

WHAT I THINK.

(By JOHN STRANGE WINTER.)

THE ART OF CONVERSATION.

I am often told that the art of conversation is dying out, and being replaced by the use of the telephone...

PLAIN TRUTH FOR CHILDREN.

I believe when I was a child that I was a terrible affliction in that way to my parents. They used to tell me little anecdotes of children they had known in their youth...

A MOTHER WHO WAS NOT SURV.

I remember once, on one of my early journeys to London, being in the same carriage with a very beautiful young woman who had with her a little boy about five or six years old...

CONVERSATION THE ART OF HYPOCRISY.

Children can all talk now-a-days, but when they grow up they have to learn to converse. Has it ever struck you, my reader, that there is a vast difference between talking and conversing?

WHY SHOULD YOU?

True, sometimes the laws of hospitality demand it, and sometimes at a social gathering...

IN A 'BUS.

I know people who cannot get into an omnibus, or into a carriage on the Tube or District, without scrapping acquaintance with all and sundry...

TWO WOMEN AND A BABY.

But a good woman sitting next to me yearned fiercely to talk about that baby. She smiled at it, smiled at the mother—who did not smile in return—and this was the conversation which, after a little preliminary skirmishing, ensued...

A BIG ORDER.

The action of the Chastan Syndicate against Colonel Courtney Trower to recover over £1,900, said to be due as calls on shares, in what was at one time anticipated would turn out to be a gold mine in the Forest of Dean, ended at a verdict for the defendant.

REFUSED COMMUNION.

In consequence of his refusal to admit two of his parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hamilton, to Holy Communion, Canon Thomson, vicar of Eaton, was accused in the Court of Archdeacon Saturday with having broken the ecclesiastical law.

Mr. Banister married his deceased wife's sister in Canada last year, just before the Deceased Wife's Sister Act was passed, and in consequence of this Canon Thomson refused to admit him or his wife to Communion.

BOMBS IN BARCELONA.

An explosion took place on Saturday evening in the avenue of the Rambla de les Flores, Barcelona. A policeman had his two legs broken and died from his injuries, while a bystander was less severely injured.

HEARTRENDING.

Master Thomas: "Oh, ain't it agonising, nurse? There's all the pastry going in Jones' house for the party, and they have invited me this year."

LONDON STREET DANGERS.

Dr. Waldo, the City of London coroner, at the inquest on a man named Joseph Holland, who was killed by a horse omnibus, referred to the increasing dangers of London streets, due to motor vehicles.

TICKETS FOR THE QUEEN.

A well-dressed woman, Catharine Moore, Park-restaurant, Clapham-park-road, was remanded at Westminster charged with obtaining board and lodging by false pretences in Clarendon-street, Piccadilly.

THE NEW K.G.

It is officially announced that the Garter vacant by the death of the Earl of Derby has been bestowed on the Marquis of Northampton. A Liberal in politics, the Marquis, as Earl of Northampton, was a member of the House of Commons, first as member for South-West Warwickshire, in which his famous house, Compton Wyvates, is situated, and then as representative of the Warwickshire division of Yorkshire.

FOOTBALLERS AND COMPENSATION.

An interesting case to football players was dealt with at Birmingham County-court when an application was made on behalf of Ezra Holmes, a professional footballer, of Gainsborough, for an award under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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A Society Lady's Experience at Court

"I thought I would have fainted!" Her state of Acute Anæmia cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Every gentleman in society regards the occasion of her attending at Court as one of the most pleasurable yet nerve-racking occasions in her career.

When she kindly granted an interview to a London journalist at her residence, Welbeck Court, Kensington, Miss Sheridan presented a perfect type of the healthy handsome English girl of to-day.

"How I succeeded in not fainting when I went to Court I hardly know now. A somewhat severe attack of influenza," she mentioned, had left me very weak and nervous. In my case I have the most depressing feelings of lassitude, so that I, who had previously been of most active habits, felt unable to do any ordinary engagements.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

END OF THE HORSE SHOW. SHOT HIS WIFE. SEQUEL TO A DIVORCE.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The International Horse Show at Olympia was brought to a brilliant conclusion on Saturday night. The receipts—derived from an attendance of over 300,000 at the 25 performances—were £25,000.

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A CHILD'S PARALYSIS.

LITTLE BOY HELPLESS. THREE HOSPITALS FAIL CURED BY DR. CASSELL'S TABLETS.

Mrs. Watts, of Sheep Street-lane, Ealingham, Sussex, writes: "Eighteen months ago my little boy developed Infantile Paralysis. He was so bad that he could not stand, so I took him to a hospital, where he was put in a plaster of Paris jacket, but he was too weak to wear it, so the doctor took it off. Then I got him into another hospital, where he remained a long time, and yet another, but he got no better, so I took him home. He was practically helpless when I began Dr. Cassell's Tablets, but in three months he could run about, and is now quite well. All consider this cure a miracle."

THE WHOLE LOT KILLED. BUGS, Fleas, Flies, Moths, Beetles, all kinds of insects killed—absolutely killed by KEATING'S POWDER.

At Studland, in Dorset, a whirlwind caught up a large pile of hay weighing several hundred weight, carried it to a great height, and finally scattered it over the neighbouring fields.

TWO LADIES DROWNED.

While five young ladies were bathing near Hays Bay, on the coast of North Cornwall, on Saturday, they got out of their depth, and two of them—Miss May Chaddy, of Leland, and Miss Trevena, of Redruth—were drowned.

HISTORIC MANSION IN FLAMES.

Damage estimated at £100,000 has been done by a disastrous fire which on Saturday destroyed Gresham House, the most historic building in Lanarkshire, and one of the oldest baronial homes in Scotland.

MAN ON CHURCH SPIRE.

A man was discovered at Stockton-on-Tees just after Saturday midnight holding on to the spire of St. George's Church, which is 150ft. from the ground.

GENERAL BOOTH IN CAB ACCIDENT.

Whilst he was driving to the Gaiety Theatre at Leith, where he was to speak on Sunday night, General Booth's cab collided with a lamp-post, and the horse became entangled in the shafts.

DEATH AT 110.

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BOOKMAKERS' SCOUTS.

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DUBLIN SHOOTING MYSTERY.

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JOHN STRANGE WINTER Toilet Preparation

The successful preparations for the hair thought out for her own use by Mrs. John Strange Winter, author of "The Beauty of the East," "Mignon's Secret," etc., and now sold everywhere to-day as the best of its kind obtainable. They have been used by the Royal Family, the Emperor of Austria, and the Emperor of Russia.

FIVE GOLD MEDALS

International Exhibitions in London, Vienna, Philadelphia, and Chicago.

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CLUB WINDOW.

of the Czar's hobbies is photographed at night.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA HAS 100 HUNDRED TITLES.

Clifford delivered his first sermon when he was sixteen years of age.

STRATHOONA IS SAID TO HAVE 100 CHARITY NO LESS THAN 100.

Thomas Lipton adopted early in his life the motto, "Never despair of success."

FREDERIC COWEN WHO HAS JUST COMPOSED THE MUSIC OF "THE BALLAD OF WIDE-WORLD RENOWN" IN AN HOUR OR TWO AT THE SOLE OF MISS ANTONETTE STRATHOONA.

DEWEWSKI, THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER HAS NEVER SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO FAIL TO KEEP AN ENGAGEMENT.

John D. Rockefeller, the oil King, was employed as a farrier when he was sixteen. On leaving school he had a little trading job at \$5 a month which he endeavoured to save. By the time he was 25 he had accumulated \$100,000.

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK HAS QUITE A FEW ORGANS. HIS FRIENDS SAY THAT HE ONLY PASSES ONE OF THESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WITHOUT STANDING TO LISTEN TO A BIT OF SILVER-TONGUED SINGING.

THE POPE IS FOND OF BIRDS, AND HAS A LIBRARY AND IN THE RECEPTION ROOM.

The Hon. Stanley Jackson may be considered a field laborer in the season of the fact that he is a member of the firm at Leeds that he is usually as much time as he could give to which he is such a distinguished member.

HE SAID A SEAT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

He said an M.P. recently, "I was a member of the House of Commons for many years, but it is no longer a social life there can be no doubt. I am exceedingly careful to select my seat in the House of Commons."

THE BISHOP OF LONDON SPENDS A GREAT DEAL OF TIME IN THE PLANNING OF HIS FORGOTTEN THINGS.

He is very particular in his selection of suitable text, pondering notes down the heads of his sermons, and verifying his quotations and references in the space of a few minutes.

SOME OF THE NICKNAMES BESTOWN ON THE ROYAL NAVY OFFICERS ARE RATHER CURIOUS.

Viscount Kitchener is known as "Hawkeye," although by the world he is familiarly called "Buck." Charles Beresford is "Buckeye," and General Sir Edward Blythton, while Earl Robert is "Bobby," but "Little Fiddly."

THE HON. DUDLEY GORDON, SECOND DUKE OF ABERDEEN, IS A SWIMMER.

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THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, WHEN A MEMBER OF THE SAVAGE CLUB, WAS ONCE RECALLED BY HIS NAME BY ANOTHER SAVAGE.

He was called "Savage" because he was one of the six members of the club, and his name was the only one that was not a name of a savage.

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