

BANDON RECORDER.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

Their Life is an Exciting One and Carries Many Responsibilities.

American visitors in Paris, Berlin or Vienna often wonder how and where correspondents do their work.

The life of the American correspondent on the continent of Europe is a life interesting and fascinating enough in its way, and it broadens the mental horizon as perhaps no other occupation does.

Some Visual Measurements. "When I watch a new building going up day by day from foundation to flagstaff," said the city salesman.

Some Foreign Coins. The franc was formerly called livre (pound), though the connection with any special weight is not evident.

The five peseta piece, which corresponds with the American five-cent piece, called escudo (shield), "peseta," the name of the small coin representing the monetary standard, means simply "little piece."

Highest Cross in the World. The highest cross in the world is said to be that which caps the loftiest peak of the Harz mountains.

A Hearty Eater. In a book on gastronomy appears this anecdote of the gastronomic prowess of a Swiss guard in the employment of the Marquis de Villars.

Plain Talk. The Miserly Traveler—Be careful with that trunk, you vagabond! I wouldn't have it fall for 10 shillings.

A cruel story runs on wheels, and every bad old man who sits in a chair.

Outdoor musical performances are not permitted in St. Petersburg.

POLLY LARKIN.

Did you ever hear of a wildflower day on a railroad train? I don't mean the panoramic wildflower view that you get from the car window as the train goes speeding along.

Parties in Mendocino county make it a point to gather the seeds and bulbs in that section every year and ship them to the East and all parts of Europe.

Preservative Effects of Ice. It is well known, says a writer in Pearson's, how indefinitely objects incased in snow will keep fresh.

The Oriole and the Bee. Birds, their heads being small, are usually regarded as stupid, but an amateur naturalist pointed out the other day a proof that the Baltimore oriole is at least a very intelligent.

An Interesting Map. A map of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, showing all the political divisions and principal water courses, made entirely in marquetry of forty-three kinds of the various woods indigenous to the two territories.

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FIRST PICTURE BOOK.

The Haring Idea First Conceived by Johann Comenius.

Three hundred years ago a German savant had a wonderful vision. At that time children were taught to read by force of arms, so to speak, through hardships and with bitter toil on the part of teacher and of child.

As truly, however, as that term may be applied to any other book that has since been written, the "Orbis Pictus" was an epoch making book. It is the precursor of all children's picture books, and a modern child not a little astonished were it placed before him.

The Eskimo Dog. Alive, He Works For His Master, and Of the Eskimo dog I could write a book. In all probability descended from the wolf, he is the Eskimo's one domestic animal.

Marjorie S.—The costume of light gray with white lace medallion trimmings, with hat of silver gray straw and pink crush roses, would be beautiful for a visiting costume.

BRIEF REVIEW

Taking Snapshots Under the Ocean. Submarine photography is not likely to become a popular pastime.

Clever Reasoning. Rather an original lesson in political economy was that once taught by the Japanese philosopher, Anso, and has translated by Sir Edwin Arnold in "Seas and Lands."

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

Vienna is contemplating the municipal pavilion of the business of undertaker.

Oklahoma City is the second city in size in the territory and has a population of over 10,000.

Striking an average of the whole Orange River Colony, land values have doubled since the war.

Since the recent great horseflesh dinner in Berlin the business of the horse butchers has quadrupled.

During the past year 861 persons were created in Germany, an excess of 200 over the previous year.

Within twenty years the south has increased its railway mileage 162 per cent and its exports 95 per cent.

The Bible society has entered on its hundredth year of existence, having been founded in London on March 7, 1804.

The use of electricity in everyday affairs is developing enormously in Great Britain. The usual price is 2 1/2 cents per unit.

The population of New Mexico exceeds that of Arizona by about 73,000, being 195,310. Of that number 166,946 are whites.

The American Telegraph and Telephone company earned last year about \$10,000,000. The outstanding stock is \$109,000,000.

In Sweden the riksdag has proposed a special tax on "punch," the national beverage. It will increase the retail price by 25 per cent.

Striking resemblance has been pointed out between the remarkable ancient ruins at Zimbabwe, in Rhodesia, and antiquities in Cornwall.

The new nine story hotel being built in Johannesburg will be the biggest establishment of its kind in South Africa. It is to be called the Carlton.

Twenty-three ounces, more than twice the normal, was the weight of the heart of a porter on whose body an insect was held recently at Westminster.

Belfast has since 1807 made total profits of \$138,140 from its gas, electric light, markets and tramways, and of this sum \$52,511 has been contributed toward the relief of rates.

Within fifteen years the wealth of Basel has increased \$60,000,000 and the population has almost doubled, which is a most remarkable showing for a town that is 1,500 years old.

The surrounding walls of the West India docks, London, often inclose 200,000 casks and bags of sugar, 30,000 casks of rum and nearly 40,000 tons of hard wood, such as oak or mahogany.

The honor of possessing the largest membership of any automobile club in the world rests with the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland, which has now no less than 2,180 members.

The oldest man in California has added two years to his century. He has been a smoker for eighty-five and a moderate drinker for seventy-three years, but never touched modern breakfast foods.

The San Francisco Dry Dock company has completed at Hunter's Point one of the finest dry docks in the world. It is large enough for two battleships at one time and can be pumped out in two hours.

A French insurance company has offered to issue policies to aeronauts, a premium of 16 shillings securing a payment of £200 in case of death and 4 shillings a day until recovery in the event of disablement.

At last the tomato can may find an honorable grave. Efforts, heretofore nugatory, to remove and reuse the tin on scrap have been successfully made by an Englishman, who puts it in a galvanic cell with zinc.

In China the down of the thistle is gathered and mixed with raw silk ingeniously that even experts are deceived when the fabric is woven. It is also used to stuff cushions as a substitute for elder down, and a very good substitute it makes.

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

One Experience Enough. "My man," said the parson as he came upon the tired looking farmer

"Do it tomorrow," was the reply. "But don't you know that you should not put off till tomorrow what you can do today?"

"I've heard so." "And don't you think it good advice?" "Nope."

"What makes you think so?" "Oh, little experience I had." "What kind of an experience?" "Buildin' a shack."

"Did you keep putting it off until you finally failed to build it at all?" "Nope; built it too soon."

"Too soon?" "Yep. I wanted to wait till the next day, an' my wife wanted it built right away."

"And your wife had her way?" "Yep; started to build it the very day we struck the country in the livered wagon an' had it done by dark."

"And then?" "Oh, in just about a half hour after it was finished a cyclone came along an' blew it off the face of the earth. If I'd waited till the next day, it 'ud been standin' yet an' I'd been \$75 worth of lumber an' the nails ahead."

The Idea! "How many children have you, Mrs. Scaddleigh?" he asked.

"One," she replied. "I must tell you what a cunning thing one of my dear little doggies did yesterday. I had her out for an airing in the carriage and—"

"The baby?" "Mercy, no! My doggie. I hope you don't suppose I am my own nurse!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Friend's Heart. "Guy—Yes, she's beautiful. She has the face of an angel—and the heart of a fiend."

"Don—Oh, come, now. You can't mean that. She has a fiend's heart. Why do you say such a thing?" "Guy—Why, I know the chap. It's Ben Puffer, the worst cigarette fiend in our club."—Kansas City Journal.

Anticlimax to Please. "Have you ever been baptized, little girl?" "No, sir. I've been vaccinated, though."

The Other Way Around. "Do you think that cigarette smoking causes a deterioration of mentality?" "I am not clear on that point," said the man who makes a specialty of profound opinions.

The Revolution. "Well," said the president of the South American republic, "has the revolution been suppressed?" "Yesterday's has," replied the secretary of war, "but the 9 o'clock revolution of this morning is still on. We've captured one of the revolutionists, but the other is still at large."—Philadelphia Press.

Appropriately Named. "Fumer—Gee whiz! What sort of a cigar is this?" "Giver—Oh, I bought it for a nickel! I don't just recall the brand, but I think it was named after some bum actor."

Fumer—Ah, no wonder it won't draw!—Brooklyn Eagle.

He Fooled 'Em. "Well, suh," said Brother Dickey, "Brew Williams also did fool de ballfist's one time in his life."

"How come?" "W'y, dey come ter levy on him en foun' dat all he had in de roun' wor' wuz de rheumatism on one wife."—Atlanta Constitution.

Getting Rid of Him. "I am fixing up a surprise for John, but I am afraid that if he stays around the house he will discover me."

"That's all right. You just tie a towel around your head and ask him if he can't stay at home today and help you take up the carpets."—Baltimore News.

Cause and Effect. "Quoth he, 'Your lips look red to night.' She said, 'Well, yes, perhaps; but, papa, darling, that's all right. It's only from the chaps.'"—Princeton Tiger.

The Egocent. "Billgins thinks he has the smartest baby in the world."

"Yes, Billgins always was a firm believer in heredity."—Washington Star.

Why the Editor Skipped. An editor of a small American paper recently stated that he had been kissed by one of the most beautiful married women in the town.

How Maudie Gets Experienced. Irene—Is Maud really going to marry that sappy youth?

Euid—Mercy, no! She is only engaged to him. You see, poor dear Maud has never been engaged before, and she thinks she ought to practice a little before entering into it seriously.

Hasty Judgment. Jones—Women are not good listeners. Johnson—Evidently you've never had 'em for servants.—Kansas City, Independence.

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