

BANDON RECORDER.

ALLIGATORS AS BOATMATES

Experience With One That Had Been Apparently Killed.

Alligators move rapidly under water, are hard to see, harder to hit, and the harpoon will penetrate only the least accessible portions of the body. Nor does the title to the hide necessarily pass with making fast the weapon.

UNPLANTED CORN.

It Has a Habit of Getting Uneasy in the Spring.

"It beats all," said a Bergen county farmer, "what curious things we find in nature that we can't explain. You kin go over a lot of 'em, and there's yet one that you can't tell me why it is. That's corn heatin' up in the spring."

Writing on Wood.

Some persons are of the opinion that the first writing was upon thin pieces of wood. From their convenience this seems probable. Such boards were used at an early period by the Greeks and Romans, and were frequently covered with wax, which was of course more easily written upon than the bare wood.

An Effective Combination.

Waggaby-Gracious! If young Gortex and Miss Blubud are so fortunate as to have their marriage blessed with children, the rising generation will be terrible talkers.

Milk Admiration.

This country is not the only one where unconsidered trifles are snatched up by manufacturers and put to practical use. In China the down of the thistle is gathered and mixed with raw silk so ingeniously that even experts are deceived when the fabric is woven.

Disinterested Friendship.

The majority of men recognize nothing in human affairs as good unless it yields some return, and they love those friends most- as they do their cut-throats- from whom they hope to obtain the most profit. Thus they lack that loveless and most natural form of friendship which is sought for its own sake only, nor do they know from experience how beautiful and how lofty such friendship is.

POLLY LARKIN.

Blessed are the Prohibition towns, for they are the only ones that can feel assured of safety, for Carrie Nation is on the way to this coast with her little hatchet, and she is a terror to evil-doers. Carrie means all right, but her methods are something startling, particularly to those who are engaged in the business she abhors, and has vowed to spend her life in rooting out the evil.

Carrie Nation's method of attacking the liquor traffic has done the cause more harm than good, and her actions are not approved by the majority of the W. C. T. U. Some few, who are possibly embittered by what they have had to endure in the past, by seeing the bright, promising lives of those they loved wrecked while their money went over the gambling table and the bar, might sanction her manner of dealing with the topic.

Mrs. G. W. Prescott, widow of the late Colonel G. W. Prescott of San Francisco, has decided to turn her magnificent residence in the pretty little town of Cloverdale, Sonoma county, into a home for aged women. It is one of the handsomest and most costly places in the northern part of the State and comprises thirty acres, all beautifully laid out and planted. In addition there is a large conservatory filled with rare and beautiful flowers.

Polly heard a fourteen-year-old girl say to her grandmother the other day, "Oh, you old people make me tired. You are always telling what you did when you were young, and don't seem to remember that times have changed and we are not so precise and particular as you were when you were young."

"Things are different now, and I believe in a girl doing just as she pleases. She knows whether it is best for her to go to a party, and whether she should dance with this boy and that one. She has a better chance than you do for knowing these things, for you're not out in society and you don't know how things have changed."

"You know, mother, things have changed since you were a girl. Things that were looked upon with horror in your day and considered extremely bad taste are condoned to-day." "I'm sorry to hear it," replied the grandmother, "for the young people of to-day show that they are sadly lacking in the

training that made the polished, refined and thoughtful people of the days gone by." "Grandma needs to broaden out in her views," replied the daughter with a grimace at her mother, which did not escape the grandmother.

"Susie Simple's" letter comes along with two or three others in the question box. She says: "Polly, do relieve my mind and tell me whether they are going to wear the coarse applique lace this summer. I spent all my spare time during the past winter making elaborate trimming and collars, and was informed the other day that it was not going to be worn, and I would be out of date in my finery. If that is the case I have had all my trouble for nothing, for it will be ages to come before fashion repeats itself and this coarse lace is again in vogue. If my friend is right, I am very much disappointed. You can calm your fears, 'Susie Simple,' for you will not have to lay your pretty lace away in lavender until Dame Fashion gives another whirl to the wheel of fortune that will make this lace again popular. You should see some of the show-windows in the biggest and most up-to-date stores in this city. They are filled with lace capes falling over the shoulders, and the smaller capes, collars and trimmings in various designs. It looks now as if it was to be worn on everything, from long cloaks and heavy suitings down to the dainty foulards and summer silks."

Speaking of foulards reminds me that I must not neglect to tell you that the dainty patterns in foulards, which have been the rage for the past two seasons, are not fashionable this year. They will be worn to some extent, but the late foulards are of the satin finished variety, in pale and almost indistinct colorings. Pongee will be one of the most popular in the light silk fabrics this season. It will be trimmed in lace of the same shade, or combined with light blue velvet or some other delicate shade. They make the dressiest of little costumes and are very becoming to most people.

While I am on the subject of fashions I want to tell you of a very pretty hat I saw on a sixteen-year-old girl the other day. It was one of the new Spring novelties and was a rather large picture hat of fine white chip with broad white double satin-faced ribbon brought round the crown and tied in a handsome bow with short ends. Round the edge of the front of the hat was a single row of beautiful pansies that extended round the sides and ended in three or four of the pansies falling gracefully on either side. It was a beautiful creation of the milliner's art.

BRIEF REVIEW

Jupiter and its Red.

In one of his interesting notes in Nature, W. F. Denning gives an abstract of the history of the famous red spot on Jupiter. He tells us that acceleration of movement apparent in this spot has been noticed for some time past. During last summer the movement was especially intensified. The rotation period for twenty-three years of the spot had shown an increasing retardation, the period lengthening from 9 h. 55 min. 34 sec. to nearly 9 h. 55 min. 42 sec. Then, in 1891, it declined by one second and in the present year its period is 9 h. 55 min. 34 seconds. What is highly interesting to astronomers is the concurrent development of a big marking, irregular in shape and of a dusty hue in the same area of the planet. Mr. Denning suggests that this second marking may have exerted an influence on the rate of motion of the red spot, which in the present year, appeared to be enervated, so that it was retarded.

Will Live on Air Alone.

Edgar Wallace Conable claims to have discovered that the entire world has been living for centuries in ignorance of the true secret of life. He asserts that man only punishes his body by using food; that the real alimentary diet is pure air taken constantly. To secure good returns from this diaphanous diet he says the lungs have to be specially developed so that their inflation and capacity is almost double their present normal. For the benefit of the incredulous he has just completed a fifteen days' fast, during which he spent the entire time in hard physical labor. He is so enthusiastic over the results that he has persuaded a number of students to give his theory a practical application. He has rented a small cottage outside town where he feeds his patients on the rarest cold air.

Some of the people who think they were born to command do not discover their mistake until they get married. A man can never become a true gentleman in manner until he has become a true gentleman at heart. The higher a man's character the less he need concern himself about his reputation. When a man pays as he goes, he always gets a welcome back. A man's good work lives after him, but it isn't always identified. In order to be a gentleman many a man has forgot himself. Two are company until they're made one.

THE TARTAR CUE.

Herbert Allen Giles in "China and the Chinese" says that there are strange misconceptions as to the meaning of the Chinese cue, which has nearly been worn by that nation for only about 250 years. It was imposed by the Manchoo Tartars, the present rulers of China, as a badge of conquest. Previous to 1644 the Chinese dressed themselves and dressed their hair like the modern Japanese- that is, like the Japanese who at that time were in the process of borrowing their dress as well as their literature, philosophy and early art from the Chinese. The Japanese dress is that of the Ming period in China, 1368 to 1644.

But where did the Manchoo Tartars get the cue? They depended as a Tartar almost for their existence upon the horse. The accepted theory is that out of gratitude and respect for his noble ally the Tartar, so far as he could, took on himself the equine form and grew a cue in imitation of a horse's tail. This somewhat grotesque theory might fall to the ground save that it is supported by striking evidence. Official coats as seen in China at the present day are made with peculiar sleeves, shaped like a horse's leg and ending in an unmistakable hoof, covering the hand, which are known as "horseshoe sleeves." Increased therein a Chinaman's arms look much like a horse's fore legs. The tail completes the picture.

Coffee Chewing. "Coffee chewing," says a doctor, "is a habit easily contracted, for the taste of the crisp roasted berries is not unpleasant, and the exhilaration, the stimulus, that the berries give is quite as strong as that which would be obtained from a glass or two of beer or of a drink of whiskey."

"It is this exhilaration, I am convinced, that causes the habit to be formed and that makes it a hard habit to break away from. It should be broken away from. Its effects are highly injurious. They are more injurious than those of tobacco chewing. The coffee chewing habit wrecks the nerves, it makes the skin sallow and it destroys the appetite. I have had occasion to treat a number of men for it. I always advise such men to break off by imperceptible degrees; to give three or four months to the task. Some succeed and some do not. Men who work in coffee plants find it almost impossible to succeed."-New York Tribune.

When Ice Covered Europe.

During the long tertiary epoch, when opossums departed themselves on the site of Paris and mastodons tramped along the valley of the Thames, the earth was in the throes of mountain making. The Alps, the Himalayas, the Alleghanies, the Andes, attained the power of their activity in those days. At their termination our continents stood greatly higher than they do now, and this aided their glaciation, although it does not fully account for it.

But as they became loaded with ice Europe and America gradually, and we may venture to say contemporaneously, sank. This was inevitable. Owing to the extreme heat and pressure prevailing in its interior the earth is essentially elastic body. Its surface actually bulges in or out with a very slight increase or decrease of the load upon it.-Edinburgh Review.

Speed of the Pulse.

The rate of pulsation depends entirely on the movements of the heart, each beat representing a contraction of the left ventricle. The normal pulse of the adult male varies from sixty to eighty beats in the minute. The range of the individual variation is, however, very great. The range in females is even greater, some having a pulse rate of over eighty, others less than sixty, the majority showing a higher rate than males.

In children the rate is more frequent: At birth, 128 to 144; first year, 120 to 130; at sixteen years, ninety. In old age the pulse is usually above seventy, but often also between fifty and sixty. The pulse rate is higher in short tall persons and also varies somewhat with the time of day, independent of meals and movement, diminishing in the forenoon, rising in the afternoon, sinking during the night and rising in the morning. Habitual pulse rates below fifty-six and as low as forty-six have been observed in healthy adults, but they are rare exceptions. We know of no case on record of a healthy pulse so low as thirty.

His Hot Bath.

"I had a law partner once in Mississippi," said a southern lawyer, "who began to feel the effects of long years of hard work at his profession, and he was advised by his physician to take the Arkansas hot springs and go to the baths. The day of his arrival an attendant shut him up in a bathroom and, giving him a thermometer, told him to let the hot water run until it had reached a certain temperature and then to shut it off."

"The old fellow had more clear grit than any man I ever knew. When the attendant went back an hour later, his partner was standing up in a tub of boiling hot water. The skin was fairly cooked off his feet, but he vowed he wouldn't get out until the specified temperature had been registered. He was holding the thermometer up in front of his face instead of putting it in the water."

Realistic.

He-I had a realistic dream last night. She-Indeed! What was it? He-I dreamed I had proposed to you your father. "Yes, yes. And what did father say?" "Oh, I don't know. I only know I woke up and found myself on the floor."-Yonkers Statesman.

Happy Day.

"What are you writing?" asked the freethinker. "Just dropping a line to my governor, wishing him many happy returns of the day," replied the sophomore. "Why, is this his birthday?" "No, my day. He sent me a check this morning."-Philadelphia Press.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

Buffet Cars in Japan. The Sanuki railway of Shikoku has arranged to have its refreshment cars served by waitresses, says the Japan Times. Every train includes one such car, and each has a waitress as attendant. This arrangement was started a few months since, and the girls were selected from about thirty applicants as having the following qualifications: First, a passable personal appearance; second, education; third, good health; fourth, good conduct, and fifth, an absolutely respectable past. The waitresses rank as officials of the railway and are under the following regulations: First, hair to be dressed in the agemaki style-resembling a Greek helmet; second, costume to consist of a kimono of an improved style and a brown skirt; third, the girls to rest morning or afternoon by turns and every sixth day; fourth, the girls on duty to behave with military discipline, to take no "tips," to refrain from chatter with the passengers, and when passengers are in the carriage to stand in the corner of the carriage. Among the girls who have entered the service are many from respectable families, and they have behaved well and decently. The company had apprehended that passengers might behave vulgarly toward them, but happily every respect has been paid to them, and the railway authorities consider the service a success.

The Tongues of Johannesburg. Johannesburg is a town of many tongues. You might walk from one end of Commissioner street to the other and at each of its very numerous crossings hear a different lingo spoken. The court of justice is a veritable tower of Babel. Within its walls all sorts of languages are spoken. One moment the witness box will be occupied by a sturdy black "clicking" like a couple of bones in the hands of a clever manipulator, the next you may hear the elegant French language being unmercifully murdered. Provision is made for interpreting some twenty tongues.

Besides the many native lingos-Amazoss, Basuto, Zulu, Fingo, etc.-you may from time to time hear such languages as Livonian, Greek, Yiddish, German, Assyrian, Turkish, Spanish, French, Chinese, Hindoostanee, Arabic, Dutch, Russian, Japanese, Portuguese-and, as the song says, "many more besides."

Appendicitis.

An Egyptian mummy of 2,000 years ago recently examined showed evidences of having died of appendicitis, so that the disease is not by any means new. Four hundred cases were operated on in London hospitals last year, all but ten successfully. Sir Francis Treves has operated with success on 100 consecutive cases. It is said that the modern fine flour is one of its causes. The increasing occurrence of the trouble has opened a new field for insurance in England. One of the most prominent firms in Lloyd's has made a new departure in the form of policies insuring against appendicitis. For a premium of 5 shillings the insured, should he undergo an operation, will have all his direct expenses paid up to \$1,000. In the event of his death later or as a result of the operation a total sum of \$1,000 will be paid.

Mexican Substitutes For Cotton.

The attempt to utilize two native delicate fibers as a substitute for cotton in many of its uses seems to be progressing, says Modern Mexico. The plants produce a cotton of two classes. The smaller one gives a coffee colored seed and grows and multiplies without special care all the year round. Its fiber is thicker than that of the common cotton.

Vienna is called the birthplace of the trusts.

They first saw the light there in 1873, and cartels regulating production, restricting competition and governing prices now exist in steel rails, iron, petroleum, sugar, alcohol, plate glass, glassware, paper, boots and shoes and textile fabrics. A comprehensive iron and steel trust covering the entire empire and consciously modeled on the American steel trust has lately been formed. Even in the production of honey a cartel obtains, and on occasion the busy mountain bee is practically put upon short hours.

New "Weed Burner."

The oldest engine in active service on the Northern Pacific reached the west coast ahead of the roadbed, being shipped around Cape Horn, and did service in construction work. It does duty now in the humble capacity of "weed burner." In the fertile sections along the division this locomotive pushes a flat car arrangement equipped with an oil contrivance used to burn the weeds that grow rank along the right of way, thus threatening when left to catch the train passing trains the destruction of meadows or crops.

Rapid Coaling.

Good as is the coaling record of H. M. S. Terrible, it is quite eclipsed by the performance of the Empress of China. She took on board 1,210 tons of bunker coal in the remarkably quick time of three and one-half hours, the quickest on record in Nagasaki and, we believe, the quickest on record for the world.

Simple.

The Doctor-A queer case of insanity came under my notice the other day. The fellow is perfectly sane as long as anybody is looking at him, but raves violently when his friends quit watching him. The Professor-Humph! Out of sight, out of mind.-Chicago Tribune.

After the Expulsion.

Eve-I'm so sorry! Adam-Too bad! It was a fool's paradise.-Smart Set.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Repeated. The play had reached the climax of the third act, and the audience in the primitive opera house of the frontier village sat breathlessly awaiting the outcome. "Ah, ha-a!" snarled the villain, pushing open the door of the dungeon where the hero lay bound in chains. "Ah, ha-a, Montgomery Murgratroy, you are in my power at last! Your hour has come!"

The villain drew a long knife from his belt and advanced upon his victim. "I will give you one minute to say your prayers!" he hissed savagely, raising the knife above the head of the helpless wretch. At this moment Grizzly Hank, the village desperado, rose in his seat. "Pardner," he said, addressing the villain, "I reckon this is the place whar I was to git up an' offer to be one of three men to take ye out an' hang ye, but I back out."

Here he threw a five dollar gold piece on the stage. "That's the money ye gin me fur agreein' to make the spile!" he exclaimed. "I weaken, pard. I didn't know what an infernally bad actor he was. Go ahead an' kill 'im!"-Chicago Tribune.

Man's Inhumanity to Man.

First Detective-How did you manage to get a confession from that desperado? Second Detective-Well, you see, we traveled together by rail for 200 miles. First Detective-But what had that to do with his confession? Second Detective-I bought a cigar of the train boy and gave it to him. After smoking it he thought he was going to die, so he told me everything.-Oakland Tribune.

Wough on Weggie.



Cholly-Confound it, I've dropped my stick! Hello, there, Weggie! He do, Weggie?



"Obliged; weally doncherkno!"



Kerplow, bang! He had picked up the hose pipe by mistake, and just then a man turned the water on.

A Safe Offer.

"What's the price of cheese?" "Fifteen cents per pound." "But the fellow opposite sells it for 10." "Then go and buy it there." "But he hasn't got any." "Well, then the kind of cheese I haven't got you can have here at 10 cents a pound also."-Viking.

When the Doctor Came.

"Oh, doctor, he has such a fearful stitch in his side he can hardly breathe. He just pants, pants, pants for breath." "My dear madam, don't worry about those pants. I will soon find the seat of the trouble, remove the stitches and"- "Doctor!"-Kansas City Journal.

No Monroe Doctrine For Her.

"I just hate this old Monroe doctrine," said the beautiful heiress. "Why?" asked the count. "Its purpose is to stop foreigners from coming over here and annexing things." He then took the hint and made her happy.-Chicago Record-Herald.

Unlike Some.

First Hog-He's such a good natured hog. Second Hog-Is he? First Hog-Why, yes. He's willing to let anybody else have anything he does not want.-Puck.

Notice.

Editorial Notice (in magazine of the near future)-Owing to the press of advertising matter the literary features have been omitted for this month.-Smart Set.

Not to Be Endured.

"Dear boy, is it true that you have discharged your valet?" "Ya-as, the scoundrel! When I took him out with me, he managed to make people think he was the master and I was the man, law Jove!"-Exchange.

The Auctioneer.

Said a conscientious auctioneer: "Ladies and gentlemen, there is no sham about these carpets. They are genuine tapestry carpets. I bought them from old Tapestry himself."

Helping the Batter.

Mistress (in surprise)-Why did you place the alarm clock by the backwater batter? Nora-So it would know what time to rise, mum.-Chicago News.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

Petroleum has been discovered about forty miles from Tunis. Liverpool has just received its first consignment of mahogany from Australia. There are twenty-one boys for every seventy-nine seamen in the British channel fleet. The St. Ives (England) school board has sanctioned the purchase of a rocking horse for the use of infant scholars. Great veins of ore containing from 50 to 60 per cent of iron have been discovered in the neighborhood of Vadsa, Norway.

Another bottle nosed shark, seven feet in length, has been captured in the herring nets of a Yarmouth (England) fishing boat. The promoters of the Jamestown Exposition have determined to ask the state of Virginia for an appropriation of \$200,000, payable \$50,000 annually, for four years. According to Sir James Crichton Browne, the air of London contains 150,000 proportional parts of dust to Paris' 210,000, while in Argyllshire, Scotland, there are only 200.

Ten cents a pound tax on color in oleomargarine has reduced its manufacture from 30,000,000 pounds in the quarter preceding the act taxing it to 13,000,000 in the subsequent quarter year. "Woman suffrage is now a fact in New South Wales," says Bismarck, God-ling, "but as yet the women do not take kindly to it. In this district thirty-nine women only have taken out electoral rights." The cultivation of onions in Egypt is assuming from year to year larger proportions, and there are now but few markets in southern Europe which the Egyptian product is not in control during the earlier part of the season.

Many cases of a new type of influenza are now under treatment in north London, states the St. James Gazette. The victims are attacked by severe rheumatic pains about the body, accompanied by a swelling of the legs and ankles. The sum of \$10,000 was collected by the Hanover student societies for the erection of a statue of Bismarck. The project has had to be abandoned for the present, however, owing to the failure of the bank in which the money was deposited. When Henry Marr of Columbus, Ind., goes to his barn lot and steps upon a neatly carved slab bearing the inscription "1900," he has 18,650,000 people on all four sides of him, for he is the center of population man of the whole United States.

To lessen the risk of disease orders have been given that all Egyptian pilgrims going to Mecca this year must accompany the holy carpet, which is sent from Cairo to Mecca annually with a military escort. Doctors will travel with the pilgrims. The snuff users of the United States have increased in number about 6 per cent a year for several years, taking the annual consumption of snuff as the basis of calculation. The aggregate weight of pinches of snuff taken last year was 18,000,000 pounds. Mayor Schultz of San Francisco refused to grant the petition of the ladies of the California club asking the appointment of a woman on the school board of the city. He says that such an appointment would be apt to create a spirit of unrest among the schoolteachers, many of whom are opposed to such an innovation.

An immense shark was caught lately by the marines of his majesty's guardship Urgent at Port Royal, Jamaica. It was so big that the most stalwart seaman aboard could have passed through its mouth without touching the teeth. No fewer than forty-nine young ones, all alive and kicking, were found in the monster's stomach. A worthy successor to Musalino, the noted Sicilian brigand, now in prison, has arisen in the person of one Varsolona, whose fame even threatens to eclipse that of the other robber. Already 600 persons are waiting trial for aiding him in various ways, but Varsolona so far has succeeded in eluding officers sent to capture him.

The emperor of Germany is busy with a unique project that will be of value to the historical as well as to the military world. Some time ago he dispatched Colonel Janke and Captains von Bismarck, Von Plessen and Von Marées to Asia Minor to make topographical studies and to draw up complete charts of the famous battlefields of Alexander the Great.

The old fashioned way of deciding a question by tossing up a coin is now superseded in England by an elegant pastime which is known as "tapnose." Two cabmen have the credit of making the new game public. Instead of "tossing for drinks" they set to work to spar, the man who first got in a tap on his opponent's nose being the winner and having his drink paid for by the loser.

The last official report of Consul Thomas Naret at Guyana before he was seized with fatal yellow fever is in answer to inquiries about opportunities for the practice of medicine in Ecuador. He gave the information that the profession is overcrowded and that a medical examination conducted in the Spanish language must be passed to obtain a license necessary to practicing there.

Professor Eugene Ritter of Geneva has written a book on two female ancestors of Rousseau, Mme. Bourgeois and Mme. Durant. Mme. Bourgeois was so quarrelsome and eccentric that, when nearly sixty years old, she was brought before the courts, charged with being a witch, tortured and banished from Geneva. Mme. Durant mistreated her chambermaid, who thereupon committed suicide by jumping into the Rhone.

It Would Seem So.

Fair Niece-Why do you object to duets so strenuously, Uncle Tom? Uncle Tom-Because when two people attack one inoffensive piece of music simultaneously it's taking an unfair advantage.-Chicago News.

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