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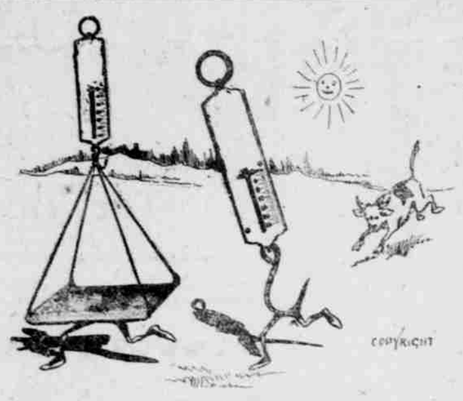


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### CROMWELL AND HIS HORSES.

**An Accident That Befell the Protector While Driving In Hyde Park.**

C. H. Firth, in an article on Oliver Cromwell's association with horses, says in Macmillan's Magazine:

"As Cromwell rose in power and rank his love of horses began to be more conspicuous. When he started from London in 1649 to reconquer Ireland, he went forth in that state and equipage as the like hath hardly been seen himself in a coach with six gallant Flanders mares, reddish gray." In 1655, when the Spanish embassador took his leave of the lord protector, Cromwell sent him "his own coach of six white horses" to convey him to and from Whitehall. "Certain it is," adds the narrator, "that none of the English kings had ever any such."

The protector was not much of a whip, however. In 1654 the Count of Oldenburg sent Cromwell a present of six horses, and the protector's anxiety to make trial of their quality led to his well known adventure in Hyde park. On Friday, Sept. 29, he went with Secretary Thurloe and some of his gentlemen to take air in the park, ordered the six horses to be harnessed to his coach, put Thurloe inside of it and undertook to drive himself. "His highness," said a letter from the Dutch embassador, "drove pretty handsomely for some time, but at last, provoking those horses too much with the whip, they grew unruly, whereby his highness was flung out of the coach box upon the ground. His foot getting hold in the tackling, he was carried away a good while in that posture, but at last he got his foot clear, and so came to escape. He was presently brought home, and let blood, and after some rest taken is now well again. The secretary, being hurt on his ankle with leaping out of the coach, hath been forced to keep his chamber hitherto and been unfit for any business."

The royalist Scroggs, afterward chief Justice, writing of this incident, hoped that the next fall would be from a cart—hinting at the gallows. As to Cromwell's views on the burning question of horse racing, it is difficult to arrive at a positive conclusion. His constant aim was to possess as many good horses as he could afford. Whether he entered his horses for races or had the satisfaction of owning a winner history does not say.

### HIS COLLATERAL GOOD.

**How Tom Fitch of Nevada Used to "Raise the Wind."**

Tom Fitch of Nevada was a bright fellow and one of the best writers and stump speakers of the west, but he was thriftless, and when he got hard up would resort to almost any means to get a stake.

One day he wrote a scathing speech denouncing Sharon, then president of the Bank of California and afterward United States senator from Nevada. In it he charged Sharon with almost every crime known to the decalogue or the statutes. He put the manuscript in a large envelope and walked into the Bank of California.

"Here," he said to the cashier, handing the package through the window, "here are some securities which I offer as collateral on a loan. Please hand them to Mr. Sharon in person, and I will wait for his answer."

Mr. Sharon was in his private office. Breaking the seal of the envelope, he found the speech and read it through, together with a note from Fitch, informing him that unless he was paid $5,000 he would deliver that speech in every town in the state. In a few minutes the cashier, on Mr. Sharon's order, reported that the collateral was all right and paid the happy Fitch the desired amount.

Three months afterward, having gone through the money in speculation and dissipation, Mr. Fitch made his appearance with another speech, this time of a very complimentary character, which he promised to deliver at ever convenient opportunity, for the same amount. That, too, proved good collateral, and the story would have never come to light if Fitch had not, in a moment of drunken frankness, told it himself.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

**It Comes High to Be Rich.**

Any one acquainted with the living expenses of persons who esteem themselves fairly comfortable finds a significant moral in the commands laid upon the rich by their physicians. Not only is the wealthy patient bidden to substitute costly table waters and even imported champagne for ordinary drinks, but every detail of his life seems regulated with a view to spending the most money for his needs. The whole world is ransacked for food that his weak stomach can digest, for clothing sanitarily suitable for his body. The infants of the rich are required to drink milk at 50 cents a quart and to wear tiny garments that exceed the cost of plain adult clothing. It may very well be that a child under 2 years old, fed and clothed according to a doctor's prescriptions, may cost more per annum than the living expense of a wholesomely clothed, fed and housed adult.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Holmes on Domestic Economy.**

The laughable and the pathetic are sometimes strangely mingled in little exhibitions of domestic economy—a plate of apples, for instance, with the defective parts cut out for the children; a small basket of homemade gingerbread, with one or two pieces of pound cake carefully disposed on the surface so as to appear to the best advantage.—"Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

**Happened In Hades.**

The grinning imps were packing sinners into the oven with a thing like a hay press. And the sinners groaned, all but one good natured looking man.

"Do you know," said the good natured man at last, "this is rather nice. Reminds me of when I lived in dear old Brooklyn and crossed the bridge at rush hours."—New York Recorder.

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### THACKERAY WAS ANGRY.

**The Sailors Who Intended to Play a Trick Changed Their Minds.**

Once upon a time the daughters of Thackeray saw that good man thoroughly and heartily angry—angry to the point of profanity. It was during their Italian journey, when they were returning to the ship in Genoa harbor after a day on the shore.

"We had to be on board at a certain time," Mrs. Ritchie says in her Macmillan paper, "so that we engaged a carriage and drove quickly to the quay, where the convicts, clanking in their chains, were still at work. A boat was found, rowed by some sailors, who certainly did not wear chains, but who were otherwise not very unlike those industrious convicts in appearance. The bargain was made, we all five entered the boat, and as we were getting in we could see our great ship in the twilight, looking bigger than ever, and one rocket and then another going off toward the dawning stars.

"'They are signaling for us,' said one of our companions. 'We shall soon be on board.'

"We had pulled some 20 strokes from the shore by this time when suddenly the boatmen left off rowing. They put down their oars, and one of them began talking volubly, though I could not understand what he said. 'What's to be done?' said one of the young men to my father. They say they won't go on unless we give them 50 francs more,' and he began shaking his head and remonstrating in broken Italian. The boatmen paid no attention, shrugging their shoulders and waiting as if they were determined never to row another stroke. Then the steamer sent up two more rockets, which rose through the twilight, bidding us hurry, and then suddenly my father rose up in the stern of the boat where he was sitting, and, standing tall and erect and in an anger such as I had never seen him in before or after in all my life, he shouted out in loud and impatient English, 'D—— you, go on!' a simple malediction which carried more force than all the Italian polysyllables and expostulations of our companions. To our surprise and great relief, the men seemed frightened; they took to their oars again and began to row, grumbling and muttering. When we got on board the ship, they told us it was a well known trick the Genoese boatmen were in the habit of playing upon travelers and that they would have sent a boat for us if we had delayed any longer."

**A Bad Beginning.**

Here is a story told by a city curate, to whom the experience happened on the occasion of his first wedding. The rector had told him to be careful to fill up the register with the correct ages of the bride and bridegroom. The ceremony having been gone through, the happy couple, who were of mature age, adjourned to the vestry to sign the register.

The bridegroom, when asked his age, gave it at once as 60, but the bride, with the modesty natural to the sex, merely said she was of full age, while when remonstrated with she pertly told the curate that it was not the first time she had gone through the ceremony, and she meant to insist upon her rights.

Finally, as the bride remained obdurate, the bridegroom, thinking to put matters straight, told the curate the age. Far from serving as the oil on the waters, this only made matters worse, for the bride flew into a passion and insisted upon the bridegroom telling her how he knew her age.

"I looked at your family Bible, my dear," was the quiet rejoinder.

"And what right had you, pray, to take such a liberty before we were married?" And the two, who had come to church as affectionate as a pair of turtledoves, left in a pet. The curate who was responsible is still wondering what was the final upshot of this unfortunate incident.—London Tit-Bits.

**Not So Easily Deceived.**

It is laughable—and sometimes sad, too—to see the devices adopted by the people who take a pitcher or a can to the saloon for beer.

A man has no way to hide it, and he is generally the most sensitive on the subject. Sometimes he will put it in a paper. Often he will take out a large bottle and stuff it in his pocket, and I saw one man hide a pitcher with his broad brimmed hat and saunter away from a saloon bareheaded.

Women use their aprons as covers, though I never observed one yet who didn't make her errand all the more conspicuous by this means.

One servant girl placed a can of beer at the foot of a baby's perambulator and covered it with a shawl, and I expected the amber fluid to scatter in all directions.

I knew of one woman who used to send out a tin can marked "milk"—often the stage fashion of labeling poisons, liquors, etc.—but I don't think it ever deceived any one.—New York Recorder.

**A Candid Confession.**

Father of the Bridegroom—Before cementing this close relationship I think it but right to tell you that I once had a little unpleasantness which involved the loss of my liberty for a considerable period. Both my daughters are, I am sorry to say, rather flighty, my dear wife is suffering from kleptomania, and my son was mixed up in a little forgery affair. Won't that make any difference?

Father of the Bride—Not the slightest! From the fact that I am quite in favor of our alliance you may judge how matters stand in my family.—Schalk.

In England there are 114 widows to every 54 widowers. In Italy their relative numbers (per 1,000 women and 1,000 men) are 130 and 60, in France 130 and 73, in Germany 130.5 and 50, in Australia 121 and 44.

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### WHEN I WAS A BOY.

Up in the attic where I slept
When I was a boy—a little boy—
In through the lattice the moonlight crept,
Bringing a tide of dreams that swept
Over the low, red trundle bed,
Bathing the tangled curly head,
While moonbeams played at hide and seek
With dimples on each sun browned cheek—
When I was a boy—a little boy!

And, oh! the dreams—the dreams I dreamed
When I was a boy—a little boy—
For the grace that through the lattice streamed
Over my folded eyelids seemed
To have the gift of prophecy
And to bring me glimpses of times to be
Where manhood's clarion seemed to call—
Ah! that was the sweetest dream of all,
When I was a boy—a little boy!

I'd like to sleep where I used to sleep
When I was a boy—a little boy—
For in at the lattice the moon would peep,
Bringing her tide of dreams to sweep
The crosses and griefs of the years away
From the heart that is weary and faint today,
And those dreams should give me back again
The peace I have never known since then—
When I was a boy—a little boy!
—Eugene Field in Chicago Record.

### BUYING PRECIOUS STONES.

**Some of the Valuable Gems and What They Are Made Of.**

Buying jewels is as hazardous as buying horses, and could anything possibly be more risky than the latter? White sapphires have occasionally been sold as diamonds, and as proof that white topaz may easily be confused with them one has only to recall the fact that the largest diamond in the world, the Braganza, belonging to the crown of Portugal and valued at £58,000,000, is by many considered to be only a topaz. Carbon, in a pure crystallized state, is in every color of the rainbow, red, orange, green, blue and even black, and occasionally the colored are as valuable as a brilliant of the same size.

The jewels next in hardness to the diamond are the sapphire and the ruby, called by experts corundum, or crystallized clay. Blue corundum is called sapphire; red, ruby; green, oriental emerald; orange, oriental topaz, and violet, oriental amethyst. The word oriental distinguishes these from real emerald, topaz and amethyst, which are distinct minerals.

The largest and most famous ruby in the world forms part of the imperial state crown made for Queen Victoria in 1838. It is believed that this ruby was worn in front of the helmet of Henry V at Agincourt.

The most precious sapphires and rubies, when cut and polished, show rays from the center to the sides in the form of a six pointed star. On this account they are called star sapphires or rubies. It is difficult to produce a gem upon these stones on account of their exceeding hardness, but there are a few good intaglios and cameos extant in both—one, a cameo head of Cupid, by Isler, one a sapphire; another, a front face cameo head of Diana on a ruby, by Pistrucci.

Topaz is the next jewel in degree of hardness. It consists of about half clay, one-third flint and the rest fluoric acid. The best are yellow, with sometimes a greenish tinge. Some found in Brazil are perfectly colorless and are called "novamina" diamonds. They are more brilliant when polished than any jewel. There are a few blue topazes found—these are taken by the uninitiated for sapphires.—Philadelphia Press.

**An Expert Opinion.**

An old watchman, who used to keep guard in the department of justice, from long association with the legal lights in the building believed he had imbibed a fair share of learning in the law, and so when one night a telegram addressed to the attorney general came after hours he had no hesitancy in opening it and reading its message. It asked the question, "Is a man to be held responsible for a crime committed while under the influence of liquor?" The watchman pondered over this message for some time, and, as he knew what the influence of liquor was, he sent the laconic answer: "No indeed. (Signed) John Jones, in charge of department of justice." Of course there was an immediate attack on the attorney general for such a decision, and the matter came to the ears of the department. An investigation was made and the watchman suspended for three months. That did not worry him, however. With effrontery that simply dumfounded the clerks, he came to the building every pay day during that time of suspension and drew his salary.—Kate Field's Washington.

**A Queer Postoffice.**

One of the strangest postoffices in the world is away down at Terra del Fuego, in the toe end of the big shoe, which is what the map of South America looks like. The "office" is a big barrel, and it is fastened to a rock overlooking the straits of Magellan. Every ship that rounds Cape Horn stops at this odd postoffice. A boat puts out to the shore with letters to be left, and the sailor, who takes them looks over those already in the barrel, taking out and bringing away with him any that his ship can forward to their destination. Then he fastens the cover on the barrel with its hook and staple, and the queer old postoffice that needs no postmaster or mailbags is left to itself until the next ship comes by.—New York Times.

**Preserving Wood.**

It is said that wood may be thoroughly preserved by being impregnated with a strong solution of calcium bisulphate and afterward with caustic lime. The pores are thus filled with the two solutions, which are oxidized by exposure to the air and become practically a part of the wood itself.

Hannibal was ruined by marriage. After his first victorious campaigns in Italy he went into winter quarters at Capua, where he married, and the wedding festivities lasted until his army was demoralized, and always afterward was worthless for fighting purposes.

A decapitated snail, kept in a moist place, will in a few weeks grow a new head quite as serviceable and good looking as that which was taken away.


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