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"Considering the investment, trained dogs are one of the most profitable attractions in the vaudeville line," said an old time showman, here with one of the current theatrical companies. "I suppose there are at least 12 or 15 troops of them scattered over the country," he continued. "and the good ones easily average a couple of hundred a week and expenses. As there are no salaries to pay for the dogs and no hotel bills for anybody except the proprietor and one keeper the returns are rather handsome. Nowadays they have the business down to such a fine point that the sudden death of any of the animals can be readily remedied by telegraphing to New York, where several men make a specialty of keeping standard trick dogs in stock.

"A dog troupe usually consists of five performers, one of which is a star. The star probably costs \$150 and the others about \$30 apiece. Mongrels of no intrinsic worth are generally selected for training purposes, because they learn as quickly as the thoroughbreds and if anything happens to them the loss is so much lighter. There is a standard series of tricks which they are taught to do, so that one can easily replace another, and a little ingenuity on the part of the showman supplies the variety to the programme."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### Ancient Chains.

In an interesting article on the subject of chains an English writer points to the fact that notwithstanding the frequent mention of chain in the Bible the article is comparatively new. The same author says:

"Some authorities give the Britons credit for originating the cable chain because Julius Caesar is recorded as having been unable to cut the cables of the Gaul's vessels, 'as they were made of iron.' This may have been a chain in the present acceptation of the term, but it is doubtful, because the first patent for chainmaking was obtained in England in 1684 by a blacksmith named Philip White. The patent was for 14 years, and in consideration of it White had to pay £3 in lawful money yearly 'at the Exchequer, Westminster, at the Feast of the Blessed Virgin, and Saint Michell the Archangell by even and equal process.'

"His patent is described as follows: 'A way for the wearing of ships with iron chayne by finding out the true heating (preparing and tempering of Lyon for that purpose) and that he hath now attained to the true use of the said chayne and that the same will be for the great saving of cordage and safety of shippers and will redound to good of our Conon Wealth.'

### Early French Theaters.

The French theater owes its origin to the religious exhibitions given by the pilgrims on their return from Palestine. At these exhibitions the pilgrims gave an account of the Holy Land and recited their own adventures. They were afterward imitated by those who had never been to the Holy Land. To these succeeded dramatic representations of subjects taken from the new text, which, being forbidden by the provost of Paris, the priests of France invited the king to be present at an exhibition to prove that they were calculated to excite religious feelings.

The building in which those plays were produced was divided into three scaffolds—the highest represented paradise, the second the world and the lowest, which was in the form of a dragon's head, represented hell. The only entrance to the two upper scaffolds was through the dragon's head.

The actors never left the stage, even to change their dress, and the plays were so long as to require several days for their completion. At the close of each evening the audience was invited to return until the whole were finished, sometimes 40 nights.

### The Power of a Cyclone.

Careful estimates of the force of a cyclone and the energy required to keep a full fledged hurricane in active operation reveal the presence of a power that makes the mightiest efforts of man appear as nothing in comparison.

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### A Barnum Surprise.

A good story of the late George Augustus Sala and Barnum is told. It was on the occasion of the last visit of the famous showman to England, when a public dinner was tendered to Mr. Barnum. Mr. Sala presided. In the reception room where all were waiting, Mr. Barnum came in, beaming, and, shaking hands with the chairman, said: "This is indeed a surprise to me."

"Did you hear that?" Mr. Sala whispered. "Why, he arranged for the dinner himself."

### A Literary Note.

"Your majesty," said the prime minister, "this is the page who has been remiss in his duty."

"Ah!" exclaimed the king. "We'll have to bring him to book."

"He'll be!" laughed the page. "A noble jest, I'll be bound."

Thenupon the king's heart softened, for he perceived that a man so young could make so old a joke.—Catholic Standard and Times.

### About and Ashore.

Bill—How about that Sound steamer?

Jill—I guess she's all right. There's a rumor ashore that she's afloat.

Bill—That's good. I heard there was a rumor afloat that she was ashore.—Yonkers Statesman.

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As a rule the mountaineer of Kentucky is not a gastronomic connoisseur, and the visitor at his table is quite as likely to hear dried apples referred to as 'fruit' as he is to find any other kind of fruit on the table. Occasionally, however, one of them is sufficiently fortunate to get away from his fastnesses, and living temporarily down in the blue grass has an opportunity to acquire some virtues not otherwise obtainable. It was such a one I caught up with one morning in June along the ridge of the Cumberland.

"I'm looking for a place," I said after a few preliminaries. "where I can stop for a week or so while I look up some timber I have in this neighborhood. Do you know of any?"

"There ain't much up that sort around here," he replied, "except you go to Mount Pleasant, an I reckon that's too far. But hol' on," he broke in with a sudden thought, "thar's the Widder Tackett. She axed me yestidy to see some up you folks at the mill and tell 'em she had a place to sleep and eat two or three men of they wuzn't too pertickler."

"The young man's face flushed. 'Well, I reckon,' he said with some emphasis. 'She's goin to be my mother-in-law come next September.'

"I beg your pardon," I hastened to explain. "I only asked to know if she had good eating. Some of that we get in private houses even in the cities, you know, is not the best in the world."

"Cities be dorned," he said with a fine feeling. "Yer ain't never tried the Widder Tackett's pie yet, mister, an yer want to keep still till yer do. Ain't nothin like it nowhere, no matter what kind up a pie she sets afore yer. It's all no plusibus unum, an no mis-take. Why, I'm tellin you that I set down to one uv her pie last week, dern ef I recometer what kind it was, ef I ever knowed, an I wuz eatin right into it like a hot shovel gone into a snow pile, an Bill Rogers across the table frum me called me a liar, an I never said a dern word to him till I had plum e't my pie and got my teeth picked. Dern my buttons ef I did, colou-er."

I did not like to inquire further into the mystery of what happened to Mr. Rogers after the last taste of the pie was safely housed by my informant, but I made a fair guess and went on to see the Widow Tackett concerning board and lodging for one man for one week.—Washington Star.

### Big Bets.

The late Mr. Davis, the biggest book-maker of his time in England, probably laid the largest bet ever recorded when he wagered \$500,000 to \$5,000 against three horses owned by a Mr. Clark and entered in the Derby of 1896.

There is also a bet recorded of \$450,000 to \$150,000, the big amount being laid by Lord Glasgow and the smaller by Lord George Bentinck, who lost.

In 1853 a young lordling bet \$15,000 to \$150 that St. Simon, a very celebrated race horse, would win a race in which but one other animal was to start. St. Simon was so hot a favorite that 100 to 1 was laid on his chance, such odds, of course, being very unusual and meaning that there is hardly any betting being done. That lord, however, actually bet his \$15,000 against a book-maker's \$150 as coolly as if he had been accepting and not laying tremendous odds. St. Simon won in a canter.

### Time the Magician.

Mother—What is the matter, Clara? You look distressed.

Clara (a bride)—George has—has had to go off on a—on a trip, and he won't be back for—for two days—twooo!

Same Mother (some years later)—How long will your husband be away?

Same Clara—I forgot to ask.—New York Weekly.

### Getting Up.

The Duke of Wellington slept on an iron camp bedstead 18 inches wide and argued that "when a man wants to turn over it is time to turn out." Edward Everett Hale quotes this remark of the duke in the "Ten Times One Record" and takes issue with him. "The principle is well enough," says Dr. Hale, "but I think the detail is wrong. Sleep is far too important to be made uncomfortable." Dr. Hale goes on to tell of various ingenious devices for automatically waking a sleeper. A friend of his fixed his alarm so that at the foreordained moment the bedclothes were dragged from the bed. The same gentleman found another contrivance which worked better. "The alarm struck a match, which lighted the lamp which boiled the water for Rosseter's shaving. If Rosseter staid in bed too long, the water boiled over upon his razor and clean shirt and the prayer book his mother gave him and Coleridge's autograph and his open pocketbook and all the other precious things he could put in a basin underneath when he went to bed; so he had to get up before that moment came."

### A Generous Admission.

The London Graphic tells the following story about Hans Richter in an article on conductors:

Dr. Richter's popularity with his men is easily intelligible, for while nothing escapes his argus-eyed vigilance he always recognizes and acknowledges good work. A few years ago, while he was conducting—from memory, an unusual one—of Brahms's overtures at St. James' hall, "a strange thing happened," as Mr. Haggard used to say, several and conductor lost touch for several bars, and when the piece was ended Dr. Richter signalled to the orchestra to play the overture again from the beginning. This time everything went without a hitch, and at the close Dr. Richter turned round, and addressing the audience said, "Ladies and gentlemen, the mistake was mine, not the orchestra's," a generous admission which provoked a salvo of applause.

### When death has laid its cold and relentless hand upon a kind and loving husband, the wife cannot be blamed for asking heaven if all her years of devotion and work and helpfulness were worth the while, when it comes so soon to this tragic end.

If men would only take the most common sense precautions against the encroachments of ill-health, there would be fewer houses of mourning, and fewer women left alone almost helpless before the battle of life is half over. A man's liver and stomach are twin machines that work together, either to make or unmake a man's blood. They are the great regulators of his blood. Impure and impoverished blood means sickness and death. If they work right, they purify and enrich the blood. A man whose blood is impure, and whose liver is active cannot well be unhealthy. Headaches, biliousness, indigestion and constiveness, which men generally disregard, are Nature's warnings that the twin mechanism, stomach and liver, is working against, instead of for him. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best medicine to use under these circumstances. It creates appetite, corrects all disorders of the digestion, invigorates the liver and fills the arteries with rich, red, healthy blood. As an invigorating, restorative tonic, it is far superior to all the malt extracts. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It does not build sickly, flabby fat as cod liver oil does, but the firm, muscular tissues of health.

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