

BANDON RECORDER.

Such in the Name. Once there were some very swaggy people in an ultra fashionable village not far from the metropolis...

One day he published his findings in the local newspaper. The principal fact was this: "F. de Soto died a bachelor."

The Sons and Daughters of De Soto are now known as the Elite Eucher club. Moral—There's a whole lot in a name.—Smart Set.

Insect Pests in Brazil. I should take a small gang of practical coffee planters from Ceylon with good digestions to be not afraid of gizzards, ticks and Berne flies...

Catastrophe of the Onaida. One of the most extraordinary catastrophes that have befallen vessels of the United States destroyed the sloop of war Onaida in 1869.

An Afghan Trick. During a shooting match in the presence of the governor of Kandahar the sirdar noticed his astonishment that the heads of sparrows were the favorite bird of the marksmen...

Limited Numerical System. The natives of Murray Island, Torres Strait, have a numerical system which is based on two numbers, netat, one, and neis, two.

Sure He Knew Best. Mamma—Dora, your father says that that young man of yours, Mr. Hartt, is deceiving you.

Not Unusual. May—Have you heard of Clara's hard luck? Belle—No. What is it? "Now that they are married they have to retrench awfully to make up the money he wasted while courting her.—Life.

Jealousy. "I am afraid Bliggins has met with reverses." "What makes you think so?" "He goes about with a gloomy look, saying there is no such thing as disinterested friendship. That is almost a sure sign that a man has been trying to borrow money.—Exchange.

Polly Larkin

There was trouble brewing in a certain cosy little home not long since. The man who had sworn to provide for the little lady he had chosen to make his wife out of the bevy of pretty and attractive girls he had known from their school days up to the time when life was like a summer dream...

Her mind was made up and she hastily did the morning work, took a few things for herself and child and left the home she had gone into so happily a few months before.

Then the green monster, Jealousy, took possession of his heart, and he wondered if his old rival, who had almost gone insane when she married him, would try to renew his attentions to his sadly abused wife when she got her divorce from him on the ground of extreme cruelty.

Water will be supplied the Charleston Exposition by three artesian wells over 400 feet deep. A salt water system is provided for fire protection.

ing. He knew that she was in earnest and she would never use a dollar for herself. He remembered how he had called her in days gone by, "old sport" and "old pard," and how she had resented it and told him it wasn't proper to address her that way...

He went to business, going about his work in a listless way all day, dreading for the night to come and the going home to the empty house. A happy thought struck him. Maybe she would come home to get some things for herself and the child and she would try and come while he was away.

How the Eye Sees in Reading. By close study of familiar things surprising facts about them often come to light. Professor Dodge of Wesleyan University, by a number of careful experiments, has made a strange discovery!

Better Grain Crops Possible. The Department of Agriculture is trying to push plant-breeding in this country. It is a branch of farming work that is pursued much more diligently in Europe than in the United States.

Uses of Sawdust. A long list could be given of explosives and varieties of gunpowder that have been made from sawdust. In some the sawdust is used as an absorbent, as with nitroglycerin, in others as a filler, while in still others it is converted into forms of pyroxiline.

Children's Meals. Children should be taught to be regular at their meals and to take nothing between meals. This rule applies to infants as well as to older children.

Massage For the Scalp. The hair falls out when the strength of its roots is insufficient to sustain its weight any longer, and a new hair will take its place unless the root is diseased.

She Valued Her Head. Henry VIII, after the death of Jane Seymour, had some difficulty in getting another wife. His first offer was to the duchess dowager of Milan.

The baby girl of the King and Queen of Italy has been given nine names.

LIGHTNING FLASHES.

HOW THEY ARE EVOLVED AND THE ENERGY THEY POSSESS.

Inhabitants of Compactly Built Cities Have Little Cause to Fear These Mysterious and Destructive Balls From the Clouds.

Without doubt lightning was the first electrical phenomenon that was observed by human beings. To this day it remains the least known and least understood of natural electrical manifestations except, perhaps, the aurora.

Protection of property and life from lightning flashes has been a subject that has entrained the attention of natural philosophers since Franklin sent up his historic kite.

One of Florence's Jokes. That genial comedian W. J. Florence had a habit of promising a man a fish or some game when he was about starting on a hunting or fishing trip.

America's Superior Schools. In spite of excessive decentralization and the lack of a regulative central authority America has, by making education a local concern, by confiding to each district the organization and control of its schools.

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Before using cornmeal in a bread always scald it to soften its starch. There is not time enough during the baking for this to be done properly.

QUEER OPTICAL ILLUSION.

An Interesting Experiment With a Pencil and a Wire Screen.

Professor R. W. Wood recently described a rather startling optical illusion which any one may see with a little practice. A lead pencil is held point up an inch or two in front of a wire screen which is covered upon the pencil point.

Now bring the eyes up to within six or eight inches of the plane in which the mesh appears to be and attempt to touch it with the finger. It is not there. The finger falls upon empty space.

One-fourth of an acre may contain 150 colonies of bees. An apiary should not be placed on ground thickly set with trees.

When a queen is gone, it will be only a few days until the colony will cease to store much surplus honey.

Care must be taken to see that there is a queen in every colony. If she gets lost or is killed, another must be put in her place.

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It is the suggestion of a trained nurse, whose beef tea was most acceptable to a patient to whom in any previous illness it had been repellent.

In all my forty years' experience with trees and plants, said a well known gardener, "I have yet to hear of a willow tree being struck by lightning."

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ENGLAND'S SEA GYPSIES.

A Strange Little Tribe That Lives Afloat on Boats.

A strange and almost unknown part of the population (if it can be called that) of the British Isles is the queer semi-wild folk known as sea gypsies.

When the tide is out, the old craft will often drop anchor by a sand bank island far out at sea, and her crew will grub for cockles with their hands, filling a score of baskets, but saying nothing to each other.

Politics in the west, even more than in the east, says the author of "Life and Sport in California," is a profession. I remember two men who were candidates for the office of district attorney.

Like the Japanese, writes William E. Curtis in the Chicago Herald, "the Norwegians are very superstitious, and as in Japan the forests, the mountains and the gorges are peopled with fairies."

Orderly Habits. "It is a curious fact," commented a man recently, "that almost no mother realizes the importance of bringing her son up to orderly habits."

The boy, however, is exempt from any similar requirement not only in his own room, but throughout the house.

When France and Germany were at war, an Englishman was arrested by the French and accused of being a German spy.

In some parts of England there is quite a trade carried on by poor people in making paper quilts for their poorer neighbors.

Hands Off. "What have you got that sign 'Hands Off' posted outside your works for?" asked the curious individual.

More than 2,000 men are at work on the Swiss side of the Simplon tunnel and nearly 1,800 on the Italian side.

FIVE LITTLE FOXES.

Among my tender vines I spy A little fox named—By and By.

Then set upon him quick, I say, The swift young hunter—Right Away.

Around each tender vine I plant I send the little fox—I Can't.

Then, fast as ever hunter ran, Chase him with bold and brave—I Can.

No use in trying—lags and whines This fox among my tender vines.

Then drive him low and drive him high, With this good hound, named—Til Try.

Among the vines in my small lot Creeps in the young fox—I Forget.

Then hunt him out and to his pen, With—I Will Not Forget Again.

A little fox is hidden there Among my vines, named—I Don't Care.

Then let I'm Sorry—hunter true— Chase him afar from vines and you.

—Sunshine and Shadow.

SMALL CALIBER RIFLES.

How They May Be Kept Clean With a Squirt of Water.

"Now, I'll tell you something that will save you the trouble and expense of bringing this gun to me again," said the expert gunsmith to the owner of a .22 caliber magazine rifle.

"The rifles of this gun are not loaded. They are simply caked up with powder. All small caliber rifles get that way when ordinary, soft bullets are shot out of them.

"Use plenty of water in the barrel of your rifle, very little oil in the lock, and never under any circumstances put coal oil in the works, and you will save yourself much vexation and always have a smooth working gun."

An anecdote of Sims Reeves. An operative singer tells the following little known anecdote relating to the late Mr. Sims Reeves.

"Look here," said a Suffolk farmer to a friend, "I'm going to kill my pig, but I owe so much pork to my neighbors that I shall have none left for myself if I pay it all back. What would you do?"

A Simple Disinfectant. A simple disinfectant to use in a sick-room or in any room where a close, musty or sewer smell is noticed is to put some ground coffee on a shovel, a bit of camphor gum in the middle of it.