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The Curtain Habit.

"There is just one thing that makes me an enemy of smoke," said the old citizen to a Cleveland Plain Dealer reporter, "and that is the fact that it has given my wife the curtain habit. What is the curtain habit? Well, if you were a married man you would know. It's the habit of taking down and putting up lace curtains. I come home at night and pretty soon my wife says: 'Well, I've got to take down those curtains again.' They're not fit to be seen, and we can't have a soul in the house until they are clean.' 'What's the matter with them?' I feebly ask. 'Matter? Why, it's this dreadful smoke. It gets in everywhere. I never saw anything like it.' The next day my wife has the curtains down and on the frames or else pinned on the floor. The next day she is almost dead with fatigue brought on by putting them up again. And that's the way it goes on. Every few weeks the curtains come down and go up, and my wife groans with the exertion and home is far from sunny. Talk about Caudle's curtain lectures, they are nothing compared with the domestic curtain habit."

She Played Again.

Mrs. M., a well known Bostonian, who talks very wittily and plays very well, once asked Professor Blackenstein what made him so thoughtful.

"Madam," he replied, "I am wondering how it is you can make the piano talk so divinely and yourself so foolishly."

"Ah, well," retorted Mrs. M., "you see, the piano knows it has me to listen to it, whereas I know I have only you to listen to me, which makes the difference."

"I pray you," said the professor, "play again. I like your playing best."—Brooklyn Life.

The skin of the reindeer is so impervious to the cold that any one clothed in such a dress, with the addition of a blanket of the same material, may bear the intensest rigors of an arctic winter's night.

There is always room at the top but the fellows at the top are not the ones who make it.—Cleveland Leader.

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THE WRITERS.

James Lane Allen, the novelist, will soon visit England.

The London World reports that Rudyard Kipling, who has been cycling in Dorsetshire with Thomas Hardy, is negotiating for the purchase of a house and grounds at Rodwell, near Dorchester.

Sir Edwin Arnold has further cemented his marriage with his Japanese wife by having the marriage ceremony performed in English, according to the English law. The Japanese rite consists of the two people drinking a cup of tea.

W. S. Gilbert, the noted humorist, is the possessor of one of the most beautiful houses near London. The author of "Pinafore" always works in his library seated not at a desk, but in a comfortable arm-chair, with a writing pad on his knee.

Maurus Jokai has gifts of the tongue as well as of the pen. He was introduced to Kaiser Wilhelm when the latter visited Budapest, but was called away to speak to the Archduchess Maria Josef. Returning, he said in apology, "Your majesty must excuse me, but my allegiance to ladies comes even before my allegiance to monarchs."

PROGRESS.

A new wagon wrench has a screw clamp on one side, by which it is attached to the hub of the wheel, the wheel being turned around to unscrew the nut.

To assist in building wire fences a new device has a frame mounted on a wheel, with spindles to carry three or more rods of wire, so that all the wires can be strung at the same time.

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STAGE GLINTS.

Nellie Maskell is playing La Frochard in "The Two Orphans" with Kate Claxton.

Georgia Busby has announced her engagement to marry in the spring Walter Sandt, a New York broker.

James H. Wallick will soon produce a new melodrama, "Devil's Island," based upon the Captain Dreyfus incident.

John Drew and his company are now rehearsing a new play, "One Summer's Day," in which May Buckley and Kate Meek will appear.

Mrs. Kendal has accepted "The Elder Miss Blossom," a new comedy by Walter Frith, which, if successful abroad, she may bring to America in the autumn.

Olga Nethersole contemplates the production of a new dramatization of Rudyard Kipling's "The Light That Failed," in which she will appear as Bessie.

Julie Kopacsy, at the end of her present engagement at the Irving Place theater, New York, will commence a brief tour, opening on Jan. 10 at Cincinnati.

Laura Burt will go abroad in February, under engagement with a London manager, to play June in "Blue Jeans," and she may remain in Europe for several years.

Edythe Wentworth Skerrett, daughter of the late Rear Admiral Joseph S. Skerrett, U. S. N., has been engaged for the Empire Theater stock company, New York.

May Irwin has received an offer to present "The Swell Miss Fitzwell" in Berlin and other German cities. She will probably remain here and sell the German rights to the play.

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