

BANDON RECORDER.

A FLIGHT FROM RUSSIA.

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SIMPLE FISHER FOLK

THE NEWFOUNDLANDERS ARE EASILY IMPOSED UPON.

A Pathetic and Tragic Incident That Illustrates the Attitude of the "Upper" Classes—The Hardy Courage of the Outporters.

"St. John's, N. F., lives by its fisheries; nothing worth while is produced there, but, according to the unsophisticated stranger, there is a noisy and vituperative wrangling over the wealth that comes down from the coast," says a writer in the World's Work.

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RESTING IN MIDAIR.

Faculty of Poising Possessed by Some of the Largest Birds.

"While I never have seen it explained in print," said one of the ornithological sharps of the zoo, "it is a wonder to me persons should express amazement at the ability of certain birds to hang poised in the air without wing motion.

"It is a favorite trick of the great condor. Away in the air, far beyond the mountain tops, these birds hang poised as motionless as if perched on solid rock. True, their wings are outstretched, but even through glasses not the slightest motion is perceptible.

"These birds move about until they meet an uprising current of air. It may come from immediately beneath them, from wind deflected by striking a cliff along the sea, or may come from a great distance, where a rushing wind struck the side of a mountain and was turned upward.

SCIENCE SIFTINGS.

Uranus is the only one of our system of planets which rotates backward. Glycerin has the property, extraordinary among liquids, of not evaporating. The star Canopus surpasses the sun in brightness by more than 10,000 times.

Bearded Women.

Bearded women have existed at all periods of the world's history. Even Herodotus, the "father of history," gives us an account of one Pedasus, who lived above Halicarnassus, a priestess of Minerva, whose chin regularly budded with a large beard whenever any great public calamity impended.

A Bad Habit.

"Sixty-eight," murmured a young librarian as a woman waiting for a book leaned forward and touched her cheeks and lips to the top of the brass guard about the desk.

Why Rest Is Necessary.

A belief lives in the hearts and minds of the majority of mankind, including persons of weak digestions, that a quick, brisk walk taken before a meal gets up an appetite and helps the stomach to digest the food.

English Estimate of Emerson.

A single short work of Emerson, the essay on "Compensation," is enough to convince one that this was a man of true genius. We have never read anything in Thoreau approaching that and other works of Emerson in originality or beauty.

Basely Deceived.

"Did you believe him when he said he loved you?" "No, I didn't." "Did you believe him when he told of his great wealth?" "No." "Then there's no harm done." "Yes, there is. I was foolish enough to believe that the ring he gave me was a real diamond." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE LARGER FOOT.

See if This Shoe Salesman's Theory Fits Your Case.

"The question of which foot to fit first is an important one to us," said the shoe salesman. "It may seem strange to you, but it is rarely that we do not experience some trouble in fitting one foot while the other is easily covered.

"A popular belief obtains that the left foot of every person is the hardest to fit, and consequently many shoe clerks always try a shoe on that foot first. It is not true, however, according to my observation, that there is any inflexible rule as to which foot to try first.

ROMANCE IN VARIOUS GUISE.

Definition of the Word is Susceptible of Wide Interpretation. What is romance? Even the colloquial use of the term is varied. When we say "you are romancing" or call anything romantic as distinguished from what is real or what is true we mean one thing, but quite another when we apply the term romantic to natural scenery.

EFFICACY OF THE ONION.

Apply It Outside and Inside and Cure a Cold. The idea of an onion cure may not strike the fancy of the aesthetic. However, the experience of those who have tried it is that it works wonders in restoring a racked system to its normal state again.

Rockefeller and His Bangs.

In former years John D. Rockefeller's supercilious Standard Oil Company affairs took in even the smallest detail. On one occasion, according to Ida M. Tarbell in McClure's, commenting on a monthly statement, he called a refiner's attention to a discrepancy in regard to bungs, articles worth about as much in a refinery as pins are in a household.

King Billy's Decorations.

A story told by the late Commander Edward Barrett, U. S. N., shows that platted warships no longer useful for mess purposes on war ships can be devoted to the service of diplomacy. According to this story, some American navy officers, wishing to conciliate an African potentate named King Billy, presented him with a discarded soup ladle and a lot of gay ribbons.

The Mistress' Character.

The London Globe prints a "character" which an English servant leaving kindly gave her mistress: "In answer to your letter, it's not a bad place; the Mrs. understands her duties, and is sly and obliging, but troubles about getting up early in the mornings. There is plenty, and if you don't mind a place where only one other young lady is kept besides yourself, you might give her a month's trial. I like more society, which is why I am leaving."

His Narrow Logic.

"If I had my way," said the man of high principles, "there would be no money in politics." "But," said Senator Sorghum, "if you didn't put any money in politics it isn't likely you could have your way." —Washington Star.

Shoes and the Feet.

"Maude, dear, those shoes look tight. How do they feel on your feet?" "Perfectly comfortable, mamma." (To herself) "If she had asked me how my feet felt in the shoes she would have had me!" —Chicago Tribune.

Anticipating Him.

"Jenkins, I believe you have some of the elements of success about you." "Not a dollar, old man. Honor bright. You'd be welcome to it if I had." —Stray Stories.

HORSE WHISPERERS.

Secret Methods That Were Used by Irish Animal Tamers.

Ireland, as well as the far north of Scotland, had—possibly still has—"horse whisperers," though the "horse whisperers" never seem to have existed in the sister island. Irish "whisperers" have been lonely men, whose secret has generally died with them, says the Golden Penny.

The most famous "whisperer" of modern times was James Sullivan of Dunhalow. No horse was ever brought to Sullivan which he did not permanently tame. Ordinarily restless animals he would master in a few minutes. For exceptionally vicious horses he took about half an hour, during which time he shut the stable door and forbade any one to open it till he gave the signal.

One successor of Sullivan named O'Hara became almost equally famous, and was often urged to explain what was the secret of his influence. But O'Hara treated his questioners as Samson did the Philistines, deluding them with various and unsatisfactory answers. At one time, for instance, he said the secret lay in "rocking" the horse—putting one hand firmly on his crupper, and with the other grasping his shoulder and then swaying him to and fro, gently at first and gradually increasing the motion till you throw him.

Whittier and His Admirers.

Few poets had more admirers among women than Whittier had, and this admiration frequently took personal form. One day his sister, in her school, Quaker fashion, was describing these eruptions. "Thee hast no idea," she said, "of the time Greenleaf spends in trying to lose these people on the streets. Sometimes he comes home and says, 'Well, sister, I had no work to lose him, but I have lost him.'" To this Whittier pathetically added, "But I can never lose a her."

The Trepid Bath.

A tepid bath at about 99 degrees Fahrenheit, taken just before retiring, in a tub where the whole body except the face is immersed, is an excellent substitute for sleep, says Henry Bennett Weinburg in Perfect Health. To be exact, he says it is the only substitute known to science for nature's sweet restorer. "I have known cases of prolonged and chronic insomnia to be cured by this form of bath. Sleep, with the exception of the heart beats, is intended for perfect rest. The bath above named will come near enough producing this result to answer many months for sleep in cases of insomnia."

Natural Inference.

"It was very affecting when I asked old Binks for his daughter. Why, I wept myself." "Did he kick as hard as all that?" —Chicago Post.

YOU HAVE SIX EARS.

THE ORGANS OF HEARING ARE A WONDERFUL SET OF MACHINES.

They Include Two Hammers, Two Anvils, Two Muzzles, Six Canals, Two Small Shells, Six Drums and Several Other Curious Utensils.

The hearing apparatus is far more wonderful than most people have the slightest idea of. It is a marvelous collection of instruments for receiving, magnifying and recording sounds or vibrations, as the learned term them.

What you do when you speak to a friend is to throw the air into vibration. Your vocal organs strike the air, and the impulses thus caused reach the trumpet shaped bits of flesh and gristle you call ears. You have altogether six ears.

The flaps which are stuck on to each side of the head are the outer ears. Besides these there are the middle ears and the inner ears, all of which lie in cavities in the bones of the head. All that the flaps do is to collect and concentrate the vibrating currents of air, so that they may strike the ear drums.

These latter are really the middle ears. The outer ear narrows as it enters the head and ends in a ring. A membrane is stretched over this ring, much in the same way as a piece of parchment is stretched over the head of a drum.

The ear drum is a true drum, for it can be tightened and slackened by means of levers made for that purpose. The tightening and slackening are done quite automatically to suit the various sounds.

This is how it is tightened: In the middle ear are four tiny bones, the most peculiar looking bones imaginable. The biggest is a little odd shaped bone called the mallet. It looks like a lilliputian version of a lobster's claw. Minute muscles are attached to it, so that it may act as a lever to increase or diminish the tension of the drum skin.

A bony, gristly tube joins the ear drum with the back of the mouth at the side of the soft palate. Hence the four bones are always in a bath of air, quite naked, as it were. It is owing to this that people who are somewhat deaf are able to hear better when they listen with their mouths open.

Now we come to the inmost ear, which is made up of three parts. The first one is called the vestibule, or hall, and it has a drumhead to which the chain of little bones is attached.

The hall leads to the other parts, both of which consist of tortuous tubes along which the sound passes. One part is made of three semicircular canals. The other is shaped exactly as a snail's shell. All these make up a peculiar labyrinth, and all are completely filled with a curious fluid. Their walls are lined with the soft, pulpy nerves of hearing, which communicate with the brain. Owing to these complex and winding cavities, a great extent of nerves is exposed for the reception of sound.

Now let us see what happens when somebody says "Hear!" to you. The air is thrown into vibrations, which spread out and out until they touch the side of your head. There the fleshy flap on one side collects and magnifies the vibrations.

Down the ear funnel they pass until they reach the membrane of the drum of the ear. They strike on the membrane, which adapts itself to them. Then the vibrations are communicated, through the bones in the middle ear, to the membrane covering the entrance to the labyrinth.

If you keep your mouth wide open the air vibrations pass direct to the little bones. The impulses of the air are not interrupted by first having to strike the membrane of the drum; that is all the difference.

People could easily converse with their ears sealed up. If the two speakers each held an end of the same piece of hard wood against their teeth even the faintest whisper could be understood.

You will see from this that what are commonly called "ears" are not essentially necessary to hearing, after all.

Well, however the vibrations are received, they finally strike against the membrane covering the entrance to the hall of the labyrinth. Thence they make the fluid which fills the labyrinth vibrate. These vibrations act on the fibers of the auditory nerve, the fibers which coat the inner ear. Along this nerve the impressions are communicated to the brain. In this manner the sensation of sound is produced, and you know that somebody said "Hear!" to you.

Savings of Soldiers.

The annual report of the auditor for the war department shows that during the year enlisted men of the army made 121,709 deposits under the act of May 15, 1872, amounting to \$3,751,616, and that 158,179 deposits were withdrawn, amounting to \$4,802,190, upon which the depositors received \$202,378 in interest.

The Big Schooner a Failure.

The Philadelphia Inquirer represents that the seven masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson, which was launched July 10, 1902, is an acknowledged failure and is to be dismantled, her elaborate machinery to be taken out and her hull to be converted into a barge. With all her elaborate machinery for the handling of her sails she has proved to be a very difficult craft to manage. It looks as if the limit of the fore and aft rig had, therefore, been passed in the seven masted.

A Hard Subject to Handle.

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

Great Violins Scarce.

Taking the fact that Joseph Joachim, the violinist, has used up a Stradivari violin in his career as an artist as a text, an English writer sees the danger in the not very distant future that the great instruments of the past will sooner or later either go to pieces or enter the cabinets of millionaires, where the artists cannot use them.

Not only will the masterpieces of Stradivari, Amati, Guarnerius and their pupils go into oblivion, but there will be no adequate instruments to take their places. Thirty years ago a good Strad could be bought for at most \$2,500, whereas now the same instrument cannot be bought under \$10,000. The remark by Joachim, that those who could not afford Strads should buy Guadagnini violins has driven the price of the instruments of this maker up from \$250 to \$2,500. The Strads and Cremonas seem to be the particular hobby of the rich collectors, while many of the artists prefer the stronger modern Guarnerius, Paganini, Viennetemps and Ysaye have by preference used the violins of this maker, being stronger players, while Joachim and Sarasate prefer the sweeter toned Strad.—Philadelphia North American.

The "Cop's" Home Run.

Compulsory baseball is the latest order in the Duluth (Minn.) police department. The patrolmen are to report for baseball the same as for target practice or drill. This outdoor exercise is expected to keep the officers in the physical trim, working off surplus flesh, hardening the muscles and incidentally teaching them to catch whatever comes their way.

One veteran of the department objected very strenuously to the new order. He had never been in a game in his life, yet he performed a feat at the preliminary game that there was a man on that base and another on the great national game. There were three men on bases and two strikes on him. Then he cleared the bases and brought in four runs without so much as touching the ball.

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Singing into the Phonograph.

A young woman who makes her living by singing into phonographs talked the other day about her job. "In this work," she said, "there is one great difficulty, and that is the absence of an audience. When a singer comes out before a big audience to sing the sight of all those persons is frightening to her, but at the same time it is inspiring. It keeps her up. It takes her out of herself and beyond herself. She does better than she would have thought it possible to do. Singing into a phonograph is hard because there is nothing there to inspire and intoxicate you. Instead of a house of people eager to be pleased you have an empty room and a big cylinder. You can't put into your voice the brilliance, the exhilaration and the sympathy that come of themselves when there are human ears listening and understanding. Some of the best singers can't sing into a phonograph at all solely on this account. Others can't sing into it unless they have taken a glass or two of champagne. The persons who sing into phonographs so as to do themselves justice are few." —Philadelphia Record.

Radium as a Stimulant.

One of the correspondents of the Scientific American states that he recently passed through a peculiar experience in tasting a small fraction of a grain of radium. It acted as a powerful stimulant, affecting both the heart and kidneys, and it was several hours before the pulse became normal again, while hallucinations of the mind were also an accompanying feature of the experiment. We may add for the benefit of those persons who see in this substance a new foe for reformers to battle with that the French chemist, Professor and Mrs. Curie, have placed radium on the market and control the supply. Its consumption won't be extensive from the fact that it is quoted at 30,000 francs, or \$6,000, per grain, equal to \$2,721,000 per Troy pound.

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During the year the sum of \$743,139 was placed to the credit of the permanent fund of the home under the act of March 3, 1883, being the amount retained from pay of enlisted men of the United States army on account of 12 1/2 cent fund, fines by general court martial and amounts due deserters at large and dishonorably discharged soldiers.—Washington Post.

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Every Man.

She—I believe every man is the architect of his own fortune. He—Yes, but the trouble is most men spend so much time on the plans that they have none left for building.—Exchange.

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