

QUEEN MARY'S WATCH
TIMEPIECE ONCE OWNED BY SCOTLAND'S RULER.

Descendants of Mary Setoun have in their Possession Masterpieces of Jewellers' Art Which Belonged to Unfortunate Woman.

The descendants of Mary Setoun, one of the four maids of honor to Mary Queen of Scots, have in their possession a curious watch, which was given by that Queen to her favorite. This watch, which is in the shape of a miniature skull, is about two inches and a half in diameter. It is supposed to have been purchased by Mary herself when on a visit to Blois with her husband, the Dauphin of France, as it has the name of a celebrated Blois manufacturer engraved on it.

The entire skull is curiously engraved. On the forehead is a picture of Death, with the usual scythe and hour glass and sand glass. He is depicted as standing before a palace and a level, to show that he is no respecter of persons, and underneath is the familiar quotation from Horace, "Fallida mors aequo pulsat pede pauperum tabernae Regumque turres." At the back of the skull is another representation, this one being of Time devouring everything. Time also carries a scythe, and besides him is the emblem of eternity—the serpent with its tail in its mouth.

The upper section of the skull is divided into two pictures. On one side is the crucifixion, with the Marys kneeling at the foot of the cross, and on the other side are Adam and Eve surrounded by animals in the Garden of Eden.

Below these pictures running right round the skull there is an openwork band, and lifting the underling of the watch to be heard. This openwork is a series of designs cut to represent the various parts of the crucifixion, such as scourges, the cross swords, spears, the lantern used in the garden, and so forth. All of the carvings have appropriate Latin quotations.

By reversing the skull and holding the upper part in the palm of the hand, and lifting the underling to its hinge, the watch may be opened, and on the plate inside is a representation of the stable at Bethlehem, with the shepherds and their flocks in the distance.

The works of the watch are in the brains of the skull, the dial plate being where the roof of the skull would be in a real skull. This is of silver and gold, with elaborate scrolls, while the hours are marked in large Roman letters. The works are remarkably complete, even to a large silver bell with a musical sound, which holds the works in the skull when the watch is closed.

This curious old watch is still in perfect order, and when wound every day keeps accurate time. It is too large to be worn, and was probably intended for a desk or private altar.

Absent-Minded.
A young local lawyer tells a story upon a certain prominent absent-minded jurist of Louisville, on whom the years do not now sit lightly, and who is prone to forget things he should know best.

"At a dinner I recently attended," said the young lawyer, "the older lawyer of whom I speak said to the hostess:

"By the way, Mrs. H., have you seen your little boy, Frank, within the last few hours?"

"No, Judge," replied the hostess. "I haven't seen him since I left the street I come to think of it, and I can't imagine where he is."

"Well," replied the attorney, "seeing you pour out that water, it reminded me of something I had on my mind to tell you some time ago, but which, unfortunately, escaped my mind. It was just about 11 o'clock, I think, that I saw little Frank fall down the stairs in your yard."

The young lawyer touches for the truth of all this—Louisville Herald.

The Useful Bumble Bee.
The bumble bee is one of the most valuable of the farque's assistants. If it were not for his seemingly blundering way of carrying pollen from one flower to another, many plants would not produce live seeds. Here he chases the black and yellow bee and kill him if they can; in Germany it is against the law to kill him and the law is enforced.

Recent experiments have shown how valuable the bee really is. At an agricultural experiment station patches of clover heads were covered with mosquito netting, and other similar sized areas were left uncovered. The former produced only two seedling plants, while there were 612 in the uncovered patches, which the bumble bees had been able to reach and so pollinate.

Riches.
Have you a little baby boy a few months more than two years With soft brown eyes that brim with And silver ringlets bathed with gold? And smiling follows you around Whose breath is the sweetest sound To you of all good notes on earth?

Have you a little baby boy Whose voice of slumber calls And in your strong arms weary falls Who yawning looks with sleepy smiles; Then shuts his eyes and quiet lies; And drifts away to Dreamland's isle?

Have you a little one like this Who puts all his troubling thoughts to flight? When climbing up he plants a kiss To his dear mom 'neath his night? If so you heart's fond prayer, For you are richer far than I.

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Wife Thought She and Her Husband Got Along Reasonably Well.
J. Adam Bode is fond of telling a story of what he vows was a real experience in one of the remote corners of his district.

"I was traveling round just before election, of course purely for pleasure," he says, "when passing a small house in a little clearing I heard a terrible uproar inside. A free fight of large proportions seemed to be in progress. Avoiding my horse, I rushed to the door. My knocking was pushed open the door and entered. A husband and wife were having a little controversy. He was armed with a wooden lath and she with a heavy frying-pan, and they were battering each other unmercifully.

The fact is, they were about evenly matched, but I did not have time to see this, and fearing the women would be hurt, I seized the man by the collar and dragged him back, gasping and speechless. Not so the woman. With a final bang of the pan over his head she turned on me savagely and said:

"See here, what right have you butting in? Go on and mind your own business! I'd have you to understand that we get along about as well as most married folks."—Saturday Evening Post.

BOOKMARKS OF ALL SORTS.
City Librarian Has Collection Left by Forgetful Persons.
"Anything in sight will do for bookmarks," said a librarian of a city circulating library recently. "Many returning books forget to keep their bookmarks. As a result I have a large collection of odd things in the bookmark line."

"Among them were stacks of letters, business letters of importance, letters containing grocery bills, gas bills, most bills, etc. bills, bills of sale, mortgages and insurance policies, social letters, family letters and letters of the anonymous sort, photographs, hairline spectacles, keys, sensors and single keys sufficient to equip a gang of burglars."

USELESS FRUIT.
Among the useless fruit borne by the tree of knowledge may be mentioned:

- The agnostic who knows too much to know anything for a certainty.
- The "sport" who knows only how to look knowing.
- The "criminally insane" individual who knows that he can get off because he didn't know any better.
- The youth who knows more at 15 than his father at 50.
- The man who knows how to make such good excuses that he needs to know nothing else.
- The scholar who knows a great deal, but knows not how to use his knowledge.
- The society lad who knows how to look so charmingly free of all knowledge.
- The "gentleman" who knows that his father's money supplies the place of knowledge in his place.
- The tramp who knows that society owes him a living, but knows not how to collect it.
- The office-seeker who knows that if he knows how to get the right job, he won't need to know how to fill it.

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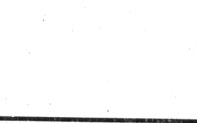
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