "Yes; he is writing a series of articles for a popular magazine on how always to keep sunshine and cheerfulness in the house."

The Man He Admirod. A number of men on the street were baving a discussion as to who was the greatest inventor. Some said Edison, some Watt, some Morse, some one and some another. Finally a pawnbroker get in a word, and said: "Vell, chentlemens, dose vas gread peoples, but I tells you dot man vot invented interest vas no slonch "

"Mother's Day." A movement, originating in Philadelphia, is rapidly extending throughout the states to set aside May 10 each year as "Mother's Day." Every man, woman and child pledges that day to weer a white carnation "in honor of the best mother who ever fived."

Labor-Saving Pneumatic Hammer. In riveting with pneumatic hammers two men and one heater average 500 rivets in ten hours, whereas by hand 250 rivets to a good day's work: for three most and one heater.

HAIR BEST PHYSICAL INDEX.

Japanese Physician Explains His Theory on the Subject.

Modern medical men declare that the finger nails afford better evidence as to the state of a person's health than the eye or the color or texture of the skin. A very distinct gloss and a rapid growth of the nail are always. they declare, symptomatic of good circulation, digestion and general health. Dr. Matsura, the well-known physician of Tokyo, while admitting the claims of the finger nail to be an index of the health, prefers that of the hair as indicating better than anything else loss and gain in physical well being.

He has established from his observation that the hair grows less in volume in proportion as the health declines. He has even measured the extent of the decline by observing the decrease in the diameter of a series of hairs. Haldness, Matsura, following his theory, declares to be due really to a constitutional weakness which does not, however, always actively declare itself even to the victim. He claims for the result of his investigations that if they do not necessarily serve the interests of pathological science. they cannot but prove valuable in the case of post-mortem examinations, inasmuch as they can decide as to the deceased person's state of health just before death.

GIVE HUSBAND WHAT HE LIKES.

New York Writer Expatiates on the Duty of a Wife.

A woman, discussing how to feed a husband, said she soon cured her husband of fussiness and faddiness about his food. She said that he had to take what he could get.

Now, why should be? His work and money buy every scrap of food which enters the home. It is the husband's right that he should have the food he likes best, properly cooked and served on the table he bought, in the house whose rent he pays, by the wife to whom he gives a housekeeping allowance as a trust fund.

He strives his very best to support his family in comfort and some degree of luxury. His wife should strive her very best to lay out the money he intrusts her with so as to secure health. happiness, and content in the home.

It is a very clear bargain between husband and wife. If a man is "grumpy" at meals there's usually something the matter with the meals. The sourest-tempered male begins to smile when the savory scent of an apnettsing dish rises like incense before the altar of his appetite.

Kisses and sentiment do not compensate a man for poor cooking and monotonous catering.-New York Times.

The Mathematical Mind. A literary worker who wished to do a large amount of reading by proxy advertised for an assistant cap able of digesting the contents of a tremendous quantity of books in a very short while. While weighing each applicant's qualifications for rapid, assimilative reading he inquired carefully into his mathematical acquirements. Finally he chose the man who was most skilful at untangling arithmetical problems.

"On the surface that seems an unpecessary accomplishment in this case," he said, "but experience has taught me that anybody who is expert in figures can read any kind of literature put before him with greater accuracy and speed than the person lacking in mathematical acumen."

Saved by Premonition of Danger. Feeling a premonition that danger was threatening his parents, Jacob Feilman left Providence Square, Montgomery county, Pa., where he had been working. He walked six miles to Norristown, boarded a train and reached his parents' home, at 1533 Germantown avenue, just in time to save them from being burned to death. As he entered the house he heard an explosion, and, running upstairs, found his mother's room ablaze:

A lamp had exploded, and the burning oil spread the fiames rapidly. Fellman carried his two sisters. Yetta and Molly, down stairs, while his mother took her five-months-old baby. Then Fellman turned in an alarm.

Toward the Simple Life.

I am strongly of opinion that the next great movement in the world of spiritual and moral reform will be the gospel of the simple life. We seem in some respects to have reached the stage in our habits and morals which was reached by Rome before the final decadence that led to the destruction of the mighty empire which she had created all over the then known world .- T. P. O'Connor, in T. P.'s Wcekly.

His Conseption of Art. "That is my celebrated painting 'The Bullfight,' said the great artist. "Do you admire it?" "Well, I should say so," responded

the visitor. "Ah, I am giad that you are such an

admirer of art." "Yes, I was just thinking how many dozen juicy beefsteaks could be earred off that hefty bullock "

The Value of Statistics. "Bo you think it is a good idea to give your audience much in the way of statistics?" asked one campaign

"Not too much. Just enough to let him rest up and get a little hangry for another anecdote."

BETTER THAN THE CIGARETTE.

Medical Man Recommends Chewing of Peppermint as Cure for Habit.

If you have a boy who has begun smoking too early, and whom you wish to cure of the habit, teed him peppermiats. Dr. O. Clayton Jones of Bliverton, Eng., writing in the London Lancet, is authority for this simple

oure. Dr. Jones writes: "To break the cigarette habit in a youth there is nothing better than peppermint drops. He cannot smoke with a 'bull's eye' in his mouth, and even for some time after it is dissolved tobacco will not blend kindly with the taste that remains. Socially the cure may seem worse than the disease, but from a medical point of view the sucking of peppermints is far less hurtful. A common 'bull's eye' will prevent smoking for nearly an hour, so the amount of sweets used need not be great. It would be a good, plan to insist upon the youth who will smoke making his own cigarettes without the aid of a machine."

HAD AT LEAST ALL THE WORDS.

Absent-Minded Minister Substituted Dictionary for Sermon.

The minister was hurrying toward his church, the Sunday morning's service being near, when he was accosted by one of his congregation. whom, in his haste, he had just passed

without recognizing. "We are anticipating an extra fine sermon this morning," said this parishioner, after the first greetings.

"Well, I hope I shall fulfill your expectations," warmly replied the clergy man, smiling. "You see I've my sermon under my arm, as usual!"

"That!" uttered the layman, ladicating a big black volume which the preacher carried with him.

"Yes," rejoined the minister, taking out the book. "I-By George" he then eleculated, abruptly turning back, "I've brought my dictionary instead!"

Burden of Overeducation. Is it not ascertaining how to make the best of one's powers, how to arrange one's stores, how to exert a sweet, quiet and fragrant influence throughout life over all whom one meets? If an advanced education does this for one, then it is the education one should seek, declares a writer in the Woman's Home Companion. Our difficulty is that we cannot allow time enough for seed time and harvest. Mothers are in despair if daughters occasionally drop out of school for six months or a year. We are much too apt to insist on putting all our chil-dren, irrespective of their natural bent, through the same educational factory. We do not make sufficient allowance for temperament and tendency, and thus it comes to pass that some of us carry burdens, beneath the weight of which we are crushed.

-Not Altogether True. More than half of the several hundred people taking the courses at Lowell institute under Harvard professors, says a Boston paper, are women, and these courses require an attendance three times a week. And wherever one goes the same thing is true, only as a general thing the proportion of women in such classes would be greater than one-half. This does not look as though women were wasting all their energies in the "debauch of whist." Lots of women play whist and bridge, but it is generally when there is nothing else to do and the mind needs rest from more arduous labors. The majority of bridge players prefer men partners, so that one sex spends about as much time as the other over cards.

Heavy Weights. "What are those you are storing away in the basket?" asked the man

in front of the gas works. "The biscuits my wife baked this morning," replied the celebrated ball loonist.

"Ah! You are going on a long jour mey and expect to use them as food?" "No; I am going to use them as ballast. They are beavier than sand."

Dome and Dreednoughts. The church having raised 3,000,000 sterling in bysome centuries, built

therewith the magnificent Dom of Colegne, which has been a source of inspiration, writes William Stead, in Review of Reviews. The state now spends its 3,000,000 on a Dreadnought. which becomes obsolete in 20 years.

Needed Two. "Sometimes," said the love-lors; youth as he gased at the moon, "I'd feel as though I could live on kinsen "How funny!" laughed the witty

"What's funny?"

"Why, if you lived alone, where would you get the kisses?"

Six Months to Make a Carpet. There has been placed in the sanctuary of the high altar at Westminster (Eng.) Roman Catholic cathedral a large carpet from Smyrma which, on account of its size-32 feet long by 12 feet wide-had to be specially made in Turkey, the work taking six months to complete.

Stuffing the Box. "Of course," the British tourist was saying, "I understand that the winning party at your elections is the one that gets sut the most voters."

,"Not at all," replied the native; it's the party that puts in the most votes." -The Catholic Standard of Times.

OBJECTS TO THE BASS SINGEP.

Vitriolic Writer Refuses to See Any Good in Him.

But with the bass singer it is offferent. Here we have a normal-man, entirely sound in mind, who yet bellows like a bull of Bashan. He stands up, he clears his throat, he throws back his head and his Adam's apple begins to tremble. At once there isaues from his glottle a long, sinuous unuka of suund - It-moss down, down. down, down-s mad jumble of hoots, whoops and howls-leaving civilization and the diatonic scale behind it and entering the undiscovered coun try of the ultra-violet tones. Beside elbhillud a to taurg esamtilu at the seems like the shrill scream of a piccolo, and the nether blast of a B flat ophicleide like an oboe's jumping-off note. It shakes the building and clouds the heavens. It makes strong men quake with fear and brings soryow to the home. And all the while the basso profundo is a sane man, who knows what he is doing. For him we urge the knout. Let him be dragged to the courthouse square and slogged. Let him taste the bastinado. - Baltimore Sun.

HOTTEST SPOT ON THE EARTH. Musendam Peninsula Said to Hold That Unenviable Record.

The hottest place on earth is said to be the Musendam peninsula, at the entrance to the Persian gulf from the Ormuz islands. The scenery of the Elphinstone injet to the peninsula is grand, but desolate. The native can live in the place only from November to March. A cable station was once established on Telegraph Island, but it had to be abandoned. Some of the men died, others went mad and the rest fled. In Malcolm inlet there is no sign of life. The rocks in the foreground are entirely red, the sea the most brilliant and intense blue, the distant mountains purple. The people of the peninsula are of a primitive type, and probably represent an Arab strain mingled with a far earlier stock. They live in rude stone huts, and their principal food is fish.

Better Than Watching Race Here is an incident related by American who visited the great Derby race in England: "I was standing near a booth where a man was selling pork pies, and close by I noticed a spare, cadaverous boy, who was plainly yearning for something to eat. I said to the boy, Would you like one of those pies? 'Would I?' replied the boy. 'Give him a pie,' I said, putting down a half-crown. The boy grabbed the pte, and it quickly disappeared. 'Give him another,' I said, and it rapidly followed the other. 'You must have been hungry,' I said to the boy. 'Yes, it's the first I've had to eat since yesterday.' I gave the boy a sixpence, when I heard a man standing by say. 'Ain't he a brick?' meaning me 'No. I accepted the compliment, and was grateful for the opportunity to give one boy a good meal. It really did me more solid good than watching the Derby "

Looking at the Bright Side. A lady residing in a quiet village in Suffolk used to take an interest in a very aged couple who were spinning out the last thread of life in "Darby and Joan" fashion,, seated on either side of the fireplace. She often paid them a visit to cheer them up. The old man had been ailing, and at last a day came when the visitor found only one chair occupied. Darby was not in his usual place.

"Where is your husband?" "Well, mum, he be gone at last." "O, I'm sorry. That is very sad for you," said the lady, seeking to find

some words of consolation. "Yes, mum, it be sad," replied the old woman, "but then, you see, he were fearfully in the way of the oven."-Stray Stories.

The Canny Wooer. It was fair time in Selkirk, and Sandy and his sweetheart were wandering round arm in arm enjoying the sights. Presently they espled a smart-looking ple-shop, which they promptly entered. Sandy ordered one pie, sat down and commenced to est it. Meanwhile the girl looked shyly

"Is't fine, Sandy?" she timidly asked. "Ay, 'tis awful fine, Jennie!" he am-

awered. "Ye should buy one!"--Penny Pictorial.

Toe Meuntainous. "Yes," said Slangey, "I tramped through Switzerland once." "Come off." exclaimed Dowter "You never did:"

"Sure I did; on the level." "That proves you're lying. It's simply impossible to tramp through Bwitzerland on the level."—The Catholio Standard and Times.

Recognition. "The men who devote their time to the country's service should be recognized," said the official. "Well," answered Earmer Corntac-

sel, "some of 'em should and others 'md be more respected if they could approach the pay roll in disguise."

Another Thrust Eva (reading novel)-She riveted Dick-You don't say?

Eva-And then she dropped them. Dick-My! My! Just like a woman. She can never nail or rivet anything securely.—Chicago Daily News.

PLAGUE OF SOUTHERN RIVERS Water Hyacinth a Menage and Hars to Exterminate.

In the battle which has been wager against the water byacinth which chokes up many of the rivers of the southern part of the United States the matter has been complicated to a serious degree by the fondness which cattle exhibit for this plant, it is almost without food value, but there is something about it which at tracts the animals, and they have been known to be lured to death in their efforts to secure the byscinth. Only one method has been discovered to eradicate it, and that was by the use of powerful acids, which were sprayed upon the plants and which were very effective in killing it, but this application was the means of killing a great number of animals and the practice was discontinued by act of congress. In the last two years investigations have been conducted by the government in the effort to discover some means of making this up plication in such a manner as to over come the danger to cattle, but it has been without success. It was found that the cattle could not be prevented from eating the sprayed plants, and that all effective compounds for the purpose were deadly to the cattle. Under the existing circumstances the only manner in which the growth is combated is by cutting it out in blocks by the use of special machinery and boats and towing the tangled mass to the open water and setting it adrift. There is known to exist a parasitic fungus growth which attacks the hyacinth leaves from beneath, forming concentric circles, and in time completely kills the leaves. It would seem that further investigation along this line should be considered.

YEW TREES IN CHURCHYARDS.

Two in England of Which Records Have Been Kept.

Now and again a record may be found in old church accounts, or in some other parish document, of the planting of trees in the English churchyards. When Thomas Ken, the author of 'Morning and Evening Hymns," afterward bishop of Bath of Weins was rector of East Wood hay, near Newbury, Eng., he planted, we learn, a yew tree in the churchyard. The tree stands on the north side of the church, and though planted over 200 years ago, its trunk only now measures in circumference some seven feet seven inches. At Portchester, on the north side of the Norman church which is situated within the castle walls, there stands a yew with an interesting history. It appears that the tree which formerly stood there was killed by the smoke from the kitchens of the French prisoners. some 8,000 of whom were confined in the castle during the war, with No. poleon at the beginning of the last century. The church warden's book records the fact that on the departure of the French prisoners a new tree was planted in the place of the one that had been destroyed. The trunk of this yew tree, at the height of four feet from the ground, now measures seven feet two inches in circumference.

Some Animal Woe. All nature fakers will rejoice at the latest from Bloody Neck, Wyo rancher set out some poisoned cabbage which attracted a jack rabbit and he are of the bait and died. Along came a wolf and a bob cat, and finding the carcass they had a most terrific wild west scrap over the remains. The wolf put old Mr. Bob Cat wrong and are the rabbit. He died in a few hours and the bob cat came back, began a feast on his late unlamented eneme and also the rabbit and he too promptly died. The rancher found all three the next day and came into Thompson's place at Blondy Neck' with a story that should stir all theprevention of cruelty to animais socieries to earnest protests against such practices as caused this Wyo-

Girls Taught Life-Saving A course in life-saving has been inattituted among the women students of Columbia university for the purpose of making them as adopt as men to rescuing drowning persons, says Popwar Mechanics. They receive the regular life-saving drill, facinding the grips and breaks, towing to shore, and artificial respiration. A fully dressed girl is thrown into the water at ene end of the swimming tank and other girls are obliged to rescue her from the opposite end and take her back, which is already done in 57 seconds. This new departure in co-education has become immensely popular.

ming tragedy.

Chinese Students Abroad. The beard of education has asked the throne to order the Chinese students abread, who are now maintained at the government expense for a short course of study, to further pursue their studies for another five years and then they will be duly examined. and if they pass they may be granted a suitable title and appointments. Imperial sanction has been given to the memorial.—Shanghai Mercury.

Self-Contained Family. As he was the only man with young children in a district of Lane county, Oregon. Mr. John Larkin formed a school committee, of which he was elected chairman and his wife clerk. Mrs. Larkin was installed as teacher by the chairman, and the five little Larkins now go to school to their carn mother, who is remunerated by the

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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