A Thrilling Event.

H. E. Dunn used to be traveling passenger agent for a western railroad, but gave that up and went to a small town to live. Dunn frequently felt the need of excitement. Once, when he was really depressed with the monotony of his life, he saw a wildly excited crowd gathered on a vacant lot. Prominent citizens were there hopping up and down, gesticulating and shouting; and Dunn felt that the unexpected had happened and something was doing. He rushed to the lot and gasped out: "What's the matter?"

"Matter!" shouted a rampant citizen. "Matter? Why, we are going to hive a swarm of bees."—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

The Limit.

"He absolutely lacks the business instinct." "Does he?" "Why, he'd have no more idea of business than to open a garage in Venice."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Seed Tomatoes.

Growers having a choice variety of tomatoes should select the best and earliest ripe fruit for seed. A dozen vines of this same kind planted in the same soil and given the same fertilizing and culture will show marked differences in order of ripening and in the yield. Let the fruit get fully ripe; the pulp of the tomatoes should be soft, the seed can then be easily squeezed out into a pan of water. Let the seed remain in the water over night; the next day drain off, then wash in several waters to remove the mucilage, strain through muslin, squeeze the water out of the seed, then spread the seed on papers to dry in the sun. The seed should be dry and hard before wrapping up. Mark each variety distinctly, and the date of ripening. Keep in tin box away from mice.

Prepared for Emergency.

"What makes you keep giving me fish for dinner day after day?" he inquired. "Are you particularly fond of it?" "No," she replied, "I was wholly unselfish. I read a lovely recipe about how to remove a fish bone when it sticks in your throat, and I wanted to try it."

Lese Majeste.

Sir John Randles, representing England at the foreign steel magnates' banquet in Chicago, praised American business energy and alertness.

"The following conversation," said Sir John, "which was overheard between a manager and a clerk in the water works of a certain English town, could never have occurred in America. What the manager said was this:

"'I am compelled to ask you, Smithson, to change your desk to the floor below, for you not only sleep during working hours, but, to make matters worse, you snore so loud that you continually wake up our revered superintendent in

"This cigar tastes like it was made of cabbage," growls the customer. "Huh!" replies the clerk. "If you knew the wholesale price of cabbage this year you wouldn't insinuate that it could be put in a five-cent cigar."

DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS

King James' Complacent Estimate of Royal Dignity as Expressed in Speech.

The state of monarchy is the supremest thing on earth; for kings are not only God's lieutenants upon earth, and sit upon God's throne, but even by God himself they are called gods. There be three principal similitudes that illustrate the state of monarchy. One taken out of the word of God and the other two taken out of the grounds of policy and philosophy.

In the Scriptures kings are called gods and so their power is after a certain relation compared to the divine power. Kings are also compared to the fathers of families; for a king is truly perens patriae, the politic father of his people. And lastly kings are compared to the head of this microcosm of the body of man.

Kings are justly called gods, for that they exercise a manner of resemblance of divine power upon earth; for if you will consider the attributes to God, you shall see how they agree in the person of a king. God hath power to create or destroy, make or unmake at his pleasure, to give life or send death, to judge all and to be judged nor accountable to none, to raise low things and to make high things low at his pleasure, and to God are both soul and body due.

And the like power have kings; they make and unmake their subject, they have power of raising and casting down, of life and death, judges over all their subjects and in all causes and yet accountable to none but God only. They have power to exalt low things and abase high things, and make of their subjects like men at the chess—a pawn to take a bishop or a knight—and to cry up or down any of their subjects, as they do their money. And to the king is due both the affection of the soul and the service of the body of his subjects.—From a Speech of James I. Before Parliament in 1609.

HOW TO DOCTOR THE TREES

Some Simple Directions for Treating Cavities Which Are Still Small.

Many of the so-called tree doctors, as well as the people who employ them, have become so elated over the idea of tree surgery that they find some cause for treating almost every and any tree, regardless of its necessities or the results of such treatment, or whether it is worth while to spend either time or money upon them.

A word of caution is therefore not out of place. If you feel that your trees need attention, look into the matter of tree doctoring, so that you may know something about it, and then call upon a responsible man with a good reputation to do your work.

When the tree has been neglected and cavities have formed in the trunk of the tree, something should be done to stop the increase of the opening, for, after it has become so large as to encircle the greater portion of the tree, or where the entire center has been destroyed, it is not worth the time and money it takes to properly treat these trees. In cases where the tree can still be treated the cavity should be scraped and cleaned of all dead wood, then give the cavity a thorough washing or spraying with a solution of copper sulphate. This solution, applied to all parts of the cavity, will kill all the remaining rot spores. Now the cavity is ready to be filled with a cement mixture, using one part of cement to three parts of clean, sharp sand. This is packed into the cavity, filling it to one inch of the finished surface, and then apply a covering of one part cement to one part sand. This is put on so as to bring the filling to a smooth surface, making it conform to the contour of the tree trunk. A coat of coal tar may be applied to discolor the cement and aid in making the filling water-tight.

He Was Scared.

There used to be a sheriff in a Green mountain county of Vermont who for 40 years had driven his prisoners — murderers, moonshiners, thieves—through the woods in his buggy to the county jail and yet who had never carried a revolver nor used a pair of handcuffs in his life. He had a strong hand, a brave heart and a stutter.

"Weren't you ever afraid?" some one asked him one day.

"W-well, I 'llow once I w-wuz t-t-tol-'rable well skeert," he admitted, slowly. "I h-heard S-Si P-Perkins, the barber, wuz g-gone d-daft an' wuz c-carvin' p-people up, an' I c-calc'lated it wuz my official d-dooty to g-go an' arrest him. So I w-went d-down to S-Si's shop, an' w-went in, an' S-Si c-come at me w-with a r-razor in each h-hand. An' then I 'llow I wuz t-tol-'rable well skeert."

"What did you do?"

"W-w-well," said the old sheriff, spitting thoughtfully into the sandbox beside the stove, "I wuz s-so s-s-skeert that I t-took 'em a-a-away from him.' —Everybody's.

Force of Habit.

"Do you know, Dr. Knifem walked deliberately past me today and never spoke."

"Don't mind that, Emmy. He's so used to cutting people that he did it without thinking."

THOUSANDS GO WEST

Colonist Travel Eclipses All Previous Records.

More In One Month Than in Forty-Five Days During Same Period in 1910.

Chicago — Revised statistics compiled by officials of the Harriman line and reports furnished by representatives of other railroads which handled colonist passenger business to the Pacific Coast during the 30-day period ending April 10 disclose that all records for that class of travel during the annual spring period were smashed this year.

Tables that have been compiled show that 85,000 persons traveled from hundreds of points in the East, North and South cities on the western edge of the continent while the special rates offered by the various lines were in force. This figure, it is declared, exceeds by fully 15,000 to the total of last spring when colonist rates were offered throughout a period of 45 days. The travel this year was distributed as follows:

Southern Pacific, via Ogden, 15,320; via El Paso, 9,929; via Los Angeles, 868; via Portland, 3,761.

Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, 11,600.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, 20,000.

Northwest route, via Hill lines, estimated, 15,000.

Via other lines, estimated, 10,000.

It is estimated that fully 50,000 of all those who traveled on colonist tickets this spring went to California and extreme Western states other than those classified in the Pacific Northwest group. The Santa Fe carried practically all of its colonist travelers to California, and the bulk of this class of business over the Harriman lines went in the same direction.

Data compiled by representatives of the Harriman roads for the spring period of 1910 shows that 29,170 colonist passeners were transported over the Southern Pacific line during that time, and during that time and that 10,490 others traveled over the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company's route.

The total for the Santa Fe road this year, it is declared, shows an increase of fully 15 per cent over the business done last spring.

A table prepared by passenger traffic officials of the Harriman lines in regard to colonist travel to California from the spring of 1901 to the fall of 1910 shows the following figures:

Via Ogden, 385,750.
Via El Paso, 179,678.
Via Portland, 45,794.
Via Los Angeles, 14,106.
Total, 625,328.

The Santa Fe road is offerng a special rate of one fare for the round trip to points in California account of the Electrical Supply Jobbers' association convention.

WIRELESS REPORTS, ORDER.

Ships Carrying Passengers Must Have Equipment July 15.

Washington, April 17.—In May and June the department of Commerce and Labor will prepare for enforcing the law which requires passenger-carrying vessels of the United States to be equipped with wireless on and after July 15.

All vessels which are already equipped will be required to register themselves by wireless when 100 miles at sea with a navy wireless station on shore. The Navy department will instruct its operators to take such incoming messages daily between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m.

In this way the department of commerce and labor and the customs collectors at ports will know what ships are equipped.

Taft Plans His Vacation.

Washington — If congress remains in session through the hot weather, President Taft probably will become a pronounced week-end commuter, journeying from Washington to Boston and Beverly whenever he gets an opportunity. The president hopes to get some sort of a vacation in his new cottage near Beverly if he has to take it a few days at a time. Mrs. Taft will go to Beverly late in June. After Mrs. Taft and the Taft children open the cottage, the president is expected to begin his week-end trips.

Celebrate America Day.

Paris—Commemorative of the suggestion published April 25, 1507, at the city of St. Die, France, that the new world discovered to the west of Europe should be called America, by which appellation the Western Hemisphere has since been known, a Franco-American celebration will be held at St. Die, June 3, 4 and 5. Accredited representatives of 21 American republics have accepted invitations to participate.

Ship Searched for Opium.

Seattle, Wash.—One hundred men began searching the Great Northern liner Minnesota for opium. Since the steamship arrived in port she has been under constant surveillance. The revenue cutter Arcata and the revenue launch Scout have kept their searchlights playing on her all night to prevent opium being thrown overboard. The men who have began the search are 30 customs inspectors, and all immigration inspection men that can be spared. Only two five-tael tins of opium have been found thus far.

Hot Steel Kills Six.

Philadelpia—Five workmen were killed, a superintendent so badly burned that he lived but a few hours, two fatally injured and 12 others seriously hurt at the Midvale Steel works at Wayne Junction, when a container, filled with molten steel gave way, and the liquid splashed over more than a score of the employes.

FEW RULES FOR DIETING

Too Much Trifling With Digestion These Days and Much Harm Results.

Here are a few rules that the girl who is determined to diet does well to observe. There is too much trifling with our digestion these days, and not the least harm is done by the notion for undereating.

Never diet on the advice of a friend. Her regimen may have done wonders for her and will put you to bed or make you a sorry-looking wreck.

Don't diet to excess at any time. Girls, make sure she knows dietetics. Many physicians, good in other things, have little knowlege of the effect of food upon the system.

If you want to diet from a cause, as from diabetes or kidney trouble, do it religiously; almost better not begin than to do it spasmodically, letting up whenever food temps you.

If you only diet for the sake of figure or complextion, count the cost before starting. Cutting out the foods of ordinary family meals is hard. Ask yourself, "Which means most to me, the loss of a few pounds or being a nuisance at mealtime?"

Don't keep on dieting if you feel that it disagrees with you. This holds good even when your food list is carefully censored by a physician. The best of them will make mistakes. Find out in time what is wrong.

Don't diet to excess at any time. Women often go to the point of weakening their entire system by injudiciously following a doctor's advice.

Common sense and moderation are good things to hold to in the matter of food.

Taking the Rain Cure.

The complexion cure of the Irish society belle is the rain cure, according to the Pall Mall Gazette. The Irish woman puts on her raincoat, and a small hat, without veil, and saunters out for a brisk walk in the hardest downpour, letting the fresh drops play on her face as they will. When she returns to her home she changes her wet clothes, rubs her face with a soft, warm towel and rests all her facial muscles.

Love in England.

"In England," says the London Daily Mail, "love dwells and remains in the inmost secret recesses of the soul; it does not circulate about in the air. That is why the air in England is somewhat cold. And that is why closed up hearts there burn so intensely. For the English love is not the delightful occupation of youth, it is the very warp through which the whole life is woven."

Question of Disposition.

Dissatisfied Patron—Gentle disposition! Why, he wants to bite the head off every dog he meets. I've been swindled!" Dog Merchant — "You didn't ought to keep dogs at all, mister. The animals you ought to keep wiv your temperament is silkworms."—Punch.

Bismarck Was Superstitious.

The great Prince Bismarck was not without superstition and this always was noticeable on the eve of the new year. From nine o'clock that night until after midnight he would not take water in any circumstances from a glass. It was an ancient tradition in the chancellor's family that anyone who set the legend at defiance would pass through a serious illness.

Desperate Dentistry.

An original Hamburg youth, who had a tough toothache the other day, got himself posed in front of a mirror, and shot out the offending molar with a revolver. Had the bullet not landed in the opposite shoulder, and proved more difficult to extract than the tooth would have been, this novel made of home dentistry might have been considered quite a success.

Prisoners Do Valuable Work.

In England, at Dartmoor, the prisoners have been engaged in reclaiming the moorland, working even in winter. Agricultural prisons have been established in England, New South Wales, Prussia, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, France, Russia and Belgium.

Do Your Own Work.

Never let others do what you can do for yourself. You thereby strengthen your own powers, independence and fitness to cope with the vicissitudes of life.

KIDNEY TROUBLE

Is a deceptive disease—thousands have it and don't know it. If you want good results you can make no mistake by using Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. At druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. Sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney trouble.

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SAVE BEST HENS FOR MATING

Leg Band and Trap Nest Are Almost Indispensable for Success—Care of Flock.

The season is approaching when the poultry keeper will be gin to pick out his best birds for the next season's matings. None but the best should be used in the breeding pens, and if the breeder has hatched eggs from his best hens of last season he is reasonably sure of some good birds. If a breeder is trying for perfection in any form, the leg band and the trap nest are almost indispensable.

The careful breeder can estimate very closely the value of the young stock for future breeders. He knows the good and bad points of each of his birds, and has mated to overcome defects and improve points already good. Every year he is nearer perfection, and every year greater care is taken of the flock, for he has learned the value of cleanliness and proper food. Insects will never sap the life of his flock and kill the vitality of his breeders. Tainted food or water never reaches them, everything is fresh, pure and clean. They have plenty of room in their winter quarters, and he provides exercise by throwing the grain in chaff on the floor. He does this in the evening after they have gone to roost, and they have had their breakfast long before he has had his own morning meal.

After he has learned the right way and got a fairly good start, the work is easy and pleasant, and seems to swing along without any difficulty. As in everything else, it is the beginner who experiences the difficulties, for he has very little knowledge to begin with, and often pays dearly for the knowledge he acquires, but it does not take long to understand the most essential points in poultry keeping. One must keep on learning, however, there should be no standing still; every day something helpful may be learned, and it is well to keep a notebook in which to jot any little item that may prove helpful later on, for it is not well to trust one's memory too much.

Treasured Trees.

Two trees to be seen in the main street of Thorshavn, the capital of the Faroe Islands, have an interesting history. Trees resolutely refuse to grow in these islands, except in some few sheltered spots, and the inhabitants therefore prize them greatly. When the road was made it was decided to leave the trees in the middle of the carriage way rather than be guilty of the crime of felling them.—Wide World Magazine.

Wrong Kind of Bones.

The proprietor of a little restaurant in Forty-fifth street, New York city, ran short of soup bones and telephoned to the butcher's. "I want some bones," he said. "Send me around quick a lot of the best you have. I want them for making soup." "Who do you think this is?" came over the wire. "Why, ain't you Binks, the butcher?" asked the restauranteur. "No, this is Bunks, the undertaker, in Sixth avenue," was the response.

On Wrong Scent.

Half the world is one the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting and in being served by others. It consists in giving and in serving others.—Henry Drummond.

The Three Great Chances.

Every human being—man, woman and child, hero and convict, neurasthenic and deep-sea fisherman, athlete and invalid—needs the blessing of God through three, and only three, great channels: Responsibility, recreation and affection; work, play and love. With these any life is happy in spite of sorrow and pain, successful despite the bitterest failures. Without them a man breaks his heart, severs his conscious connection with God. If you want to keep a headstrong, fatuous youth from overreaching himself you try to give him responsibility, recreation, affection. If you want to put courage and aspiration into the gelatinous character of a street-walker, or the flickering mentality of a hysteric, you labor to furnish just the same trio—work, recreation and affection. In every case the healing power which you want to give is real life, and real life means just these three things. The same needs are fixed for all of us—and the same all-sufficing bounty in the supply, if we can get and keep in touch with it. —Richard Cabot, in the Atlantic.

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