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Watch Competitions.
Very few people know that there are, in connection with the Geneva watch trade, competitions involving very large sums of money, a goodly proportion of which finds its way into England.

A certain number of watchmakers at Geneva nominate certain dealers in England who shall hold competition watches made by the former, and the names of such dealers are agreed to by the whole of the said makers. Prizes ranging from £200 downward are given to the makers whose particular watches shall keep the best time and remain in the finest condition during 12 months.

The English dealers who hold the watches during the 12 months have to keep a daily record in regard to the loss or gain of time evidenced by their charges, and they are of course in absolute honor bound to keep a correct one and not to tamper with the watches beyond winding them. No given maker's watch in the competition bears any name or distinctive mark other than peculiarities of construction by which the name of the maker can be identified by the holder. The watches are of the usual kind manufactured for trading purposes and not mere "exhibition" watches, and the holder of each prize winner receives one-half of the award.—London Standard.

A Pine Knot Squirrel Hunt.

"A pine knot squirrel hunt is about the most exciting sport I know," said A. R. Mellvine. "In the pine woods of the south there are a great many squirrels, and the ground is covered with knots. These are very hard, and their shape renders them much easier than stones to throw straight. Frequently parties of expert throwers are formed to kill squirrels without guns, and it is remarkable how successful they are. When a squirrel is sighted, the man who discovers him has the first throw, and if the squirrel is not hit it belongs to whoever gets it. About one-half of the throws bring the squirrels down, and the party will often return with 100 of the animals. As the trees are high and the squirrels are generally on the branches, the difficulty of hitting them is very great, but the skill of a great many with these knots is remarkable."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Comparative Antiquity.
"Mrs. Cashman has ceased to notice Mrs. Jones-Brown. Do you know why?"
"It is because her son-in-law's family is so very much older than the family of Mrs. Jones-Brown's son-in-law."—Life.

THE KEYSTONE OF THE ARCH

In the edifice of health is vigor, which means not merely muscular energy, but an active discharge of the various functions of the body, such as digestion, secretion of the bile, the action of the bowels, the circulation of the blood. Nothing more actively or thoroughly contributes to the united performance of these functions than the renowned tonic and regulator, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The result of its use is a steady gain in strength, together with the agreeable consciousness that the tenure of life is being strengthened—that one is laying up a store of vitality against the unavoidable draughts which old age makes upon the system. The fortifying influence of the Bitters constitutes it a reliable safeguard against malaria, rheumatism and kidney trouble. Appetite and sleep improve through its use, and it protects the system against the effects of colds and damp.

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AN UNPRETENTIOUS PRINCE.

Francis Joseph Will Write His Impressions of America.

Francis Joseph of Austria, a real live prince, recently traversed the United States while on a tour of the world and has left America much impressed with Yankee pluck and energy. He is a grandson of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and is a brother of Prince Henry of Austria's favorite daughter, Princess Beatrice, in 1885. He is a stalwart young gentleman, standing 6 feet in his shoes, is unmarried and confesses to only 33 years. Despite the fact that he is not at all well to do, he apparently cherished no designs upon the fortunes of American heiresses during his tour and impressed a great many people with the belief that he is a very sensible, modest and well informed young scion of royalty.

The prince left home eight months ago and has since visited India, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and the United States. He travels in a modest, unostentatious manner and says that a room costing \$2 a day at a hotel is good enough for him. He is utterly devoid of any affectation or royal airs and makes numerous notes each day for use in a book on America. He has considerable literary talent and has already brought out a book or two with flattering success. He dresses in ordinary black clothes, looks like a well bred Englishman and speaks excellent English with a German accent. He thinks Niagara falls the grandest spectacle he has ever seen and says that American beer is better than any beer made in England, Germany or Austria.



PRINCE FRANCIS JOSEPH.

What impresses him most about America and Americans is the rapidity of the country's development and the energy and perseverance of the people. He will return to the United States next year and make a more extended tour of the country. The prince has a military bearing and for some time served as a lieutenant of infantry on the staff of the Grand Duke of Hesse. He has dropped the sword for the pen, however, and is devoting himself to a literary career.

"Bissell" Postoffice.
There is now a "Bissell" postoffice in nearly every state in the Union. When Mr. Bissell was appointed postmaster general, not a single postoffice in the country was honored by the name of "Bissell." Mr. Bissell has since corrected this singular omission on the part of former postmaster generals, and when The Postal Guide was printed last December had already added an even dozen "Bissells" to the postoffice nomenclature of the country. He has been steadily progressing ever since, and there are now probably between 20 and 25 post-offices so designated. In some cases the naming of a postoffice after the postmaster general is pure sycophantry. Often, however, the name is suggested by the department in cases where there is any difficulty over the selection of a proper title for an office. In The Postal Guide printed last December there are 29 "Cleavelands" and 19 "Grovers." The "Bissell" offices will eventually outnumber all others.—Indianapolis Journal.

Lambs at the Bargain Counter.

The sale of live lambs at a department store in Lexington street Saturday was a novelty to shoppers. The lambs were not as gentle as the little one that belonged to Mary, and some amusing scenes were caused by the animals struggling to release themselves from their purchasers. Those who bought the lambs were required to take them away themselves. Ladies, who were the principal buyers, managed to do this by grasping the little creatures in both arms. Nearly every one of the lambs, it is said, was bought to be kept as a pet.—Baltimore Sun.



METHODICAL.

She Was All Right in Principle, but Not in Practice.

They had come down town on a shopping trip and had dropped into a restaurant for a cup of tea. While they drank it they explained to each other their various scientific ways of doing the thing.

"I go about it systematically," said the methodical woman. "First I find out just what I need and how much, then I make an accurate list and divide my money, for I know just how much I mean to pay for each thing, and I never take along any more than I need."

"But suppose you see some perfectly lovely bargains?" put in the extravagant woman, "but then you can take the money you had intended for something else."

"I never do such things. I buy just what I have originally decided upon."

"And I suppose you go straight to the department where they keep those particular articles," observed the careless woman.

"Of course I do."

"For my part, I think that's just like a man, and I do hate anything unfeminine," put in the widow.

"Stuff and nonsense! Then I always keep my tickets until my purchases arrive in order that I can exchange them if necessary. As for Kate here, she never even takes her tickets home."

"I don't," said the careless woman. "I find that I can always get my things exchanged if I ask prettily enough. Soft words are just as good as those rubbishy tickets of yours."

"I never return anything," said the extravagant woman. "If I don't like my purchases when I get home, I just give them to some deserving object of charity. We are entirely too selfish in this world anyhow, as I always tell my husband when he objects to giving me more money. I like to do a little good."

"Yes; how delighted that poor invalid was with the walking hat you sent her. She said she was really afraid she was losing all idea of the prevailing styles and becoming hopelessly old-fashioned," remarked the careless woman, with a smile in her voice.

The extravagant woman was busy putting sugar in her tea, so the methodical woman took up the conversation, saying:

"Then I always carry a number of cards with my name and address on them. It saves the shop people lots of trouble to have it plainly written out just where to send the goods."

"Yes, but it didn't the time you gave them one of Mrs. Jonesmith's cards in mistake for your own and had all your winter fashions sent to her," observed the careless woman. "If I remember rightly, you almost had pneumonia before the mistake could be set right."

"That was a mere accident," said the methodical woman severely; "the principle is all right."

"Of course, of course," said the widow soothingly. "I think I must be going now. I've lots to do."

"And I, too," said the methodical woman. "Kate does all her matching by eye, and it takes a long time. Just wait a minute, Kate, while I get out my list. After it is once made I dismiss it entirely from my mind, and I don't know where I must go first. Why, where can my list be?"

"At home on your dressing table, dear," said the careless woman blandly. "I saw it as we were starting out, but you were so busy lecturing me about my lack of system that I really hadn't a chance to mention it to you."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Colonial Episode.

"What!" exclaimed Pocahontas in justifiable wrath, when she discovered Captain John Smith making love to the daughter of the oldest settler. "I thought you loved me alone!"

"I love you both," said John dreamily, stepping behind a tree.

"Then I am not your only girl?"

"No, my dear. This is my original; you are my aboriginal."—New York World.

A Treasure.

"There's a fine horse," said the owner of the animal proudly.

"Yes?"

"Most valuable animal on this track."

"Is he fast?"

"Rather. But that isn't what makes him worth so much. It's his intelligence. All you have to do is to whisper 'Whoa' to him, and he comes to a dead standstill."—Washington Post.

Likely to Remember.

Proud Mother—You haven't kissed the baby.

Bachelor Uncle—Um—er—I'll try to remember next time. I'll kiss her when I—er—come back from Europe.

"When will that be?"

"Let—me—see. About 16 years."—New York Weekly.

A Quick Response.

Illustration of a man in a suit, likely the author of the 'Quick Response' column.

Old Cushty (giving his son a check).—Now, be careful, my boy. Remember, a fool and his money are soon parted.

Spendall Cushty—Yes, sir, and thank you for having obliged me so promptly.

—Scribner's Magazine.

BOITT'S SCHOOL.

Nowhere are boys better cared for and more thoroughly taught than at Boitt's School, Burlingame, San Mateo county, Cal. The school is in charge of Ira G. Boitt, Ph. D., and will reopen August 8th. —S. F. Chronicle.

A Unique Coat of Arms.

There was one Philadelphian who not only invented arms for himself, but new and republican arms, after discarding the ancestral arms of his family. This was Peter Brown, at one time an eminent citizen of Philadelphia.

In 1794 William Priest, an English musician, became attached to the theater in Philadelphia in his professional capacity. In 1802 Mr. Priest printed in London a book entitled "Priest's Travels in the United States," which is now exceedingly rare. The frontispiece to this book is a strange and curious design, entitled "Peter Brown's Arms." In explanation of this frontispiece Mr. Priest says: "Peter Brown, a blacksmith of this city, having made his fortune, set up his coach, but so far from being ashamed of the means by which he acquired his riches, he caused a large anvil to be painted on each side of his carriage, with two pairs of naked arms in the act of striking. The motto, 'By this I got ye.'"

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