

THE SHIP'S BELL.

It is Sounded at Half Hour Intervals Day and Night.

The ship's bell is the mariner's clock. The nautical day begins and ends at noon, when eight bells is struck. The bell is struck half hourly, day and night, one stroke being added for each half hour until eight is reached, when the count begins at one bell.

In the United States navy the ship's bell hangs usually under the fore-castle, or just forward of the fore-mast. The captain's orderly keeps the time and reports to the officer of the dock the hour in terms of "bells." The officer of the deck then strikes the bell. There is somewhat more formality at eight bells than at other times, for then the hour is reported to the captain and the bell not struck until he has said, "Make it so." Here is the routine on board a man-of-war at 8 o'clock in the morning: The orderly first says to the officer of the deck, "Eight bells, sir." The officer of the deck replies, "Report to the captain eight bells and chronometers wound." The orderly then goes to the captain and says, "Eight bells and the chronometers wound, sir." The captain replies, "Very well; make it so." The orderly goes to the officer of the deck and says, "Make it so, sir." The officer of the deck says to the messenger of the watch, "Strike eight bells," and if everybody has been prompt the messenger strikes eight bells at exactly 8 a. m.

EUROPEAN BEACHES.

Their Methods and Bathing Suits Very Different From Ours.

In Europe there is no lounging on the beach in bathing suits. On this point the foreigner is apt to criticize the American woman and to point out that when the women in Europe put on bathing suits it is for the purpose of bathing and not of sitting on the beach, high and dry, out of the reach of even the largest wave. There are many reasons for this. One is the consideration that prevents me from making any illustrations of them. They generally are not fit for sight or publication. It would take a very small wave indeed to thoroughly drench the most elaborate of the costumes commonly worn by the ladies throughout Europe when they go bathing. Of course the conditions are different. In Europe madame does not have to cross the beach in her scanty attire. When she enters her bathhouse she is in full street regalia, and as the house is then wheeled out into the water, when she emerges for her dip she is visible only for the brief time it takes to plunge into the water, and she enjoys her swim without the embarrassment of skirts. When her bathhouse is wheeled back and she appears on the beach she is again in street costume. Then, too, there are many beaches on the continent, such as the Damerstrand in Nordeney, where gentlemen are excluded until a certain hour of the day.—Charles F. Peters in Bohemian Magazine.

Old French Dial Ring.

"A dial ring," said the curio dealer, "A French dial ring of the eighteenth century. You can tell the time with it."

The ring of gold was beautifully chased, and where the stone sparkles usually there was set a tiny sundial.

"All you have to do," said the dealer, "is to stand in the right way, holding the dial so that the sun strikes it, and a tiny shadow will tell you the hour. Such a ring," he concluded, "is more a curio than an accurate timepiece. It is only good in the locality it is made for, and even there unless it is set toward the right point of the compass, it will be several hours out of the way."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

It Depends.

Dr. Johnson was once consulted by an old lady on the degree of wickedness to be attached to her son's robbing an orchard. "Madam," said Johnson, "it all depends upon the weight of the boy. I remember my schoolfellow, Davy Garrick, who was always a little fellow, robbing a dozen orchards with impunity, but the very first time I climbed up an apple tree—for I was always a heavy boy—the bough broke with me, and it was called a judgment."

Expressed Nautically.

A certain admiral upon coming on board a ship was met by an old classmate with the salutation, "Hello, old fellow, how are you?" Observing that the admiral had carefully combed his back hair forward up and over to cover the bald top of his head he added, "Well, that's the first time I ever saw afterward doing foretop duty!"—"On a Man-of-war."

The Clumsy Eye.

The human eye is said to be a rather ill contrived piece of mechanism. A celebrated German physicist is reported to have remarked that if an artisan were to make for him a piece of apparatus so poorly adapted to its purpose he would not accept it.

The Important Thing.

"I guess I won't eat any dinner today," said the first clerk. "Why not?" asked the second. "Because if I do I won't have any time for my regular after dinner smoke."—Exchange.

Our Inferiors.

Willie—Pa, our "inferiors" are just people that know less than we do, aren't they? Pa—No, my son; usually they're people who merely know less than we think we do.—Philadelphia Press.

A Wonderful Dog.
I ran a news stand at Fort Jervis, N. Y. I owned a common shepherd dog which was a very intelligent animal and was of great assistance to me in the newspaper business, running across the street with papers in his mouth to customers. He attracted much attention, and he got me many new customers, for everybody liked him, he was such a business dog.

I was sick one day and not able to sell my papers. My dog came in my room where I lay in bed. He fumbled around in my pants pockets and took the keys to my news stand and ran out of the house, and the first thing I knew he had the newspaper stand opened up and doing business.

He was very clever in making change, changing five and ten dollar bills without a single mistake, working the cash register with his paws, and everything ran smoothly until a man came up and passed him a lead quarter. My dog got mad and lost his temper entirely, and I was forced to interfere. With much trouble I managed to pull them apart.

If this dog had not had such a quick temper I would have started him in business for himself. This dog is still living.—Boston Post.

Crushed by Beecher.

Henry Ward Beecher was once approached by a young man who considered himself very clever.

"Do you know, Mr. Beecher," said he, "I've been thinking that I would settle down. Now, I like your preaching, but when I go to your church and see such men as old S. and others, grasping skinflints and hypocrites to the core, sitting there in full membership, why, the thing is just a little too much for me, and really," he added, "I cannot join."

"Well, you're right," said Mr. Beecher. "Every church has such men, and I fancy Plymouth is not free from them, and until you spoke I have always wondered why the good Lord permitted it. Now I understand."

"Ah," gurgled the young fellow, "I am glad I have thrown light on the question! What strikes you as the reason, Mr. Beecher?"

"Well," replied the great preacher, "it is permitted in order to keep just such fools as you out of the churches."

The Nearest Approach.

An English tourist visited Arran and being a keen disciple of Isaac Walton was arranging to have a day's good sport. Being told that the eleg, or horsefly, would suit his purpose admirably for a lure, he addressed himself to Christy, the highland servant girl, "I say, my girl, can you get me some horseflies?"

Christy looked stupid, and he repeated his question. Finding that she did not yet comprehend him, he exclaimed: "Why, girl, did you never see a horsefly?"

"Naa, sir," said the girl, "but a wansie saw a coe jump over a presh-plice."

Grandfather's Portrait.

A villager, intensely conceited and ignorant, but quite wealthy, was persuaded to have his grandfather's picture repainted.

The artist, not having been decently treated by the villager, drew the portrait almost in a nude form. Rolling it up, he told the man not to look at it before the coming New Year. On that day the villager ordered the picture to be hung up that he might pay it his New Year respects. As it was being unrolled he frantically waved his hands and shouted: "Wait! Wait! The old gentleman is not ready; he is not yet dressed."—From the Chinese.

The Worth of His Money.

Not seldom in highland districts the attendance at church during unpropitious weather is but scanty. One minister, finding himself on a boisterous Sunday confronted with but one solitary auditor, who happened to be a gruff, outspoken character, took him into his confidence, with a view to propitiate him. "Will I go on with the sermon, John?" John answered gruffly, "Of course." Getting into the pulpit and leaning over it, he asked, "Will I give you the Gaelic sermon or the English one?" "Cie's baith. Ye're weel paid for 't," said John, more gruffly still.—Dundee Advertiser.

Bituminous Coal.

Shortly after the adoption of bituminous coal as a fuel in England a royal proclamation was used forbidding its use and authorizing the destruction of the furnaces of the users, who were characterized as evil doers. Scarcely of fuel, it seems, shortly compelled the resumption of its use. In the reign of Elizabeth bituminous coal was again prohibited during sessions of parliament lest the health of the members suffer thereby.—London Telegraph.

The Richest.

That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings; that man is the richest who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal and by means of his possessions, over the lives of others.—John Ruskin.

A Philosopher.

Frances Willard once wrote to a friend who had just lost a daughter: "Dear Sister Anna, how much richer are you than I! Here I sit alone without a child to die, while you are mother to an angel."

The Hat Scale.

A fifty dollar hat is a conceit. A thirty dollar hat is a confection. A two dollar hat is a sin and a shame and a perfect justification for going home to mother.—Pittsburg Post.

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Bowls, mixing.....	15 to 25c
" soup.....	10 to 20c
" glass fruit.....	5 to 25c
Boxes, jewel.....	10 to 25c
" collar.....	25c
" glove.....	15 to 25c
" handkerchief.....	15 to 25c
" match.....	5 & 10c
" pencil.....	5 & 10c
" tobacco.....	15 & 25c
" work.....	25c
Boxed papers.....	15 & 25c
Brackets, shelf and lamp.....	5 to 25c
Brooms, toy.....	10 to 20c
" whisk.....	10 to 25c
Brushes, paint.....	5 to 25c
" artists.....	5 & 10c
" cloth.....	15 to 25c
" hair.....	15 to 25c
" horse.....	15 to 25c
" shaving.....	5 to 15c
" whitewash.....	10 to 25c
" nail.....	5 & 10c
" scrub.....	10 & 15c
" shoe.....	15 to 25c
" stove.....	10 & 15c
" tooth.....	5 to 20c
Buckets, tin.....	10 to 25c
Buttons, collar, gold plate.....	2½ & 5c
" bachelor.....	5 & 10c doz
" cuff.....	10 to 25c pair
Candels, Christmas.....	15 & 10c doz
" sticks.....	5c 6 for 25c
Canes, walking sticks.....	5 to 25c
Can openers.....	5 to 15c
Caps, shop.....	5c
" heavy wool.....	25c
Cards, playing.....	10 to 20c
" birthday.....	5 to 10c
" Christmas.....	1 to 10c
" New Years.....	1 to 10c
" post.....	1c each
" cases.....	10 to 20c
Carving sets.....	25c
Card holders, wire.....	15 to 25c
" punches.....	25c
Cases, cigar.....	15 to 25c
" spectacle.....	5 to 15c
Casters, bed.....	10 to 25c set
Cement.....	10 & 15c bot
Chains, cow.....	25c
" halter.....	25c
" locker.....	25c
" neck.....	25c
" watch, g. p.....	10 to 25c
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Crockery, per piece.....	5 to 25c
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Children's knife and fork sets.....	25c
" toys, all kinds.....	5 to 25c
China, decorated ware.....	5 to 25c
" decorated cups and saucers.....	25c
China novelties.....	5 to 25c
Christmas goods.....	5 to 25c
" cards.....	1 to 10c
" bells.....	10 to 25c
" tree ornaments.....	1 to 25c
" tree candles.....	5 & 10c doz
Cigars.....	2 to 5c
" holders.....	5 to 15c
" cases.....	15 to 25c
Clips and files, paper.....	5 to 25c
Coat hangers.....	5c
Coffee mills.....	25c
" toy.....	10 & 15c
" pots, tin.....	15 to 25c
" pots, granite.....	25c
" pots, nickel plate.....	25c
" strainers.....	5c
Collars, linen, men.....	10c
" boys.....	10c
" dog.....	10 to 25c
" buttons, g. p.....	2½ & 5c
" bone.....	5c doz
" pins, g. p.....	10 to 25c
Combs, all kinds.....	5 to 25c
Compasses.....	10 to 25c
Corn poppers.....	15 to 25c
Covers, dish.....	5 to 15c
" pot.....	5 to 10c
Cream pitchers.....	10 to 25c
Crochet hooks.....	5c
Cruets, vinegar and oil.....	10 to 25c
Crumb tray sets, nicked.....	25c

Cuffs, linen.....	15 & 25c
" holders.....	5c
Cups and mugs.....	5 to 25c
" and saucers.....	8½ to 25c
" and saucers, toy.....	2 to 10c
Curriers, kid.....	5 & 10c doz
" irons.....	5 & 10c
Curry combs.....	5 to 20c
Curtain rods, brass.....	10 to 25c
Cuspidors.....	10 to 25c
Cutlery, pocket.....	5 to 25c each
" table.....	5 to 12½c each
Cutter, doughnut, etc.....	2½c each
Canisters, Coffee.....	15 to 20c
Decorations, all kinds.....	1 to 25c each
Dice.....	1 to 5c
Dictionary, pocket.....	15c
Dairy pails.....	15 to 25c
Dippers.....	5 to 20c
Dolls.....	1 to 25c
" cabs.....	25c
" shawls.....	10 & 15c
" heads.....	5 to 25c
Dusters, leather, etc.....	20 & 25c
Egg beaters.....	2½ to 15c
Enameled ware.....	10 to 25c
Eye glasses.....	10 to 25c
" gold plated.....	25c
Eye shades.....	10 to 20c
Fancets.....	10 to 25c
Flue stops.....	5 & 10c
Frames, photo.....	5 to 25c
Funnels.....	5 & 10c
Files.....	10 to 25c
Glassware, creamers.....	15 to 25c
" sugars.....	15 to 25c
" butters.....	15 to 25c
" spoons.....	10 to 20c
" tumblers.....	5c 6 for 25c
" jelly.....	5c 6 for 25c
" engraved.....	8½c
" 7 and 8 in. fruit bowls.....	15 to 25c
" 9 in.....	15 to 25c
" syrup pitcher.....	15 to 25c
" 3 gal water pitcher.....	15 to 25c
" 4½ and 5 in. sauce.....	4½ to 15c
" dishes.....	4½ to 15c
" pepper and salts.....	5 to 12½c
" cake stands.....	15 to 25c
" everything lowest prices.....	15 to 25c
Gloves, canvas.....	10 to 25c
Galvanized wash pans.....	15c
" dippers.....	10 to 25c
" stock buckets.....	25c
" oil cans.....	25c
" chamber pails.....	25c
Games, all kinds.....	5 to 25c
" Insoles.....	10c
" hair.....	15c
Glass cutters.....	10c
Japanese goods.....	right prices
Jars, butter.....	25c
" cracker.....	25c
Hammers, tack.....	5 & 10c
" good.....	15 & 20c
" beat.....	25c
" handles.....	10c
Handkerchiefs.....	2½, 5, to 25c
Handles, Mrs. Potts.....	10c
" hammer.....	10c
" plate.....	5c
Hand bags.....	25c
Hangers, pants, coat, skirt.....	5 & 10c
Hardware notions.....	just right
Harmonicas.....	5 to 25c
Hatchets, cheap.....	5 & 10c
Hatchets, good.....	25c
Holders, candle.....	5 & 10c doz
" cord.....	15 & 25c
" cuff.....	5 & 10c
" holders, pencil.....	5 & 10c
" photo rack.....	25c
" tooth pick.....	5 & 10c
" whisk broom.....	15 & 20c
Holiday goods of all kinds.....	5, 10, 15 & 25c
" at.....	5, 10, 15 & 25c
Hooks, razor.....	25c
" kitchen.....	10c
Homes, fish.....	10 to 25c 100
Hooks, coat and hat.....	25c doz
Horns and trumpets.....	1 to 10c
Hose supporters.....	5 to 20c
" all kinds.....	5 to 25c
Jardiniers.....	25c
Jewel boxes.....	10 & 25c
Kettles, preserving tin.....	15 to 25c
" kettles, preserving granite.....	25c
Kettles, stew.....	10 to 25c
Kites.....	5 & 10c
Knives and forks.....	5 to 12½c
" pocket.....	5 to 25c
" butcher.....	15 to 25c
" bread.....	10 to 25c
" pairing.....	5 & 10c
" mincing.....	10 & 15c
Laces, shoe, all colors.....	2½ & 5c pr
Lanterns.....	10 & 15c
" globes.....	10 & 15c
Locketts, gold plate.....	25c
" chains.....	25c
Locks, brass pad.....	15 & 25c
" pad iron.....	10 & 15c
Lunch sets, paper.....	15 & 25c
Lamps, night.....	15 to 25c
" glass.....	25c
Machine needles.....	5c pkg
" oil.....	5c
Magnets.....	2½ & 5c
Marbles.....	5 & 10c pkg
Masks.....	5 to 20c
Matches, 1500.....	10c
" boxes.....	5 to 10c
Measures.....	5 to 25c
Memorandums.....	5 to 15c
Mirrors.....	5 to 25c
Mittens, warm.....	10 to 25c
Mop sticks.....	15c
Musculine.....	10 to 20c
Muffin pans.....	15 to 25c
Mittens, woman's.....	15 to 25c
" Misses.....	15 to 20c
" child's.....	10 to 15c
" boys.....	15 to 25c
Nails, picture.....	2½ to 5c
" brass head.....	10c per 100
" shoe.....	5 & 10c

Napkins, linen.....	5 to 12½c
" paper.....	20c per 100
Necklaces, gold plate.....	25c
" bead.....	10 to 25c
Needles, darning.....	5c pkg
" knitting.....	5c set
" machine.....	5c pkg
" packing.....	5c each
" sewing.....	5c each
" mattress.....	5c each
" books.....	10c
Nest eggs.....	3½c
Nipples, white and black.....	2½c
Notions, everything in the line.....	2½c
Novelties, everything in the line.....	2½c
Nursing bottle.....	5 & 10c
" toy.....	5c
" fittings.....	5c
Nut pick sets, nicked.....	25c
Nutties, mens & boys.....	10 to 25c
Oil cans, galvanized.....	25c
" tin.....	5 to 15c
" copper.....	15 to 25c
" cloth, table.....	20c yard
Ornaments, hair.....	5 to 25c
" wall.....	5 to 25c
Over-sleeves.....	10 & 15c
Pad locks.....	10 to 25c
Pails, dairy.....	15 & 25c
" chamber.....	25c
" galvanized.....	25c
" tin.....	10 to 25c
" toy.....	5 & 10c
Paint, gold.....	10c bot
" toy.....	5 to 25c
Pans, bread.....	10 to 25c
" dairy.....	5 to 25c
" dish.....	20 & 25c
" dripping.....	10 to 25c
" dust.....	10 & 15c
" frying.....	10 to 25c
" muffin.....	10 to 25c
" pudding.....	10 to 15c
" sauce.....	10 to 25c
" patty.....	3 for 5c
Paper, writing tablet.....	2½ to 10c
" crepe.....	7½c roll
" toilet.....	5 & 10c
" napkin.....	20c 100
" weights.....	5 to 20c
" decorations.....	5 to 25c doz
" novelties.....	5c
Paste, library tubes.....	5c</