

## SERVANTS' LIVERIES.

Had Their Origin During the Reign of King Pepin of France.

So far as the present writer is aware, the earliest mention of "liveries" made in history was during the reign of King Pepin of France, who flourished about the year 750 A. D.

A form of amusement to which King Pepin was partial was what were termed cours plénieres. These were assemblies at which, upon the king's invitation, all the lords and courtiers of France were expected to be present. They were held twice in each year—at Christmas and Easter—and generally lasted for about a week at each time. Sometimes these gatherings took place at the king's palace, sometimes in the neighborhood of one of the larger French cities and sometimes in some rural district. While the festival lasted the king took all his meals in public, bishops and dukes alone being privileged to sit at the royal table. A second table was provided for abbots, counts and other leading men, and at both tables there was shown more profusion than delicacy, both in the quality of the meats and drinks and the manner in which they were served. Flutes, hautboys and other musical instruments were played before the bearers of each course as it was removed from the tables. When dessert was served twenty heralds, each holding aloft a jeweled goblet, shouted thrice, "Largesse, largesse from the most potent of kings!" As they shouted they scattered among the crowds handfuls of gold and silver coins. Then the trumpets were blown, while the better class spectators shouted and the meaner sort scrambled and often fought vigorously for the money scattered by the heralds.

Charles VII. of France put a final stop to the cours plénieres, alleging that the expense attendant upon his wars with England made it impossible for him to continue them. One of the severest causes of expense, it was explained, arose from the fact that, beginning with King Pepin's time, etiquette and custom alike demanded that the king should upon these occasions give an entire suit of new and gorgeous clothing not only to his own servants and retainers, but also to those of the queen and all the princes of the blood royal. These garments were said to be liveries—that is, "delivered" at the king's expense—and from this word the English word "livery" was derived, as was the custom of providing servants with "livery" from the above mentioned practice of certain of the French kings.—London Standard.

### A Ready Reply.

It was on a P. and O. liner, and the stewards were being drilled in waiting at table. In the course of the drill they lined up outside the saloon with empty dishes, supposed to contain curry and rice, and on a bell being rung marched to their respective tables and proffered the dish to each seat containing an imaginary diner. The eagle eye of the purser noticed that one steward, a cockney named Bill, deliberately passed one of the seats without proffering the dish. He strode up to the table, and his manner betokened trouble for Bill.

"Hi, you! What do you mean by missing that seat?"

"Oh, that's all right, sir," replied Bill, not a bit put out. "That gent don't take curry."—London Illustrated Bits.

### If the Sun Was to Change Color.

We have grown so accustomed to sunlight of the present coloring and shading that we can scarcely comprehend the conditions that would arise if the sun were to suddenly change to some other color. If the sun were blue, for instance, there would be only two colors in the world—blue and black—or if it were red, then everything would be red or black. In the latter case we should have red snow, red lilies, black grass, black clear sky and red clouds. There would be little variety, however, if the sun were green. Things that are now yellow would still remain that color, but there would be no reds, purples, orange or pinks and very few of those cherry hues that make the world so bright.

### Charged Up to Him.

The proprietor of the celebrated mountain inn was showing the newest guest the beautiful surroundings.

"Ah, these cliffs!" said the proprietor rapturously. "In an electrical storm they are awe inspiring. The next time a storm rises see that you are standing on the porch of the inn. Why, sir, the air is always heavily charged."

"I don't doubt it," laughed the new guest, winking at another late arrival, "and if I don't happen to be standing on the porch I can feel assured that it will be heavily charged anyway—on my bill."—Chicago News.

## PEOPLE OF THE DAY

### Career of a Capitalist.

Charles Wyman Morse of New York, who recently withdrew from a number of financial institutions of which he was the controlling spirit, has had a most spectacular career. Born in Maine about fifty years ago he appeared in New York in 1891. There he soon made himself felt, and, by reason of his faculty for combining vast interests in the ice industry, in the mercantile marine and in banking and trust enterprises, rose in a few years to a foremost place among New York capitalists.

Until recently he controlled three banks and trust companies, three insurance companies, five steamship companies and ten or more great cor-



CHARLES W. MORSE.

porations. The capitalization and resources of these concerns make the huge aggregate of \$337,000,000. Nine of the banks and trust companies that Mr. Morse controlled are in New York city.

He organized the American Ice company, or ice trust, in 1897, and since then he has been criticised as severely as probably any man in America.

Mr. Morse started his bank combining career after he had made a fortune in ice and became a power in financial circles. Then, beginning with some down east steamship lines, Morse kept on merging until he got the Clyde, Mallory, Hudson River and Boston-New York lines. He is also heavily interested in real estate.

### Bernard Shawisms.

Here are some social aphorisms which George Bernard Shaw, the playwright and author, recently sprung on a fashionable lecture audience in London:

"When you think of the educated classes do not think of them as being brilliant geniuses like the chair-man and myself.

"When you think of the working classes you must not think of extraordinary men like Will Crooks, who, if he had been born a king, would have been an emperor at thirty and the pope at forty.

"It was reserved for my powerful intellect to become conscious of the fact that what was the matter with poor people was poverty.

"You must attack poverty by giving poor people money. That is another discovery of my extraordinary intellect.

"I am in favor of life pensions for everybody. My idea of a life pension is from \$1,500 to \$2,500 a year to begin with."

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B. B. COMER.

igation they have instituted in resistance to the reduced freight and passenger rates ordered by the legislature. A passenger rate of 2 1/2 cents a mile will be put in, and the Georgia interstate rate will be allowed on the mileage basis in Alabama. The agreement is to go into effect on Dec. 1, and the governor and the railroad commission are to have charge of the readjustment of the rates.

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