

GIFTS TO JOCKEYS.

Queer Rewards and Reminders That Come to the Riders.

One of the greatest of living jockeys has a most remarkable collection of tributes from admirers, unknown and otherwise. It contains, among other strange things, pawn tickets, writs and summonses contributed by unsuccessful backers of his mounts, tallmans of all kinds to bring him luck in his races, surmises and tracts for his spiritual welfare, receipts for all kinds of ailments, from coughs to a tendency to corpulence, forms for insuring against accidents, offers of marriage, accompanied by bundles of photographs of would be wives, waijars tickets and a pair of wornout boots with the legend: "All that is left of them after walking from York to London. Backed all your mounts."

A few years ago, after his horse had lost an important race, a well known turfman went up to the jockey and made him a formal and public presentation of a silver snuffbox, saying that if he would look inside he would see the kind of horse he ought to ride in future. The jockey opened the box and found in it half a dozen fat snails. It was the same satirical owner who on another occasion presented his jockey with a sumptuous casket, which on being opened disclosed a wooden spoon, and to a third jockey who had failed to win an important race he handed a pair of crutches bought from a beggar on the course.

When John Singleton, a clever jockey of nearly two centuries ago, first won a race in Yorkshire the farmer whose horse he had ridden to victory was so delighted with his achievement that he made him a present of a eye, whose offspring soon manifested a round nose, and really started the ex-shepherd lad on his career as a jockey. Singleton was very proud of and grateful for his singular fee.

In this respect he furnished a great contrast to a well known jockey who when a check for \$1,500 was handed to him by the owner of a horse on which he had won a race crumpled it up contemptuously, with the remark that he had "often received more for riding a two-year-old."—Chicago News.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

When a man is loaded you always know it, but it's different with a gun.

Keep telling a boy he never will amount to anything, and he generally won't.

A six weeks' engagement will put a lot of conceit into a man, but six minutes of married life are sufficient to take it out.

It is wonderful how many have watches considering how few there are in the world to whom time really seems to be of any value.

Perhaps a man's eyesight grows poorer with the years as a merciful way of preventing him from seeing his wrinkles and gray hairs.

We suppose a man is called "woman's protector" for the reason that he protects her from others imposing upon her, preferring to do it all himself.—Atholton Globe.

Praising the Lazy Man.

It must be admitted that some of the best work that has lived has been done by indolent men. This is especially true as regards literature. The finest description of a sunrise was written by the poet Thomson in bed. Coleridge was one of the most indolent of men, yet his work is, of its kind, unapproached. One of the most important improvements in the steam engine was due to the indolence of James Watt. Many other examples might be quoted; but, as a general rule, it is fairly correct to say that work which is the outcome of meditation or prolonged observation is best performed by people whose natural indolence makes them careless of the strife and bustle in which an active temperament would tend to immerse them.—Pearson's.

Nerve of a Stowaway.

The captain of a Mediterranean liner was talking about stowaways.

"Most of those fellows," he said, "have an excessive quantity of chisel of brass. Once we discovered a stowaway a few days out from New York and put him to work in the galley. A lady on a tour of inspection paused by the stowaway as he sat peeling potatoes.

"How soon do you think we'll reach Naples?" she said to him.

"Well, madam," he replied, "I'm doing all I can to get her in by Tuesday."

An Affidavit.

The suggestion of an English barrister that a certain matter was a proper subject for oral examination, not for affidavit, agreed with the emphatic opinion of an English justice recently retired. He was once trying a case at the Manchester assizes in which a man had been cross examined upon an affidavit. Summing up the evidence to the jury, the judge said, "Gentlemen, of all the weapons in the whole armory of inquiry there is nothing to equal an affidavit for concealing the truth."

Didn't Need To.

"It's too bad," said the judge caustically, "that the defendant should have chosen you for counsel. You know nothing about law."

"Well, your honor," replied the young lawyer, "I don't need to in this court."—Philadelphia Press.

Her Contribution.

Visiting Philanthropist—Good morning, madam. I am collecting for the Drunkards' home. Mrs. McGuire—Shure I'm glad of it, son. If ye come around tonight ye can take my husband.—Harper's Weekly.

All old-time cough syrups bind the bowels. This is wrong. A new idea was advanced two years ago in Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. This remedy acts on the mucous membranes of the throat and lungs and loosens the bowels at the same time. It expels all cold from the system. It clears the throat, strengthens the mucous membranes, relieves coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. Sold by G. E. Williams.

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A THIMBLE OF GOLD

IT IS MADE OF METAL ALLOYED DOWN TO FOURTEEN CARATS.

The Process of Manufacture, From the Ingots of Pure Gold Fresh From the Subtreasury to the Finished Shining Product.

Out of whatever part of the earth it may originally have been dug, the gold from which thimbles are made in Philadelphia, was bought at the United States subtreasury in the city in the form of snug little ingots, brick shaped and about two and a half inches long, an inch and a quarter wide and about an inch thick.

These little ingots would be of a convenient size for paperweights. But they would be rather heavy for such use and probably too expensive for most people, for each one contains, of pure gold, 24 carats fine, metal of the value of about \$600.

Gold of this fineness would be much too soft for thimbles, and it is alloyed down to 14 carats, in which condition it is rolled into sheets of suitable thickness. In the first process of manufacture a sheet of this gold is run into a machine which cuts out of it a disk in size sufficient to form a thimble, the same machine stamping this disk also into the form of a straight sided capsule with irregular edges.

Then the thimble blank goes into another machine, in which a die stamps it into its conical shape. Out of this machine it goes into an annealing furnace for tempering and from that into an acid bath for cleaning and the removal of the fire coating.

Then the thimble is put into a lathe to be turned down to its final shape and dimensions. It is dull colored when it goes into the lathe, but at the first touch of the keen edged cutting tool it shows a glistening narrow band of bright gold surface, which is widened in a moment to cover the whole length of the thimble as the skillful worker shifts the tool along.

With repeated application of the tool the operator brings the crown of the thimble into its perfect form and cuts down along the thimble's sides to bring the walls of the thimble to the requisite thickness, and he defines and finishes the smooth band that runs around the lower part of the thimble and brings into relief the rounded rim that encircles the thimble at its opening at once to give it a finishing ornamental grace there and to stiffen it. The glistening little gold shavings that he cuts off in these various operations all fall into a canvas trough suspended between him and the bench upon which stands the lathe.

With that last touch to its rim in this stage of making the former has grown marvelously more thimble-like in appearance, but somehow it still lacks the breath, so to speak, of thimble life; it lacks yet the familiar indentations in its surface that serve to support the needle and to hold it in place. These the thimble maker now proceeds to make, and the making of these is nice work indeed.

It is done with a tool called a knurle. There is an end knurle and a side knurle. An end knurle is simply a handle having set in it a tiny, thin revolving wheel of steel, upon whose periphery is a continuous encircling row of little bosses or knobs corresponding in size to the indentations to be made. The side knurle has in place of such a wheel a little steel cylinder of a length sufficient to cover that section of the thimble that is to be indented on its sides, this cylinder having knobs all over its surface, as the end knurle wheel has around its edges, and turning like the wheel, on its axis.

The thimble in the lathe is turning with 2,500 revolutions a minute, and it seems as though the application to its surface of any sort of tool with protuberances on it must leave there only a jangled and mixed up lot of irregular marks. But now with the end knurle the thimble maker makes an indentation in the center of the top of the thimble, and then he proceeds rapidly and with perfect certainty with the end knurle to describe around that center concentric rings of indentations, with the indentations all perfectly made and the rings all perfectly spaced, from the center to the circumference of the top.

You may see him do this, but you can't tell how he is able to do it. And then with the side knurle he makes the indentations in the sides of the thimble, making there as well, as he deftly presses the tool against it, indentations that run absolutely uniform and true and that end at their lower edge in a perfectly true encircling line.

It is astonishing and a pleasant thing to see how it develops and comes to itself with the making of these familiar indentations, and now there remains to be done to it only the polishing inside and out and you have the finished gold thimble.—Philadelphia Press.

How Exclamations Originate.

"Halloo" and "hurrah," which are among the exclamations in common use, can be traced to curious origins. The author of "The Queen's English" tells us that the people of Carnwold forest, Leicestershire, when they wish to hail any one at a distance call out not "halloo," but "halloop." This, he takes it, is a survival of the times when one cried to another "A loop! A loop!" or, as we should say, "A wof! A wof!" "Hurrah," according to high authority, is derived from the Slavonic "huraj," "to paradise," a battle cry which voiced the prevailing belief that all soldiers who fell in the fight went straight up to paradise.—Pearson's Weekly.

In Bohemia courtships are abnormally long. In that country engagements frequently last from fifteen to twenty years.

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A Woman's Paradise.

Manxwoman declares that the Isle of Man is in some ways a woman's paradise, where at any rate she is more favored by the law than in any other part of the king's dominions. Among other privileges she enjoys a vote for the Manx house of keys and this whether she is a widow or spinster, owner, occupier or even lodger. Every widow enjoys half of her husband's personal estate, quite regardless of her late husband's wishes and "will," while the husband cannot even deal with his own property without first obtaining his wife's written consent to the transaction.

St. Matthew's Flower.

No saint has a more interesting flower dedicated to him in the floral calendar than St. Matthew. This is the passion flower. It is thought to have emblems of the crucifixion, and to these it owes the name given to it by its Spanish discoverers in America. The imaginary resemblance of the corona to the crown of thorns is the basis of the fancy. In addition to that there are the five anthers for the five wounds and the three styles for the nails, while the hammer, the lance and the scourge are also traceable.

Don't Hinder Others.

Next in practical importance to the being possessed by a purpose of doing something in the world is the being possessed by the purpose of not hindering others in their doing whatever they have to do in the world.—Faith and Works.

Before the Ceremony.

Rural Groom—Sue an' I can't see no reason why we shouldn't get along when we're married. The Magistrate—Well, I just marry folks and don't express any opinions.—New York Press.

The truly generous is truly wise, and he who loves not others lives unblest.—Hume.

The Feast of Nature.

"The Feast of Nature" was a grand French revolutionary holiday, held Aug. 10, 1793. A plaster image of nature was erected in the Place de la Bastille, and the chief members of the convention, the public committees and all public functionaries knelt in adoration, after which came the firing of salutes, dancing and general public rejoicings. The holiday celebrated the finished constitution of the republic.

Millionaire's Poor Stomach.

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