

BANDON RECORDER.

FOUR MATCHED HORSES.

They Were Colored Black, Just as the Dealer Had Said... Lord Mansfield, the famous lord chief justice of England, had a bitter prejudice against horse dealers, which, it is said, had its rise in a bitter disappointment he had experienced at the hands of one of them.

The judge sent for the horse dealer who had supplied the horses and threatened him with all kinds of pains and penalties. That worthy, however, was not in the least put out by the wrath of the noble lord.

James G. Kierman says that in the vast majority of cases kleptomaniacs are a morbid manifestation of neuroses and psychoses rather than psychosis by itself. In many cases of so-called kleptomania stealing is a manifestation of viciousness or feeble morality.

Formidable Preparations. "Yassir," said Uncle Asbury, "I've got a daughter in de high school."

Writing on Metals. Take a quarter of a pound of nitric acid and half an ounce of muriatic acid. Mix, shake well together, and it is ready for use.

A Touching Consent. The Youth—Sir, I came to ask your consent to my marriage with your daughter.

An Eagle's Strength. What tremendous power an eagle exerts when carrying away a lamb that weighs, say, sixty pounds or over!

Failed to Recognize It. "He sent a copy of his dialect story down into the country where he studied the dialect."

She Wouldn't Make Trouble. She was not one of those trouble-making women. In fact, she had the greatest contempt for people of that kind.

Accepted the Blame. "I made a great mistake when I accepted you," she said bitterly.

Study is the bane of boyhood, the ailment of youth, the indulgence of manhood and the restorative of old age.—Lander.

POLLY LARKIN.

Do women have an easier time than men in this work-a-day world? If you should ask mankind they would say, "Of course they do. Providing they don't keep a girl, when they straighten up the house and attend to the children, that is all they have to do until time to get dinner."

That is their side of the story. Now we will take another look into the kaleidoscope of life which, strange to say, only shows the dark, unattractive colors when viewed by mankind, of their own lot in life, but which assume the radiant, beautiful tints of the rainbow to their impaired vision when they contrast a woman's life with their own sad fate.

Back the mother goes into the house. The other children must be dressed for the day, the baby must have its bath, the breakfast dishes washed, beds made and the house cleaned up generally.

Iron chips, filings or turnings should not be stored in a shop in wooden boxes. The only waste which is not frequently thrown among them add to the danger of fire from this source.

Electrical Cooking Range. A New York caterer has invented a cooking range and broiler with which utensils may be heated on the top of the stove, above a set of heating coils, while baking or roasting is taking place.

The largest church in the world is St. Peter's, at Rome, accommodating 54,000 persons.

Theatrical stage employees have ninety local unions and more than 4,000 members.

Galway, Ireland, wants to be made the home terminal port of the proposed new Canadian mail route.

The tongue of a seventy-foot whale has been known to yield as much as a ton of oil.

of this humdrum life, for he sits at a desk every day from 9 until 5 o'clock, except the hour for lunch. Which has the harder lot? I will leave you to draw your own conclusions in regard to the matter.

A little woman, who is as cheery as a cricket on the hearth, said to me the other day, "Polly, I've got the best joke on my husband, and I'm enjoying it, too. All of our married life he has groveled because women had such an easy time of it, nothing to do from morning until night except stay home and mind the babies and fool round the house, doing up the little work that ought to be done in no time."

The Picture in the Watch. The following anecdote is related of Jerome Bonaparte. He has been playing cards until he lost all his ready money, then pledged his rings and finally laid his watch on the table.

Swelled the Conscience Fund. The legislator took up his hat to leave the statehouse. It was in Connecticut some years ago. Tucked in under the seat was a roll of greenbacks.

Loss of Life in 1902. The loss of human life in 1902 apart from the ordinary ravages of disease, was greater than it has been in any year for a considerable period.

Black Bucks of India. The black buck of India is a very graceful animal, weighing between thirty and fifty pounds.

Servants in Hungary. The servant problem is different in Hungary from what it is here. Apparently servants are so plentiful that the prefect of Jaszbereny, a Hungarian town, has dared to issue the following decree:

Benefits from Running. Running is the great benefit of figure and movement. It gives muscular development, strong heart action and free lung play.

The young housekeeper who told the fishman that she wanted some eels and when he asked her how much replied, "About two yards and a half," has a rival.

A German has invented an electric sand pump for cleaning stone buildings.

There are about 5,000 women stenographers in Pittsburg.

NEW YEAR'S CARDS.

Their Originated in Japan and Were Masterpieces of Art. In Japan originated the art of making and the custom of exchanging New Year's cards.

For more than 100 years the designing and coloring of New Year's cards occupied the attention of the foremost draftsmen and wood engravers of Japan. They were made at the command of the noblemen of the emperor's court.

Bachelors and Maidens. That old question of whether there are more unmarried men or unmarried women in this country is exciting the statisticians again, and recently another man of figures has come forward with the declaration that the proportion of unmarried girls and women was increasing.

A Bottle Six Years on the Ocean. Information from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, states that a bottle containing three meteorological papers has been taken from the sea at Cape Recife.

Something Rare. At the Tilden club not long ago Frank H. Brooks was among those who walked up to shake hands with ex-President Grover Cleveland.

Endangering the Hash. While in a reminiscence mood Senator Hoar got to chatting about New England hospitality. "It is better now than it used to be," he said, "but it will stand improvement here and there."

Unlucky Joe's Parody. "John," said "Uncle Joe" Cannon to Representative Daisel of Pittsburg, "I was out in your town the other day, and I stand for all they say about its smoke."

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About three days after a man returns from a trip his friends begin to think up something to change the subject when they see him coming.—Aitchison Globe.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

Passing of the Moonshiner. "In a short time there will be no such things as moonshiners in Kentucky," said W. N. Cropper of Lexington, Ky., to a Louisville Courier-Journal reporter.

"Kentucky is going ahead in company with her sister states, though I saw something lately which looked queer. I had been told of an old farmer who was in the habit of hitching his wife up to the plow to take the place of a mule."

As a matter of fact, it is steadily diminishing in the United States, and, as a veteran advocate of the extension of the legal rights of women has pointed out, there are now in the United States 2,500,000 more single men of marriageable age than there are single women, the official figures being as follows: Unmarried men, 10,448,163; unmarried girls and women, 7,975,819.

The General's Kindness. A recently appointed second lieutenant in the army made his first public appearance at the president's reception on a recent Thursday night. He had

some difficulty with his sword and tripped over it several times while he was in the line.

"Young man," said Major General Corbin in a most kindly manner, "that thing you are wearing is a sword, not a hurdle."—Washington Post.

"I didn't go there. Family reasons compelled me to decline that appointment also."

"Shake hands again," said the ex-president. "I have had some honor in my time, but never before, to my knowledge, have I had the distinguished honor of shaking hands with a Democrat who refused two offices."—New York Times.

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NEW SHORT STORIES

A Petition in Rhyme. Probably the most unique and original application for office of which there is record was one received at the war department last week. It was headed "An old veteran's petition to Secretary Root" and ran as follows:

Dear Mr. Root, please list awhile; My poem may be off in style; To catch your ear is my intention And my request to briefly mention.

"I am very sorry," said Secretary Root in reply, "that I cannot secure the services of an old soldier who is such an accomplished poet, but all the civilian places in the war department were put under the civil service rules by an act of congress, passed at the last session, and all appointments now have to be made from the civil service lists."

Electrically operated shears, guided by hand, clip the fleece from an average sheep in three minutes. The fastest operators with handpower shears require eight minutes to the sheep.

Spencer Trask of New York and George Foster Peabody of Brooklyn have a force of workmen employed in remodeling Crosbyside, a hotel on Lake George, where they will establish a vacation home for the young women followers of New York City.

Parish was originally the name of a Moorish chief who, having a port in Spain, near Gibraltar, was accustomed to levy toll on passing vessels.

The London Sunday School union proposes to celebrate its centenary next July by a forward movement which shall gather 1,000,000 new scholars into the Sunday schools of Great Britain. To teach these 100,000 new teachers will be needed.

The constant widening of the scope of school courses is instanced by the recent introduction of classes in basket making in the Hyannis (Mass.) normal school and a course in millinery in the Boston public schools.

The original record book of the conference of Baptist ministers in Massachusetts has been discovered in the vaults of the Missionary union, Tremont temple, Boston. It was formed in May, 1829. The book is of much interest and value and worthy of careful preservation.

There is only one American motor car known to any extent in Belgium, and that is run by steam. Though it operates very smoothly, it is yet a question as to whether its extreme lightness will stand the wear and tear of the roughly paved streets and high-roads of the country.

The United States has 200,000 miles of railways, upon which there are 548 employees for each 100 miles. The cost of operating these roads with steam power is \$52,600,000 a year, but to carry on the same amount of work with men and horses would cost the country \$11,908,500,000.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

Plumbers in England receive \$10.24 a week. Christmas day, 1870, was the wettest in the past century.

Permitless to reside in Canada has been given to a large number of British reservists. Navy men are subscribing for a monument at Erie, Pa., to the late Captain Charles V. Gridley.

A liquid glue may be made by putting naphtha in a wide necked bottle and dissolving shellac in it. The Russian department of agriculture has allotted \$30,000 to increase the export of Siberian butter.

One hundred years ago there were five carriages to each 100 people in England. Now there are seventeen.

The tonnage of merchant ships in course of construction in Great Britain is less than at any time since 1897. Within the past five years the labor organizations of New York state have increased in membership 75 per cent.

Eighty-five years was the average age of the last four persons buried in Crediton churchyard, Devon, England. Long stretches of Russian railways are rendered idle by the frost, and hundreds of vessels are frozen up in the rivers.

It is estimated that the number of Bibles issued last year from all the printing presses was over 7,800,000 copies. Bible studying is increasing.

An old painting representing the apostles recently came to light in Belgium, where it was bought for \$10. It proved to be a genuine Albert Durer, worth \$200,000, which was stolen from the royal gallery at Munich some years ago.

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