

BANDON RECORDER.

ANIMAL SURGERY.

Wild Beasts Are Wise in Medicine and Health. Most people have seen a sick cat...

POLLY LARKIN

"Do you know, Polly, that if I had my way there would be one sidewalk on every street that would be clean enough for a lady to walk on without holding her skirts above her shoe-tops to keep from coming in contact with a filthy sidewalk..."

My sisters. Brother is here now. He's in the men's ward and he does not know me any more. When we're crazy we forget all about each other.

FAVORITE AGES OF WOMEN

Their Appearance Range Between Sixteen and Twenty-four Years.

It may seem strange that women have preferences for particular ages. An inspection of the census, however, leaves no room for doubt that certain years are preferred and certain others years disliked by the members of the gentler sex.

Of children fourteen years and under the number of boys is nearly 400,000 greater than the number of girls; at fifteen the boys are still 6,000 ahead of the girls; at sixteen the girls are 6,000 the more numerous, and each year thereafter until the twenty-fourth there is an excess of women over men.

YANKEE DOODLE.

The Original Version Dates From the Time of Oliver Cromwell.

The lively strains of "Yankee Doodle" are heard at every patriotic celebration, says a writer in Collier's Weekly, yet perhaps few of those who pulse stir at the sound of the familiar notes are aware that it dates from the time of Oliver Cromwell and crossed the seas with the Puritans.

"Yankee Doodle" was one of the nicknames bestowed by the Cavaliers on the hated Roundhead, and a verse written upon Cromwell's entry into Oxford, riding on a small horse with a plume twisted into a sort of knot called a "macaroni," runs as follows:

Nankee Doodle came to town Upon a little pony, With a feather in his hat Upon a macaroni.

The transition from Nankee to Yankee—which came from Yengee, the Indian word for English—was very easy, and the Royalists used it as a jeer at all New Englanders.

When the Colonials in Boston, preparing for the coming war, smuggled muskets into the country, concealing them in loads of manure, the Tories sang to the old tune of "Lucy Fisher":

Yankee Doodle came to town For to buy a frock; We'll tar and feather him, And so will John Hancock.

When the British forces marched to the battles of Concord and Lexington their approach was heralded by "God Save the King," but when the "Yankee farmers" saw the foe in full retreat the strains of "Yankee Doodle" accompanied their flight, and from that hour, wherever the stars and stripes have floated, the once despised tune has been heard.

PAWN SHOPS OF CHINA.

They Cut Queer a Figure in Life in the Flowery Land.

Pawnshopkeeping is a peculiar institution in the Flowery Land. The Chinese pawnbroker, however, is quite a different kind of establishment from ours. The pawn shop of China is more a strong hold, a place of quiet and safe repose, for valuable jewelry and the miscellaneous and costly wardrobes of the people. It also in many instances performs the equally important but somewhat costly function of lending the needy, and as in the collections of similar establishments of our own land, one may see the much prized jewels and trinkets of happier times, which caused their poor owners many a bitter pang to part with, heartaches that were perhaps brightened with the hope that one day they would be able to redeem them.

To listen to the man selling these unredemmed pledges is one of the choicest entertainments of the Peking streets. He is selected by the pawnbroker for his fluency of speech and ready wit, to which he gives full play in his humorous descriptions of the quality and history of the furs and richly embroidered dresses which are piled up on the platform of his tent. He at times runs off his speech in rhyme, making clever and sarcastic allusions to the requirements of his audience, pressing a satirical barb on the attention of some naked beggar—Golden Penny.

Of the 400 barons in the British house of lords about a dozen date back to 1400, the earliest being 1264. The oldest family in the British Isles is the Mar family in Scotland, 1063. The Campbells of Argyll began in 1100. Talleyrand dates from 1190 and his mark from 1270. The Grosvenor family, the Duke of Westminster, 1093. The Austrian house of Hapsburg goes back to 952 and the house of Bourbon to 864. The descendants of Mohammed, born 570, are all registered carefully and authoritatively in a book kept in Mecca by a chief of the family. Little or no doubt exists as to the absolute authenticity of the long line of Mohammed's descendants. In China there are many old families; also among the Jews. But in point of pedigree the mikado of Japan has a unique record. His place has been filled by members of his family for more than 2,500 years. The present mikado is the one hundred and twenty-second in the line. His father was contemporary with Nebuchadnezzar, 606 years before Christ.

Her Attractiveness. Mr. Nervey—Miss Dooly, I adore you. Will you not be my wife? Miss Dooly (haughtily)—The idea of your proposing to a girl in my station! You should know better.

Mr. Nervey—I do know better, but no richer.—Philadelphia Press.

Some crank writes: "A good laugh is sometimes better than a hearty meal." The poor cuss who is starving ought to be tickled to death over this joke.

Some women are so good that they make every one else feel downright savage.

Opportunity may open the door to success, but it don't waste any time on introductions.

I visited an insane asylum in the East once and saw one of the saddest of sights. A beautiful brown-eyed little girl of twelve years left her seat in the window, and coming up with her apron full of picture cards, slipped her hand through my arm and said, "I'm going out of here to-morrow. I'm cured for a little while but I'll have to come back again. I always do. They say I'll die here some day. I'm insane just like my father and my mother, and my brother and sisters were all crazy. Papa and mama died here and so did

FACTS IN FEW LINES

A storm of matter is probably a crystal of electricity.

Japanese and Germans have the same average brain weight.

The total commerce of Abyssinia is about \$9,500,000 a year.

National bank notes are one-sixth of the money in circulation.

The birth rate in Berlin declined from 46 per 1,000 in 1876 to 27 in 1902.

French is the language of more than 1,000,000 of the 5,300,000 Canadians.

More than \$10,000,000 worth of sporting goods were sold in the United States last year.

Our total trade with Alaska for the fiscal year was: Imports, \$10,228,000; exports, \$9,497,000.

The suicide rate in the United States has increased in ten years from 12 to 17 per 100,000 population.

The United States treasury holds three and nine-tenths times as much gold as the Bank of England.

Only nine men have been hanged in Kentucky in the last five years, although there have been 798 murders.

London harness makers and carriage builders are suffering loss of trade by the growing popularity of the motor car.

Commerce between the United States and Russia during the last fiscal year greatly surpassed that of any previous year.

An English miller has successfully tested the vitality of some wheat which was grown in 1839 and carefully preserved since.

Twelve million pounds' worth of leather is required every year to provide boots and shoes for the inhabitants of Great Britain.

The sinking of the shaft 140 feet from the river bottom by the Toronto and Niagara Falls company occupied but little more than a month.

A scheme has been prepared for carrying out an underground railway in Manchester, England, with connections with the principal out districts.

The secretary of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain expects the kite to be the base of the future instrument of aerial navigation, the aeroplane.

In one of the congressional districts under the new apportionment in Texas there are fifty-five counties. The entire vote of the district, however, is only 22,000.

Massachusetts is free from the repeated murder trials of New York. There is only one appeal possible there from the jury's verdict straight to the highest court.

The first prune tree was planted in California in 1870 by a Frenchman, who brought the tree to this country from France. The first orchard, of ten acres, began in 1875.

The signal corps claims to be the nerve system of the army. Telegraphy, telephony, ballooning and heliography are its specialties. It is also charged by law with gathering and transmitting information.

Kansas harvests more wheat than any other state in the Union. In its wheat belt of thirty counties not one county raises less than 1,000,000 bushels. Sumner county has a record of 6,812,102 bushels.

By the terms of the new license law of New Hampshire licensed saloons are forbidden to sell intoxicating liquors on Sundays, election days and public holidays, but licensed hotels are exempted from this restriction.

The bolometer, invented twenty years ago by Dr. Langley, has been perfected in its adjuncts, especially the galvanometer, at the hands of Abbot, so that it will measure one hundred millionth of a degree of temperature with readiness and precision.

A novel scene was recently seen at Rockland, Mass., that of a skunk running along the street with his head in an old tin can which he could not shake off. The boys chased without any desire to capture him, and he escaped, can and all, into an old stone wall.

The spur of track in Hurd street, Lowell, Mass., has been relaid after having been undisturbed for the past twenty-two years. Although the wood under the rails had been in place for over a score of years, when it came to be examined it was only slightly blackened and softened but little.

The half million acres cultivated in tea in India produce 100,000,000 pounds, the investment being about \$100 million. The labor required is thirteen persons to the acre. One pound of India tea will produce seven and a half gallons of tea of a given strength, while the tea of China will produce but five gallons.

An English-Irish syndicate has been formed for the purpose of removing one of the worst evils with which Irish industrial development is afflicted—viz. dear coal. The industrial difficulties due to the absence of coal in Ireland are to be removed by the use of turf, in which the island abounds. This is to be cut, dried and pressed into bricks.

The total area used for farming purposes in the United States is \$41,000,000 acres, an area larger than England, Scotland and Ireland, Wales, France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Japan and the Transvaal. There are 10,438,000 persons engaged in the agricultural pursuits, while all other industries employ but 18,845,000. One-third of the people are therefore devoted to farming.

A leper was exhibited at a lecture to an audience of Chicago university students the other day. Dr. James Nevins Hyde, the lecturer, said that leprosy is not dangerously contagious; that it is curable and that it is gradually disappearing from all countries. He does not believe that any drug capable of curing leprosy will ever be discovered. Cleanliness and good food, he asserts, are the surest and best remedies.

Topsy's Full Name. "Mamma, what is Topsy's other name?" "Topsy in the play? I don't know, dear. I guess she hasn't any other. It's just Topsy, that's all."

"Oh, she has another name. I heard papa speak of it yesterday, but I can't think of it now. Oh, yes, I remember. It's Topsy Turvy!"—Kansas City Journal.

We are all clever enough at envying a famous man while he is yet alive and at praising him when he is dead.

NEW SHORT STORIES

Willing to Oblige. Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister to Washington, attended in Philadelphia the launching of the Turkish war ship Medjidia from the Cramps' shipyard.

During the luncheon following the launch Chekib Bey inadvertently for a moment to the beggars of Philadelphia.

"You have here," he said, "an enterprising and intelligent collection of beggars. One of them approached me this morning. He told me a moving tale of misfortune, then he asked me for a little money."

"I put my hand in my pocket, to find that I was altogether out of change."

"My man," I said, "I have nothing for you now, but in an hour I shall be passing this way again. Then, I promise you, you shall get something from me."

"All right, sir," said the beggar; "but, all the same," he added fretfully, "you wouldn't believe the amount of credit I give in this way."—Boston Post.

Wood's Dispatches. Sir Evelyn Wood is distinguished by a williness in which he has very few equals. He gave a specimen of this during the operations following the Indian mutiny. He volunteered to carry dispatches through the enemy's country and disguised himself as an itinerant merchant, being fairly familiar with Hindustani. Traveling by night and day, he got too close to a rebel camp and was arrested and detained. After being somewhat carelessly examined he was allowed to spend the night in a tent. As he expected, during the darkness some natives crawled under the canvas and stealthily searched his saddlebags and wallets, but found nothing except sundry articles of commerce, the dispatches having been taken by Wood from a slit in his turban and buried underneath the spot where he slept. Next morning he was permitted to go and reached the British camp in safety.—Men and Women.

Billy West's Last Show. George Primrose's one desire seems to be to perpetuate the act of Primrose and West which he and the late Billy West presented for so many years in minstrelsy. He has adopted the Foleys brothers and taught them every minute motion the old team used to make. In this connection Primrose tells about his last interview with West, which took

place in the Palmer House, Chicago. West was then mortally ill. Primrose had been telling his old partner about the wonderfully clever dancing of his two proteges and how they knew every step of Primrose and West.

"I'd like to see the boys," said West, "but you see I can't get out of the hotel."

"Well," said Primrose, "I'll bring them over here. They can do the dance for you right in this room."

The boys went over the next afternoon dressed in their stage clothes and began the dance. Primrose beating the time for them.

"It was like a dream for Billy West," says Primrose. "He sat there as one transfixed, his only motion being a sort of swaying in his chair to the time of the dance. I am sure of one thing, nobody will ever enjoy the dancing of those two boys as Billy West did."

How He Lost a Million. Colonel Ochiltree used to tell a story of how he once lost \$1,000,000.

"It was at a banquet," he would say, "and Senator Hearst of California sat beside me. Hearst told how years before he and his party had once been helped across the Platte by a brave red haired boy. The boy, to this deed had risked his life. Senator Hearst as he talked got enthusiastic in his gratitude to the lad."

"Why," he said, "if I could only find that boy tonight I'd make him a present of \$1,000,000."

"I could restrain myself no longer at this point. I burst into tears. 'Senator,' I said, 'I am that red haired boy. Be hold the boy in me!'"

"But Hearst said, 'Ochiltree, you lie!'" "And thus I lost \$1,000,000!"—Exchange.

Unsophisticated New Members. Representative Billy Lorimer of Chicago listened to the tale of woe of a new member who had many complaints to make and many questions to ask.

"It seems to me," said Lorimer, "that you new chaps are about as unsophisticated as the fellow who came to Chicago and saw a wagon in the street on which was painted the sign 'Eagle Laundry.'"

"By gosh," he said, "I didn't know any feller could make a living in his town washing eagles!"

Her Dilemma. Ethel—I can't decide which of them to accept. Kate—Why, that ought to be easy. Ethel—I know; but you see, Jack always gives me roses, and Reggie always gives me violets, and the florist tells me they cost exactly the same price.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A man dat walks right up to de job of reformin' de whole world," said Uncle Eben, "very often balks at so simple a matter as breakin' hisself of chewin' tobacco."—Washington Star.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

Fraudulent Substitution. Much of that which we eat, drink or even wear is not what it professes to be, and it seems to us that the public are for all practical purposes unprotected. Need further examples be quoted than the following, which we have often quoted before? A mixture of linen and cotton is sold as pure linen, a mixture of wool and cotton is sold as all wool, a mixture of silk and cotton is sold as pure silk, goods bought as pure silk are heavily loaded with mineral matter to give a spurious impression of heaviness, grain spirit is sold as grape spirit or genuine brandy, the same grape spirit is sold as malt spirit or whisky, Indian tea is passed off as China tea, 'plantation' coffee is sold as real Java, and cottonseed oil is palmed off as genuine olive oil. Again, in jam and marmalade glucose is substituted for cane sugar, and glucose is also used in place of malt for making beer.

The latest addition to this infamous list is the use of cardboard wickedly sandwiched between the leather of the soles of boots offered for sale and guaranteed as "solid." A "solid" boot in the trade means an all leather boot. The very necessity of the term implies fraud, as does all malt in the whisky trade. And there are those in the boot and shoe trade, judging from the proceedings in a recent case, who would hold that boots with "insoles" of cardboard and brown paper might correctly be described as "solid" boots.—Lancet.

The German Emperor's Pipe. The disquieting news from Berlin about the kaiser's throat recalls the fact that General Grant suffered and died from cancer in the throat, which was by many physicians attributed to excessive smoking. The emperor has the same habit.

"Unser Fritz," the kaiser's father, who died of cancer like General Grant, was a great smoker of the big German student pipe. No picture of Kaiser Fritz was considered quite right which did not represent him as pulling at one of these great pipes as if he were Bismarck.

The present emperor has only recently succumbed to the big pipe habit. In his youth he smoked cigarettes, a little later advanced to mild cigars, but for some time has indulged a fondness for the huge, deep bowled, reflective pipe with amber mouthpiece and metal cover.

A Bankrupt by Promotion. The cost of a commission in the British army is well illustrated in the case of Lieutenant and Riding Master Emery of the Royal Irish lancers, who has just gone into bankruptcy, with liabilities amounting to \$3,670. Twenty-five years ago he enlisted in the regiment as a private. He gained an honorary commission in 1894, with an allowance of \$750 to cover his expenses. He was called on to spend for new clothes \$470, for two horses \$250, for transit of family to India \$75, for furnishing quarters \$600 and for saddletry \$100, a total of \$1,495, or \$745 more than the government allowed him. To help out he had to go to a money lender for a considerable part of the balance, so that he was really insolvent from the day he got his commission. Not much encouragement for "rankers" in this.

A Fatal Walking Match. Remote Tasmania furnished recently a very curious disaster when a Hobart firm of whisky manufacturers offered a prize for a walking match.

Forty competitors entered. The route was to the summit of the pinnacle of Mount Wellington, which forms a picturesque background to the Tasmania metropolis. In spite of bad weather the competitors started at 2 in the afternoon in light walking costumes. Halfway up the mountain they encountered a snowstorm.

Search parties found two competitors frozen to death, others rigid with cold, some temporarily demented and others who had lost themselves were rescued. Few reached the pinnacle. The winner covered eighteen miles in 2 hours 44 minutes.

Pay of the British Ambassador. We wish we could feel that Sir Mortimer Durand in going to Washington was about to receive a salary from the nation commensurate with the importance of the post he is to fill. Washington is now the most important station in the British diplomatic service and should be the best paid, even if it were not a singularly expensive post. Yet, strangely enough, our ambassador in a capital where the cost of living and service is so immensely high is only paid \$5,500 a year, while the pay in Paris is \$9,000 and in Constantinople, Berlin and Vienna \$8,000. In Washington the pay should be \$10,000.—London Spectator.

Walters' Liability. Mrs. Clara Bock of New York city has obtained a verdict of \$100 damages for injury done to a dress through the carelessness of a waiter in a restaurant. She and her husband were dining at Sherry's, and the waiter dropped a glass of water on the white crepe de chine princess gown. The manager made profuse apologies, and so did the waiter, but Mrs. Bock refused to be mollified by fine words. Next day she sent the dress to the hotel people, with a demand for its value. This was refused, so she sued and got a verdict, as stated above.

Confidence. "Mr. Biggins seems to have a very patient and cheerful disposition."

"Yes. He says that a man needn't worry so long as he has his health, and you can always find a sure remedy for any illness by looking through the advertisements."—Washington Star.

Deficiency. Honestman—I had to discharge my confidential man today. He didn't know enough for the position.

Crookedchap—I discharged mine also. He knew too much.—Cincinnati Times Star.

He Has Put Them. Any small boy will tell you that even leather slippers may be felt.—Philadelphia Record.

Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty.—Sinnott.



"IT WAS LIKE A DREAM."