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Animal Tracks in the Wood Which Betray Identity.

Each animal makes its own kind of track in the mud, snow or dust. No two make exactly the same. The track of a coon is never like that of a fox, and the track of a fox is readily distinguished from that of a rabbit or small dog. And, more than that, the track of one coon may differ from that of his own brother, so that one can sometimes distinguish the track of a given individual and by seeing it on different occasions get something like an insight into its life. Thus a famous grizzly in the west was known by his track. One of his toes had been cut off by a trap, and the difference that made in his track was easy to see.

To come nearer home, our common animals sometimes have unpleasant experiences with steel traps. The marks of these on their feet often add a peculiarity that identifies the animal. In other cases the track is extra large or small or is crooked, but it always keeps the main features of its kind. The track of one sort of animal rarely need be mistaken for that of another, and the A B C of tracking is to learn the chief kinds of footmarks that are to be found in your region. The way to learn tracks is to draw those that you find, always sketching them right from nature, never from memory, and it is always best to make them exactly life size.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Our Debt to Our Mothers.

Ian MacLaren in The Christian Endeavor World paid the following beautiful tribute to mothers:

"The person to whom you owe more than you can ever pay or even imagine is your mother. She endured more for

you, served you more patiently, loved you more fondly, thought of you more lovingly, than any other person you have known on earth or will ever know save your wife or your husband, if indeed they can always be excepted. If your mother be spared to you, then are you bound to make her a first charge on your life, as you desire a peaceful conscience and as you shall answer before the judgment seat of God. She must be encompassed with every observance of comfort and honor and gentleness and love, with sacrifices also, if so be it will please her, of tastes and occupations and time and even friendship, and after you have done all that you can think of and any one can suggest you will still remain a hopeless bankrupt for the love withheld she loved you."

The Warhorse.

The horse in war is expensive, fragile and a fool. He is greedy, and his food is as bulky as himself. He requires an expert to keep him efficient under hard work and a miracle to keep him alive under heavy fire. He must be watched and guarded more carefully than the lines of communication both in action and in camp. He is a coward. The race of them that snorted "hal hal" among the trumpets, the noise of the captains and the shouting is dead, if it ever lived at all outside the inspired mind of the plague stricken poet. He is a traitor and will desert to the enemy at the first opportunity, probably with three days' rations in his saddlebags and a useful ride in the bucket.—Spectator.

Identified.

The general postoffice at Paris once received a letter addressed "To Monsieur, My Son, Rue —," etc. They were going to send it to what in France corresponds to our dead letter office, but a clerk objected.

"There must be two fools in that family," he said. "We shall find out to whom it belongs."

Sure enough, in a few days a stupid looking youth entered and said to the clerk:

"I'd like to find out if you haven't kept here a letter for me from my father."

"Yes, sir," replied the clerk. "Here it is."

Puzzled.

"Well, daughter," observed the kind father, "now that you have gone through college at an expenditure of four years' time and \$5,000 in real money, and, as near as I can study it out, you show a net gain intellectually of being able to recite your class yell and possess a new and strange accent in your voice, I can't help but wonder what is that 'vocation in life' you said all this education was to fit you for. Were you intending to be a brake-man?"—Baltimore American.

A Sad Mistake.

Visitor—Pardon my curiosity, my good man, but what are you in prison for?

Prisoner—I am serving time for stealing \$50,000 from the bank I worked for.

Visitor—That was a sad mistake.

Prisoner—I know it. Curse the day I didn't steal \$100,000.—Ohio State Journal.

A Silent Part.

Grooves—That's Bascom. He isn't upon speaking terms with any member of the company.

Foyer—You don't mean it! What was the cause of the ill feeling?

Grooves—Never was any cause; always the same. He has only thinking parts, you know.—Boston Transcript.

Naturally.

Jones—What struck you most significantly in that hurricane you described at the club last night?

Browne—Well, I should say it was the blow.—Yonkers Herald.

The man who has never needed to have any teeth pulled out is the luckiest in advising the sufferer to "brace up like a man and have the thing out at once."

Inherent Dread of Cats For Dogs.

The instinctive fear which cats have of dogs is illustrated very amusingly by stroking a dog and then caressing a blind and newborn kitten with the same hand that has touched the dog. At once the kitten will spit and fluff itself up in the most absurd way, displaying the smell of the beast which experience for thousands of generations has taught it most to dread.

Resolution of Respect.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in His Divine Wisdom, has seen proper to remove from our midst, our beloved brother Wm. P. Sleep:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, while we submit to His inevitable decree, We sincerely deplore the loss of so estimable a friend and associate. We recognize not only that in him we have lost a faithful Forester, but that the community has lost a most estimable, conscientious and upright citizen. We recognize that a happy home has been made desolate, and while we sympathize deeply with the bereavement of the sorrowing family, we extend to them all condolence it is in mortal man's power to offer.

RESOLVED: That we appreciate the fact that our loss is his gain, for we know that he is not dead, but sleepeth, and that his awaking will be to an eternity of happiness.

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and that a copy of the same under the seal of the lodge be sent to the family.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. A. COLBURN
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Any person dumping rubbish of any kind on or alongside the county road in road district No. 4; or any person riding or driving faster than a walk over any of the bridges in said district will be fined the sum of 1 according to law. JOHN BARR, Supervisor of Road District No. 4.

A Slander.

To say that every man has his price is to deny the existence of the great men who have died for their faith and their country. Nonsense! 'Tis the last plea of a knave and issues out of the mouth of a fool. The sterling strength of man and woman rebukes it everywhere.—Schoolmaster.

He Lacked Tact.

Nell—He wrote a lovely poem to Mabel.

Belle—I know, but she got mad and tore it up.

Nell—The idea! Why?

Belle—He headed it "Lines on Mabel's Face."—Philadelphia Record.

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