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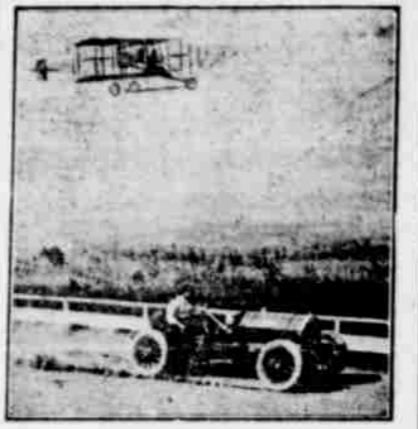


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GLENN H. CURTISS AND BARNEY OLDFIELD men to take the place of the prize pumpkin as a prime attraction? We move fast in these days, and already the aeroplane is racing the locomotive, as was so recently witnessed in Glenn H. Curtiss' race with a New York Central special from Albany to New York city and Charles K. Hamilton's speed contest with a Pennsylvania train from New York to Philadelphia and back again.

Curtiss has also figured in a race with an automobile. It occurred at the Minnesota state fair grounds on June 23. The man in the automobile was Barney Oldfield.

Despite the many distressing accidents met by aeroplanists and balloonists of late, records continue to be broken. The thrilling flight of Curtiss over the sea, where he covered fifty miles at Atlantic City in a little more than an hour, broke all records of over-sea flying, although flights had already been made across the English channel and New York bay.

A Pleasant Outlook.
 "I wonder why the bride is crying," remarked one of the guests at the wedding. "Can it be because she is leaving home?"
 "No, it ain't that," answered the bride's small brother. "She's in love with the fellow she married, and I think she's crying 'cause she feels sorry for him."

The Line.
 "I have a long line of ancestors who were all of my trade," said the baker. "Oh, a sort of bread line," smiled the chump.—University of Minnesota Minnehaha.

He'll Hear It Later On.
 Harold—I know that I'm not worthy of you, my darling. Fair One—Remember that, Harold, and my married life is sure to be happy.—Jewish Ledger.

The truth is always the strongest argument.—Sophocles.

Candidate for Sheriff
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff before the primaries September 24th, 1910.—Wm. Ganger.—Adv.

SHARK PRODUCTS.

Even the Bones Are Useful, the Spine as a Walking Stick.

Products obtained from the shark are both numerous and valuable. Shark fins furnish a jelly that makes a delicious soup, if one may credit the statements of those affecting that delicacy. There is an excellent market for this jelly wherever Chinese are to be found.

The shark's liver gives a splendid clear oil excellently adapted for the fabrication of the parts of watches, clocks and fine guns. This oil is held in some quarters in as high esteem as is the oil obtained from porpoise and dogfish liver, long claimed to be the finest of animal oils.

Sharkskin is of much value. It is of a beautiful burnished gray or bluish color and at first glance looks like finely grained leather by reason of the tiny prickles plentifully set one way. There are so many of these prickles, quite invisible to the naked eye, that the effect afforded by the dried skin is one of rich beauty, a quality that makes it particularly valuable for the manufacture of shagreen. It is employed for many decorative purposes.

Even the bones of sharks are useful. The spine is in constant demand by the manufacturers of curious walking sticks. They pass a thin malacca or steel rod through the polished and round vertebrae, and the result is a cane that sells for a high price. The shark spine stick is a great favorite in Germany.—Harper's Weekly.

BULL BAITING.

A Brutal "Sport" That Was Popular in Former Days.

The principle of bull baiting was extremely simple. A collar was fastened round the bull's neck, and by this the bull was attached by a rope to a stake. The rope varied from nine to fifteen feet in length and therefore allowed the bull but little movement. The audience was accommodated in a circle or "ring."

The bulldog's duty was to grasp the bull's nose, and when he had succeeded in obtaining a grip he was required to maintain his hold, despite the efforts of the larger animal to dislodge him. The bull awaited the attack with lowered horns, which the dog sought to evade by crouching toward the head of his opponent. Sometimes the bull managed to get his horns under or into the dog, which was then thrown high into the air.

Writers state that dogs had been tossed up to a height of thirty or forty feet. The dog, if he survived, would "retire hurt." On the other hand, once the dog, which was trained to grip only the nose, obtained a hold his adversary would have little chance of shaking him off. The bull would whirl the dog in the air and struggle frantically to wrench his nose free from the terrible grip. When, from sheer exhaustion, the dog dropped clear of the bull a fresh dog was sent into the ring.

Photographing a Panther.

A panther is not easily killed and will often revive with very unpleasant results, as on a certain occasion in the Deccan. He appeared to be quite dead, and one of the spectators rushed up with a camera on a stand to obtain a picture of the supreme moment. He got his photograph, and, strange to say, it survived what followed, but no sooner had he taken it than the panther revived, tore himself loose and went for the photographer. Somehow the man escaped, but the camera was sent flying, and, disconcerted by his encounter with it, the panther turned and made for the nearest tree, up which he went as quickly as a monkey. Now, the tree was crowded with interested spectators, and for three or four strenuous seconds until the panther was shot we enjoyed a spectacle of natives dropping to earth with loud thuds like ripe plums from a jungle plum tree as the panther approached them.—Wide World Magazine.

Bismarck and His Dog.

Sultan, Prince Bismarck's favorite boarhound, attacked a passing railroad train and was cut to pieces. Bismarck's grief over the dog's agonies was such that his son Herbert tried to lead him away, but the prince would not go. "No, I cannot leave him like this." Then, when the dog's sufferings were over, Bismarck wiped his eyes and murmured: "Our Teuton forefathers showed benevolence in their religion. They believed they would find in the hunting grounds of their paradise all the dogs that had been their faithful comrades here below. I wish I could believe that."

Marriage Music.

During my school days I met the late Professor Prout, who was as full of fun as he was of musical lore. It is said that at a wedding at which the late Dublin professor was presiding at the organ he played the happy couple in with "Wretched Lovers" and out with "Father, Forgive Them, For They Know Not What They Do"—From "Fifty Years' Reminiscences of a Free Church Musician," by E. Minshall.

Teeth.

Bobby—My gran'ma's so old she ain't got a tooth in her head. Tommy—Ain't she? Well, mebbe they're in her bureau drawer, like my Aunt Tillie's is sometimes.

Imitation.

"Imitation may be de sincerest flattery," said Uncle Eben, "but dat does not make counterfeit money any mo' acceptable."—Washington Star.

Words are like leaves, and where they most abound much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found.—Pope.

A SAMOAN FISHING BEE.

Trapping the Game With a Leaf Chain Half a Mile Long.

A Samoan fishing bee is a unique sight to witness. Coconut leaves are gathered in abundance and secured, doubled and tripled, end to end, to form a long prickly chain, round in appearance and about three feet in diameter. These leaf chains are often woven to a length of half a mile. When the chain is complete all the men of that particular village turn out en masse with their "paopaos," or Samoan canoes.

When the tide is high the chain is stretched across some convenient place, supported by natives in their paopaos or simply wading where the shallowness will permit. The coconut seine is then submerged and slowly forced shoreward, the prickly points driving the fish before them. When the point is reached where the chain can rest upon the bottom and still protrude slightly from the water the natives after securing the ends to the beach retire and wait for the tide to recede, leaving the fish high and dry.

It is often found that large fish are driven and caught in this manner, but since they are capable of jumping the barrier they are dispatched with spears at once. The catches of fish thus made are sometimes enormous and often number thousands.—Los Angeles Times.

The Flag of Denmark.

In the year 1219 King Waldemar of Denmark, when leading his troops to battle against the Livonians, saw, or thought he saw, a bright light in the form of a cross in the sky. He held this appearance to be a promise of divine aid and pressed forward to victory. From this time he had the cross placed on the flag of his country and called it the Dannebrog—that is, the strength of Denmark. Aside from legend there is no doubt that this flag with the cross was adopted by Denmark in the thirteenth century and that at about the same date an order, known as the order of Dannebrog, was instituted, to which only soldiers and sailors who were distinguished for courage were allowed to belong. The flag of Denmark, a plain red banner bearing on it a white cross, is the oldest flag now in existence. For 300 years both Norway and Sweden were united with Denmark under this flag.—Housekeeper.

Handel as a Child.

George Frederick Handel, the son of a Saxon barber and valet, was only five years old when his "fingers wooed divine melodies" from the spinet, which a good natured aunt had smuggled for him into an attic, so that no sound of it might reach the ears of his father. At eight his playing so astonished the elector of Saxony that his father was compelled to withdraw his opposition and allow the genius of the boy to have fair play. And before he had reached his twelfth birthday young Handel was known throughout Germany as a brilliant composer and virtuoso at the court of the emperor.

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