

BANDON RECORDER.

BRUTES GIVEN TO DRINK.

Many Animals Become Intoxicated on Nature's Beverages.

Although it has often been said when speaking of drunkenness that even the beasts of the field do not get drunk it is nevertheless a fact that a great many animals do get intoxicated.

The sloth bear is another animal given to this falling. The natives of India are in the habit of hanging little vessels on the palm trees for the purpose of catching the juice.

But the sloth bear is not the only animal who is so partial to this juice of the palm tree. The curious fruit (or fox) bats (family pteropidae) are particularly fond of it.

The biggest drunkard of all is perhaps the palm civet. So addicted is this animal to the drinking habit that he has been termed the toddy cat.

Max O'Rell's Address. During his tour through Australia many years ago death was once close upon Max O'Rell, as it seemed to him at the time.

Curious Habit in a Dog. A certain Pomeranian has a most extraordinary habit at mealtimes which appears worth recording.

Set Him to Thinking. They had been talking as they walked. She had remarked pathetically: "Oh, it must be terrible to a man to be rejected by a woman!"

Fatal Error. Tess—So their engagement is broken off? Jess—Yes; they quarreled, and she was in the wrong.

When it Wouldn't Work. His Teacher—Don't you know, Tommy, you should not let your left hand know what your right hand does?

A Terrible Lot of Money is Spent on parlor scenery at a wedding that is longed for to buy kitchen scenery later on.—Aitchison Globe.

Flony—What a naughty girl. Alice had she used to be so bashful. Mayme—Yes. She's finally persuaded herself that she's somebody.

POLLY LARKIN

Summer has hardly commenced, and yet you see displayed in our millinery stores a hat that is bound to become popular and on which the ostrich, plumes and tips will figure largely as a trimming.

"But, Polly," said one of my friends in discussing the subject of wearing birds recently, "ostrich feathers are beautiful, but the expense does not end at purchasing them, for every little while you must send them to the milliner and pay to have them recurred, for it requires only a few times wearing in the fog and wind to make them perfectly straight, then they are ugly enough to make you feel disgusted with ostrich plumes and cause you to turn a deaf ear to that little twinge of conscience that is always so ready to accuse you, and go back to birds and wings that never get out of order.

The most important headland in the world is Cape Race, the southeastern extremity of Newfoundland. It has also a most unenviable notoriety. Some of the most terrible tragedies in marine annals have occurred on this rugged, dangerous seashore.

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

The Moon and the Earth. Professor George Darwin, son of Charles Darwin, who has made a special study of the moon's effect on the rotation of the earth, has proved by mathematics that the moon once was a part of the earth and still is slowly moving away from it.

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

Examination has disproved the fears that the waters at Carlsbad had been affected by the recent earthquake shocks.

Following the example of America, Cambridge university has decided to institute a new tripos for economics and political science.

The new typhoid fever antidote is produced by injecting into animals the poison of typhoid bacilli extracted by crushing them in liquid air.

The municipal authorities of Enfield, one of the western suburbs of Sydney, have after a dozen years' experience of the electric light for street illumination decided to revert to gas.

The six great power companies are now installing or preparing to install power plants on the American and Canadian sides of Niagara river.

In Ireland great efforts are being made by the department of agriculture to improve the methods of farming.

Under the heading "A New German Industry" German papers state that the manufacture of quartz glass is rapidly developing in that country.

Pygmies are now found only in the interior of Africa. A German anthropologist shows that they once lived in Switzerland and Alsace and in Silesia down to the tenth century and that some of the Alsace race were less than four feet in height.

The owners of an enormous sheep ranch in Montana suffer so much loss from the consumption by prairie dogs of the tender shoots of grass, which are an important part of the diet of sheep, that they have determined to import cats enough to exterminate the dogs.

Many people realize that they are eating an English knight when they saw their way into a sirloin steak. A fine loin of beef was once set before King Charles I., and as he was a bit hungry he said that the meat was good enough to be knighted and gave it the title of Sir Loin.

In Haifa the American Exchange company was organized a year ago for business with the United States.

It has been repeatedly stated that the outward cleanliness of Berlin and other German cities is principally due to the general consumption of brown coal briquettes for household and steam fuel; rather, that they are made from ordinary German lignite without the use of tar or other artificial binder; that they are compact to store, clean to handle, easy to kindle, burn with a clear, strong flame, are cheaper than good bituminous coal and are made practically smokeless.

The dream of Cecil Rhodes is realized in America before the funds left by him have made it possible in Oxford. The workshop university in the great electric manufacturing works at Schenectady, N. Y., has among its students—all college graduates—young men from England, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Spain, Italy, Russia, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, Siam and Japan.

There will now be transferred from the treasury department to the department of commerce and labor the following divisions: The lighthouse establishment, the steamboat inspection service, the bureau of navigation, the United States shipping commissioners, the national bureau of standards, the coast and geodetic survey, the immigration service and the bureau of statistics. The census office also becomes part of the new department, as do also the department of labor, as heretofore constituted, the fish commission and the bureau of foreign commerce.

Yes, since Mrs. Gotrox broke a mirror yesterday she is convinced that it is very unlucky. "How superstitious!" "Not at all. It was a French plate mirror and cost \$400."—Baltimore News.

Magistrate—And I understand that you prefer charges against this man. Grocer—No, your worship; I prefer cash, and that's what I brought him here for.—London TH-Bits.



THEN AND THERE THE PRESIDENT DISPLAYED HIS "SQUIRREL" TEETH.