The Round Robin.

The "round robin" had its origin several centuries ago in France.

It was used there by officers of the army as a method of expressing their dissatisfaction with the course of the king or his ministers. By signing in a circular form the leaders of the movement could not be ascertained and singled out for punishment.

The first instance on record of the use of this form of protest in the navy occurred in 1625. At the instigation of the Duke of Buckingbam, the king's favorite, an Euglish fleet, under Admiral Bennington, was dispatched to Rochelle to assist in the coercion of the Protestant subjects of Louis XIII of France. But the English tars, in common with their fellow countrymen, looked with favor upon the resistance of their coreligionists against the proselyting zeal of the French king, and they signed a "round robin," expressing their determination not to fire a shot against them, and without waiting for a reply they weighed anchor and brought their ships back to England. The admiral, however, received a peremptory order to return to Dieppe, whereupon the whole of the crews quitted the ships without further parley .-Providence Journal.

A Disappearing Bullseye.

The Chinese pensant wears a turban, loose coat and short and very baggy trousers, all of blue. The Chinese soldier wears the same, with an overall sleeveless smock, or long waistcoat buttoning on the right shoulder, edged round the neck, arms and skirt and

The bullseye would be a very convenient mark for an enemy if the Chinese of shooting him, but the bullseye Is only worn to raise false hopes, for no sooner does he arrive dangerously near the enemy than he doffs the garb of war to appear as an innocent civilian. He is usually armed with a muzzle loader or standard, both equally harmless weap-

Winchesters and a few Martinis, rusty, for defendant."—Law Notes. dirty and out of order, and were about their middles a belt of some 60 rounds of solid drawn brass cartridges. -- Lon-

The Atmospheric Clock.

The atmospheric clock-a sort of device that goes of itself-is not inaptly termed a perpetual hourglass. In appearance it is like a long thermometer with the bulb of mercury at the bottom. The glass tule is about threeeighths of an inch in diameter and secured to the frame by two bands through which it passes easily. The divisions of time are marked on each side of the tube. Inside the glass tube is a smaller tube shaped very much as an hourglass. Some mercury and a scrap of blotting paper for the purpose of taking up any moisture that might gather in the tube

are placed at each end. The mercury in the top end of the proper time and falls to the bottom of the tube exactly as the time passes. When it has run out from the top, the frame can be turned and the mercury set to time on the other side. Thus it registers the seconds and hours quite as accurately as any other timepiece-the drawback to such an arrangement being, of course, the turning of the frame, a task as irksome as that of winding a clock.-Exchange.

Sinmese Superstitions.

The first thing an orthodox Siamese does in the morning is to scare away the family ghosts who may have gathered about the old place in the night. Letting off crackers is an effectual means. At the new year all the ghosts At the end of the time the priests and their flocks fire guns and use other a tragedy of the moor of Venice. devices for getting rid of them. A Siamese is coffined face downward, so that the ghost may not sneak back through the dead man's mouth. The coffin is taken out through a hole in the wall and carried several times round the house in order that the ghost may vex his family.-Exchange.

Horse Racing and Socialism.

In the Militar Wochenblatt, a leading German military organ, Herr Von Ploetz recommends horse racing as a panacea for socialism. He says that the reason why there is no socialism in England is that they encourage horse racing there and that "the love of the sport is the connecting link between all classes of men, enabling the poor to comprehend the necessity for a difference of fortune."

Following out Herr Ploetz's idea, it is said that gambling on horse racing is increasing in Germany at a tremendous rate, though so far no diminution of socialism has been noticed.

Just the Other Way.

"I am delighted," said the old friend who had called, "to find that you agree with your husband in everything, Mrs. Henpeck."

"Indeed!" answered that estimable lady. "If you will take the pains to investigate our domestic relations, sir, you will find that it is Mr. Henpeck who agrees with me in everything."-London Fun.

The Frigate Bird.

Many sailors believe that the frigate bird can start at daybreak with the trade winds from the coast of Africa and roost the same night upon the American shore. Whether this is a fact or not has yet to be determined, but it is certain that the bird is the swiftest of winged creatures and is able to fly, under favorable conditions, 200 miles an

How Bismarck Could Drink.

Count Audrassy's story of an inter riow he had with Bismarck is as fol-

"Bismarck had two immense muga of beer brought to us. He took one of them and shoved the other over to me. I remarked that I drank only water. He looked at me in silence, curiously and almost suspiciously for a minute and then proceeded with the subject under discussion. The more interested he became in our conversation the more frequently and copiously he drank. After finishing his own mug he appropriated mine without a word and put down its contents in three or four tremendous drafts. Then he had a servant fetch and fill two enormous pipes. When he offered me one of them, I explained that I never smoked.

" 'What!' he cried, 'neither drink nor smoke? What kind of a supernatural man are you anyway?"

"It was a mercy to both of us, however, that I did not accept the pipe, for Bismarck smoked so incessantly that within 15 minutes the air in the room was dense. When I rose at the end of the evening from the table at which we were sitting, the smoke was so thick that I could hardly see the chancellor's

A Convincing Argument,

A correspondent sends us the following story from Mississippi: Counsel for the defense was addressing a country J. P. of the "old school." Said he: "I realize that I stand in the presence of a descendant of the grand old Huguenet family that emigrated from France to escape from religious intolerance. Many down the front with broad "facings." able jurists have sprung from that fam-The breast and back are decorated with Hy and embellished the bench and bar a one foot bullseye with characters on of the Union. Their watchwords are it. This is all the character the Chinese honor, truth and justice, and their names are spoken in every home. The law is so plain in this case that 'he who runs may read.' Shall I insult the insoldier would give the latter a chance telligence of this court by reiterating a proposition so simple? Need I say more"— "No," interrupted the judge, " 'tafu't necessary. I'll give you a judgment." Counsel sat down while the judge, with emphasis, knocked the ashes from his cob pipe, and counsel for plain-tiff began: "May it please the court"— In the case of Ceneral Lau's escort the uniform smocks had evidently not been used as nightshirts for more than "Squire, what are you fixin to do?" asked the judge. "I have the closing argument," was the reply. "Well, you jes' as well set down. I done got my a few weeks, the men were armed with mind sot on the other side. Judgment

Value of Cheese Food.

Cheese is a very rich and valuable food, likely to form a very large constituent in the future and, especially for the workingman, to be very extensively used. There is a difference in stomachs in their ability to digest this

The writer is able to make an entire meal of cheese, with very little bread, and digest it more easily than rice or catmeal, but in most stomachs it is less digestible, in some extremely so. Each person must learn for himsetlf. It is a convenient form of animal food and, when good, particularly agreeable.

There is a great difference in the composition of cheese both in its water, fat and nitrogenous matter. In general, however, it may be remarked that every variety contains a large amount tube is placed opposite the mark of the of nitrogenous matter, and it is for this that it is especially useful as a food. Skimmilk cheese is especially rich in this constituent, but less rich in fat. Those who abstain from flesh food will find in cheese abundance of nitrogenous matter to take the place of that found in flesh.-London Family Doctor.

Othello Whitewashed.

Othello is the latest historic disrepatable to have a good character established. Italian papers claim certain manuscripts concerning the Moor have been found in the archives of a convent in Venice. They are notes taken in 1542 by a Cretan diplomat sent on a mission to the republic of Venice. The writer knew Othello well and vouches for the fact that the lady was never killed at come trooping to their former dwell- all. In fact, she survived Othelio, died For three days they have their a natural death and reve the coroner no trouble at all. So that there never was

Peffer's Pointoes.

Senator Peffer is food of telling how he once duped the managers of a Kansas county fair. "On examination of the sweet potatoes exhibited," he says, "L saw that the size of the specimens was be put off the scent and not return to nothing to brag of, and I sent out to a grocery store and purchased a bushel of fine ones; took the small ones out for home use, carried the rest to the fair grounds, entered them in my own name and drew the premium for the best specimen of sweet potatoes grown in Wilson county."

Declaration of Independence.

"My son," said the indignant father, T've stood your impudence just as long as I'm going to stand it. You haven't had a whipping for a good while, but you're going to get one now. Take off your coat.

"It won't be necessary, dad," replied the husky boy. "I can do you up with it on."-New York World.

Honors Ensy.

"Who carried off the honors' at the walk, Rastus?"

"Mr. Sam Johnsing, sah, but de Lawd only knows who carried off de cake."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Their Slide Into Oblivion.

Men who climb the Alps and lose their lives slipping down into the valley are brave and daring, but they never get credit for doing a good thing. -New Orleans Picayune.

Germans consume as much wine, beer and brandy every year as would equal one-half of the French indemnity after the Franco-German war.

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