

BANDON RECORDER.

ANIMAL STOWAWAYS.

On Ships and in Garages They Often Cross the Ocean.

New York has for many years received numbers of destitute aliens of the animal world from the holds of the banana ships.

The Colorado beetle has never succeeded in making a home in England, though mosquitoes of a peculiarly ferocious though nonmortal kind have been introduced in English hotels.

PITH AND POINT.

A wound in the purse is not mortal. Don't growl—that's the brute's business. Those we think are weakest are often stronger than us all.

Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but is not. Don't misjudge the man with a quick temper—they are the best hearts in Christendom.

Don't try to escape the battle of life. Life is not life without conflict, and death is not death without victory.

He Understood the People. One of Jay Gould's campaigns as a dealer in railways was with the Wash system of railroads.

Salute Himself Safe First. "What are you stinking back in the water for, Pat? You just swim ashore."

POLLY LARKIN

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin is undergoing her second trial for the alleged murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, who, with her sister, died at their home in Dover, Delaware, after having partaken freely of a box of poisoned candy.

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with their arms and baskets laden with nature's treasures. These, with the assistance of the teachers, were carefully labeled, classed and placed on exhibition in the children's room of the Carnegie Library.

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AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE.

The Opening of the Supreme Court of the United States.

As the hands of the clock point to 12 the chief justice of the supreme court of the United States rises from his seat, the murmur of conversation ceases, and attorneys, court officials and visitors rise while the chief justice announces.

It is an imposing and inspiring spectacle, the expression of which increases the red corpuscles of one's patriotism. No man entering that dome-like courtroom may wear his overcoat.

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NEW SHORT STORIES

Plaided's Thousand Cash.

Fred Plaided, once the professional rowing champion of the world, has had many odd experiences during his peregrinations around the world, and he has his stories, all interesting, about racing in South Africa, India, Australia and China as well as in America and England.

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THE SICKROOM MIRROR.

You Must Be Discreet in Allowing the Patient to Use It.

The looking glass, whether a plus or minus quantity, plays a more important part in the sickroom than most nurses and physicians give it credit for. The patient who is allowed to look into one is likely to be frightened into a relapse at sight of his cadaverous appearance, while the one who is not allowed to look is similarly affected by the refusal, which he attributes to the fact that his face is too much for his nerves.

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

From Belle to Pauper.

Early risers passing by the Rue de la Chine in the vicinity of that home of misery, often met a bent, shriveled, white haired old woman carrying a basket on her back and in her hand a stick with an iron point to it.

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"THAT IS THE PRINT OF MY THUMB."

you choose from the cart the steak or the chop or the joint that you desire to have cooked. Well, Mr. Hanna took a chop, and then he ordered a piece of game pie.

Meaning of Eternity. Budd Dobbie, the veteran reinman, used to attend frequently a queer little church on the outskirts of Philadelphia.

Music and Mathematics. In Syracuse Adelina Patti during her recent visit sold a reporter how she had recently been teaching music to a little American girl.

Some Old Style Hats. The gold lined cocked hat was largely used in 1778 not only on account of its military look, but because it probably protected the wearer from seizure by the press gangs, which were at that time more than usually active.

BLOWING HOT AND COLD.

How Iron and Steel in Losing Heat Rise in Temperature.

The phenomenon of a substance rising in temperature while losing heat, known as "recalescence," which was first observed by Professor Barrett and investigated by Dr. Hopkinson, has been noticed in the case of iron at a high temperature.

COAL TAR PRODUCTS. Some of the Things We Get From This One Time Nuisance. When coal gas was first introduced as an illuminant for large towns the tar which is condensed from the gas was looked upon as a nuisance.

A Lake Postoffice. In Lake Wabigoon, Ontario, at a point where the water is not very deep, a strong wooden stake has been driven into the ground.

Too Free With Knives. Sir Frederick Treves, the eminent English surgeon, recently delivered an address in which he took the view that the knife is used too hastily in many cases of appendicitis.

Very Touching. "Don't you think, after all, that woman's femininity touches and appeals to man?" "Gracious, yes! My wife is always asking me for something."

Sounding House Amenities. First Landlady (pointedly)—Well, thank heaven I haven't got no skeletons in my cupboard. Second Landlady (secretly)—Nobody thought for a minute that you kept your boarders out ahead.