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FASCINATION OF FOIBLES.

Little Frailties May Make the Possessor of Them More Lovable.

"No man is sincerely and securely loved except by those who know his foibles," says Sir Arthur Helps. Rousseau qualifies his recognition of faults in his old friend Gouffrecoart by the surmise that without them he would probably have been less amiable. In no works is this better exemplified than in those of Charles Dickens. "When I know all the foibles a man has with little trouble in the discovery, I begin to think he is worth liking." And of Dickens's father, and his notable Micawberisms of speech and demeanor, he declares that no one could know him without liking him the better for them. No one likes Micawber less for his follies, and Dickens liked his father better the more he recalled his whimsical qualities.

One of the notable examples of the fact that foibles may rather endear than estrange is in Oliver Goldsmith. The epithet so often heard and ever in kindly tones of "Poor Goldsmith" speaks volume. Writing of him, Washington Irving says that when eminent talent is united to spotless virtue we are awed and dazzled into admiration, but our admiration is apt to be cold, while there is something in the harmless infirmities of a good and great but erring nature that pleads touchingly with ours. Irving is persuaded that few who consider the real compound of admirable and whimsical qualities which formed Goldsmith's character would wish to prune away its eccentricities, trim its grotesque luxuriance and clip it down to the decent formalities of rigid virtue.

"Let not his frailties be remembered," said Johnson. "He was a very great man." Washington Irving would rather say, "Let them be remembered, since their chief end was to endear."

Oliver Wendell Holmes asserts that we must have a weak spot in any character before we can love it much. "People that do not laugh or cry or take more of anything than is altogether good for them or use any but dictionary words may be admirable subjects for biographies. But we don't always care most for those flat pattern flowers that press best in the herbarium."

The most non-exacting and most indulgent cannot perhaps fail to find some faults in the nearest and best friends. But in not a few cases foibles are even the strengtheners of regard.—Exchange.

RAISED THE COOK'S WAGES.

For He Had to Preserve His Wife's Confidence in His Capableness.

There is nothing in all the world that I admire so much as a really capable man. A friend of mine has married one, and I am quite sure he can do all that does become a man and a few other things that are not entirely becoming. He and his wife—somehow one always thinks of them in that order—moved into a new house. The upper floor was to be left uncarpeted and was to be oiled. The wife suggested having a man from the furniture store to do it, but the capable man scoffed at the idea; oiling a floor was just as easy as rolling off a log. He'd attend to it himself. The wife went out of town for a few days, and one afternoon the capable man came home early with a can of prepared oil finish and a brush. He went up stairs and whistled gayly. When the cook went up later, the hall was a neatly oiled desert, with a narrow gulf unrolled oasis in the middle. The capable man was in the oasis. There were sundry spots on the new wall paper, but the capable man said they'd dry off. The cook went down stairs, and presently there was a loud noise, a sliding noise and a falling noise from up stairs, together with a savage yell and some remarks that even cooks don't care to repeat. The wife came home a few days afterward. The husband met her at the station. He was wearing brand new trousers. The wife was asked to the upper hall. It was not neatly carpeted with a new carpet and the wall had a new paper dado. "Why?" she exclaimed. "I thought you were going to oil it."

"I decided that a bare floor would be noisy," answered the capable man. "It always looks cho p."

"And the dadi?" answered the wife. "Wasn't it a good idea?" answered the capable man. "It gives the hall such an air, you know."

The cook has had her wages raised, but then a man must preserve his wife's confidence at any price. —Washington.

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It grows in India so vigorously that we can scarcely find a town or village in Hindustan where no plot of ground would be found covered by this perpetual plant. And in the same manner there would be very few of our readers who know the processes in which the tobacco becomes suitable for our usual smoking. It would be not therefore out of place to draw before the public an outline of its manufacture.

When it is full grown and its leaves have begun to acquire a yellowish tint, it is gathered and left on the ground to be withered one day or more in the sun.

Although we can have smoking tobacco from many different ways it would suffice here to mention some processes, for their suitability, current in a most famous place for the purpose in India, known as Biswan, in Setapore district.

Being withered, it is brought to be cut into small pieces, which are to become a dust, which is called ruddoo and mixed with sirup and alkali or impure carbonate of soda. It is left in balls to be dissolved.

Now a leavened or khamira tobacco is prepared by the undergoing formula: 1. Cloven. 2. Cardamums. 3. Mace. 4. Nutmeg. 5. Allspice. 6. Cinnamon. 7. Dry rose flower. 8. Filling aloes wood. 9. Filling sandalwood. 10. Nakh. 11. Fandree. 12. White cardamums. 13. Benzoin; of each part a seer. 14. Amittas; one seer.

All these except the last one, which is boiled, are cut into small pieces, and a next preparation is now made: Camphor, two Chatak—Karyer; salarur, quarter a seer; betel, quarter a seer.

All these being cut into small pieces, and now five punsars of ruddoo mixed with sirup are mixed with both the preparations and stirred with hand, and in this essence of rose or koorah, one tola; musk, six mashes, and saffron, three mashes, "being grinded," are mixed, and the process now ready is called khamira, a good one for the purpose, ever used in India for smoking.—Calcutta New Age.

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See our list of certain snaps in today's EXAMINER.—Moore & McLeod.

HERE IS A PEACE THAT COMETH AFTER SORROW.

"There is a peace that cometh after sorrow, Of hope surrendered, not of hope fulfilled: A peace that looketh not upon tomorrow, But calmly on a tempest that is stilled;

A peace which lives not now in joy's excesses, Nor in the happy life of love secure, But in the unerring strength the heart possesses Of conflicts won while learning to endure.

A peace there is in sacrifice secluded, A life subdued, from will and passion free, 'Tis not the peace which ever Eden brooded, But that which triumphed in Gethsemane.

—Jesse Rose Gates in Century.

CHICAGO TO BE A VENICE.

Five Hundred Years Hence the Windy City Will Stand In a Great Lake.

Chicago has troubles ahead of her—none of your ordinary, everyday troubles, but the real thing in mental disquieters. True, it is 500 years off, but posterity must be considered.

Professor G. K. Gilbert of the United States geological survey is responsible for this prediction. For a number of years the professor has been making notes of the rise and fall of the great lakes from his own observations and from the records of the government surveys. From these he declares the waters at the lower end of Lake Michigan rise six inches in each century and that the lake is preparing to overflow its southern edge to the infinite discomfort of the Chicago of the future.

If his figures speak truly, the whole district covered by the great lakes is undergoing a change of level, and he believes it will only be a matter of time before their outlet into the Atlantic is closed and a new one through the basin of the Mississippi is opened. As the land in the neighborhood of Chicago is the lowest along the lake shore, it is there Professor Gilbert has located the outlet of the future. But as the waters only rise at the rate of one inch in ten years, it is plainly to be seen there is no immediate danger to the Windy City's real estate valuation.

In fact, 500 years will have elapsed before the cry of the gondolier will begin to be heard in the waterways of the western Venice and the clang of the cable car is hushed forever. Then the real trouble will begin. And in another such trifling period—for years are as but seconds in the predictions of the professor—the formation of the new outlet from the lakes to the Mississippi will have taken place, and over the site of the Chicago of today a mighty river will be flowing.

After Chicago has been disposed of the professor predicts trouble for the Niagara Falls hack drivers and newly wedded couples. The latter will have to seek new fields to exhibit themselves in, and this will take away the sole support of the former. In 2,500 years from now Niagara will be merely an intermittent stream and after another 500 years there will not be even a rivulet there.

The only consolation remaining for Chicago in all this is that, even if New York does exist, she won't have Niagara at her doors any longer.

The old story of Prometheus is a parable. Prometheus was on terms of intimacy with the gods. From them he stole fire, and gave it to men. For this sin he was bound to the rocks of Mount Caucasus, and vultures were set upon him. They only ate his liver. This grew again as fast as it was pecked away. Are his sufferings to be imagined?

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