

PLATINIZED GLASS.

It Produces an Odd and a Tricky Kind of Mirror.
Platinized glass consists of a piece of glass coated with an exceedingly thin layer of a liquid charged with platinum...

ORIGIN OF LLOYD'S.

Humble Beginning of Europe's Great Maritime Agency.
Two centuries ago a man who had a cargo to send to the Mediterranean contrived to get rid of some of the risk by inducing a friend to take an interest with him.

Where Abraham Fished.
Mrs. Victoria de Bunsen in "The Soul of a Turk" relates a legend concerning Abraham which will be new to many readers. She learned of it while at Edessa, the traditional Ur of the Chaldees.

Protection From Lightning.
Sir Oliver Lodge stated that the problem of securing protection from lightning consisted in finding the best method of dissipating the enormous energy of the flash, but that it was not wise to get rid of the energy too quickly.

The Origin of Grocer.
Grocer appears in Hollar's "Chronicle, 1580, as "grosier," and in other medieval records it is sometimes written "engrosier" and was applied to the spicers and peppers who were wholesale dealers in various spices.

Agreed With Her.
Tramp (at the door)—If you please, lady—Mrs. Maggs (sternly)—There, that will do. I am tired of this everlasting whine of "lady, lady."

Crust.
Mrs. Beham—Every time I sing to the baby he cries. Beham—He gets his ability as a musical critic from my side of the house.—New York Press.

Prosperity demands of us more prudence and moderation than adversity.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. . . .

An Ordinance Authorizing the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, Its Successors and Assigns, to Lay a Side Track and Run Cars Over and Along the North Side of Bradford Street, Between a Point on the Main Line of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, One Hundred (100) Feet Westerly Along the Said Main Line from the West Line of John Street to a Point Fifty (50) Feet East of the East Line of Burlington Street, All in the City of St. Johns.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:
Section 1. The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Oregon, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized and permitted to lay a side track and run cars over the same along the north side of Bradford street between a point on the main line of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company one hundred (100) feet westerly along said main line from the west line of John street and a point fifty (50) feet east of the east line of Burlington street, all in the city of St. Johns, Multnomah county, Oregon, said track to extend from the plant or mills of Lathrop's Mercantile Company, incorporated, to a point of connection with the line of railroad of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company.

Section 2. The duration of this franchise shall be the sum of three (3) dollars per annum, which said sum shall be paid by the said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company to the city treasurer of the city of St. Johns on or before the first day of July of each year.

Section 3. The compensation to be paid to the city of St. Johns for this franchise shall be the sum of three (3) dollars per annum, which said sum shall be paid by the said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company to the city treasurer of the city of St. Johns on or before the first day of July of each year.

Section 4. The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, its successors and assigns, shall keep in repair that portion of said street occupied by its said side track authorized under this ordinance as required by the council, and the said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, its successors and assigns, shall pay, prior to the time of delinquency, any special assessment for the repair or improvement of that portion of the street between the rails of the said side track and extending one (1) foot outside of such rails, and that portion of said street lying between the two tracks of the said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company at said place, and in case of failure or refusal to comply with the notice to repair, improve or maintain such portion of said street, or of neglect or refusal to pay any legal assessment for repairs or improvements, the said city of St. Johns may declare by ordinance the immediate forfeiture of the franchise herein authorized.

Section 5. Said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company shall, within thirty days after the passage and taking effect of this ordinance, file in the office of the recorder its written acceptance of the same.

Approved by the council.
Attest: Mayor, Recorder.

Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns until Jan. 2, 1912, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of Gresham street from the easterly side line of Buchanan street to the westerly side line of Ida street, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 445, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and the estimate of the city engineer, on file.

Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks which will be furnished on application at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the last publication of notice of proposals for said work. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor of the city of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the aggregate proposal.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

By order of the city council.
F. A. RICE, City Recorder.

Officials of St. Johns, Oregon

OFFICERS: Mayor—K. C. Couch; Recorder—Frank A. Rice; Treasurer—W. Scott Kellogg; City Engineer—C. E. Andrew; Police Chief—D. Frank Horsman; Chief of Police—E. McKinney.

Morning and evening services at the United Evangelical church the coming Sunday. Sunday school, at 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.—G. R. Stover, pastor.

He Obeyed Orders.

General Dabney H. Maury in his "Incidents of General T. J. Jackson" says that when the war between the states broke out Jackson was the professor of mathematics at the Military College of the South. He wished strongly to take command of a cadet corps, but the heads of the institution were desirous to have him continue his teaching.

"Major Jackson, you will remain as you are until further orders," said Jackson at that moment was sitting on a camp stool in the guardroom with his saber across his knees. At reveille the next morning he was found in the same position.

"Why, major, why are you here?" exclaimed General Smith. "Because last night you ordered me to remain where I was," was the reply.

Royal Jewels in Pawn.

The ex-Sultan Abdul Aziz pawned all his crown jewels for a million francs at the Mont de Piete at Paris, and they were only just redeemed by the Moorish government in time to prevent their being sold among other unredemmed goods.

The sword of state, which is regarded in Serbia as a sacred relic, was also pawned by a former king, while one well known European monarch found himself in such straitened circumstances that the famous house of Attenborough once temporarily had possession of all his old silver.

Queen Isabella was, however, the most famous royalty who made no secret of the fact that she raised money upon the security of the portraits of her ancestors, which hung on the walls at the palace. The royal lady often declared how deeply she was indebted to her royal forbears for coming to her rescue and helping her out of her financial predicaments.—London M. A. P.

The Road to Success.

Just tack this up somewhere where you can see it: Success consists in getting out of yourself everything that's in you. It does not consist in doing almost quite as much or a little more than the other fellow. What the other fellow does doesn't amount to a dent in a door-knob so far as you are concerned. The fact that he succeeds by laying an Atlantic cable, building an Eiffel tower, investing wireless telegraphy or cornering the world's supply of oil doesn't make you a failure because you haven't got enough ready money to buy an automobile. You're successful when you've developed all there is to you and have given that to the world.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

A Hard Hearted People.

Filial piety finds no place in Tibetan character. It is no uncommon thing for a son to turn his father, when too old for work, out of doors and to leave him to perish in the cold. The superstition that the souls of the dead can, if they will, haunt the living drives their hardened natures to gain by the exercise of cruelty the promise of the dying that they will not return to earth. As death approaches the dying person is asked: "Will you come back or will you not?" If he replies that he will they pull a leather bag over his head and smother him. If he says he will not he is allowed to die in peace.

A Lightning Change Artist.

The rapidity with which chameleons change their color is marvelous. You gather one from an outdoor shrub and it immediately becomes dark, almost black, hissing and with its mouth wide open, threatening to bite. Meanwhile it is never still, but continues to crawl upward whenever possible—up you, up your sleeve, always upward. By degrees the angry black changes into whatever color is nearest. If one's dress is of a brownish color so is the chameleon's.

The Real Thing.

"This," said the young benedict who was just realizing that he had caught a tartar, "is what I call married life." "I'm glad you're satisfied with something," she snapped. "Oh, I'm not! I merely meant to inform you that it is not ideal."—Phila delphia Ledger.

His Good Action.

A little Canadian boy went to bed and then suddenly recollected that he hadn't done one good action that day. His conscience was gnawing at him. He heard a little squeal in the corner of his room, and he got up and released a mouse that had been caught in the trap. Then he gave it to the cat.

Expensive Fiction.

"Is that picture really a work of art?" "I don't know," replied Mr. Cumrox, "but the story the dealer told me about it surely was."—Washington Star.

Enough Said.

"Thrifty, is she?" "Thrifty! I won't go into a long discourse. I merely tell you that she banks money in December."—Washington Herald.

His Dilemma.

"For \$200 I'll fix your teeth so you can chew without difficulty." "If I was to give you \$200 I couldn't get anything to chew on."—Life.

RETURNED HER HAT.

She Didn't, but He Did, and He Must Have Been a Brave Man. The bravest man in New York made his appearance in a Broadway store one day last week. He carried an enormous bandbox, which contained an enormous hat, on which the man wanted what he considered an enormous amount of money refunded. The man was pretty mad, and while looking for some one who had the authority to negotiate the transaction he talked loud enough for everybody to hear.

"My wife bought this hat," he said. "She doesn't need it. She has already bought three hats this season. She paid \$35 for this one. She has never worn it. It just came home last night. I can't afford to throw all that money away, and I want you to take the hat back. She wouldn't bring it down, so I undertook the job myself." "By the side of that man Napoleon was a cringing coward," said the young woman who had made the sale. "Imagine him flouncing into a Parisian millinery shop with a hat that he didn't want Josephine to buy! He couldn't have done it. Very few men can. Once in a long while some poor New Yorker with the courage of desperation in his heart returns merchandise which he cannot afford to buy for his wife, and his audacity upsets the whole store for a month."—New York Sun.

THEY LIKE SHARP FOOD.

Lions Gobble Up Porcupines, and Camels Eat Spiny Cactus. A note in the London Field draws attention to lions that eat porcupines. It would appear that an animal protected by such powerful spines should be quite secure from attack. Yet, if we may trust the account given, it appears to be a habit on the part of the lion and not an isolated occurrence. Captain Dumbell had been told by a native hunter that the lion was in the habit of eating porcupines. And this has been confirmed by two English sportsmen. V. Kirby, for example, has taken a porcupine's head from the stomach of a lioness. Others relate that it is not uncommon to find lions with porcupine quills sticking all over their noses, faces and paws. It seems to argue some indifference to pain on the part of the lion, as well as a fancy for porcupine's flesh.

Compare this with the case of the camel, which a distinguished traveler describes as calmly chewing up a very spiny plant with the blood dripping from its mouth! The cattle in some of the arid parts of America, again, browse on that spiny cactus. And in some parts of the English coast the horses browse on the prickly sea holly, while the donkey's partiality for such things is well known. Incidentally such cases seem to show that spines in nature are not such efficient protectors as some have supposed.

Slight of Hand Poisoning.

A very curious item in toxicological lore I chanced to light upon, wrote George Augustus Sala in one of his letters, may be called the feat of poisoning by slight of hand. You were jealous of a lady, and you wished to kill her. Well, you asked her to lunch, and you caused a very nice peach to be served at dessert. You cut the fruit with a golden knife, one side of the blade of which was ended with a deadly poison. You presented the poisoned half of the peach to the lady, who ate it with much relish, and then dropped down dead. The wholesome half you ate yourself and laughed in your sleeve and went on along more peaches for the ladies of whom you were jealous till you were found out and broken on the wheel. Aye, there's the rub! What high old times we might have, to be sure, but for that playgy contingency of being found out!

Art and Nature.

While touring around a certain citizen of New York found this item in a list of police regulations posted up on a highway in Ireland: "Until further notice every vehicle must carry a light when darkness begins. Darkness begins when the lights are lit."—Saturday Evening Post.

The Family Orchard.

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CAMELS IN A RAGE.

When Roused These Usually Patient Animals Fight Like Fury. The usually patient and submissive camel, like the proverbial worm, will sometimes resent an overdose of abuse. Too dense to think of a way in which he can outwit his driver and so take him unawares, when roused to the pitch of fury he rushes at the tyrant open mouthed, and his formidable teeth and powerful jaws do serious damage.

Of this vindictiveness the camel driver is aware and of the certainty that sooner or later the camel will seek revenge. Accordingly it is customary for the person who fears his malice to throw his clothes before the camel, meanwhile hiding himself until the animal's fury has been expended in tossing and tramping on them, when the injury, real or supposed, is at once forgotten.

The camel will not identify himself with his driver or rider in the smallest way whatever. He steadily declines all advances. His eye never lights up with love or even interest at the approach of his master. Should you attempt to pat or caress him he will object in a very decided manner. Good treatment or bad makes no difference to the camel. Life and its hard conditions are taken for granted. His view of things is far too serious. He is so absorbed and preoccupied that he has no time to waste in the gambols indulged in by all other young animals.—Harper's Weekly.

A PLEASANT MEETING.

It is Nice to Find a Friend Who Soars-Tars Bushings.

"I don't like people who are always coming to me for sympathy." "They do get tiresome, but I prefer them to the ones who come boasting of their successes and trying to make me dissatisfied with my lot." "Oh, I don't mind that kind. They never worry me any. I am always successful myself that I never have cause to envy them. And, speaking of success, I made \$500 last week in a little real estate deal, and my boy school. He's away ahead of all the other boys of his age, and my wife has a maid now who is the best girl we have ever been able to find—the best one in our neighborhood. In fact, I find my boy doing now? I heard some time ago that he was inclined to be rather wild." "Please don't mention him. I'm afraid he is going to bring sorrow upon you. You always were lucky. I guess I'll have to lose the little home I've been paying on during the past eight years, all on the boy's account. My wife has had to quit keeping help, although her health is very poor and—"

"Well, goodbye. I've got to be going. Cheer up. What's the use of being grumpy? Look at me. You'll find, if you try it, that it pays to scatter sunshine."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Story of a Nail Keg.

A hundred years ago Jeremiah Atwater was a leading New Haven merchant, buying his supplies in Boston and receiving them by vessel. Among other goods received were several casks of nails, one of which on opening it under a layer of nails at each end was found to be filled with silver dollars. Mr. Atwater, who was a conscientious man, immediately wrote to the Boston merchant that there must be some mistake in the invoice of nails, as one of the casks contained other articles besides nails. He was promptly informed that the nails were bought for nails, sold for nails and used by him. Mr. Atwater had a basin made of the silver and presented it to the Center church, where it has been used in the baptismal service from that time to the present.

Huminting.

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DISTRICT CLERK'S ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Citizens of School District No. 2 of Multnomah County, State of Oregon: Gentlemen: I herewith transmit to you as required by law the Annual Report of the Schools in District No. 2, for the year ending the third Monday in June, 1911: GENERAL STATISTICS.

Table with columns: Number of persons between four and twenty years of age residing in the district November 25, 1911; Number of teachers employed during the year; Number holding state certificates or diplomas; Number holding first grade certificates; Number holding second grade certificates; Number holding third grade certificates; Number holding primary grade certificates; Number holding permits; Number holding certificates of institutional attendance during the past year; Number of teachers employed in this district taking an educational journal.

Table with columns: Total number of library books on hand; Total number of library books purchased during the year (not distributed); PRIVATE SCHOOLS; Number of teachers employed, female 31 total; Number of pupils enrolled, male 41, female 29; Number of private schools.

Table with columns: Cash on hand at the time of making last annual report, June 30, 1910; Received from County Treasurer from district tax; Received from the County Treasurer from county school fund; Received from the County Treasurer from state school fund; Received from all other sources.

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