

THE "DOCTOR."

Functionary on Mer- Vessels is the Cook. One functionary on mer- of all kinds who has more to do with the "peace" of the floating common- shore folks usually imag- to the cook, who is some- the "doctor." Why he is gnomen is not altogether his handwork seldom has atic value and in the past, he had much to do with sailormen to a doctor, if Jones' locker. In fact, time in nautical history leading genius of the gal- such had repute that to "son of a sea cook" was obrious epithet and one he emphatically resented. (and to some extent to- was covertly despised ants both of the forecaskle in, though the men "for- ardly professed affection apparently were never so when they could wash his him various other favors, of getting sundry "leav- the cabin table or being privileges as "hanging alley when rough weather ide the watch on deck such shelter. In other found highly salutary to the graces of his culinary frequently was a more on in some respects than himself. It is almost did that the more skilled cook was the more pro- influence both fore and wasn't often much in the all the same.—Shipping

OFF THE BURGLAR.

er's Bargain With His welcome Visitor. Winslow Sherman, the old the coolest nerve of any said a man who knew years ago, when Sher- old man and partially reason of a fall from a ered his bedroom late at a masked burglar ran- had a big gun trained on a minute. The banker aside with a tired hand. ay," he said irritably, "this matter like gen- burglar was so sur- rished. "Now, you could wanted to and might with some little knick- Sherman. "But you t, and there's a slight if you could dispose of les profitably. What sider a fair cash propo- way?" They talked it see. thought he ought to Sherman, after inquiring habits, said \$8 was see," he said, "you're a if this were your first y your price, but now ve your picture you ad to accept any fair ad run no risk." finally agreed to take ouled out a ten dollar \$2 change," said he, before he paid.—Kansas

Mean Humor.

mor exists, it distinal character, it per- affairs. It is not of. It was not brought or Holland by the fan- grace was lacking rule. The humor of kerbocker is all the cause of the absence of mor in the sub'ects of of our humor came over the first rush of immi- quickly adapted to its nt. It was modified by new circumstances geographical, ethnolog- e. Wherever it came which saves us from trouble and worry.—

We're Ahead.

anation of the reason as but about 7,000,000 America's 80,000,000" is w of the world's prod- and iron. Canada prod- 00 tons of coal against produced by the Unit- that is why, as long as "Canada is not like- ething like the dimen- them neighbor." This w, and it is not open bias.—Boston Globe.

Modesty.

is exceedingly mod- -I hadn't noticed he never talks about h, the isn't mod- -Chicago News.

Winner.

ly I play make b'lieve in" another little boy? dear. Tommy—All he cake for him then. —

Feel much confidence

never been imposed

An Old Time Quack.

In the right hands it is a poor root that will not work both ways. An old quack doctor, according to the Wash- ington correspondent of the Boston Herald, was once called to see a boy who had chills and fever. He proceeded to scratch the bark off a root and put some in one glass of water and some in another glass of water. "Give the medicine in this glass for the chills," he then said to the lad's mother, "but give this in the other glass when the fever comes on." "But, doctor," the mother protested, "it is exactly the same in both glass- es." "Oh, not at all," declared the quack. "But I saw you scrape the bark off the same root and put it in each glass." "Yes," admitted the quack smoothly, "but you didn't see how I did it, my dear lady. This for the chills I scrape up on the root, and that makes it high cockalorum. This for the fever I scrape down on the root, and that makes it low cockalighrum."

Tobacco and Tin Foil.

General Winfield Scott was responsi- ble for tin foil being wrapped around tobacco. That fact came out in the legal contest over the will of the ec- centric millionaire tobacco dealer, John Anderson. Early in the forties of the last century Mr. Anderson kept a pop- ular cigar store on Broadway. Felix McClosky, for many years the tobac- conist's salaried companion and agent, testified that one day, in 1843 he thought, General Scott came into the store and asked Anderson if he couldn't devise some way of keeping tobacco so it would not be affected by age and changes in climates. Ander- son thought about it and shortly after hit upon the plan of wrapping cigars and chewing tobacco in tin foil, there- by keeping the tobacco moist for a long time. His tin foil covers became popular, and his preserved tobacco was much in demand during the Mexican war and the California gold rush, swelling his business to enormous pro- portions and soon making him a multi- millionaire.

A Comprehensive Word.

The word "vermin" seems to have become exceedingly comprehensive in scope now that the society which is devoted to the destruction of such creatures has included not only rats, mice, cockroaches and such small deer among them, but even cats, dogs, spar- rows and canaries, on the ground that all these transmit disease to man. By derivation (Latin "vermis") vermin ought to mean only worms and the like, in which literal sense Tennyson writes of the "vermin in a nut." But the term has constantly been loosely applied to all sorts of objectionable animals, from crocodiles to foxes. Purchas told of the people of Java how they "feed on cats, rats and other vermins," and Isaac Walton denounced "those base vermin, the otters." He used the word exactly in the temper in which a naughty little boy is berated as a "young varmint."—Lon- don Chronicle.

The Nine Tailor Saw.

The tailor—he was a cutter at a big salary—sighed as he looked about his luxurious apartment. "She refused me," he said. "Why? Because she didn't love me? No. Be- cause of that old saw about its tak- ing nine tailors to make a man. And that saw is a mistake. It is a cor- ruption of 'nine tellers mark a man.' It doesn't signify that tailors are ef- feminate. It simply shows that man- kind is liable to error. The toll of a bell in the olden time was called a teller, and in the olden time the church bells tolled nine times for every man's funeral; hence the saying 'nine tellers mark a man.' In our stupidity we have corrupted that into 'nine tailors make a man' or 'it takes nine tailors to make a man.'"

Suicidal Flying Fish.

The Indian ocean is singularly de- void of fish and bird life, but one night dozens of flying fish flew on board a vessel there. They were attracted by the lantern on the foremast, against which they dashed and fell stunned to the deck. In appearance they are very like a sand mullet. The wings resemble an extended dorsal fin and open and shut like a lady's fan. Not only are they edible; they are a dish for an epicure.—Sydney (N. S. W.) Freeman's Journal.

He Enjoyed the Rest of the Game.

"Now, that is what is known as a safe bit," volunteered the escort, "and entitles the runner to take his place on the second base." "Yes," responded the damsel, "and if that duffer had the base running ability of an ice wagon he'd have stretched that single into a three bagger."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Duchess' Philosophy.

The old Duchess of Cleveland invit- ed a relative to her husband's funeral and told him to bring his gun, add- ing, "We are old, we must die, but the pheasants must be shot."—Sir Al- gernon West's Reminiscences.

No Resemblance.

"Woman and cats," said the youth- ful boarder, "are alike." "Wrong, young man," said the cheer- ful idiot. "A woman can't run up a telegraph pole, and a cat can't run up a millinery bill."

How many people live on the reputation

of the reputation they might have made.—Holmes.

THE DEVILFISH.

How These Monsters Are Caught in the Gulf of Mexico. There is no more thrilling sport than harpooning the devilfish, the giant ray or manta, which has its home in the gulf of Mexico. Some of these fish, which are very grewsome to behold, measure from twelve to eighteen feet and weigh more than 1,500 pounds. It requires tremendous skill to harpoon them and infinite tact to land them once they are struck. It is not unusu- al for the fish to run for three hours or more, and they can tow a ten ton sloop. The fish is wily and will often go to the bottom to rest, to prevent which he has to be kept in a constant state of panic by hauling the tow in close to him. At a moment of weakening an- other harpoon and a rifle shot will dis- patch him. During a recent run it was three hours before the cable could be fas- tened to the boat's windlass in order to pull the devilfish under the bow, where another lily iron was secured in him, and then followed a rush of extraordinary impetuosity. Following this method and only after there were three harpoons in his back and a shark hoop attached to one flapper was it felt that he was secure. Half an hour later his struggles were finally stilled by a lucky rifle shot in the head. As night came on the sharks began to come in and long after dark could be heard fighting over the stranded carcass.—Illustrated London News.

MOST EXCLUSIVE CLUB.

English Joy That There is One Door Riches Won't Unlock. The Royal Yacht Squadron is proba- bly the most exclusive club in exist- ence, says the London Gentleman, and, wonderful to relate in this pluto- cratic age, money is quite powerless to unlock the charmed portals of the castle. One or two millionaires with splen- did yachts have tried in vain to pass the ordeal of the periodical ballot, while men of no fortune or only just enough to defray the upkeep of a small yacht have been elected without an idea of a black ball. The only apparent qualification is that the candidate must possess a yacht of his own, but there are other qualifications much more difficult of attainment by the man of money, and it is just here that the question of blackballing comes in. It must be owned, rather refreshingly. For really one had almost said that there is no social "holy of holies" into which he who is rich cannot penetrate until one recalls the pleasant circle of gentlemen who go to make up the Royal Yacht Squadron. There is, one remembers gratefully, just one insti- tution left to which the mystic words "I am rich" do not have the effect of an "open sesame."

The Deep Breathing Cure.

A boy who was consumptive and was rapidly going along the road to the grave was taken in hand by one who understood deep breathing and the importance of proper mastication of food, etc. He was made to under- stand precisely why deep breathing was of such vital importance, and he took a lively interest in his own cure. He was fourteen years old. In a very few weeks the change was remark- able. He began to get firm flesh on his poor little limbs, his chest developed well and a healthy color came into his cheeks. His eyes, which were al- ways covered with sties, became per- fectly free from them, and in three months or less there was no sign of consumption in him. I may say he was only treated once a week for half an hour.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Truly Rustic Bridge.

A rustic bridge at Beach Haven, Ga., contains fifty-six kinds of wood and vines grown on the fifty acres of Beach Haven park. Following is a list of the woods and vines: Short leaf pine, long leaf pine, post oak, white oak, Spanish oak, water oak, red oak, poplar, sweet gum, black gum, red haw, black haw, red bud, prickly ash, chinquapin, wild plum, persimmon, cedar, wild sloe, wahoo, sumac, red elm, pig hickory, scalybark hickory, hock or sugar berry, willow, china, black alder, crab apple, wild mulberry, wild cherry, dogwood, sourwood, winter whortleberry, black locust, sassafras, cottonwood, buckeye, laurel, beech, holly, ash, ironwood, birch, magnolia, sycamore, walnut, sweet bay, ever- green, spruce, vines—grape, musca- dine, bellflower, rattan, bamboo.—St Louis Globe-Democrat.

Poisonous Nettles of the Tropics.

In tropical regions there are nettles far more powerful than that of our own country. The one called Urtica stimulans, which is found in Java, and that called Laportea crenulata, found in Hindu- stan, when bruised emit an effluvium which poisonously affects the eyes and mouth and if handled produce convul- sions and serious swelling and pain in the arms, which may last for three or four weeks and in some cases cause death.—London Telegraph.

The Girl of the Period.

Having greater liberty, greater self reliance, better health, larger oppor- tunities, the girl of the period, with all her drawbacks, is a finer and a better creature than either her mother or her grandmother.—T. P. O'Connor in Lon- don M. A. P.

Comprehensive.

"Hubby, is my hat on straight?" "Well, if your hat is, your hair isn't, and if your hair is, then there's some- thing askew about your hat."—New York Journal.

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