

GOOD AND BAD LUCK

TO BE MET IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR, SAYS A WRITER.

Bad Omen to Have the Towel Drop On the Neck—Queer Superstition About Succeeding a Negro in the Chair—Shave Chin First.

There are scores of superstitions connected with the barber's chair which many people believe in implicitly. Barbers will tell you that your luck for an entire day may be made or spoiled by the way you are shaved. A barber who hopes to please nowadays must not be an artistic barber, but well informed on all superstitions. Many men who are perfectly rational on most subjects have a superstitious fear of the ill-luck of the barber's chair. These superstitions vary considerably in different cities. It is a common belief, however, that for a barber to lather the face with a single stroke of the brush inevitably brings bad luck. Many people will sharply abuse a barber who makes this mistake. Another omen is that if a man takes a barber's chair immediately after a negro has vacated it he will be badly cut while being shaved. It is not uncommon to see a man wait some time for another chair rather than expose himself to this danger. It is considered very bad luck to see a hunchback in a mirror standing or passing back of one. This omen is said to foretell a death in the family. There is quite as much good as bad luck to be encountered. To be shaved by a red-headed barber, for instance, is believed by many to be a sure cure for rheumatism. There are several red-headed barbers in New York who have kept customers for a long time on the strength of this superstition. It is also comforting to remember that to be accidentally cut twice on the same side of the face in one shaving will insure good luck for some time. Should this be done intentionally, however, the charm is completely lost. It is well to remember that if one continually sits with legs crossed in the barber shop the hair is likely to come out early in life, making a man prematurely bald. The habit, which is a common one, should, therefore, be reformed before it is too late. A very bad omen is to have the towel about the neck drop out before one is shaved. This catastrophe indicates that one will be cut soon by a barber's carelessness. You cannot be too careful about having your chin shaved before the mustache. If you persist in having the upper lip shaved first you will never, it is said, be able to raise a good

heard. Another very dangerous practice is the not common one of using several razors for a single shave. Two razors are allowable, but to use more than two even for a moment is said to bring very bad luck. A barber will sometimes try a razor and if he does not find it sharp enough pick up another and change to a third in finishing. It is comforting to know that there are many more chances for receiving good luck than for bad luck, the New York World assures us. A person ignorant of all these superstitions has the percentage of chance in his favor. Very good luck is invited by the man who has his shoes polished at the same time he is being shaved. It may be due partly to this superstition that this time-saving device is becoming popular. It is advisable to smoke while sitting in the barber's chair throughout the operation. This is said to prevent the face from smarting or burning afterward, no matter how tender the skin may be. Still another lucky practice is to be shaved before breakfast. The good luck which follows, it is said, will follow one all day. The shaving must be done by a regular barber. If one shaves himself the charm is ineffective.—San Francisco Call.

COLLEGE EDUCATION.

College-Bred Women Seem Well-Equipped for Life's Work.

Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer recently summed up the advantages of a college education for girls as follows:

1. The four college years are better for health, present and future, than the same years spent in ordinary domestic and social life.
2. Marriage after 22, rather than earlier, is generally a gain, both to mothers and children, and is more likely to produce happy results.
3. Whether married or single, college-bred women are showing themselves responsible to the needs about them. In modest country conditions, on western farms, in eastern mill towns, in hardworking parsonages, in overcrowded schoolrooms, in college settlements, in mission stations, often bearing their own expenses, in city charities, in the use of wealth and influence. Having freely received they freely give.

Whether a girl shall go to college or not is a matter of individual choice for her to settle as conditions shall decide, but the college is a great factor in making a well-rounded life, a well-poised character.

Ill humor is nothing more than an inward feeling of our own want of merit, a dissatisfaction with ourselves.—Goethe.

Paddy's Definition.

An Irishman went to a lawyer with a case, but the attorney wanted a retainer. The Irishman was poor, and finally the lawyer said he would take the case on a contingent fee. It was settled; but the contingent fee part of the agreement bothered the client. He confided his ignorance to his friend, Paddy, and asked for an explanation. "An' its the meanin' of a contingent fee yer after knowin'?" Shure, O'll tell ye! A contingent fee manes that, if ye lose the case the lawyer gits nothin': if ye win, ye git nothin'.—Spare Moments.

LIBBY'S FOOD PRODUCTS LEAD

The Grand Prix d'Honneur and two gold medals have been awarded by the International Jury of Awards at the Paris Exposition, to Libby, McNeill & Libby, of Chicago, for the purity, excellence and superiority of their canned foods. Here in America, the "Libby" Brand has always been recognized as typical of the highest standard of excellence attained in the preservation of meats, and it is a noticeable fact that the products of Libby, McNeill & Libby have received the highest awards at every Exposition held in the United States during the past two decades. This firm issues a book "How to Make Good Things to Eat," which will be mailed free on request. Drop a postal to Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago, Ill., for it.

In Ancient Rome.

"These are my jewels," said the mother of the Gracchi, pointing to her children. With a soulless laugh, Tertius Balonius, the pawnbroker, refused to lend any money on them, saying they would eat up the interest.—Baltimore American.

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Out for the Reward.

Little Birdie (nestling up to him). Tell me how rich you are, will you? Mr. Dashing (good-humoredly)—I hardly know myself. Why do you ask? Little Birdie—Well, sister said she'd give a sovereign to know, and I thought I might get it.—Tit-Bits.

PATENTS.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors. Madison Cooper, Minneapolis, Minn., cold storage apparatus; Edgar H. Finck, Jackson, Minn., toe cap for boots or shoes; Hermann Hoppe, Sykeston, N. D., attachment for horse hay rakes; Hans H. Larson, Campbell, Minn., harrow; Olin Olson, Minneapolis, Minn., grate; Emma Peach, Waterville, Minn., fruit coker; Charles H. Pratt, Helena, Mont., napkin holder; Daniel U. Richards, Danvers, Minn., arch plate for steam boiler furnaces; Henry Tilden, Minneapolis, Minn., furnace; Lothrop & Johnson, patent attorneys, 911 & 912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

Her Celestial Credentials.

"Put it down there," said the old man to the obituary writer, "that she was forty-two, an' likely fer her age." "That's down." "That she wuz never known to speak a cross word—bein' deaf an' dumb from childhood." "All right." "That she's now at rest on Abraham's bosom—but, hold on. An't that whar Lazarus is?" "I think so." He paused a moment, as if in deep thought. Then he said, "No matter! put it down that she's thar, too; fer ef ever Lazarus sees her comin' he'll vacate an' hunt an' other restin' place." "Sides that, he's been thar too long, anyhow!"—Atlanta Constitution.

As to Strikes.

"What's the matter with that man?" asked the clock. "He doesn't seem to have anything to do but wind me up." "No," replied the calendar, "he isn't working. He and his companions struck some time ago." "Huh! Suppose I should stop working every time I struck?" "That's so; but I notice it freshens me up every time he takes a month off."—Philadelphia Press.

He Wrote Only.

Wagg—That's Bixby we just passed; he writes for the magazines. Miss Tookin—You don't tell me! I can't remember having seen anything signed by him. Wagg—Oh, he hasn't had anything published; he just writes for 'em.—Ohio State Journal.

Compelled to Contribute.

"Ferdinand sold his great-grandfather's Bible for \$15." "How odd!" "Not at all; he said he was bound his ancestors should help him out that much, anyway."—Indianapolis Journal.

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A Lithuanian in Chicago bears the name of John Uppermost Short.

Through a Pane in the Stomach.

A Canadian hunter, through an accident, got a wound in the front of his stomach. Through the opening Dr. Beaumont watched for many months the process of digestion. On giving an ordinary meal, with a moderate amount of drink, he could see a multitude of glands in the stomach throwing out little drops of white fluid—the gastric juice—and a slow moving—the stomach from left to right. After observing the process for an hour he gave the man a tumbler of water to drink. In about five minutes he saw the dots of white fluid begin to cease, and the movement of the stomach from left to right to cease; gradually the tumbler of water was swept up in the absorbents, and then, and not until then, the white drops of gastric juice again poured out.—Exchange.

Gift to Wilhelmina.

Queen Wilhelmina is said to have profited by the failure of the shah of Persia to visit England, as she has received the tabatiere which had been carried about as a gift for Queen Victoria, to be presented at Osborne on Aug. 10. The tabatiere is of the finest enamel, covered with brilliants, and was valued by a Paris expert at 50,000 francs.—Philadelphia Press.

Had Learned Wisdom.

"Are you old enough to vote?" asked the tourist in North Carolina. "I dunno eractly what my age is, boss," replied the colored man. "But I kin tell you dis, I allus was old enough to know better dan to try to vote."—Washington Star.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

One Sure Method.

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed the weary housekeeper, arranging for her day's marketing. "I find it so hard to get up a dinner." "Really?" remarked her bachelor brother, who had just returned from the Paris exposition, "you should try an ocean voyage."—Philadelphia Record.

Beds Are Scarce in Russia.

Beds are quite an innovation in Russia, and many well-to-do houses are still unprovided with them. The peasants sleep on the tops of their ovens; middle-class people and servants roll themselves up in sheepskins and lie down near stoves; soldiers rest upon wooden cots without bedding, and it is only within the last few years that students in schools have been allowed beds.—Exchange.

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Politician—Well, yes, I flatter myself that it is very successful. Why do you ask that? Thoughtful Youth—Because, sir, I see your door is labeled "Pull!"—Washington Star.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. ENDSLEY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

Attracted by Laundry Work.

A great social change is going on in London in an imperceptible manner. While young women in humble circumstances are forsaking the laundries for typewriting and such "genteel" occupations, ladies of education are entering the ranks as laundresses. The work is hard, but the pay is good—much better, in many instances, than they earned as amanuenses, shorthand clerks or telegraphists, and those who have found moral courage enough to enter upon this occupation find it not only more remunerative, but, on the whole, healthier than the sedentary life in offices and small rooms they were formerly accustomed to. We have long been familiar with a small "lady helps," and it seems but a small step to the "lady cook," "lady housemaid," or "lady maid of all work," vice the old-fashioned servant, who, every year, shies more and more at domestic service.—Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

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