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A TRIPLE SURPRISE.

It Came With a Pleasant Oozing in a New Auto Car.

A well known author, who for some years has been an enthusiastic admirer of the automobile, had an amusing experience, which she describes in the Bohemian.

While I examined it and gazed with envy a friend, also interested in autos, came down the steps and approached the machine.

"Isn't it stunning?" he said. I agreed enthusiastically and added that the machine was tantalizing me, as I did so long to take a spin, that my chauffeur was ill and that I was afraid to run my car through the city.

"Why, I will take you," he said. "I haven't anything to do this afternoon. Where shall we go?"

We got in, and I suggested Coney. To make a long story short, the delightful ride gave us an appetite. We stopped for dinner and then went out to Sea Gate to call upon friends.

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You may imagine our feelings. We felt confident that we would be arrested on our way uptown. We rolled up to the hotel inwardly quaking.

His parting remark, however, was rather puzzling, although he said it with evident cordiality.

"Whenever you'd like to use the machine again just let me know."

A SURPRISED CAT.

Gautier's Pet and Its Experience With a Parrot.

Of all cat stories the best is one told by Theophile Gautier, the French novelist. He kept many cats, the favorite being "Madame Theophile," and she was his constant companion by day and night.

After a period spent in profound meditation, summoning up all the notions of natural history she had picked up in the yard, the garden and on the roof, she plainly came to the conclusion that the newcomer was a green chicken.

This utterance so terrified the cat that she sprang backward. All her ornithological ideas were overturned.

"And on what?" continued the parrot gravely. "On a sirloin?"

The cat cast a glance at her master as if to say: "This is not a bird. It is a gentleman. It talks." And then she promptly hid herself under the bed, and from that refuge she could not be induced to stir during the whole day.

Adages of Morocco. In an article on the people of Morocco a writer in Paris Pizaro says: "They have some queer adages and some that closely resemble ours."

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A Heavy Load. Pop looking up from the paper— I see there's a new baby hippopotamus at the zoo.

Guilty of Counterfeiting. Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs.

Compensation. "Speakin' of delay of compensation," said Uncle Eben, "an automobile goes faster than a mule, but at the same time it hits harder an' balks longer."

Every one knows best where his own shoe pinches—German Proverb.

TAFT WITHDRAWS HIS OFFER TO BURTON

CONGRESSMAN WILL NOT BE FURTHER CONSIDERED FOR CABINET.

CHARLES TAFT IS CONFIDENT

Taft's Brother, After Conference With President-Elect Declares he is Going to Win Place to Succeed Foraker.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—President-Elect Taft was the guest of honor to-night at the 23rd annual banquet of the Ohio society in New York. Taft took advantage to pledge his administration and his party so far as he could control it to the loyal adherence of the Chicago platform.

Taft referred to the Sherman anti-trust law and declared for its enforcement as one of Roosevelt's policies the party has pledged itself to carry forward.

There were more than 900 diners. Henry Taft acted as toastmaster.

ADMIRALS, PRO AND CON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Having reached the age of 62 years, Rear-Admiral John E. Pillsbury, chief of the Naval Bureau of Navigation, was retired yesterday. At the request of the President he will, however, continue to perform the duties of that office for the remainder of the present administration.

PITIFUL EXTREMITY.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 16.—From Ambrian Island news was brought of the drowning of Father Perthuy and Sister Marie Clementa, Catholic missionaries and some Kanakas. The sister, exhausted while clinging to the wreckage of a capsized whaleboat, asked the priest to administer the last sacrament. She died soon afterward and while the priest was administering the sacrament to one of the Kanakas he himself expired.

LEVIED ON THE DOG.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Dr. John T. Message's brindle bulldog was levied on yesterday by Bailiff F. S. Leidrant of the municipal court despite the claim of the physician that the animal is a member of the family.

PRAYER FOR OFFICIALS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Five churches of Oak Park will hold union services during the first week of the new year with the hope of bettering conditions in the village by prayer.

NEW COURT PROPOSED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court has accepted an invitation from the St. Louis Bar Association to deliver an address before that body on pal court in St. Louis similar to that the question of establishing a municipal court in St. Louis similar to that in Chicago. The matter is to come before the Missouri Legislature.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 16.—Suffragists in New Jersey are going back for material today in commemorating the 50th anniversary of Lucy Stone's protest of December 15, 1858, against "taxation without representation."

MYSTERIOUS THIEF.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Bellevue Hospital's mysterious thief, after being inactive for several weeks, is again at work. Dr. John Douglas, one of the attending surgeons, had his pocket picked of \$48 while he was performing an operation on a patient.

Settled It Themselves.

In western China European travelers recently found a simple method of settling disputes. One of them writes: "While we called the midday halt at Taohade, we asked the villagers concerning some new graves which we noticed in a field close by."

The Apple of Discord.

At the marriage of Thetis and Peleus, where all the gods and goddesses met together, Discord threw on the table a "golden apple" for "the most beautiful" Juno, Minerva and Venus put in their separate claims and, not being able to settle the point, referred the matter to Paris, who gave judgment to Venus. This brought on him the vengeance of Juno and Minerva, to whose skill is attributed the fall of Troy.

Literary Taste.

"I have written a book that everybody ought to read," said the author. "I am afraid it won't do," answered the publisher. "What the public seems to want now is a book that nobody ought to read."—Washington Star.

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TIDE TABLE FOR DECEMBER

Table with columns for High Water, Low Water, Date, A. M., P. M. for December 1908 and December 1909.

ILWACO

Mrs. W. A. Graham and daughter, Miss Ada, left Monday for Astoria for a several days' visit with relatives. They will be joined by Willie and Charlie Graham and will return home to spend Xmas.

Mrs. J. R. Wright of this city left Monday to join her husband in Hillsdale, Oregon, where Mr. Wright is at present located, and where they expect to make their home in the future. The best wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Wright's host of Ilwaco friends go with them for success and prosperity in this, their new home.

John Roszaine, who several years ago was a resident of this place, but who at present resides in Aberdeen, arrived Monday and expects to return home in a day or two, with his two grand children, who have been staying with their aunt, Mrs. J. E. Timmens, for several months.

James L. Vaughn, who has been spending a few days in South Bend, returned Monday. The social dance, given Saturday evening in the Ilwaco opera house, was reported a success.

The attendance was not as large as usual, owing to the inclement weather, but all present spent an enjoyable evening. J. H. McAfee left the first part of the week for Portland where he will spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Babler, who have been visiting relatives in this city for two or three weeks, left Saturday for Oregon City, Or. Miss Edith Whitcomb left the latter part of last week for Portland to spend a few days with her father, Capt. James Whitcomb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burch, of A COMMON ERROR. The Same Mistake is Made by Many Astoria People. It's a common error To plaster the aching back, To rub with liniments rheumatic joints.

NORTH SIDE NEWS

Nahcotta, have moved to Ilwaco and will make this their home for some time. Sam Maxwell, of Oregon City, Or., who is well known in this city was a visitor to Ilwaco Saturday. John R. Goulter returned the latter part of last week from a business visit to South Bend.

Mr. Rogue, of Portland, who is to have charge of the Long Beach post-office the first of the year arrived recently. Miss Merle Matthews, of Ocean Park, is spending the winter in Portland.

Mrs. E. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Leta Wessels, have returned to Ocean Park, after a short visit with friends in Portland. The Ilwaco merchants have received their shipments of Xmas goods and have on display some very beautiful as well as useful Xmas gifts, of all descriptions. They are selling these at the very lowest possible figure, making it a paying proposition for the Ilwaco people to do their Xmas shopping in their own little city.



"IN WYOMING" SUNDAY NIGHT

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A GREAT GIFT for Xmas—for yourself or your family—is a permanent home, and it is our pleasure to place you in the way of obtaining one. Our real estate business is so extensive that we can furnish all conditions of people with just the kind they desire.

MERRY CHRISTMAS Illustration of a man carrying a large sack of gifts.