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They Sink Backward.

"Hippopotamuses are the only water animals that sink backward when going under the surface of the water," said a keeper in the Central park menagerie to a group of visitors in front of the animals' tank.

"Aquatic animals, as a rule, dive into the water head first and make more or less splashing. But the hippo goes down so quietly that if a hunter were standing near the edge of an African pool the big river horse would disappear without attracting attention. They keep up the custom in captivity, where there is no necessity of guarding against enemies. As they go down they throw up their noses and fill their lungs. I have timed this specimen and found that she can stay under water for five minutes. She then comes up with a snort and takes a fresh supply of air. Perhaps she could stay down longer if she was trying to avoid danger."—New York Sun.

Believed in Closed Windows.

An old Yale man, giving his reminiscences of President Noah Porter, recalled a talk the kindly gentleman gave to his freshman class. "Young gentlemen," said the president, "the air of New Haven is especially heavy and damp at night, owing to the proximity of the city to the sea, and I wish to advise you always to keep your windows closed at night; otherwise your health will be likely to suffer." That was the advice of the president of the institution. It is significant of the extent to which ideas change with the years. Now everybody is for out of doors air, and the person who followed the advice of President Porter would be condemned out of hand; and yet, if we are not mistaken, that gentleman managed to live out his threescore years and ten and do them about eleven better. He was born in 1811 and died in 1892. He believed in closed windows.—Hartford Courant.

Whistler Was a Dandy.

If taking infinite pains with his appearance means dandyism, then Whistler was a dandy. The very word pleased him, and he used it often, in American fashion, to express perfection or charm or beauty. Never was any man more particular about his person and his dress. He was as careful of his hair as a woman, though there was no need of the curling tongs with which he has been reproached; the difficulty was to restrain his curls and keep them in order. The white lock gave just the right touch. However fashion changed, he always wore the mustache and little imperial which other West Point men of his generation retained through life. Even his thick, bushy eyebrows were trained, and they added to the humorous or sardonic expression of the deep blue eyes from which many shrank.—Pennell's "Life of Whistler."

Welsh Bulls.

Ireland's position as the country in which "bulls" blossom best is being seriously challenged. It was a Welsh member of parliament who crashtly remarked to an opposition member: "The honorable member has attempted to throw a bombshell at the government, but in the hands of the chancellor of the exchequer it was turned into a cocked hat long before it was thrown."

It was also a Welsh member, though not the same one, who, speaking against a proposal to fortify London, began earnestly with: "Our navy is our only defense. If our navy temporarily left the sea"—And then he had to stop. Delighted members, with visions of battleships swooping over green fields or climbing over house-tops, were in a roar, and it was some minutes before business could proceed.—London Answers.

Ions Are Very Small.

The smallest piece of matter is called the ion. It is so small that a person could not imagine that anything could be smaller. It is so small that its identity is lost in its effect. It is the point where solid matter resolves itself into a form of electricity. Now, think how small that is from this experiment: If the ions in a toy balloon, full of gas, were counted out at the rate of a hundred per minute it would take 100,000,000 persons 4,000,000 years to count them. The fact that the human intellect is lost in this fact is quite as startling as the fact itself. This seems to be getting on the edge of material creation, and if the ion could be further divided we would have to get over into the spirit world to do it, for there possibly its last analysis only can be reached.—Ohio State Journal.

Over the Phone.

"He hasn't slept all night, doctor," said Mrs. Blakes over the phone, describing her husband's symptoms, "and this morning he complains of aches in his bones and a general headachy feeling. Is there anything I can do?"

Just then the wires crossed with the phone connection of the dog fancier. "Sure!" came the response. "Bring him in this afternoon and I'll cut his ears for you."—Pittsburgh Press.

Two Evils.

There are two things in life that a sage must preserve at every sacrifice—the coats of his stomach and the enamel of his teeth. Some evils admit of consolation; there are no comforters for dyspepsia and the toothache.—Bulwer-Lytton.

More Like It.

"Do you wish to call your husband up on the phone?"

"No, I don't. I want to call him down."—Exchange.

Despair alone makes ruffly men bold.—Coleridge.

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SAVED THE NORTHWEST.

Dr. Whitman Kept It From Being Traded to England.

But for the foresight, it is said, of a missionary this country would have "traded off" to Great Britain that immense territory that now forms two of the greatest states of the northwest—Oregon and Washington.

Marcus Whitman had crossed the plains and the mountains to Oregon and knew from a year's residence the value of the country. He also knew that the Hudson Bay company was anxious to obtain possession of the whole northwest and had circulated the report that it was impossible for emigrants to cross the mountains in wagons.

At a dinner given in 1842, at which Dr. Whitman and several of the company's chief officers were present, news was received that a band of British emigrants had crossed the mountains. Toasts were drunk in honor of the event. "Now the Americans may whistle—the country is ours!" one of the Englishmen is reported to have exclaimed jubilantly.

But Whitman thought otherwise. The next day he started for Washington on horseback. He made the journey in winter and with frozen limbs called on Daniel Webster, then secretary of state. Upon his presentation of the situation Whitman was gruffly told by Webster that the country was worthless and that he, as secretary of state, was about to trade that "worthless region" for valuable concessions with reference to the Newfoundland fisheries.

Finding that a treaty had already been approved by the senate and was awaiting formal ratification and proclamation by President Tyler, Dr. Whitman sought the president. When the missionary had finished his story the president said:

"Sir, your frozen limbs attest your sincerity. Can you take emigrants across the mountains in wagons?"

"Give me six months and I will take 1,000 across," answered the doctor.

"If you can take them across," added Tyler, "the treaty shall not be ratified."

In 1843 a band of emigrants under the guidance of the doctor started from Missouri for Oregon. A deputation from the Hudson Bay company met them on the plains, advising them that it was impossible for them to cross the mountains in their wagons. The emigrants decided to leave their wagons and finish the journey on horseback.

As this course would have ruined Whitman's plan of saving the country to the United States, he labored with the leaders of the band until they consented to follow the doctor's advice and guidance. The band did cross the mountains in their wagons, the treaty was not ratified, and the fertile northwest was saved to the United States.—New York Herald.

An Odd Superstition.

A strange superstition is that of an otherwise perfectly normal western man who as a buyer for a very large department store of the country has had marvelous success. His talent seems to lie in reading the hidden thoughts of men and in that way securing bargains few others can ever seem to get. To a few of his intimates, not his trade friends, he gives a weird explanation of this power. Wherever he can he says he drinks water from the same glass as the person with whom he is about to do business, taking care to drink after him. There is not a doubt in his mind that there is truth in the old belief that if you drink water out of one glass the last to drink will know the other's secrets. At all events this man says the test never fails.—New York Sun.

Amulets of the Burman.

Highly prized by the Burman are the following gems: Ruby, diamond or crystal, pearl, coral, topaz, sapphire, catseye, amethyst and emerald. Collectively they ward off sickness or danger. The catseye is supposed to secure invulnerability in war. Incantations are muttered over some or all of these stones, and the water in which they are immersed is drunk in order to secure immunity from all evil. Spells are uttered over rubies, and they are inserted as amulets in the flesh of men who desire to be immune from wounds inflicted by sword, spear or gun.

One of Tom Hood's.

There was a noted brand of tobacco which the sailors of England chewed in the early years of the nineteenth century—"pigtail." And it is commemorated in one of the most ingenious of Thomas Hood's punning verses, in which he recounts the life, love and sorrow of a sailor, a British sailor: His head was turned, and so he chewed His pigtail till he died.

The lower deck today would be puzzled to see the joke of that—London Tatler.

Brought the Wrinkles.

On one occasion an actress grew tempestuous with Perrin, the Parisian manager, and gave him a stormy quarter of an hour.

"And what did you do, my dear Perrin?" asked Febvre.

"I said nothing and watched her grow old."

He Knew.

"The Malays have a queer marriage custom," remarked the traveler. "The groom holds his nose against a small cylindrical object. I couldn't quite make out what it was."

"A grindstone probably," interposed Mr. Grouch.—Exchange.

Comparison, more than reality, makes men happy and can make them wretched.—Feltbam.

Real Estate Enterprises.

Here is one Austria are exempt from liability for payment of checks and bills of exchange to parties who may have acquired unlawful possession of the same and forged the endorsements thereon. The banks are not compelled to identify the bearer, and instances occur of such commercial papers being stolen and cashed with forged endorsements, leaving the owner without redress. A check or bill of exchange, therefore, though payable to order and not indorsed is a dangerous form for the remittance of money. Liability for payment on a forged indorsement is incurred by a bank only when it is presumed to have knowledge of the payee's signature, as in the case of well known clients.

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Red Tape and a Murderer.

This is a tale of a self-confessed murderer who wished to be arrested, as related by a writer in Le Matin, Paris.

Some time ago a man named Berge was stabbed to death at Algiers. Three men were arrested on suspicion, but as they proved their innocence they were released and the matter was shelved. A few days afterward a man called at the office of the local police-commissionary and said to that official:

"My name is Marius Yvorra. I killed Berge, and this is how I did it."

The commissary listened to the man's confession and said:

"You had better see my secretary."

The secretary also listened to the man's confession and after a little reflection said:

"Now, look here, my good man: this is not the way to get arrested. You must write us a letter confirming the oral statement made to us. Then we shall be able to attend to you. Now, get along."

The man left the office, and perhaps because he was not a good writer he has not been seen since in Algiers.

Wu Ting Fang's Good Cheer.

Among the most intimate of the Chinese friends of the late Sir Robert Hart was a high official, Wu Ting Fang, who prided himself on his alert manner, which made him appear much younger than he was, and boasted that he intended to live 200 years. He once explained how this feat was to be accomplished. "The first thing, naturally, is diet," said he. "The man who would cheat Time should live on nuts like the squirrels. Under no condition should he touch salt, and he should begin and end each meal with a teaspoonful of olive oil. I have hung scrolls in my bedroom." Wu Ting went on to explain, "with these sentences written upon them in English and Chinese, I am young, I am healthy, I am cheerful." Immediately I enter the room my eye falls upon these precepts. I say to myself, 'Why, of course I am, and therefore I am.'—London Chronicle.

One View of the "Terrible Turk."

Speaking of the Turk, an English resident in Turkey writes: "The man I like best is the pure, uncontaminated Turk who has never seen Europe. He is wonderfully hospitable, amazingly kind, essentially a man of peace and a fervent religiousist. He is a Moslem, has been reared in Moslemism and believes in his religion. He is honest and straightforward in his business dealings, and his word is his bond. I do not suggest that every Turk possesses all these qualities which I have attributed to the race, nor am I painting him in too rosy a color. I have made many voyages into the interior of Macedonia and Asia Minor; I have entered Turkish villages high up on the snow, stocked against the bears, where the inhabitants had never seen a European before, and my trust in the kindness and hospitality of these men has never failed me."—London Graphic.

Suspended Animation.

As we descend in the scale of animal life we find that what kills the higher animals does not injure the lower. Cut a polyp in two and you have two living polyps instead of one dead polyp. Break off a lobster's claw and another will grow. You may, it has been said, freeze a fly, but you cannot freeze it to death. There are infusoria called "wheel animalcules." These rotifers have many curious qualities, among which is that of suspending animation for an indefinite period without ceasing to live. Colonies of rotifers may be desiccated and rendered apparently lifeless, and in this condition they may be kept for months and years and possibly centuries. A single drop of water will restore them to life, and the wheel bearers will instantly resume their functional activity precisely at the point where it was broken off.—Harper's.

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Mean Thing.

Maybe—See the beautiful engagement ring Jack gave me last night. Estelle—Gracious! Has that just got around to you?—Toledo Blade.

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