

THE WILD MUSTANG.

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HE WAS ONCE A TERRIBLE PEST.

Settlers Were Compelled to Take Active Measures For Self Protection—Exciting Drives and Desperate Battles—How the Corral Was Made.

The southern portion of the great San Joaquin valley was overrun in the early days by a species of wild horse known as the mustang, or Mexican wild horse. They were to be seen in droves, not infrequently numbering several hundred each. They were too small, "weedy" and generally worthless for the most part to be of any value to the settlers.

On the contrary, they existed in such numbers as to constitute an annoyance and injury to the settlers engaged in agriculture. In a single night a band of wild horses would sweep down upon the cultivated fields and literally destroy the crops which it had taken months of hard labor to produce. The pioneers had ample cause to wage war upon these animals. They were undoubtedly a pest and source of danger much to be dreaded.

These depredations were so frequent that, as a matter of self protection, the pioneer farmers and stockmen of these valleys were compelled to take active measures. They would inaugurate large hunting parties, or "drives," in order the better and more effectually to exterminate these animals.

The early methods used in this country in hunting the wild horse were peculiar. When a hunt had been determined upon and a favorable locality selected, the hunters would erect two lines of fence, starting them about four feet apart and continuing parallel for some distance, then diverging until the terminals were several hundred yards apart. These fences were strong and high enough at the apex of the triangle to securely restrain the wild horses from breaking them down when crowded into the inclosure.

As a leaper the kangaroo is ahead of all. It readily jumps from 60 to 70 feet. A horse has jumped 37 feet and a man 25 feet 6 1/2 inches.

"THEM WAS HIS SENTIMENTS."

And the Old Unreconstructed Confederate Took Pains to Make Them Known.

Very many of the early settlers of Montana, Arkansas and the border states of the war. They came by the Missouri river to Fort Benton or by coach from Omaha and for many years were in the majority at elections, when they held the flag of Democracy to the masthead.

The result of this immigration was a strong sentiment for the confederacy in the early days, and in 1873, when General Phil Sheridan and staff made an official visit to the northwestern posts, the sentiment had not disappeared.

The men consisted mostly of canned goods, jack rabbit meat and fresh game, because the town was remote from civilization. There was however, plenty of champagne, since that wine is usually found in mining camps even when nothing in the way of food is left but flour. The gathering was very democratic.

With that he dashed the wineglass on the floor and emptied the six shooter into the ceiling so that the room was filled with smoke. The guests reached for their revolvers, but the gambler, with a look of contempt, returned his "gun" to his pocket and walked out.

General Sheridan afterward said that it was one of the most dramatic and suggestive scenes in all his experience.—New York Sun.

The Man Who Tired Carlyle. There is a story of Carlyle in his old age having taken the following farewell in his broadest Scotch of a young friend who had had him in charge for walks, and who while almost always adapting himself to Carlyle's mood had on a single occasion ventured to disagree with him.

A Clever Girl's Trick. Some of the enormous bunches of violets on the corsage of the Lenten girl will bear studying. She has learned a trick or two which preserve appearance and shillings at the same time. The artificial violets are a wonderful imitation of the real ones. It takes more than a passing glance to detect the difference between them; but, as mademoiselle will know, there is no counterfeiting the fresh delicate perfume of the real flower.

An International Women's Congress. The Hon. Etore Socci, a member of the Italian parliament, through the pages of The Humanitarian asks if it would not be possible to hold an international women's congress in Rome in 1895 in order to give prominence to the women's movement, which is spreading its ramifications throughout the world.

METEMPSYCHOSIS.

If I were a poor little tipple mink, I think That of all kind fates it would seem the best To stand the slender white throat of sweet Maria, Ah, me!

I would bend caressingly to her will, I'd lean her cheek tenderly down on me, Maria, You'd waste such joy on a poor little mink, I think.

Tyndall's Imagination. This instructive imagination—for we are not concerned with mere reminiscence—was here resulting in the creations of the poet and there in the discoveries of the man of science, is the highest of human faculties.

Snackless Fireplaces. Next to the man who invented or discovered fire, the greatest benefactor of the human race will be the man who abolishes smoke. Nothing else will so change the conditions of life in our great cities.

Our Language. The little leaflet called "Our Language" is still engaged in promoting the reform of spelling. Its scheme of "digra alphabet" is very well illustrated in the following extract:

They all Testify To the Efficacy of the World-Renowned Swift's Specific. The old-time simple remedy from the Georgia swamps and fields has become the antidote, astonishing the skeptical and confounding the theories of those who depend solely on the physician's skill.

Wanted a Good Foot. Models are an important part of a sculptor's need. I doubt whether in this particular we differ from our Greek predecessors, for we read of choice prents, such as peacocks, given by Pheidias to his models, showing how much he valued them, presumably because it was as difficult then as now to get good ones.

A New Kind of Insurance. Agent—Ah, good morning, Mr. Talked-to-death. I've called to see you about insuring you in my company. I want to— Mr. Talked-to-death—Oh, go away! I don't want any insurance. I'm already—

Pleeky Mrs. Bishop. Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, the distinguished traveler who has started upon another journey, although she is now 60 years old, is at present crossing this country on her way to Vancouver, whence she is to sail for Japan.

A Decided Disadvantage. Teacher—Now do you see the difference between animal instinct and human reason? Bright Boy—Yes'm. If we had instinct, we'd know everything we needed to without learning it, but we've got reason and have to study ourselves upon it or be a fool.—Good News.

The Man in the Moon.

According to Platorius, the man in the moon is the Patriarch Isaac, carrying the bundle of sticks which were to be lighted to sacrifice his own body on the mountain top.

An Angry Executioner. Deibler, the French executioner, issued to be the angriest man in Paris. A prisoner in the Roquette jail, under sentence of death, committed suicide after M. de Paris had specially sharpened the knife for his No. 17 neck.

A Late Fad of Royalty. The latest fad among the ladies of the English royal family, including, it is said, the queen herself, is to beguile the winter hours by plaiting straw for the fabrication of hats to be presented to their sons and husbands at the approaching season.

Pope Leo's Hunter. Leo XIII has made merry upon the subject of church music in his dignified way. "Imagine," he once said, "St. Augustine, the African one, confessing that his heart had been touched by high notes and fiddles." The repetition of words is another feature objected to by this lettered pontiff, who when arch-bishop of Perugia whispered to his chaplain that he desired a grand musical function, "Do you think they really mean 'amens' this time?"—San Francisco Argonaut.

A single match requires from one hundredths to one one-hundredth of a grain of phosphorus for its production, yet the consumption of matches is so large that it is estimated that the total of 1,200 tons is less than the amount consumed in Europe in their manufacture.

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