

LEATHER FROM THE SEA.

The Product of Shark, Sturgeon and Angel Fish Skins.

It is a curious fact that many sorts of leather are got from sea creatures...

In spite of its lumpy armor the sturgeon furnishes a valuable and attractive leather.

THE DARK HORSE.

How the Name Was Applied to a Political Possibility.

A novel written by Disraeli, earl of Beaconsfield, entitled "The Young Duke" and published in 1831, contained a description of a horse race in which the following sentence occurred:

"A dark horse which had never been thought of and which the careless St. James had never even observed in the hat rushed past the grand stand in sweeping triumph."

This was only a horse race, but it gave prominence to the fact that the race was won by a dark horse which had not attracted any notice until he came in a winner.

This may have been the origin of the phrase "a dark horse," which, as used in American politics, means a person not prominently considered as a candidate when a convention meets or during its earlier ballots, but who suddenly develops unexpected strength and wins.

A notable case in point was that of James A. Garfield in the Republican national convention of 1880. On the first ballot for president he did not receive a single vote, but he received ten votes on the second ballot, one vote on the twentieth ballot, fifty votes on the thirty-fifth ballot and was nominated by 399 on the thirty-sixth ballot.

Foot of the Fly. You have seen a boy use what he calls a "sucker," a round, flat piece of leather, which is soaked in water and flattened against a stone so that all the moisture between the stone and the leather is pressed out.

A fly has suckers on his feet, the Popular Science Monthly explains, which act very much on the same principle. As soon as he puts down a foot he automatically squeezes the air out between it and the surface upon which he is walking.

Knocked Down. Some years ago in a certain county court, which was not one of the best fitted up places, three auctioneers were seated in a pewlike contrivance awaiting the judge's order to give evidence.

All at once there was a terrible noise in court, and a dense cloud of dust flew up.

"What's that?" asked the judge. "Oh, it's nothing, your honor," replied a ready and facetious lawyer. "It's only three auctioneers gone off in one lot."

The seat had given way.—Chicago News.

The First Steam Engines. The first known use of steam to drive a kind of steam engine was described by Hero of Alexandria, probably in the first or second century B. C.

Another Story. A Glasgow antiquary recently visited a ruined castle and asked one of the villagers if he knew anything of an old story about the building.

"Age," said the rustic, "there was another old story, but it fell down long since."—London Telegraph.

One of Many. "Then you think you won no permanent place in her heart?" "I'm just a notch on her parasol handle; that is all."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Summed Up. Knicker—Of what does a shad consist? Bocker—A backbone, a washbone, a funny bone and then some.—New York Times.

The grand maxim nowadays is "to work, always to work and still to work."—Leon Gambetta.

STORY OF AN ORNAMENT.

The Valliere and the French Beauty Who First Wore It.

Do you know what a valliere is? You have seen many neck ornaments of more or less elaborate design suspended from chains that were thin or massive, which were sold as vallieres.

The heavy ornament was formerly worn on the front of the dress, the entire front part of a bodice, which extended down over the pit of the stomach, being called the stomacher.

It was an English mode, whereas the valliere came into existence in France in 1695, having been designed at the suggestion of Louis XIV. as a gift to Francoise Louise de la Baume le Blanc, when she was made Duchess de la Valliere.

DUBLIN IS VERY ANCIENT.

It May Have Been In Existence In the Time of Ptolemy.

Do you know how old Dublin is? Probably not. Few cities tell their correct age, but there is a rumor that the Irish capital, the picturesque city on the banks of the Liffey, at the entrance to Dublin bay, is much older than she pretends to be.

The inhabitants of the island are Celtic to the very core, and never have they become reconciled to the idea of sharing their beautiful country with either Saxons, Danes, Teutons or Norse. At one time, when the city of Dublin had become pretty thoroughly English in its feeling, the people of the hill country came down and massacred most of the inhabitants in the year 1170.

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Jewels of India. For variety of precious stones no country in the world can rival India.

Woodbury the Composer. Among obscure composers of hymn books that have lasted long is Isaac Baker Woodbury of Beverly, Mass.

His Futile Attempt. Mr. Scraggington (in the midst of his reading)—Here is an item about a blasted fool who kissed his wife 2,500 times in one day.

One Reward. "Wealth doesn't bring happiness." "No," replied Miss Cayenne. "But it does help some toward inducing others to put up with your grouchy eccentricities."—Washington Star.

The May of life blooms once and never again.—Schiller.

Building a Battleship.

Do you know how many hours' work it takes to build a modern dreadnaught? Probably you have never given the matter a thought, so it will interest you to learn that a big battleship entails about 7,200,000 man hours, or labor equivalent to the work of one man working that time.

The making of the turbine machinery absorbs some 1,850,000 man hours, and the mountings of the big guns can easily acquire two years' work, while a single armor plate may take nearly three months to finish.

Between 40 and 50 per cent of the cost of a dreadnaught's hull goes in labor. Curiously enough, far less is spent on labor when constructing a turbine engine than when making one of the old reciprocating type.

Armenia's Royal Pretenders. The last king of Armenia died in Paris in 1933, but his alleged descendants have frequently asserted their rights to the Armenian crown.

"Temper" and "Humor." The history of the words "temper" and "humor" is very curious. According to ancient physiology, the human body included four "humors" (liquids)—blood, phlegm, bile and black bile or melancholia.

Individual Verdicts. The lady judge had been out for hours. The judge looked tired, the clerk yawned, the loungers slept.

Just to Help Out. "Well, well!" exclaimed Mr. Dubson to a flustered acquaintance who rushed into a railroad station carrying two large suit cases.

Going the Rounds. "How is it you know so much about the neighbors' affairs as you tell at the club?"

Too Much Ambition. "I can't understand why you discharged my boy. You advertised for a boy with ambition, and he!"

The Sacrifice. Mrs. Reichel (scornfully)—I wish you had more brains, Ferdinand, instead of so much money.

Flirtation. "What really constitutes flirtation?" asked the young man of the woman of the world.

Salary. Soldiers once received salt as part of their pay. When the salt was commuted for cash the latter was called "salarium," salt money, or "salary."

The golden rule measures business better than the wooden yardstick.

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K. STACKLAND HOME BURNED

FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGES AT COVE FAMILY HOME.

Library Included in the Loss—Family Not at Home—Other Cove News of General Interest.

Cove, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Karl Stackland's house on his fruit ranch burned to the ground Monday evening, Sept. 18. The cause is unknown.

Diad—Chauncy Cummings, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Royal Allen, Monday evening. The remains will be taken to his home in Maker, Mr. Cummings had been in the hospital at Portland for some time and was brought to Mrs. Allen's home two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntly and daughter, Eloise, were visiting at Tom Conklin's home over Sunday. Mrs. Huntly will live in La Grande this winter and Eloise will attend school there.

Miss Eleanor Davis of Union sang at the Baptist church Sunday morning and was entertained at the home of Frank Williams at dinner.

Raymond Williams has gone to the John Day valley to work. He expects to remain there this winter.

The Woman's Civic Improvement club will meet the third Thursday this month instead of the fourth on account of prizes, which will be ready to pick next week.

Mrs. Ed. Stearns has gone to Pendleton to visit her mother and, incidentally, to take in the Round-Up.

J. K. Lantz left for Salem Saturday with his exhibit for the State fair. Mrs. Lantz will join him the last of the week. Before returning home they will visit their son, Roy, at Woodburn.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Minnie McDaniel Wednesday.

A party of ladies made the trip to Mt. Fannie Sunday over the new trail. Included in the party were Mrs. May Kelly, Mrs. Mary Reese, Miss Bessie Kelly, Miss May Stearns, Lawton Stearns, Miss Winnifred Osten and Miss Duff.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCall and Dr. and Mrs. McCown were entertained at dinner at the home of Chris and Gerhart Stackland Sunday.

Mrs. Will Houx and two daughters, Vera and Veda, are home from Boise, where they have been visiting for the past week. Mr. Houx returned with them for a two weeks' visit.

J. H. Houx has returned from Baker City after a week's visit with his daughter, Mrs. Pearl White.

Purl Roman drove over from Pendleton Wednesday to take his sister, Mrs. J. W. Ingram, and Mr. Ingram to the Round-Up.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert French start for the Round-Up Thursday morning and will take Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Ryan, Miss Bonnie Seavers and Gay Dutton in their car.

Leonard Love returned Wednesday. J. Ayres and Bert Stoffel stopped in this vicinity for a few weeks, visiting friends and relatives en route to the Round-Up.

Mrs. Leonard Towle went to Union Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Royal Allen.

Wesley Smith, with his nephew, Ralph Burwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Wade, have gone to the Round-Up in Pendleton in Mr. Smith's car. John Smith will also take a party over Thursday. Included are Mr. and Mrs.

Nip Conley and Mr. and Mrs. George Conley.

Mrs. Lahrman has returned from Portland, where she has been visiting for a few days.

Rev. Henry will be the new pastor at the Methodist church. Rev. Cathers will take the pastorate at Elgin.

Farmer's Wages. The president of the Texas Farmers Union has been greatly aroused by the suggestion that an eight-hour day is now a principle recognized as inevitable.

He does not feel that there should be any inequality between the workers of the city and the workers of the rural districts. He points out that the farmers of Texas work from twelve to fourteen hours a day and that their average compensation does not exceed \$2 a day.

We have in this state nearly 250,000 women as farm hands in the fields from sun to sun, for 50 cents per day, which is as much as products of their toil will bear.

If the plan for an eight-hour day is capable of giving the farm workers a full day's pay for eight hours' labor, we are for it; but if it results in shifting either hours or dollars from those who labor in industry to the backs of those who follow the plow, we are unalterably opposed to it.

The farmers of the country have been pointing out that since increased wages in large cities invariably are disturbed over the cost of products sold to the consumer, the farmer must bear his share of high wages in the cities even he is paying low wages on the farm.

They reason that labor engaged in transportation service should have as favorable working conditions and as fair remuneration as the farmers themselves receive, but no more.

If this view is to have weight, it must be extended to cover all the business of the country. The manufacturer who ships his goods over the railroad might well say that he would refuse to pay a higher freight rate for higher wages to trainmen so long as his own employes are working lower pay.

There is no question of the fact that farmers work long hours, but usually their profits are good and zero in opportunities. The Kansas farm hand is less fortunate, since he

must work long hours for little pay. Nevertheless, if any attempt is made to go into the whole problem, it will mean a reorganization of nearly every business in the country.—Washington Post.

The Common Sense Of It. When you put a bartender out of a job you remove a parasite from the body social. He can no longer suck the fruits of production from the veins of the producer; he must begin to produce the equivalent of what he consumes.

If you put a foot-pad out of a job certainly he will not have so much money to spend, but the men who would have been his victims will have considerable more to spend.

Isn't that common sense?

MEXICAN PLANS RAILROAD

Mexicali to Be Connected With Gulf by 40-Mile Line

San Diego, Sept. 17.—Building of a railroad from Mexicali to San Felipe, at the head of the Gulf of California, a distance of 40 miles, will be begun soon by Governor Estaban Cantu, of Lower California, according to an announcement made here by a close friend of Cantu.

The purpose of the road, to be in operation not later than the summer of 1917, is to afford a direct line to tidewater for Lower California products without a long haul through American territory and attendant customs complications.

Could Hardly Monkey With Kansas. Some of our Kansas friends are afraid that somebody might think that the motion picture censors of that state have acted in accordance with advice from the office of the Brewer's Anti-Prohibition organization as censors in some other localities have done.

The brewers could no more effect the State administration of Kansas in any department than they could open a saloon on Kansas Avenue, Topeka, as B. L. T. would say, that is about zero in opportunities. The Kansas censors stand absolved by common consent and common sense.

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