

**ARE YOU A DOOR BANGER?**

Don't say "No" too quickly, but just Think Over Your Sin.

"Are you a door banger?"

This question, addressed to every person with whom we came in contact would probably be met by an indignant negative, yet if they paused to cast a glance even half way backward they would instantly regret that involuntary fib.

The art of door banging is one that apparently comes by divine right to every human being, and that art is more carefully developed than many other natural gifts that would, with proper cultivation, enable the happy possessor to make quite as much noise in the world and with less inconvenience and annoyance to others.

Most houses are peculiarly adapted for the display of the door banger's ceaseless activity, a fact which the man who set the fashion for portieres had doubtless in consideration when he first made up his mind to introduce that innovation. To him indeed we should be very grateful, for the fewer doors there are the less likelihood of an opportunity for such Wagnerian discord.

The man or woman who would not take your life, even under the greatest provocation, does not hesitate to imperil your hearing, and the worst of this sort of thing is that we meet with it generally at the hands of those who are nearest and dearest.

The relative who is up first in the morning—well, that's the one who has the best show at the door, and the arms of Morpheus must exert a double horse power pressure if they would guide your slumbers successfully through that reverberating bang. It is true that in sickness an effort is usually made to subdue this peculiar instinct, or to repress this native talent; but behold, when the sufferer is convalescent, the pont up energy once more displays itself in the direction from which it momentarily lapsed, and the music of the present once more offers odds to any that the great German masters can originate.

People who are evolutionists can doubtless trace the early development of his historic disposition to bang. They will point to far off ages when man in his natural state used to close his jaws with a far echoing snap upon the human flesh he devoured; to a little later period, when in a more enlightened state, he swung heavy prison doors upon his captives; to even a later age, when his first musical inclinations beginning to blossom, he hurled to his victims their approaching death through the enlivening strains of the tom-tom.

Now in this age of seeming cultivation the foregoing methods of proclaiming our immediate personality are happily forbidden, but there is no law, written or unwritten, against that evil, which is apparently inherent and irrational. But perhaps that Utopia, toward which present writers declare we are progressing, will be a land innocent of other than tent like accommodations for family life, where, consequently, the restlessness which has hitherto found vent in door banging may spend itself in pursuits which will be beneficial, not annoying, to the human race.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

**A Snoring Dog.**

A gentleman living in this city tells this for a true story: I have a little dog that stays in the house at night. This morning he came to my room about the time I usually get up, but although wide awake I did not stir. The little fellow tried to attract attention by rolling on the floor in front of the bed, and by so doing spread wide apart the folds of the mosquito net, whether purposely or accidentally I do not know, but this is what followed: He got up and paced me for a moment, but as I did not seem to be awake he quietly took up one fold of the net with his teeth, and carrying it past the other as far as it would go let it fall to its place, and then softly went down stairs. The dog had never been taught anything of the kind, and if he did not reason what shall we call it?—St. Augustine (Fla.) News.

**Getting Sea Temperatures.**

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The school authorities in Hungary recently procured a legislative enactment making the study of the ancient Greek language optional in grammar schools. The result has been a great surprise, for only two lads have requested to be exempted from the study of Greek.

**A Vivid Illustration.**

Indeed the idea of transmigration, which is a poetic forecast of the more scientific doctrine here enunciated, is very familiar one. Coleridge in his boyhood one day was proceeding through the Strand, stretching out his arms as if swimming, when a passer by, feeling a hand at his coat tail, turned round and seized him as a pick-pocket. Coleridge denied the charge and confessed that he had forgotten his whereabouts in the impression that he was Leander swimming across the Hellespont, a wreath of a net lamp being storned by his imagination but the signal light of the beautiful princess of Sestos.

Now it would be a little too fanciful that Coleridge may have numbered Leander among his ancestors and that Leander's memory was suddenly in an abnormal moment reasserting itself through the brain of Coleridge. It would be too fanciful, and besides it is possible that Leander may really never even have existed.—American Notes and Queries.

**Fennimore's Odd Well.**

There is, not far from Fennimore, Wis., a peculiar well, which at present is but little known. It is about 80 feet deep, the lower 40 feet being drilled. About 20 feet from the surface there enters a crevice, out of which rushes a current of air with force so great as to be felt at the top of the well, and a temperature so low as to freeze a small stream which enters on the opposite side about 5 feet above the crevice. The first 40 feet of the well is through a shaly sandstone, so soft as to require cribbing nearly the whole depth. Lower down, where it is drilled, there is a stratum of very hard rock several feet in thickness. Below this again the rock is soft. The well is located on the side of a deep sandstone ridge, from which the cold air crevices.—St. Louis Republic.

**Why Does...**

Larry: What do you these fellows come to the theatre for, anyhow?

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Cloughly (wearily): And I come here to try to help Dimpleigh do it.

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