

BANDON RECORDER.

DEEP SEA CURRENTS

THE GULF STREAM AND ITS COURSE THROUGH THE OCEAN.

Many irregularities are known to occur in both the direction and in the velocity of this peculiar river of the Atlantic.

Seamen sometimes seem to forget that even the most permanent of ocean currents, are occasionally driven out of their usual track by a succession of strong winds from one direction, and the fairy tides with respect to the alleged vagaries of the gulf stream told so frequently only tend to show that navigators rather too frequently regard that river in the ocean as not less firmly fixed in velocity and direction than if it were flowing to the sea between banks formed by the solid earth of our planet.

In fact, it has been seriously suggested that by diverting the course of the gulf stream into the Pacific, through the narrow neck of land joining the two Americas, it would be quite possible to freeze out a considerable portion of Europe.

Prior to the age of chronometers most extravagant views were put forward by navigators and others in a hurry to the effect that by the aid of an ordinary thermometer the longitude could be accurately determined if the shipmaster would but trouble to take a series of sea surface temperatures when in the vicinity of the gulf stream.

Just What Education Is. In a composition upon "Education" a boy writes, "Education is going to school, which is being marked every day and examined on paper and then promoted, and if you are a girl you graduate and have flowers, but if you are a boy you don't have flowers; you only go to college." A somewhat unique, deplorable, but comprehensive definition.

POLLY LARKIN.

If you want to get through life smoothly, serenely and happily, you must cultivate a cheerful disposition. It may be very hard at first for those who have naturally a despondent vein running through their natures; they have much to overcome. The most trifling thing in the every day events of life will call forth this despondency, which if not put down will eventually end in melancholia—a disease that baffles physicians and frequently brings the victim to the walls of the insane asylum. When the disease reaches this stage, it is the beginning of the end, nothing will lift the pall of gloom that has settled over them but death.

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Archbishop Riordan, addressed a large class of boys and girls on the temperance question. The other day he gave them good advice, which it would be well for all boys and girls to hear and heed. He said, "In administering to

you the pleasure of the League of the Cross it is with the desire to preserve you from the manifold sufferings that come with intemperance, and to secure your happiness in this world and in eternity. The drink habit has spread throughout the world and counts its victims by hundreds of thousands. There are 3000 saloons in San Francisco where men and women can make beasts of themselves. These places thrive on the degradation of the people; therefore, the church sets itself against drinking. The saloon in the home—the sideboard where liquor is constantly found—must be condemned as an evil. At a birth, from it liquor is dispensed; at a marriage, from it liquor is dispensed; at a death, from it liquor is dispensed. On all important occasions liquor is dispensed, and it is degrading. It is a great evil against which the church must make a bold stand. Temperance is a virtue that must be cherished. It brings its blessings in this life, and at the hour of death it is never regretted that one has been a sober man or woman, boy or girl."

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BRIEF REVIEW.

Success of Mosquito Campaign. A striking example of the efficacy of exterminating mosquitoes to prevent disease is to be found in the case of the yellow fever epidemic at Laredo, Tex., last fall. This city is situated on the Rio Grande, with one part in Mexico and the other on the American side of the boundary.

Fat Cadets Barred. At West Point it has been decided that no fat cadet may go into the cavalry, because he must lack the agility of the ideal horseman and must prove a burden to his steed. "Excessive weight," says General Burton (inspector), "is ruinous to a horse, is cumbersome to a rider and weakens the endurance of the individual."

Ancient Ceremony at Cork. An ancient custom still prevails in Cork. Every three years the Lord-Mayor proceeds in his state barge to the mouth of Cork harbor and throws into the sea a dart that has a gilded head and a shaft of mahogany. The ceremony implies the dominion of his town over the adjacent sea with all its inlets and islands.

Indian Rhinoceros. The Indian rhinoceros is nearly extinct. There are two specimens in the London Zoological Gardens and two on the European continent. Very few are left in the wild state in India and Assam, and unless special measures shall be taken for their preservation they will soon disappear.

Slaughter of Rats. On the docks of London in one year 70,000 rats have been destroyed, but the medical officer of health for the port is doubtful whether that was as much as the natural increase of births over deaths, and more vigorous measures are to be taken.

PREYER'S PREDICAMENT.

A ludicrous incident in the life of the famous painter. John W. Preyer, the famous painter of still life, was a remarkably slender specimen of the genus homo, differing, however, from ordinary dwarfs in the symmetry and exact proportion of all the parts of his diminutive frame.

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A WINNING SCHEME.

The Power of Timid Beauty to Disarm Wrathful Shoppers. A woman whose stern visage spelled trouble, says the Philadelphia Record, stepped up to the complaint desk in a big store. Back of the desk was a timid miss—one of those Dresden doll girls who never seem to lose their baby ways—and at the sight of the wrathful shopper she seemed to shrink a bit, while into her wide blue eyes came what the poets would style the look of a startled fawn.

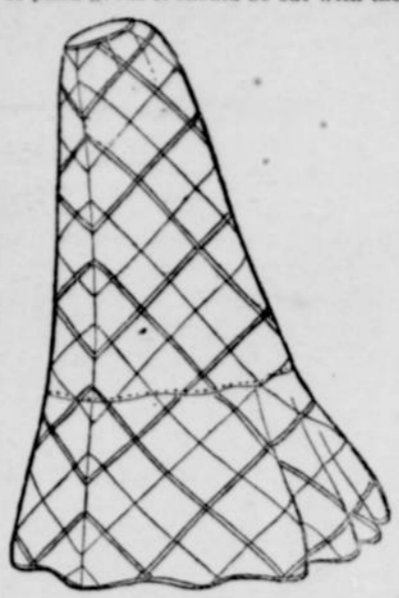
CURIOSITIES OF SUICIDE.

Trivial Conditions That Have Led Up to Self Destruction. It is a strange fact that nearly all great men have a tinge of melancholy in their blood and are subject at times to periods of great depression. Napoleon at the beginning of his career was in great financial distress and was prevented from drowning himself only by the timely pecuniary aid of a schoolmate.

Evidence by Phonograph. The Vienna police are about to experiment with a phonograph in taking a prisoner's answers to questions asked in the preliminary examination, so that when the actual trial takes place there may be no dispute as to what was said.

WOMAN AND FASHION

Design for a Skirt. This is an excellent design for a skirt for plaid as well as plain fabrics. It is circular in shape and may be of one or two piece construction. If made of plaid goods it should be cut with the



ONE OR TWO PIECE SKIRT. Matched bias edges at center of front. Darts arranged in upper part give a smooth fit over hips. Provision is made for inverted box plait or habit back and for round or medium sweep. Black and white plaid was selected for the making, but several materials are suitable, such as serge, mohair, chevrot and broadcloth. The medium size requires five and three-quarter yards of forty-four inch material.

Cloth Costumes in Favor. A great many navy blue cloth costumes are to be seen. Generally the revers and collar are in contrasting colors—red, blue and green velvet being the most worn. Beige and gray are much in favor, and there is a distinct return to covert coating in public favor. Some smart women are wearing sack back coats in this material with immense pearl buttons; others wear the same material made with the popular "skirt" basques. A remarkably pretty figure is required to stand this innovation. Skirts are almost without exception made with two flounces very slightly curved and bordered with rows of stitching or bias folds of the material stitched. White cloth is still much worn. Women seem to cling to the memory of the successful "white" summer gown and have transferred their fidelity only to a warmer edition of the same charming fashion.

Infantion Fur.

Among these new and most wonderful fashions, which are also employed for dress trimmings, coats and hats, the crushed velvet, with the markings of baby lamb, are perhaps the most seen. Many a smart evening coat is constructed of this pseudo skin. Ermine rabbit skin turns out inexpensive scarfs and flat muffs, which velvet rosettes and applications further enhance, and there are others of a silky plush so deliciously like chinchilla that the simulation is scarcely regretted.

For House Wear.

For real utility and good appearance the princess wrapper is recommended, and by the tasteful selection of materials it is rendered quite correct for afternoon or morning wear. The pattern is tight fitting, with closing at the side. The front is fitted by darts which extend to the shoulder. This not only



gives excellent lines to the garment, but is ever so much easier to fit than the old fashioned darts. The model provides a pointed collar, and it may be made in high or pointed neck. Made of blue cashmere, with trimmings of cream wool lace insertion and lace, it is quite elaborate enough for any wear, but its charm is not by any means lost when it is developed of polka dot outing flannel.

The Chiffon Rauche.

Puffed chiffon rufflings are a new idea and a good one. A puff of chiffon, a band of lace and a ruffle of chiffon—and there's a pretty cuff or top of bodice without labor whatsoever. And when used for cuffs they can be turned with the edge forward or back, as the taste prefers. They're very pretty, and they are sure to sit well and to stay. The price is only \$1 a yard.

Two Different Things.

Well—So she's fallen in love with young Boxyey. Belle—You don't say? Well—Why, surely you heard about it? Belle—No. I merely heard she was going to marry him—Exchange.

Helping the Cook. Boarding Mistress—What are those boarders grumbling about now? Servant—They're roasting the beef.—New York Press.

TOM SHERIDAN.

The Handsome, Witty and Spoiled Son of Richard Brinsley. At the east corner of Bolton street (now St. Piccadilly) there flourished when the nineteenth century was still young a club devoted to dandyism; dinners de luxe and high play, or to speak cynically, the ruin of mind, body and estate. It was called Watier's. Its presiding genius, or "perpetual president," was Beau Brummel, famous for his cravats, his quarrel with the prince regent and his phenomenal good luck at the then fashionable game of macao.

Tom Sheridan, the handsome, witty, spoiled son of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, of Tom it has been said that he was endowed with all the wit of his father, all the charm of his mother and the good looks of both. Few men seem to have been more universal liked, and when George Colman wrote, "I love and esteem Tom Sheridan heartily and wish success to any scheme in which he is interested," he only expressed a general sentiment. A few specimens of Tom's wit have been preserved. None is better than a reply to his foolishly indulgent father when remonstrating with him for some imprudence. The father ended by saying, "Why, Tom, my father would never have permitted me to do such a thing," whereupon Tom replied in a tone of assumed indignation, "Sir, would you dream of comparing your father to mine?"—Longman's Magazine.

THE LAND OF NICOTINE.

Smoking Seems to Be an Essential Part of Japanese Life. I think every man, woman and child in Japan smokes. This may be an exaggeration, especially as regards the children, but it is no exaggeration to say that smoking is as much a part of the everyday life of the people as is eating or drinking, and it is indulged in by women with the same innocent, nonchalant enjoyment as is exhibited by the men. It was a bit of a shock to me when I first came to Japan to come face to face with this fact before I had an opportunity to form any sort of impressions of the little woman in whom I was prepared to be so interested. I landed at Nagasaki and almost immediately took a train for Moji, whence I was to go for a trip through the interior. It was early morning, and, being in the midst of the rainy season, everything was soggy damp.

The first class carriage into which I was shown was anything but first class; it was unclean and badly ventilated, and its only other occupants were two Japanese ladies and a man. The women had evidently just finished breakfasting in the car and were now sitting on their feet upon the seat absolutely enraptured in clouds of the most evil smelling smoke, which they puffed from long cigarettes. They were beautifully dressed in silk kimonos and were undoubtedly gentlewomen. I knew that even then, when I had seen so few, and I must confess I was rather annoyed, because their daintiness seemed to be entirely destroyed. But after a residence of months I think I would rather see them smoke than not. They do it so daintily, so innocently, with such frank enjoyment, and so constantly, that it seems a very part of their quaint Japanness.—Eleanor Franklin in Leslie's Weekly.

HEROISM IN ANIMALS.

It is Not More Uncommon Than is Brutal Maternal Affection. A writer on natural history complains that men are prone to regard masculine courage in defense of others as a virtue purely human. In reality self sacrifice for the female sex or for the young is every part of the scheme of nature, and every male thing is strong and splendid in appearance because he is the descendant of those who have proudly held and guarded "the privilege of death." Another writer tells a story which illustrates this point. Two anatomists, hunting at night, clambered over a gate with their swinging lanterns and found themselves in a field filled with sheep. The result of their coming was panic and a furious stampede. The sheep charged better skelter away from the lanterns and huddled together at the far end of the field. But there was a ram among them, and as the flock scurried away this creature stood firm, covering the retreat. Then, steadily and majestically, the huge ram advanced with lowered head toward the mysterious lights and pressed them back to the gate. This is only one graphic story of many that might be told of masculine courage throughout nature. Man has some virtues which animals, so far as we can judge, know nothing about; but heroism—the pride of affording protection to the weak and daring death for the security of the flock—is not a human attribute alone, any more than is maternal affection.

Debts and Credits. "Yes," said Mrs. Millionaire prondly, "we married our daughter very well, I think. We gave her a dowry of \$2,000,000, and you have no idea how many noblemen there were after her. She's now a countess." "Yes, I read it all in the papers," returned Mrs. Cheerful smilingly. "We didn't give our daughter any dowry at all, and she is very happily married to a successful young business man."

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"No dowry?" "None. It wasn't necessary. In the matrimonial market, you know, it depends on the girl whether she is accepted as a debit or a credit."

After the full meaning of this had percolated through the intellect of Mrs. Millionaire a coldness seemed to arise and make itself felt.—New York Press.

The Voice of the World.

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

There are many signs of a great commercial development in the western islands of Alaska.

The United States pays nearly \$1,000,000 a day to foreign ships for carrying its products.

Rats give trouble in the London underground railway by eating the rubber insulation of the wires.

A Kansas man claims to have a swarm of bees that made twenty pounds of honey in three days.

The army of school children in New York is larger by 100,000 than the armies which fought at Liaoyang.

The Birmingham (England) health department furnishes feeding bottles for the children of impoverished patients.

A man of Halifax, N. S., wanted a vacation so badly that he paved a cemetery lot in order to pay the expenses of one.

For manufacturing 150,000 bottles of "wine" out of chemicals and exporting it as Hungarian wine a firm at Budapest has been fined \$57,500.

The Russian department of commerce and navigation has decided to allow women to become employees in its bookkeepers and typewriters.

A Polish girl of Brooklyn went to the cemetery to pray for a deceased relative. While she was there a tombstone fell on her and killed her.

The longest name in the world is believed to be that of Miss Annie Keohoa-anakalinalinua-ka-ka-ka-ka, whose letters were addressed to Honolulu.

A girl who has worked in a restaurant at Colorado Springs for a number of years has just come into a tidy little legacy of \$2,000,000 from a distant English relative.

Oak beams 1,000 years old recently were removed from the Blue Bell Inn, Reddington, England. They have been made into handsome furniture by a local manufacturer.

The skeleton market shows a slump, and prices have fallen sharply owing to the Russo-Japanese war. The Boer war sent first grade skeletons down to \$17.50. They promise to be lower now.

A big searchlight has been placed in the upper geyser basin of the Yellowstone National park and is turned on the geysers when they play at night. The effect is said to be strangely beautiful.

The Royal Bank of Canada has been given the contract of disbursing the \$31,000,000 borrowed by the Cuban government to pay the veterans of the army and other claims growing out of the war for freedom.

Governor Gessler's castle, near Kussnacht, on the Lake of Lucerne, famous in the history of William Tell's exploits, has been sold to a company which will convert the ancient stronghold into a modern hotel.

The natives of India take more and more to beer. Formerly the consumption was very small. There are now, however, many large breweries, and last year their combined production aggregated nearly 9,000,000 gallons.

Paul Reimers, a German decorator, was so fond of reading his Bible in working hours that the foreman took it away from him and found between the leaves a large amount of gold leaf. Reimers had been stealing regularly.

There is activity, combined with anxiety, in Lancashire (England) coal mining circles. Many of the mines are near to the exhaustion point, and explorations in search of new ones are being carried on that will cost a large sum.

Rio de Janeiro's health department in an effort to abate a plague of rats offered 10 cents for every dead rat. The consequence was that a syndicate was formed for the importation of rats, and it was making money when it was exposed.

On the docks of London in one year 70,000 rats have been destroyed, but the medical officer of health for the port is doubtful whether that was as much as the natural increase of births over deaths, and more vigorous measures are to be taken.

There is a big Maltese cat in the railroad shops at Indianapolis which is the pet of all the railroad men in that city. She is said to have killed 10,000 rats and mice in her time, but now she has adopted a family of four baby mice and is carefully bringing them up.

The so called "sweet potato" is no potato at all, but belongs to an entirely different family, being truly an enlarged root of a creeping, trailing vine, which has a blossom something like a morning glory. Sweet potatoes are richer in starch and sugar than the common potato.

The greatest of the world's manufacturers of halbrams is at Potosiwick, a village in the Stroud valley, at the foot of the Cotswolds. There are no fewer than 300 persons employed in turning out these trifles of the boudoir, and hundreds of automatic machines are in constant operation transforming miles of wire into tons of finished pins.

A French consul from China, interviewed by the Paris Eclair, says that the work of the Japanese in China is immense, and its effects are already striking and disquieting for Europeans. Everywhere Japanese are to be found organizing the country and instructing the people. These instructors act as spies and have even pushed down to the French Tonkin frontier.

The Canadian authorities are delighted over the success of their experiment in instructing their fishermen in the Scotch methods of catching and packing herring. A shipment to New York of Canadian herring put up by Professor Cowie and I. S. Scott's fishermen at Canby brought from \$12 to \$15 a barrel, which is equal to the highest price obtained for Scotch or Norwegian herring. The ruling price heretofore received for the Canadian catch has been from \$5 to \$6.

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