

BANDON RECORDER.

The English Navy. In the earliest times of the British navy there was practically no distinction between the merchantman and the man-of-war.

Henry III, who may be described as the originator of the navy as a special fighting force, hired out the ships specially built for the navy in times of peace and even allowed them to be taken away from their appointed stations provided that the hirers deposited due security for the return of the ships with their tackle and all equipment in a proper state of efficiency.

Meanings of the Word "Stove." The word "stove," as applied to a heater for a room, seems to be of about the same age as the article to which the name is now applied.

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POLLY LARKIN.

Isn't it a pity that company manners are so often forgotten in the home-life? Why is it that those nearest and dearest to us must see the ugly and undesirable side and hear the unkind remarks and sarcastic words that cut deeper than so many blows? Why do we pave the way for regrets in the future when we would give anything to recall them when it is too late?

The other day a little boy, who rushed into the back door of his home on his return from school, tiptoed out again and said, "You fellows had better keep quiet. There's company in the house."

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ness of child-life has not been entirely warped out of her childish nature and whether she will have the strong will as she grows older to assert herself and grasp some of the traits that make the sweetness of the home-life and cultivate a cheerful, happy disposition instead of the fault-finding and bickering she has been accustomed to ever since she could stand alone.

In South Australia there exists a language test for intending immigrants and unless a man can speak or write the English language he is not allowed to land.

The quartermaster's department will be charged with the care and maintenance of it through the charitable offices of the post.

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

Story of an Army Mule. There is or was an army mule a pensioner of the United States—tradition says that army mules are mortal, hence the doubt as to tense.

I have seen that mule, and, whether true or false, the soldiers believe it was left at the Big Spring, where Mount Vernon barracks now are.

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Expensive Courtship.

Recently a young Frenchman of good family, but very poor, fell in love with a banker's daughter, and, obtaining a letter of introduction to her father, called on him.

As he talked, however, the young man fumbled with a gold coin, the only money he possessed, and when he rose to take leave he removed it from his waistcoat pocket and put it, without thinking, into his trousers pocket.

The banker smiled as he spoke, but the penniless young man turned his back on him and abruptly left the house.

The old custom of gleaming in the harvest fields, which recalls the Biblical story of Ruth and Naomi, is not obsolete in England, and in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and the neighboring counties, as soon as the wheat is gathered in the late days of August, there may be seen in the newly cleared fields numbers of women and children diligently picking up one by one the scattered ears and forming them into neat little sheaves which they carry in their hands until large enough to be bound up.

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

The Kind He Wanted. "I want to look at some dining room tables," said the customer. "Yes, sir," said the clerk. "We have some very fine ones. Now, here is an unusually pretty table, very cheap too."

"Can you play pingpong on it?" "Well, why, to tell you the truth, sir, this table is not suitable for pingpong."

Why She Detected It. "Again," complains the devoted wife, "I am told that you have been flirting with that odious Miss Mashem on the piazza."

Unnecessarily Cruel. "And did you have your maid incarcerated for stealing your jewels?" asked Mrs. Oldenstie.

Thoughtful of the Children. "I suppose," said Mr. Olds, "if I were to start smoking again it would set the children a bad example."

A Fashion Note. The latest thing in stripes.

This is an Old One. Mufkins—Supposing a fellow was going to choose a wife, colonel, how would you advise him to go about it?

Bugs Classified. "And to what insect family," said Phunny Phool, the student, "would you assign the ticks that infest clocks, professor?"

Not to Be Bluffed. "I will have to have three more days out a week and receive my company in the parlor," said the cook lady firmly.

Degree of Love. Sillicus—That fellow's head over heels in love with his girl. I wonder they've not been married months ago.

Foiled at Last. "I tell yew what, them bunko men didn't git none of my money this trip!" boasted Uncle Silas.

An Unfortunate Blunder. "Mr. Whistler says he is much annoyed over the false report of his death."

On the Billville Border. "You were born in Georgia?" "Yes, suh. Dat what dey tells me."

A Slim Outlook. "I think your papa, dear Rosa, has been making some inquiries about me."

Display. If there were no such thing as display in the world, my private opinion is, and I hope you agree with me, that we might get on a great deal better than we do and might be infinitely more agreeable company than we are.

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

Dandelions purify the blood and tone up the system. Magazine rifles will be issued shortly to the Moorish army.

The wife of the governor of New Borneo has a baby rhinoceros for a pet. There are but nine subscribers to the postoffice telephone in Swansea, Wales.

The Russian consul at Salonika has suddenly resigned his appointment to enter a monastery. Beetles in the East and West Indies are so brilliant in coloring that they are beautiful as gems.

The volume of the world's commerce is two and a half or three times as great as it was thirty years ago. Antwerp town council has opened a labor exchange to assist workmen and servants of both sexes to obtain employment.

Efforts are being made to establish a university at Jerusalem for the Jewish students expelled from European universities. After thrashing a corporal who had ill treated them eight German cavalrymen have deserted to France and enlisted in the foreign legion.

A fine dog broken by a passing train, its neck otter weighing twenty-one pounds was picked up recently at Glaston, near Leicester, England. Within the last fifty years 104,589 persons have emigrated from County Mayo, Ireland—nearly as many as inhabit the county at the present time.

W. J. Ryan, a blind man in Milwaukee, has invented a writing frame with wire lines to enable blind persons to write with evenness and symmetry. Of ninety-three emperors who governed the whole or a large part of the Roman empire sixty-two were murdered or died under suspicious circumstances.

Orders for some 10,000 tons of armor plate for the new war vessels King Edward VII, Commonwealth and Dominion have been shared by three Sheffield firms. Finding a nine leaved shamrock, a farm laborer at Groningen, Holland, sent it to Queen Wilhelmina, who accepted the gift and rewarded the donor with £2 18 8d.

President Roosevelt has appointed a man to look after the remnant of buffaloes now remaining in this country and to prevent that animal from becoming extinct. Pineapples grow so plentifully in Natal at certain seasons that it is not worth while carting them to market, and they are often given to the pigs in consequence.

Inspectors of the Bristol (England) factory district have figured out that more than 5,000 miles of machine made cigarettes are turned out weekly from the districts aforesaid. Probably the smallest village in the United Kingdom is Bagley Wood, about three and a half miles from Abingdon. It was formerly the abode of a hermit and has only four inhabitants now.

Jonathan Hutchinson's allegation years ago that the prolonged use of arsenic gave rise to callosities on the palms and soles which in certain cases turned to cancer are said to have been confirmed. Betting on the results of the recent municipal elections at Rome was permitted by the government. The wagering was conducted on the parimutuel system, and the profits were devoted to charitable purposes.

The authorities in Cape Colony have made an enactment forbidding the practice of medicine to all foreign physicians in whose home countries a similar privilege is not accorded to resident practitioners in Cape Colony. Within the last two years two new words, with many others, have been introduced into the English language—"commandeering" a polite word for theft, and "morganeering" the legal acquisition of the property of others.

While demolishing an ancient church at Lallinde, near Perpignan, France, some workmen found an egg apparently in a perfect state of preservation imbedded in the mortar of a wall that had been standing for fully 800 years. The smallest state in Brazil is Sergipe, with an area of 15,135 square miles and a population of 400,000, mostly a mixture of Portuguese, negroes and Indians. It is purely an agricultural state, yet there is an almost entire lack of agricultural implements.

There are 257,000 names in the new city directory of Boston, an increase of 4,722 over the number last year. Surprisingly, the John Smiths this year outnumber the John Smiths three to one, but there are no indications that the Smiths are in danger of extinction. Five of the twenty fellowships recently awarded in the department of philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, were given to women. Most of these fellowships carry with them an income during the academic year of \$500 and free tuition, with an additional \$100 for particular research work.

During a recent performance at the Wilna (Russia) theater revolutionary proclamations were thrown from the gallery to the stalls. The governor, General Wahl, ordered the whole of the occupants of the gallery to be arrested and flogged. Among them was a man who shot at the general later by way of revenge. Milwaukee brewers are having trouble with their employees over the quantity of beer each man may be allowed to drink. The brewers are willing that each man should have two quarts at noon and two more at quitting time, but the men declare that they do not see how any man can get along with but four quarts of beer a day.

Counter Irritant. "Still bothered by that amateur cornet player next door?" "No, I bought a dog." "What had that to do with it?" "Well, this was one of those dogs that howl frightfully every time they hear any sort of music."—Exchange.

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