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RAT STORIES.
"To be sure, rat catching is not as fashionable a sport as trout fishing," said the rat catcher, "but it requires a great deal of skill to catch a rat. Come with me."
The reporter, the rat catcher and his dog climbed a hill and entered a kitchen from which all the furniture had been removed but the stove. On the floor in the middle of the room straw was laid an inch deep. A large walking case stood in the corner. The rat catcher untied a string from the neck of a bag and out came a large rat, who ran rapidly around the four sides of the room, and, finding no outlet, sought refuge beneath the straw. The rat catcher then put his hand into another bag and drew out a ferret, which he placed upon the floor. The ferret moved slowly around until he struck the rat's trail, which he followed in all its windings. When the ferret reached the straw the rat bounded out and took another circuit around the room, but finding no way of escape, in seeming desperation he ran up the cane and seated himself on the top. The ferret meanwhile had followed the trail with the tenacity of a bloodhound. When he arrived at the foot of the cane he stopped. Ferrets cannot climb. He sat at the foot of the cane and waited. The rat began to chatter with rage and fear. His cry gradually arose from a whimper to a shrill squeak. Then a gliding bundle of fur, gleaming teeth and shining eyes came down the cane. The sinister ferret was on the catch, and as the rat reached the floor he darted like a flash and his needle-like teeth were fastened in the rat's neck. The momentum of the rat's body carried the two animals along the floor for two feet. There was a short struggle, a dead rat, and the ferret was restored to the bag.
"Rats never bite in the dark. I have been bitten many times, but always after I have brought the animal to the light," continued the rat catcher. "You can put your hand into a bag full of rats with impunity, but you must keep the light away from them. A farmer who lives near this place came here early one morning. He was in crossing one of his fields he met a drove of rats. He estimated there were 250 in the drove. He succeeded in killing some of them. The rest got into his barn and outbuildings. We went over to the barn and hunted it over carefully, but we could not find a sign of a rat. We were about leaving the place when I noticed Gin here (putting a bright-eyed terrier fondly upon the head) lying beside a brick wall. She refused to leave when I called her. The wall was double, with an open space eight inches wide between. With a cold-chisel I cut a brick out of the wall, and running my hand into the hole, I felt a solid body of rats filled one upon the other as far as I could reach. I covered my hands with a pair of buckskin gloves and felt around among the rats until I had secured six tails. The farmer was holding the bag, but when I swung those six rats out of the hole he turned pale, dropped the bag, and ran."
"I took 145 rats out of that wall. We took them to the farmer's kitchen and ranged themselves in a corner on their hind quarters, like soldiers awaiting a charge, and began making the peculiar noise which rats always make when cornered. I had been holding the young dog who was struggling to get away. When I let him go he charged the phalanx bravely. A moment later he ran under the table, carrying a load of living rats hanging from every part of his body. Then I let the old dog go. After she had laid them all out she went around among them, and if there was one who showed signs of life she gave him an extra nip.—N. Y. Sun.

A CLEVER PARODY.
The following reply to Robert Barns' popular poem is taken from an Australian paper:
"A man's a man," says Robert Barns, "For a' that and a' that."
But though the song be clear and strong, It lacks a note for a' that.
The rat would shirk his daily work, Yet claims his wage and a' that.
O' bag woe he can earn his bread, Is not a man for a' that.
If all who dine on homely fare, Were true and brave and a' that; And those whose girls is "holly gray," Was fool or knave and a' that; The ves and crins that shams our time, Would fade and fall and a' that, And ploughmen be as good as kings, And churchis as oars for a' that.
You see yon bray, blasting sot, Who swears and swears and a' that; And thinks his voice is strong right arm Might tell an or, and a' that. That he's as noble, in fur or in, As duke or lord and a' that, He's but a brute beyond dispute, And not a man for a' that.
A man may have a large estate, Have place, park and a' that, An' not be rich, but honest worth, Be thrice a man for a' that. An' I'd say, bech'ing on the moor, Who beats his wife and a' that, Be nothing but a' rat and a' that, Nor half a man for a' that.
I'd say to this, dear Robert Barns, The truth is old and a' that, The rat's but the gin's story, 'The man's the man, for a' that.' An' I'd say, y' rat has miscal mark On a' rat's brass and a' that. This is a' gin's, the gin's it is, And will not pay for a' that.
For a' that, and a' that, 'His seat and heart and a' that, That he's the kin, a' gin's it is, And not his oars and a' that. An' I'd say, in fur or in, if rich or poor, The best is he for a' that. Who stands erect in self-respect, And asks the man for a' that.
More Reciprocally.

No day now passes without a new reciprocity treaty. The telegraph informs us that the terms of treaties with Guatemala and San Salvador have been agreed upon and progress has been made with a treaty with Colombia. The British West Indies are also maneuvering for reciprocity on the same terms as the Spanish Antilles. Why stop here? Why not have reciprocity treaties with Great Britain, France and Germany. If reciprocity is to be the fashion let us take it by wholesale and not in retail lots. It is a good thing for us to admit from our southern neighbors, free of duty, everything that California or Oregon produce, it surely cannot be a bad thing to admit from our European allies, free of duty, the articles which New England and Pennsylvania produce. What is sauce for the goose must surely be sauce for the gander.
These eastern politicians—including Mr. Arthur, Mr. Frelinghuysen, Mr. McCulloch and the rest—are acting as if this country were bounded on the west by the Alleghany mountains and on the south by the Potomac. They cannot see any interest outside of the little circle of seaboard merchants and manufacturers in which they move. They have all got free raw material on the brain—apparently for no better reason than that England, which produces no raw materials, finds it her interest to admit them free. We shall be much mistaken if the administration does not find its pet projects met by a sturdy opposition from the representatives of the Mississippi valley and the Pacific coast. At any rate, there will be an inquiry into the true meaning and intent of these reciprocity treaties. If their real design shall prove to be to benefit one small section of the country at the expense of the rest, it will be time to call a halt.

On the 5th of November, the Spanish steamers *Batavia* and *Maria* collided in the harbor of Manila, Philippines islands. The *Batavia* and the *Maria* in two, and she sank in less than a minute. Eighty-three persons belonging to the crew and passengers were saved by the *Batavia*. It is believed that twenty-one persons perished. Among the saved is the captain of the *Maria*.
An effort will be made this winter to kill off the wild stallions now ranging through northwestern Nebraska and northeastern Wyoming. Strange as it may seem, these bands of wild horses have increased in numbers very rapidly since the settlement of the unorganized territory by ranchmen.
The Catholic church will hereafter observe Thanksgiving day in the United States, the Plenary council of Baltimore having so decided in its example by the first public recognition of the day the Catholic church has given.
A dispatch from Shanghai to the *Paris National* says the French minister has been ordered to inform China that any further negotiations are useless. The dispute must be settled by the sword.
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