

BANDON RECORDER.

BIT OF FRENCH HISTORY.

An Empire Lost For Want of the Right Sort of Riding Habit.

The news of the surrender of the French army and of the Emperor Napoleon at Sedan had spread about Paris.

The empress accepted the advice. But when the leader of the world's fashion sought for a proper costume for her performance it could not be found.

A NOSE FOR NEWS.

The Genuine Newspaper Reporter is Born, Not Made.

"Poets are born, not made," said the retired newspaper man to the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Puzzling Problem.

The man seemed to be very much excited. "We've made a bet," he said.

A Word in Season.

The playwright turned pale with excitement and a sudden rush of pride as he heard from his position in the wings the sound of stamping feet and roaring voices.

His Musical Taste.

"No," answered Mr. Cumrox. "If I enjoy a piece well enough to applaud it I know by that fact that it isn't the sort of music that mother and the girls would approve of my applauding."

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Beaside Himself.

The fair young thing was telling about how happy she was when she saw her brother's baseball team win the intercollegiate game.

Heads of the Game.

Here the grave professor of psychology looked up with an air of interest. "Hugged yourself?" he asked.

POLLY LARKIN

"Polly, what are your views in regard to breach of promise cases?" asked a friend the other day.

Breach of promise suits! Well, if there is anything I abhor more than a breach of promise suit, I don't know what it is.

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HIS SECOND THOUGHT.

The Stage Driver Acted on It and Saved His Passengers.

Back in the good old days when nerves and railroads were little known an old stage road ran from Lake Champlain to Ogdensburg, N. Y.

The members of the Woman's Club in San Jose feel the need of a permanent home and are taking active measures to secure the necessary funds for the erection of the building.

BRIEF REVIEW.

Box Typewriter.

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When you get a good old case of "pappy lala" take any old thing except the advice of your friends.

When ignorance keeps peace in the family it's folly to tell all you know.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

Deaf Mutes Never Giddy.

According to a Germantown doctor who sees much of the children in the Pennsylvania Institution For the Deaf and Dumb at Mount Airy, a deaf mute can whirl around interminably without seeming to suffer in any way from vertigo.

Upon one of the trips of the stage the regular driver, who had been at home for some weeks recovering from an illness, was riding inside, while the red haired, mild featured, big boned Irish man acting as his substitute occupied the driver's seat upon the box.

Suddenly as the heavy stage lumbered over the brow of the hill, down which the road plunged at a sharp angle, running through the little town of its foot and ascending the hill beyond, the passengers became conscious that their pace had been recklessly increased.

"What is it, Pat? What is it? Did they get away from you?" came the breathless question.

"Nope," replied Pat with a set face. "I could never trust him again; never place the same confidence in him."

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Birds as They Fly.

No bird can fly for any appreciable distance, tail first. The nearest approach to such a movement is shown by the tumbler pigeon when that bird slows his wings forward and, suddenly turning back his head, throws a somersault, but this is not true backward flight.

When a bird wishes to reverse its motion it tilts its body laterally, as a railway carriage would be tilted in taking a curve, or increases the number of beats given by one wing as compared with the other or keeps one wing extended while the other is partially folded.

Some birds, however, and particularly the albatross, can fly half upside down—that is, with the wings pointed in a direction nearly perpendicular to the sea—and when turning quickly in this position the appearance is sometimes almost as though the bird were using its wings in a backward direction, though their structure is not really adapted to any such movement, and when poised, facing a strong wind, birds may seem to move astern.

Rossetti and Whistler.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti once showed Whistler a sketch for a painting and asked him how he liked it. "It has good points," said Whistler. "Go ahead with it by all means."

Millionaire Butlers.

Lord Ravenscourt's butler, who died the other day, leaving a fortune of £30,000, was by no means a unique instance of a gentleman's gentleman amassing a great fortune.

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NEW SHORT STORIES

How a Great Song Was Made.

Bizet, the famous composer of "Carmen," and Halevy, his librettist, had a warm argument over the original score of the tenor's song.

"Great heavens!" retorted the piqued Bizet. "Do you want me to write for the slums?" And he went out of the room in a huff.

"Listen to this," he said later, returning to Halevy's apartment. "Here is my tenor's idea, written down to your popular level."

Arthur Was Timid.

Chester Allan Arthur was probably the most timid of all the presidents in the presence of newspaper men.

"When you are an old man you can say that the president of the United States gave you a ride on his shoulder and kissed you before he set you down."

It Didn't Fense the Waiter.

Henry Ward Beecher was amused when he went into a Bowers restaurant on one occasion and heard the waiter give such orders to the cook as "Ham and," "Sinkers and cow," etc.

Salaries of British Colonial Governors.

The question of the proper salary for the governor general of Australia has, we fancy, been settled by a speech from Lord Tennyson, who is now acting in that capacity.

The Terrible American Child.

The process of evolution still fails to civilize the American child. Miss Floretta Vining, a newspaper proprietor in Massachusetts, proposes to assist the process with the birch.

One He Couldn't Read.

During these days of post office investigation a story is told of a postmaster down in Virginia.

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