

BANDON RECORDER.

Prismatic Colors. Mrs. Opie, the widow of the great portrait painter, whom some one has called the "inspired peasant," never, even in her old age, lost her love of bright colors.

Polly Larkin.

Any one who is blessed with a very sensitive and sympathetic nature should never pass along the streets where poultry dealers are receiving and dispatching coop after coop of chickens and other poultry, unless they want their peace of mind destroyed and their hearts filled with indignation.

I did as I was bidden. "Be gentle," said my mother in a warning voice, but I gave the screen a vigorous shake. Emerald, ruby and violet rays danced on the walls and ceiling and delighted me so intensely that I kept repeating the process.

When the amateur golf championship was played at Wheaton in 1897 there was but one Chicago newspaper man who had the remotest conception of what the game was.

In particular, the account of the play at the sixth hole between Forgan and Douglas. You said that Forgan rimmed the cup for a half.

General Dubuque was a distinguished French veteran, slain by the Prussians after the rout of Waterloo. He was full of resource and had great skill and presence of mind.

Sick chickens, wild chickens, lame chickens and blind chickens all go into the same cage, although the rough handling causes much of the lameness and broken legs and wings.

When the stern Duke of Wellington was prime minister under George IV, he managed the old monarch easily enough, but when he attempted the same tactics with the young Queen Victoria he met his match.

"Nothing," said the duke, standing at attention like one of his own privates, "he has deserted three times."

One Sunday I called at a cottage in the south of Middletown and requested a measure of milk, which was promptly handed to me.

"Bilkins' wife found some poker chips in his pocket."

THE FRENCH SOLDIER

SOME OF THE BRUTALITIES TO WHICH HE IS SUBJECTED.

Discipline and Other Punishments Which Sometimes End in the Victim's Death That Are Winked at, if Not Ordered, by the Officers.

Soldiers in the French army are not subjected by law to corporal punishment any more than in any other part of the regulations governing the military hierarchy at West Point.

The thing which distinguishes the beating in the French army from the beating in American colleges and universities is that it is suggested and almost ordered by the commissioned officers.

At one time the "villo" was much in favor among the lazars in the Algerian army of occupation. It consisted in putting a man in a deep hole made in the shape of a reversed funnel dug by the Arabs in the ground as a place for the storage of corn.

The military authorities when they became aware of these tortures issued an order prohibiting such a punishment, but it is still practiced in isolated parts of Algeria.

Another form of punishment which used to be popular in Algeria was the "varcan." A piece of wood, usually the trunk of a tree was used. The man was laid on it, usually bound so that the middle of his back would be resting on the wood.

A long sentence with others in a pen became very popular and returned to the pen in its place and was bitten by the other.

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In the present house of representatives of the United States there are 21 farmers, 21 barristers, 12 officials, 20 merchants, 6 newspaper editors, 10 doctors and 70 members without fixed professions.

Autograph letters of famous men will be far rarer in the future than now. Great men of today contract themselves with signing their names, others with rubber stamps, or typewritten signatures.

THE FRENCH SHORE.

Where Misery, Squalor, Hunger and Cold Rule in Newfoundland.

Misery, squalor and wretchedness, accompanied by an almost ceaseless struggle with hunger and cold, are the portion of the inhabitants of the "French Shore" by Newfoundland.

The only industry is codfishing, and the cod is the medium of exchange. The people rarely see money, and barter is the system of trading, a quintal of cod being the unit of value.

There are no roads and therefore no vehicles. Travel is by boat during the summer and over the ice during the rest of the year.

With such marvels as electric telegraphs, telephones and electric light they are of course unfamiliar, and their standard of intelligence is best indicated by stating that it is not unusual to find a Justice of the Peace who cannot write his own name.

A MAN AND HIS VIOLETS. The Story of the Vicious Maid Who Received the Flowers.

"Yes, it was a lovely bunch of violets," sighed the girl who received them, "but I wish they had never come to me."

"Oh, how much more," she said, it is always those who go into details like that, who do not go out of town, but who are fortunately detained and come around after all to tell me as usual how wretchedly rich."

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NEW SHORT STORIES

Witness Wasn't Interested. Gardner Lathrop of Kansas City tells this. The witness had been describing a murder, and he seemed over-anxious to convict the defendant.

"You say you saw this murder committed?" "I am certain of it, sir."

"Of course this killing was not done under an electric light?" "Oh, no, it was done in an alley. There were no lights there."

It is seldom that any one who is not entitled to the privilege of the floor of the senate manages to slip by the keen eyes of doorknockers who guard the entrance.

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CHOPSTICK DINNERS.

A FAD WITH WOULD BE BOHEMIANS IN NEW YORK.

Chinese Restaurants There Tolerate a Free and Easy Etiquette, and Everybody Does Just About as He or She Pleases.

In the last few years a surprisingly large number of Chinese restaurants have made their appearance in up town districts in New York. The tawdry outward decorations of red and blue lights and huge gilt Chinese characters are in every case the same.

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These new up town places are not so good, either in a moral or a culinary way, as those down in Chinatown. It is usual to speak as if Mott and Pell streets were the city's sink of iniquity, and so they are in some respects, but there are no Chinese restaurants in the neighborhood as disreputable as one or two up town.

Many of the guests in these restaurants come regularly. Frequently men and women come with pails to buy the food and take it home. Negroes are disproportionately large numbers. They seem to like the Chinese, and indeed the similar condition of southern life ever when negro management.

Why "Wedding Breakfast?" "In all my experience of wedding breakfasts," said a guest at a wedding, "I have never understood why the feast was called a breakfast and not a luncheon. Now I have learned. It is from the custom in the Church of England where the bride and her groom always receive the holy communion before the ceremony, receive it fasting and remain fasting until after the wedding, when the meal which is served is really a breakfast."

Cotton has ranged in price from \$1.80 a pound during the war to less than 5 cents a pound in 1888. In the last two and a half years it has risen from 5 cents to 12.75 cents.

Every man has his chain and dog only it is looser and lighter to one than to another, and he is more at ease who takes it up and carries it than he who drags it.—Seneca.

The Turks like melody and are particularly devoted to flutes. They have seven different kinds of this musical instrument.

BRIEF REVIEW.

Capture of a California Condor.

One of the rarest birds known to science was captured by the San Diego biologists at their stock ranch near New Mexico, Kern county, on the edge of the desert.

The California condor, because of its scarcity, is a valuable bird, and it is a great pity that it is being nearly exterminated. In color it is a grayish black, slightly whitish at the tail. There is a broad white streak under the wings.

Many persons need to be told by word themselves of the privilege of registering their letters on the ground that to do so was to advertise the fact that a business was still existing, while if it were actually stated or left, the Government would pay for compensation to the owner.

In the show cases devoted to exhibits of early printing from Japan and China the British Museum authorities have just placed an interesting addition—a Chinese bank note issued during the reign of the Emperor Hsin-wan, A. D. 1368-1369.

The Chinese drama is the monopoly of the Emperor, none other being allowed within his dominions. Not many men deem his household complete without a copy of this unique document, an account of the wonderful information as to the lucky and unlucky days which it contains.

The live-deckey roundabout in the Avenue Suffren, Paris, was put up for sale recently and sold at \$200, whereas the property originally cost \$140.

In Charlottenburg, Germany, so many inhabitants have taken degrees as doctors of medicine that the average income of the city is only \$125 a year, and another fifty are in receipt of charitable relief.

India rubber was first used for effacing pencil marks in 1770.

Some one asked a question the other day, at a little afternoon tea, that caused a good deal of comment and possibly a little ill feeling.



ENGAGED HIM IN CONVERSATION