

Beggars on Horseback.

Horses are cheap in Chile. According to Francis J. G. Maitland in "Chile: Its Land and People," you can buy a horse in Santiago for \$25 or \$30 and for less in the country. In illustration, he quotes a little happening witnessed by Miss May Crommelin in Mendoza: "Up rode a gaucho, dressed in white, if I remember rightly—no worse than his fellows, at any rate. He bestrode a nag, sorry enough, yet still capable, and wore a medal round his neck. Off came his hat with a bow of much grace, but he stretched out his hand toward the window grating imploring alms. 'It's all right; he's one of our beggars. The town has so many licensed ones who are allowed to come round,' said my hostess, looking out over my shoulder. So, instead of dismissing him with a little 'Pardon, little brother, for not giving you anything,' some small coins were placed in his palm. 'Dios lo pagara' (God will repay it), was the dignified response, and with a farewell bow of perfect politeness this beggar on horseback rode on."

Carlyle's Amenities.

Carlyle had his flings against science, but they were not very virulent. Nevertheless in regard to literature he placed himself in the position of the ill bird that fouled its own nest, as witness the following amenities: Keats is a "curried dead dog," whatever that may mean; Shelley is "a ghastly object;" Coleridge, "a puffy, obstructed looking old man talking in a maudlin sleep an infinite deal of nothing;" Lamb, "a pair of ears, with a thin streak of cockney wit, nothing humorous but his dress;" Walter Scott, "a toothless retailer of old wives' fables;" Brougham, "an eternal grinder of commonplace;" Wordsworth, "stooping to extract a spiritual ketchup from mushrooms that

were little better than toadstools;" Sir Robert Peel, "a plausible fox;" J. W. Croker, "an unchanged hound;" Lord John Russell, "a turnspit of good pedigree;" Lord Melbourne, "a monkey."

Lighthouse Lenses.

In the latter half of the eighteenth century one of the members of a little scientific society in Liverpool told a brother scientist that he could read a newspaper by the light of a small candle at a distance of thirty feet. The second scientist said the thing was impossible. To prove his contention the first scientist coated the inside of a shallow wooden box with sloping pieces of looking glass so as to form a concave lens, placed it behind a farthing candle and readily deciphered the small print at the stipulated distance.

The experiment was witnessed by a Liverpool dock master. He was a thinking man and saw great possibilities in this learned jest. He straightway adapted the principle to lighthouse requirements, and forthwith the modern reflected light, with its miles of reflected range and untold life saving powers, sprang into being.

The Whale's Blow.

Porpoise—What is the whale blowing about? Dogfish—Oh, he got so many notices for his feat in swallowing Jonah he's been blowing ever since.—Exchange

Alcohol For Poison Ivy.

An eminent New York surgeon says that the best treatment for the inflammation caused by poison ivy is to wash the place and then bathe it in 95 per cent alcohol.

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