

BANDON RECORDER.

ODDLY NAMED TOWNS

QUEER TITLES THAT DOT THE MAPS OF UNCLE SAM.

This Nomenclative Peculiarity is Not Confined to Any One Part of the Country, but Leads Its Impartially to All Sections.

The names of some towns in the United States probably cause their inhabitants considerable vexation when away from home, says the Chicago Chronicle.

If a man hailed from Affinity, N. C., he would naturally be supposed to be married and his home life an unpunctuated chapter of bliss.

Any one coming from Eye, N. C., could hardly expect to join the New York police force and find things congenial.

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Any one might think that Ice, Ga., would become a more popular summer resort than Hell Hole, Colo.

A man may travel from Dan to Beersheba nowadays and think it a very short journey.

There is a large green cricket in Japan of which the children of that country are fond.

"Tomorrow is my wife's birthday, and I want to buy a present that will tickle her."

POLLY LARKIN

"Talk about beauty doctors all you want to, and put all of your spare change in cold creams and the much-advertised remedies warranted to banish old Father Time and cover up and smooth out the wrinkles and little-eris-smooth lines that march steadily on in spite of the strenuous efforts to keep them back."

If we, as people, were schooled to conceal our feelings as well as the Japanese, never give way to fits of anger, become boisterous with joy, or cast down into the depths of despondency, raving and crying out against fate, letting all those around us know wherein we had failed, etc., we would have no use for beauty doctors.

Be a dreamer if it makes you happy, and build your castles in the air. Rear them beautiful in architecture, graceful in design and perfect in finish.

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Her Powerful Imagination. When Mr. Ferguson went home the other evening he found his wife crouching over the register in the back parlor with a shawl over her shoulders and shivering with all her might.

"The matter is," she replied, with chattering teeth, "that I can't keep warm. I've got the furnace going at its full capacity too."

"I should say you had. What do you want things so hot for? Have you got a chill?"

"He Got Them All. The president of a certain athletic club in Baltimore which has a fondness for amateur exhibitions of the 'manly art' tells of the trials of an Irish boxer imported from Philadelphia to meet a local artist.

The Road to Happiness. There can be no domestic happiness unless there are mutual concessions.

BRIEF REVIEW.

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ANIMAL PECULIARITIES.

Fish and Crabs That Can Imitate Their Surroundings. Many insects, birds, animals and even fish and crabs are wonderfully clever imitators. They will take upon themselves the color, shape or position of their surroundings so perfectly that neither friend nor enemy can discover their whereabouts.

There is a fish to be seen in the keep beds about the island of Santa Catalina which has a clever way of making itself invisible. The body is slender, with a pointed head and prominent eyes.

Another inhabitant of the keep beds is an olive green crab, which clings to the under side of the keep tangles. This crab also showed great uneasiness when it was placed in a tank.

Several deep sea spiders which had been found at a depth of 800 feet were kept in a tank for several weeks. When taken from the dredging net they were a dark brown, though presumably the spot where they came from was sodark that they could scarcely have been seen.

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THE BURMESE WOMAN.

With All Her Fallings, She is Held in High Esteem. "Burma, as in many other things," writes V. C. Scott in his book "The Silken East," "is in advance of more reputedly civilized countries in the status it accords to women."

The infant marriage and shutting up in walled houses, the polygamy, the harems, the social punishment of widows, the denial of spiritual rights which prevail in India are unknown in Burma.

"She has fallings. Who has not? Her practice of chewing betel is inelegant and destructive to her teeth; her voice is apt under the pressure of adversity to be shrill; her keen business faculties detract a trifle from the romance in which, as in a halo, all women are enveloped; in old age she is very ugly.

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ASTROLOGY.

One of the Most Ancient Forms of Superstition. Astrology means the "science of the stars." The encyclopedia classifies astrology "one of the most ancient forms of superstition."

Probably the palmist days of astrology were the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. At two of the oldest universities in Europe chairs were founded for its teaching—at Bologna and at Padua.

Why an Indian's Horse was Declared Winner of a Race. A man who has traveled extensively in the west among other anecdotes told this one:

"I was present at a horse race in New Mexico one day, where a horse belonging to an Indian had been matched against a swift footed pony which was the property of a cowboy.

The Indian's horse took the lead at the start and retained it. The cowboys offered more money as the race progressed, and the Indians, seeing their horse in the lead, took the wagers. So it went until three and a half miles had been covered and the Indians had bet all their possessions against the money of the cowboys.

Swimming Elephants. The elephants of Burma, in India, are used for a variety of purposes. Throughout the day they stolidly as laborers in carrying the great timbers from place to place, a single elephant doing the work, it is estimated, of a score of men.

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

The pauperism of England and Wales costs the whole population \$2.38 a head yearly.

The longest article in the new section of the Oxford Dictionary is on the verb "pass." It takes up sixteen columns.

The following advertisement is taken from an English paper: "Smart lad wanted for butchering. Apply 6 Spot-Jand road."

According to the St. James' Gazette, it is now "smart" to be superstitious; hence English society would regret to see an English princess married to an Alfonso XIII.

All Moslem races despise and hate the sound of bells, which, they say, causes the evil spirits to assemble together. In consequence bells are never used on Mohammedan mosques.

Thieves have carried off from the church of Sauvetat, in the French department of Puy de Dome, a massive and artistic copper statue of the Virgin which is said to date from 1319.

Last year Spain imported one-half of its coal from England. It is now proposed to form a union of the Spanish coal mines and by organizing the mining industry to cut off the English supply.

A Danish engineer recently built a vessel after the lines of Noah's ark as laid down in the Bible. It made a craft of 306 tons. It made a trial trip near Copenhagen and proved a good sea boat.

Copper mining once flourished in Ireland, but between 1840 and 1843 the Ballynurtagh mine in Wicklow county produced 6,000 tons of copper pyrites a year. There is some prospecting still being done in Ireland.

According to the annual report of the Volunteers of America, of whom Ballington Booth is the leader, the congregation of his 25,000 services during the past year within the volunteer halls and buildings reached 1,069,955 persons.

It is stated by the Peking Times that among the gifts presented to the empress of China on her birthday was a "beautiful diamond" from a high official. It was examined by the empress' experts and turned out to be a piece of cut glass.

Anglomaniia is still increasing in Paris. Formerly one used to hear of la belle, le jeu de paume, la raquette, le ballon, etc. Today everybody says "nous faisons du sport, du rowing, du yachting, du football, du tennis, du golf," etc.

A Parisian lady claiming \$10,000 damages from her landlord because the noise of the horses next door kept her awake produced as evidence a dress-maker's certificate showing that owing to want of rest her waist had become two inches smaller.

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