BACON-SHAKESPEARE QUESTION REVIVED

(By Edgar Lucian Larkin.)

The literary and dramatic worlds and archealogical are all in turmoil. The question, "Who wrote Shakespeare?" is on again. The agitation is shaking up good old England, and all other nations, where Shakespeare has so long held down the boards.

They are exploring a chalk cave in England in search for boxes of literature. And they dig with all the excitement of mining for gold or boring for oil. The Paconian society in England recently held a highly important meeting. Prophetic things were told. A noted lecturer announced the discovery of a cipher where numbers are employed instead of letters.

Mighty philosopher, great student of human nature, and analyst of the mind of man, Francis Bacon wrote every one fo the poems and dramas for long attributed to William Shakespeare. So readeth the newly discovered cipher message, written by Bacon.

It purports to be a biography. There was a political and legal danger to Bacon if he published these writings under his own name. So he asserts that he paid a London actor £1,000 for the use of his name as author. This obscure actor was Shakespeare, who after that lived in Stratford-on-Avon.

BACON'S TRANSCENDENT GENIUS

I have often thought that Bacon was the only human worthy of being classed with Newton. The transcendent genius of the man who in that age of the world and of Eurpose could produce world important books is only outclassed, if at all, by the matchless Newton.

See these flights of mind, Interpretation and Instauratio Naturae, The Novum, Organum, De Principiis, New Atlantis, Scala Intellectros and a score of other works, any one of which would declare refined and high mentality.

He may be said to have been the founder of natural philosophy, as was Newton of the everlasting Principa. He founded induction, a rational logic, and pushed back the boundaries of science into deeps, where others had not touched the "hem of the garment."

He upset scholasicism, substituted Nature truths, and withal axioms. These ended medieval chaos and confusion of thought.

He was a great lawyer; some of his eoiscdes in the legal way are historic. His trials rocked England, and the history of the British people at the time of Bacon's successes and his fall is as exciting and dramatic as any in a long national existence. The philosopher's troubles with King James and the Duke of Buckingham were severe and furnished grounds for acrimonious discussions which agitated England for years.

Within recent years every statement made by Bacon regarding this renowned controversy has been carefully considered and odium entirely removed from him. But now an entirely new aspect is presented by the numerical cipher revelations. It was aviation—a flying machine.

BEAT THE WRIGHT BROTHERS.

Bacon invented an airship and invited the Duke of Buckingham to go flying. The superstitious and narrow Duke thought Bacon to be an uncanny wizard; a man in possession of uheard of power. This idea of flying over London was dreadful, although they had no Shimosite to drop at that time. So Buckingham went up to see King James, told him all about the soaring machine and advised that Bacon be overthrown at whatever cost. James fell in with this proposition.

Courtiers piled up malicious accusations against this great man, far in advance of his age. A contemptible trial was held. Bacon was heavily fined, never entered Parliament again, and was removed from the high office of attorney general of England. It is notable that this cipher mentioning an airship should be discovered at the moment of aviation triumphs.

The cipher gives accurate instructions where to dig to find boxes containing all so-called manuscript of Shakespeare.

Prophecies are within the cryptic message. Thus the manuscripts will be discovered in 1910. And the names of two men who will find the boxes are given A hill is accurately described, and it has actually been found close to the River Usk.

Translations lately made of the cryptogram reveal that the boxes are in a cave half way up the precipitous side of a chalk cliff. The latitude and longitude of the obscured mouth of the cavern are told in the mystic code. Now the entrance of this cave has been discovered; it is blocked with huge stones. And the location, direction and lengths of approaches are precisely as laid down in the cipher dispatch to the 1910 explorers.

Engineering will be required to excavate the rocks, as a narrow ledge, worn since Bacon deposited the packages, is all that leads to the cavern's mouth.

The code says that the huge stones were cemented into the surface by means of blue clay. This has already been verified.

The revelation is made that the cave contains sixty (60) heavy boxes. Every assertion in the numeric cipher has turned out to be true, so far in these explorations Early in 1910 is the prophecy.

We may, therefore, reasonably hope that discoveries of great literary, dramatic and archaeological value are on the verge of being made. And the work of that profound scholar, Donnelly, may be shown to be true within this already remarkable year, mystic 1910.

Regularity

of the bowels is an absolute necessity for good health. Unless the waste matter from the food which collects there is got rid of at least once a day, it decays and poisons the whole body, causing biliousness, indigestion and sick headaches. Salts and other harsh mineral purgatives irritate the delicate lining of the bowels. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills—entirely vegetable — regulate the bowels effectively without weakening, sickening or griping. Use

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Few Communicants in England.

We print to-day our annual statement of the proportion of communicants to population. It is a melancholy table, which may well cause searchings of heart to clergy and laity alike. In Hereford diocese, which is again at the top of the list, barely 14 per cent. of the people communicated at the altars of the church; in Durham, which is at the bottom, the proportion was only a fraction over 4 per cent. Speaking generally the rural dioceses show the best results; as the population goes up the percentage of communicants goes down. Curiously enough, in London and Manchester, the two most populous dioceses, the proportion is identical, and it is jest under 5 per cent. In Southwark, the next largest, on the other hand, the percentage is nearly 5½. But from whatever standpoints the figures are regarded they are thoroughly unsatisfactory. After every allowance is made for children and for adults of other faiths, it is plain that the supreme proof of religious reality is given only by an inconsiderable minority of the people of this country.—The Guardian.

NO SUBJECT FOR EXPERIMENT

Stuyvesant—Like most men, I have my faults.

Glady—Perhaps; but they are so insignificant that no girl would feel justified in marrying you to reform you.

HORSE BOLTED!

Man and Wife Thrown Out.

Both were picked up and found to be suffering, as might be expected, from fright and shock.

Thousands of men and women will find the experience of Mr. and Mrs. Chris. D. Norton corresponds to some shock they experienced, perhaps years ago, and which was the primary cause of a long sickness that clung to them month after month.

We quote Mrs. Norton's statement: "My husband has always taken pride in driving spirited horses. About two years ago we were in Buffalo just after a fall of snow. The railway sweeper came along and our team bolted, upset our sleigh, and threw us both out on the pavement. My doctor explained the great weakness, palpitation and loss of color was due to shock. He told me that fires, accidents, sudden death of a friend, etc., influences unfavorably the health of many, and only the most persistent treatment can overcome the deadly effects of the shock. I did not, when I began to take Ferrozone, expect it would act so quickly upon my nerves and blood. My family were delighted to see increasing signs of returning health. This induced me to continue to use Ferrozone—two tablets with every meal. I am now well, and you wouldn't believe the good Ferrozone has done me."

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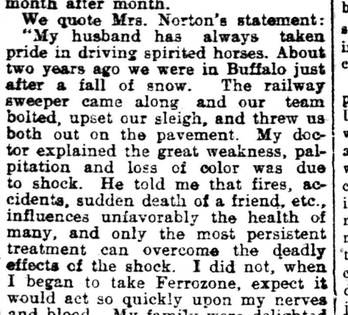
The manager of a big power house recently made an analysis of the amount of fuel energy in one pound of coal which was actually converted into electrical energy useful for work. One pound of coal may be taken to have inherently 10,000 work units. Of these 10,000 possible work units this manager found tht 200 were wasted in the ash pit, 1,960 in the stack, 360 in banking fires, 800 in radiation and miscellaneous losses. In other words, in the boiler room 3,620 work units were lost by radiation of heat from the pipes, and 4,310 work units were sacrificed in the condenser, so that the total engine room loss was 5,180 work units. In other words, only 1,200 work units weer actually usable out of the possible 10,000 work units in a pound of coal. One-fifth of the coal bill was paid simply to produce a draught in the smokestack.



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You can get that off in your very next after dinner speech. You can put a little accent on one-fourth and quarter and get quite as good a laugh.

Second specimen (it must be remembered that the jest book was compiled in the early part of the eighteenth century, when there were literarians; therefore the jests that aren't blamed on lords are mostly charged to writers).

Little Boy Blue.

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and stanch he stands;
And the little toy soldier is red with rust
And his musket moulds in his hands.
Time was when the little toy dog was new,
And the soldier was passing fair;
And that was the day when our Little Boy Blue
Kissed them and put them there.

"Now, don't you go till I come," he said,
"And don't you make any noise!"
So, trodding off to his trundle bed,
He dreamt of the pretty toys;
And as he was dreaming an angel song
Awakened our Little Boy Blue—
Oh, the years are many, the years are long,
But the little toy friends are true!

Aye, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand—
Each in the same old place—
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,
The smile of a little face;
And they wonder, as waiting the long years through
In the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue
Since he kissed them and put them there.
—Eugene Field.

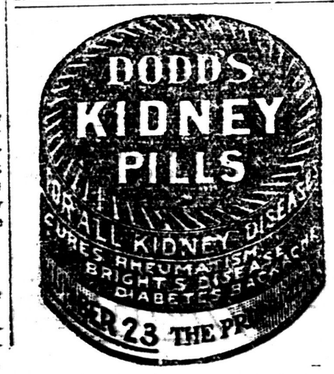
A SLIDING SCALE.

(New York Sun.)

A negro housecleaner, whose speech marked him as one fresh from the south, was sent by an employment agency to answered a Brooklyn woman's request for an able bodied man to assist in the spring upheaval. When he presented himself at her door the housewife asked him what wages he demanded.

"Ya-as-m," the housecleaner answered, with an ingratiating smile. "I'd ask me an' it's $1 a day. But, ma'am, if ah eats mahself it's one dollah two bits."

Until within the last ten or fifteen years, says the World, no owner of a house in New York City ever thought of having his house painted on the outside.



FIGHT REMOVAL TO CAPITAL.

Commissioner Craig Reserves Decision in Bucket Shop Case.

Removal to Washington to answer to the charge of conspiracy to evade the anti-bucket shop laws of the District of Columbia was strenuously opposed yesterday by the six men who were gathered in a raid of the Consolidated Exchange a week ago by the United States postal inspectors. They were brought before United States Commissioner Craig for a further hearing, and in the end that official reserved his decision until next Friday.

Special Agent Scarborough, of the Department of Justice, and Chief Postal Inspector Cortelyou offered evidence which showed to the satisfaction of the authorities present that the six men were members of various firms in this city which had telegraph wires running into the District of Columbia, but Attorney Ruby Vale, who appeared for the men, made such a stout argument in their behalf that the Commissioner was compelled to reserve his decision in order to delve into the laws on the subject.

Mr. Vale argued that the Supreme Court was the only body that had any jurisdiction over his clients and denied all the charges made against them. He said they had never had communication with Washington by telegraph or any other means, but said that even if they had been connected with a bucket shop in the District of Columbia the crime was a local one against the laws of that district, and not against those of the United States.

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The aches and pains you caught,
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—D. C. Shafer, in May Smart Set.

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Gentlemen,—In January last, Francis Leclare, one of the men employed by me, working in the lumber woods, had a tree fall on him, crushing him fearfully. He was, when found, placed on a sled and taken home, where grave fears were entertained for his recovery, his hips being badly bruised, and his body turned black from his ribs to his feet. We used MINARD'S LINIMENT on him freely to deaden the pain and with the use of three bottles he was completely cured and able to return to his work.

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Come here, little girl, come here!
Your daddy has serious fears
That no one took care, when combing your hair,
To see what became of your ears.
Why, bless me! I should have said
There was one on each side of your head!
But p'raps it is done that way for the fun
Of hearing two secrets as easy as one!

Come here, little girl, come here!
Your daddy is axious to see
If that one is in place on the front of your face
Just where it's intended to be.
Dear, dear it's too round at the end!
But that'll be easy to mend—
A little girl's nose grows just where it grows
So It'll be easy to pinch, I suppose.

Come here, little girl, come here!
Your daddy with trouble is tossed.
It's ages since he has counted to see
That none of your toes have been lost.
Thank goodness! There's ten of 'em here
There was no occasion for fear.
But every one knowes a little girl's toes
Should all hurry with her wherever she goes

Come here, litle girl, come here!
Ad cure your poor daddy's alarms,
He really can't say, from so far away,
If you've got the right number of arms.
What! No more than two? Is that right?
Let's see if they're fastened in tight.
But two isn't bad—and I'm specially glad
They're so well adjusted for hugging your dad!
—Burges Johnson in Harper's Magazine.

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DIRTY BILLS.

(Ottawa Free Press.)

If there is any doubter, let him take out of his pocket the roll of bills he has there and examine it. In the roll he will find the name of the Dominion of Canada reeking in filth, and the business signs of reputable banking institutions emblazoned in dirt. Let him put one of these pieces of dirty paper to his nose and note the violence that is done to his olfactory nerves.

HIS RECORD.

(Harper's Bazaar.)

Buyer—But I'm afraid he wouldn't make a good watch dog.

Dealer (with bull-terrier)—Not a good watch dog! Why, bless your heart, it was only last week that this very animal held a burglar down by the throat and beat his brains out with his tail.

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Arrested, and Consumption Cured

Mr. G. D. Colwell, of Walkerville, Ont. was stricken down with La Grippe in 1906 and it left him in very bad condition. He says: I was all run down and bordering on Consumption. I could not sleep at nights, had awful sweats, and coughed nearly the whole time. This is how I was when I began to take Psychine, in a low nervous state: but from the first bottle I began to improve. It did marvels for me and brought me back to health in no time, making a new man of me. It fortifies the body against the attacks of La Grippe and is a sure preventative. I always take Psychine if I feel a cold coming on and it puts me right in no time."

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BRITISH LABOR NOTES.

According to an Aldershot message, a special reserve is to be formed of old army men with a knowledge of railway work.

The strike of cotton spinners employed by Mr. Birley, at Barrowford, near Neison, ended on Monday, after having lasted a month.

Over 3,000,000 spindles and 12,000 looms are either stopped or running reduced time in Manchester and district owing to the high price of cotton.

A strike of 200 pit lads at Moss Colliery, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Wednesday, resulted in about 1,800 miners being thrown idle. The lads had demanded an increased scale of wages.

The joint conference between employers and employed in the Lancashire cotton trade on the question of a 5 per cent. reduction of wages will be held in Manchester on Monday next.

A dispute which has involved a firm of Leeds woollen and worsted manufacturers and close on 1,000 workpeople was settled on Tuesday. Work was resumed on Wednesday morning.

It was decided at a meeting of the general committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, held in Manchester, that the state of the trade justified a reduction of 5 per cent. in the wages of operatives. A conference with the operatives was asked for.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W. 8, Windsor, Ont., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her to-day if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

A Millionaire's Pearls.

At the time of M. Chauchard's funeral, the newspapers made reference to a wonderful waist coat, buried with him, ornamented with pearl buttons, which, according to some accounts, was worth 500,000 francs and to others 500 francs. It had actually cost M. Chauchard nothing at all beyond the cost of making up. It seems, says the London Globe, that some seven or eight years ago, a distant cousin of the millionaire opened a shop not far from the great stores of her relative, for the manufacture and sale of mother-of-pearl jewelry; and, in the hope of inducing M. Chauchard to "push" the sale of her goods, sent him some sample "pearls," which he wore, imitations as they were. This was the wonderful waist coat which was buried with the late M. Chauchard.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house

KISSING.

Probable Origin in Suspicion—As a Family Greeting.

Kissing in its modern promiscuity is pernicious and should be condemned as dangerous.

The custom probably had its origin not in affection but in suspicion. In primitive times, when the sense of smell was perhaps more acute than that of sight, bringing the faces together was a means of identification and of distinguishing friend from foe. We have no other better developed senses, psychic and physical, which tell us of friendship and kissing has become a mark of affection rather than a test of it.

It is not against this that the hygienist—the sensible one—protests, but against the meaningless and dangerous habit of pecking at the lips of every one, especially of the defenceless infant. It is really an affront for a stranger, or even an ordinary friend, to kiss a baby on the lips and the act should be resented.

Kissing among members of the family is hygienically permissible, fortunately. It is, of course, through the transmission of bacteria that kissing is harmful. But each family has its own domesticated bacteria, as it were, of the same species as those inhabiting other people but somewhat modified by constant interchange. Against these each member of the family is in a measure immune. They are like an ill natured pet dog that respects the members of the household with which lives and will not bite them, but snaps and snarls at strangers.

Kissing should therefore be a family greeting; for strangers or ordinary friends the hand shake sufficed. Above all, the baby's lips should be sacred.—From the Youth's Companion.

A WORLDLY IMPRESSION.

(Washington Star.)

"What is the cause of the prima donna's indignation?"

"The press agent," replied the impresario. "He said she sang like an angel. She says all the angels she ever knew couldn't sing. They merely wrote cheques."

ANIMALS IN AFRICA

Baboons Are a Dangerous Pest in Parts of East Africa.

Baboons were numerous around this camp, living both among the rocks and in the tree tops. They are hideous creatures. They ravage the crops and tear open new-born lambs to get at the milk inside them; and where the natives are timid and unable to harm them, they become wantonly savage and aggressive and attack and even kill women and children. In Uganda, Cuninghame had once been asked by a native chief to come to his village and shoot the baboons, as they had just killed two women, badly bitten several chidlren, and caused a reign of terror that the village would be abandoned if they were not killed or intimidated. He himself saw the torn and mutilated bodies of the dead women; and he stayed in the village a week, shooting so many baboons that the remainder were thoroughly cowed. Baboons and boars are the most formidable of all foes to the dogs that hunt them—just as leopards are of all wild animals those most apt to prey on dogs. A baboon's teeth and hands are far more formidable weapons that those of any dog, and only a very few wholly exceptional dogs of huge size, and great courage and intelligence, can single-handed contend with an old male. But we saw a settler whose three big terriers could themselves kill a full-grown warthog boar; an almost unheard-of feat. They backed one another up with equal courage and adroitness, their aim being for two to seize the hind legs; then the third, watching his chance, would get one foreleg, when the boar was speedily thrown, and when weakened, killed by bites in his stomach.—From "African Game Trails," by Theodore Roosevelt, in the May Scribner.

THE DOG FINES

(Niagara Falls, N.Y., Gazette.)

The Canadian way of enforcing the dog quarantine is the most effective way—best for the dog and best for the public. It means a more effective, and heretofore a briefer period of quarantine. On Saturday several dog owners were hauled into court and fined $100 each for letting their dogs run at large unmuzzled, and several were fined $5 each for allowing their dogs to run at large even though they were muzzled. With such severe penalties imposed for infractions, it is quite likely Hamiltonians will have a fine respect for the law.

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A SHUFFLING ANSWER.

Two Oxonians dining together, one of them noticed a grease spot on the neckcloth of his companion and said, "I see you are a Grecian.'

"Pooh!" said the other. "That is far-fetched."

"No, indeed," said the wit; "I made it on the spot."

Right back at him, you observe.

Of course there are some better ones, but there are also some that are worse. Taken as a whole, they don't add any laurels to the English reputation for humor nor detract any from the opinion of Mark Twain.—Kansas City Times.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians

HAD TOO MANY STRINGS.

(Buffalo Express.)

"You have string on both thumbs and all your fingers," the other fellows in the office noted.

"My wife wants me to be sure to bring home an umbrella," he explained.

Then, noticing how suspiciously the others looked at him, he cut off all the strings and threw them angrily on the floor, wife or no wife.—

SERVING TIME.

(Everybody's Magazine.)

"No man can serve two masters," said the priest to one of his parishioners.

"I know that, yer riverence. Me brother tried it, and now he's doing time for bigamy."

IN SCHOOL.

(Harper's Bazaar.)

Teacher—Who discovered the North Pole?

Pupil—I don't dare tell you. Mother still says it was Cook and father says it was Peary

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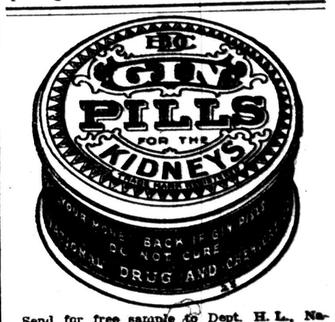

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PENNY IMPOST.

Quaint Kissing Custom in a Berkshire Town.

At Hungerford, in Berkshire, on Tuesday morning, the gold-laced town crier sounded repeated blasts upon John o' Gaunt's carved brass horn to summon the commoners to the annual Hocktide Court and to the accustomed ceremonies and festivities therewith connected.

The head of the town under its ancient charter is the Constable, who by virtue of his office is also coroner and master of the market. To this office the retiring Constable, Mr. A. E. Aldright, was re-elected. There were also appointed worthy gentlemen to serve as keepers of the keys of the common coffer. Behind the Constable's chair stood two officers whose important functions are still exercised. These were the "Tutti-men."

When the business of the court had been concluded the John o' Gaunt horn was once more sounded, and the two Tutti-men, looking very serious and determined, in spite of the long staves they carried adorned with posies of early spring flowers, proceeded upon a round of house-to-house visits to exact from the inhabitants the dues to which the court is entitled.

From each householder they were entitled to demand the sum of one penny in respect of each dweller under his roof. From each woman householder in default of this payment they were entitled to exact the forfeit of a decorous kiss.

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

HIS CANDID OPINION.

(Exchange.)

Artist—Now, give me your candid opinion of this picture.

Critic—It is utterly worthless.

Artist—Yes, I know your opinion is worthless, but I am curious to hear it nevertheless.

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