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Or let us take his "Thirst." What wonderful strength is here! On the hot, shimmering, sun dried sands crouches the mighty king of beasts, a very baby in his weakness, overcome by the desire to wet his parched tongue and panting for a drop of water. What awful loneliness! What fearful solitude, and what a dreary waste!

It were more pleasant to turn to the glimpse he gives us of the great oriental city whose house tops, minarets and spires gleam under the brilliant eastern sky, where the pious Mussulman calls the faithful to prayers. Here may be noted the artist's wonderful powers of observation and the extraordinary finish, nothing apparently escaping his attention. So, too, in the "Pacha's Runners," where the reproductions do not, of course, give an idea of the color, though Gerome's coloring is not always fine. His best skill appears in drawing and in the arrangement of his compositions. In the "Bull Fighter" we find that the artist is quite as much at home in Spanish scenes as in classical, oriental or modern French life. He enters into the brutality of the bull ring, and, showing us the coarse picadors and the excited audience, brings the incident before us very vividly.

In short, no matter what he undertakes, he prepares himself for the task with much earnestness and great deliberation. He makes careful studies, he looks well into his subjects and he takes no end of pains. Pictures do not come of themselves, nor are they executed without almost endless trouble. Artists are generally supposed by thoughtless people to be more or less inspired and to dash off masterpieces at will, but the truth is a picture that has any claim to live and to deserve high appreciation is undertaken with as much forethought as the building of a ship. First the painter makes a sketch, searching out in a general way the best method of putting his idea on canvas. Then, after many changes and alterations, studies are made of the principal figures, of the draperies and of the accessories. Now the scheme of color must be arranged, and finally comes the painting, and the painstaking completion of all the parts.—"A Famous French Painter," by Arthur Hoeber, in St. Nicholas.

### The Shawls of Kashmir.

The beautiful arts and manufactures of Kashmir ought to be and, in fact, are a source of wealth. But this wealth does not for the most part fill the pockets of the artisans. The trade is almost entirely in the hands of a few large firms. These receive the profit, while the workers get only a fixed and very low wage. I have visited the shawl manufactories. They are very curious places. The delicate shawls that used to be so fashionable are made almost in the open air and mostly by boys of 12 or 13. The looms are set up in rough wooden sheds, open on three sides, and the boys sit close together. In front of each boy are pinned his instructions on a dirty little scrap of paper. These are most laconic—"Three red, five white, one blue"—that is all. The looms might have come out of the ark, so antiquated and clumsy are they. Everything is done by hand, and I could not discover a single contrivance for saving labor. A fortune awaits him who can introduce machinery into Kashmir.

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### When Harvard Was Young.

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But this was not all, for, although the pupils paid him well for their "diet," it was ordinarily nothing but porridge and pudding, "and that very homely," and his wife denied them butter and cheese and beer "betwixt meals."

She also forced the young men to make their beds at times.

Altogether the poor fellows had a hard time dwelling with Master and Mistress Eaton.—New York Dispatch.

### He Was Good.

Sculptor (to lady who has commissioned him to execute a portrait bust of her late husband)—I can change it in any particular that you may desire, madam.

Widow (regarding it with tearful eyes)—The nose is large.

Sculptor—A large nose is an indication of goodness.

Widow (wiping away her tears)—Well, then make it larger.—Pick Me Up.

### It Never Fails.

There is only one stimulant that never fails and yet never intoxicates—duty. Duty puts a black sky over every man—up in his heart maybe—into which the skylark happiness always goes singing.—Lamartine.

### Too Busy.

Snipleigh—I say, Poorpeigh, how is it you have not paid that bill of mine?

Poorpeigh—My dear fellow, I have been so busy on that new book of mine that I had forgotten all about it.

Snipleigh—What are you writing?

Poorpeigh—A treatise on memory.—Albany State.

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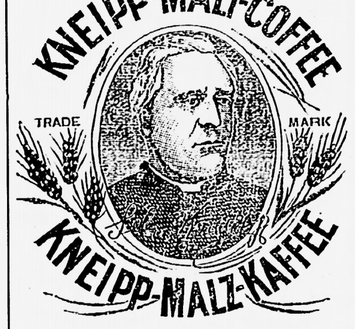


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## THE SUPERSTITIONS.

**MOST PERSONS CHERISH A SECRET BELIEF IN SOME OMEN.**

**There Are Not Many Who Will Admit It, but Probably All Men Are to Some Extent Believers In Signs, Though They Fail In a Majority of Cases.**

Every human being has his pet superstition. It came to him almost in the cradle and has remained with him, by a strange pertinacity, all his life. Man is too proud to admit a governing influence which has no real foundation and must fall to pieces when its stability is tested, but no matter how silly a superstition may be, once imbedded in memory by a single instance when it came true, all its signal failures will generally fail to loosen its grip upon the human being who has been taught it in childhood. A pet superstition will lose not a jot of its influence should it fail every time in a hundred, provided it proves true in one instance only. This fact shows how men are joined to their superstitious idols.

"Sing before breakfast, cry before night," is the most ridiculous of all old bogies and the most destructive of mirth, laughter and happiness. It is not difficult to prove its fallacy. Let every man, woman and child stand up against it, sing, howl, if they cannot give forth melodious sounds, laugh merrily and rejoice at the coming of day, like the birds, whose first thought upon waking on the appearance of the first streak of dawn is to sing happily with pure joy for the return of another day. Let each be as happy as the birds and make everybody else happy, and thus will this detestible superstition retire to the gloom of its inception and be heard of no more.

There is an old superstition that the left limbs should always be dressed first, but not completely at one time. Suppose that the man who manifests his indignation at the assertion that he is superstitious commences, cautiously, as it were, without letting himself know that he is being watched, with the first garment he puts on in the morning and learn what is the result. How surprised he will be to know, perhaps for the first time, that his left arm goes into his shirt first, his left leg in his trousers first and his left sock on his left foot first, to say nothing of continuing the obsetvation as far as the shoe. There are men who will change a garment which has been put on unconsciously inside out, but there are many men who will not, for their lives, risk the old superstition concerning such an act. Kings have not dared it.

Where is the man or boy who, saving only in a spirit of bravado, will knowingly walk under a ladder? Even if done in a spirit of defiance of the old bogie, how expectantly and sometimes tremblingly he awaits the coming of the penalty! Try it, man, and if the penalty of sorrow or loss, disappointment or accident, does not result before the day has swept by you will not tell of it. If it comes to you, the rule will be followed, and you will never cease telling of it, this rare occurrence.

When a man returns to the house after once starting out, having perhaps forgotten to kiss his wife, or something less important, his natural inclination, without special prompting, is to sit down before starting again. It is said to be bad luck to omit this.

Even death may result if a human being should raise an open umbrella over his head within doors, it is said. Umbrella makers have been known to observe this religiously.

People who live in the country must be careful not to have around their homes a white nosed cow, for should the window be open and this cow with the white proboscis reach it over the window sill in search of information or something dainty there will be a death in the family before long. So says the old saw.

Why must we give a penny for any sharp instrument presented by a friend? Why do we seek a four leaved clover, and why must we pick up a dirty horseshoe from the street whenever we see it there? Why do men nail the horseshoe over their doors and ends down, too, invariably, when the original superstition, of which they seem to be in ignorance, asserts that it should be nailed up the other way, so as to catch within its embrace the luck which descends?

There is no longer any use of talking about the old bogie concerning one of 13 sitting at table dying within a year after the feast, for the Thirteen club exploded that foolish old saw by sitting thus month in and month out many years, many tables with 13 at each, and all lived out the dangerous year and more years added, but there are still living men who will not undertake a journey on a Friday, although, after coming to sum the matter up, multitudes of men have discovered that Friday, of all days in the week, is the most fortunate day for everything. And it is rarely, now, that a criminal is executed on Friday in any part of the world, thanks to that same Thirteen club, who laugh at superstition, knife and fork in hand. Yet there is not one of them who has not his pet superstition, either consciously or otherwise. The biggest man in the club carries a horse chestnut in his pocket to ward off rheumatism, and another is a spiritualist. They all put on the left sock first, and few of them dare sling before breakfast. But they are deserving of great praise for what they have done and must not weary in well doing.

When a valuable vase in the Tuileries fell to the floor and was shattered a short time before the great battle of Waterloo, Josephine prophesied disaster would follow—and it did. Napoleon met his fate there, but his "Book of Fate" never told him defeat was near and disaster hovering over him. But this wasn't the first vase broken by many in the Tuileries. What about the others and the old omen?—New York Times.

### Why "Timothy" Grass Is So Called.

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### The Claims of Long Descent.

In a notice of a recent wedding the bride was described as "a lineal descendant of Edward III." A poetical friend, sending his congratulations, wrote:

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But poor Mrs. Brown-Jones—'tis very absurd—
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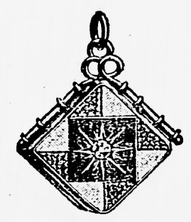

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