

How He Did It.

"When I was connected with a certain western railway," says a prominent official of an eastern line, "we had in our employ a brakeman who, for special service rendered to the road, was granted a month's vacation. He decided to spend his time in a trip over the Rockies. We furnished him with passes."

"He went to Denver and there met a number of his friends at work on one of the Colorado roads. They gave him a good time and when he went away made him a present of a mountain goat."

"Evidently our brakeman was at a loss to get the animal home with him, as the express charges were very heavy at that time. Finally, however, hitting upon a happy expedient, he made out a shipping tag and tied it to the horns of the goat. Then he presented the beast to the office of the stock car line."

"Well, that tag created no end of amusement, but it served to accomplish the end of the brakeman. It was inscribed as follows:

"Please pass the butter. Thomas J. Meechin, brakeman, S. S. and T. Ry."—Harper's Weekly.

Ant Merchants.

Ant merchants, clad in leather underwear, are to be found in Paris, London and several other European cities. Wherever pheasants are preserved the ant merchant is in demand.

It is not, however, ants, but the eggs of ants, that the man chiefly deals in. From every part of Europe ants are shipped to him, and he keeps them in ant runs—places similar in their nature to chicken runs—and he feeds and tends them carefully, so that their health will keep fine and they will lay generously.

The eggs he packs in wooden boxes and ships to various earls, dukes, counts and other game preserves in different parts of the world. And the ants themselves he slays as soon as they cease to lay, pressing them and selling them in black blocks similar to plug tobacco to dealers in birds and bird food.

It is interesting to be an ant merchant, but leather underwear is essential to the business, as the little creatures bite unmercifully.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Coincidence.

The strange story told by a defaulting debtor of his being recognized after he had been for six years trying to live down the past is not so strange a story as one which came within the ken of Professor Jowett. A good man went wrong, was caught and sentenced at Liverpool to imprisonment. After the sinner had served his term Jowett and others helped him, and he obtained a colonial editorship where his past was unknown. He did well; was a new man. One day a tornado swept off the roof of his office. Under the roof was discovered a batch of old English papers which had been placed there and forgotten after the mail had brought them. He set members of his staff to work to get out of the derelicts anything which might be interesting enough to print. The first thing that they found was a full report of the trial and conviction of the man himself, their editor, at Liverpool all those years before.—St. James' Gazette.

Pants and Trousers.

Everybody talks well when he talks in the way he likes, the way he can't help, the way he never thinks of. The rest is effort and pretense. The man who says "trousers" because he likes to say it and the man who says "pants" because he likes to say it are both good fellows with whom a frank soul could fraternize, but the man who says "trousers" when he wants to say "pants" is a craven and a truckler, equally hateful to honest culture and wholesome ignorance. He belongs in the same sordid category with the man who wears tight shoes and high collars that are a torment to the flesh, who eats olives that he doesn't relish and drinks uncongenial clarets in imitation of his genteel neighbor in the brownstone front.—Atlantic.

Book Evolution.

"Books" have progressed from the days when they were only wooden rods or bits of bark. For the derivation which connects "book" directly with "beech," both having been "boe" in Anglo-Saxon, is the favorite one. "Buchstaben," the German word for letters of the alphabet, means literally "beech staves." Many book words go back to such vegetable origin. The Latin "liber," a book, whence comes our "library," was properly the inner bark or rind of a tree, especially of poplars. The Greek "biblion," whence "Bible" and "bibliophile," meant much the same thing. A "codex" was a block of wood, and "leaf" is obvious.

Bible Blunders.

Some curious errors have crept into the Bible at various times, giving names to the editions containing them. Here are some instances: The "Unrighteous" Bible, from the misprint "the unrighteous" shall inherit the kingdom; the "Pincemakers" Bible, "blessed are the pincemakers" (peacemakers); the "Printers" Bible "the printers" (for princes) have persecuted

me" the "Trecle" Bible, "Is there no treacle (balm) in Gilead?" the "Vinegar" Bible, "the parable of the 'vinegar' (vineyard); the "Bug" Bible, "thou shalt not be afraid of 'bugs' (doxies by night); the "Breeches" Bible, "they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves 'breeches';" the "Idle" Bible, "woe to the 'idle' (dolt), and finally the "Wooden Leg" Testament, so called from the frontispiece depicting Satan limping with a wooden leg.

A Lesson In Grammar.

In a certain mountainous region the teachers are appointed with little question concerning their grammatical orthodoxy. Occasionally, however, a wave of school reform sweeps through the valleys, and undesired examinations are thrust upon embarrassed pedagogues.

It was during one of these periods of intellectual discomfort that the following sentence was given: "The bird flew over the house." Accompanying it was the query, "Is 'flew' a regular or an irregular verb?"

One teacher after another shook his head hopelessly despite the slow, thought inspiring fashion in which the examiner repeated the perplexing fact that "The - bird - flew - over - the - house."

Finally a man rose in the rear, and, with the assurance of one who puts his trust in logic and a practical knowledge of natural history, he volunteered a solution. Said he:

"If that bird which flew over the house was a wild goose, it went in a straight, regular line, so the verb is regular. But if it was a peckwood that flew over the house, then it went in a crooked, zigzag line, and so the verb is irregular."

All but the grammar bound examiner were satisfied with this sensible and rational explanation. — Youth's Companion.

Artistic Slips.

It is a frequent matter of lamentation on the part of artists that one of their number may spend genius and time on a piece of work, only to fall conspicuously in small detail.

There is a story that one Royal academician gave a hand five fingers and a thumb and that another painted a live lobster bright red.

The clever Goodall had been engaged in painting a number of laborers dragging a huge stone across the desert when a man of science entering the studio said to him: "I say, Goodall, if you want those fellows to pull that stone you must double their number. It would require just twice as many for the task."

But it is not modern painters alone who slip up on points of accuracy. Even Albrecht Durer in a scene representing Peter denying Christ painted one of the Roman soldiers in the act of smoking. Turner put a rainbow beside the sun, and in another picture he got fearfully tangled in the ship's rigging.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Fixing a Photographer.

Senator Stone of Missouri once made himself unpopular with a certain photographer. The latter individual appeared at the senator's room at the capitol and announced that he was there to take a picture. Stone expostulated, but in vain. A few days later the photographer again appeared and presented the pictures and also a bill for \$10. Remembering how hopeless was his argument against having the picture taken, Senator Stone decided it would be still more useless for him to decline to pay for them. So he wrote a check. After the man's name was on the check he wrote the word "Photographer."

When the man presented the check at the senate disbursing office for payment, he was required to indorse the check and write after his name. Just as it was written on the face of the check, the word "Photo-grafter."—St. Louis Republic.

The Doctor at Sea.

A veteran naval surgeon, speaking of the odd things that crop out in the service, said that one of the younger medical cranks in the navy discovered much virtue in sea water, and no matter what disease came on his first action was to throw down the patient's throat a large dose of the nauseating liquid. The crew soon learned to hate him thoroughly. In process of time he fell overboard in a choppy sea, and a great bustle ensued. In the midst of it the captain came up and anxiously inquired the cause. "Oh, nothing, sir," replied a tar, "only the doctor has fell into his medicine chest!"

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Peculiarity of Madness.

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