

MONSTER WHALES.

A Dozen Men Might Stand Upright in the Blue's Big Mouth.

Specimens of the blue or sulphur bottom whale weighing seventy-five tons and measuring eighty-seven feet have been known. The mouth is sufficiently large to permit ten or twelve men to stand upright in it, but the throat measures only about nine inches in diameter.

The "finback," closely related to the blue whale, has been called the "greyhound of the sea," for its long, slender body is built on the lines of a racing yacht, and the animal can equal the speed of the fastest steamship.

The "humpback" is the most interesting of our large whales, because of the fact that its habits are more easily studied than are those of other members of the family.

But most extraordinary of all is the square nosed sperm whale. Instead of having plates of baleen, this whale carries a row of twenty to twenty-five heavy teeth on each side of the lower jaw. These fit into sockets in the roof of the mouth and assist in holding the giant squid and cuttlefish on which the enormous animal feeds. The squid seldom gets away from the warm currents; hence the sperm usually remains in the tropics and in the gulf of Japan streams.—London Family Herald.

VALUE OF A PASSPORT.

The Odd Experience of a Stranded Tourist in Paris.

"Until you go broke in a foreign country you never can realize just what a useful thing a passport is," said the returned traveler. "It not only enables you to get into a country; it also helps you to get out, sometimes in a most unexpected way. Everybody abroad thinks well of a passport, but nobody sets quite so high a value on it as a pawnbroker.

"Owing to a delayed remittance I had occasion to visit one of those men in Paris. The article I offered for security was worth many times the loan requested, but he refused an advance on account of unsatisfactory references. My temporary address in Paris and my permanent address in Washington were not sufficient guarantee of my honesty.

"Just as the case assumed a desperate complexion the broker suggested a solution of the difficulty.

"Have you a passport?" he asked. "I had, at the hotel. 'Fetch it,' he said. 'If that looks all right, I'll let you have the money.' 'Up to that time my passport had been a useless piece of luggage; then I blessed the foresight that had bidden me secure it.'—Washington Star.

His Conquest.

He was a simon pure, edition de luxe lady killer. The girl in the seat opposite him was easy to look at. Further, she looked demure and shy and impressionable. It wasn't long before he had things going right—he thought. He had raised the window for her and readjusted the blind; he had fished her bag from under the seat, where the porter had shoved it; he had placed her pillow in a better position for her; he had handed her a magazine; he had looked after her comfort in every way he possibly could, and she had been very sweet about it besides. He thought he was coming along splendidly. She started to get off the train before he expected her to leave, but he carried her luggage to the platform for her. Then she turned and handed him a nickel with a sweet smile and the remark, "I think it is so nice of the railway company to furnish an assistant porter."—Argonaut.

How the Katydid Sings.

Everybody is familiar with the rasping notes known as the katydid's "song." It is the male only that is capable of emitting the well known sounds, and he does it in a most peculiar manner. His "vocal organs" are at the base of his wings and consist of two flat excrescences of thin, dry membrane. It is the rubbing of these membranous plates together which produces the "song." If your shoulder blades were so loosely put together that one could be slipped under the other and the underside of one and the upper side of the other were so rough that the operation of slipping them past each other would cause a rasping sound you could imitate the katydid's musical efforts very nicely.

Setting Her Right.

A newly married woman made a pie for dinner. "I am afraid," the bride said, "that I left something out, and that it's not very good." The husband tried it and said: "There is nothing you could leave out that would make a pie taste like that. It's something you've put in."—Argonaut.

Matthew Arnold.

"Matthew Arnold had a curious way of telling little stories against himself" writes Sir H. W. Lucy in the Cornhill.

"Talking about Mrs. Arnold, he said: 'Ah, you should know my wife! She has all my charm of manner and none of my coarseness.'"

Badly Smitten.

"I wish there were ten days in the week," sighed Gladys. "Why?" asked Grace. "Jack could call oftener then."—London Answers.

When our hatred is too bitter it places us below those whom we hate.—La Rochefoucauld.

MAN VERSUS NATURE.

Marvels That Are Wrought Through Synthetic Chemistry.

Nature, we may reflect, has a hard time in competition with the chemist. Her slow, laborious processes are one by one being superseded.

Her most delicate perfumes, which she dishes to us in drops, are made by the gallon in the laboratory. The infinite delicacy of her tints we stimulate from a material so unromantic as coal tar. We squeeze a cellulose product through a tiny hole, and we have the silk of the silk worm. We transform trees into paper and educate the world. We imitate the precious stones which Nature has produced by gigantic forces in upheaval, and the only difference, as was stated in our courts recently, is that the artificial product is more perfect than the real. Now the chemist takes starch, an unromantic material enough, and makes of it that rubber on which the wheels of the world go round.

In the course of his experiments man discovers a cheap method of making acetone, an essential of our modern high explosives. Somehow or other all man's experiments lead ultimately to the explosive, which again shows how we reverse processes, for, while Nature begins all her work with an explosion, man works up to the explosion as the highest expression of his conquest.—Westminster Gazette.

BEHEADING IN SIAM.

First the Victim Is Fed, Then Tired Into Giving the Signal.

An execution in Siam is an extraordinary business, according to a correspondent of the Chronique Medicale. The doomed man, awakened at dawn, is led in chains to the temple, where candles are lit around him. He is exhorted to think of nothing to disassociate his mind from mundane affairs and is given the best meal of his life, the menu being carefully chosen according to the social status of the criminal.

There are two executioners. One is hidden in some brushwood, while the other, dressed in vivid red, conducts the criminal to the place of sacrifice, bidding him be seated on banana leaves "in order to be entirely separated from earth."

The condemned man is then put into position, awaiting the ax. Earth is put in his ears. For two hours or more nothing happens. Siamese law demands that the criminal shall bow his head voluntarily to the ax. This he does finally from sheer exhaustion, and immediately headman No. 2 rushes from his hiding place and does the deed. The executioners are then sprayed with holy water and otherwise purified from contact with the victim's soul.—Paris, Cor. New York World.

Measuring Nature.

Nature is not benevolent. Nature is just, gives pound for pound, measure for measure, makes no exceptions, never tempers her decrees with mercy or winks at any infringement of her laws. And in the end is not this best? Could the universe be run as a charity or a benevolent institution or as a poorhouse of the most approved pattern? Without this merciless justice this irrefragable law, where would we have brought up long ago? It is a hard gospel, but rocks are hard, too, yet they form the foundations of the hills. Man introduces benevolence, mercy, altruism, into the world, and he pays the price in his added burdens, and he reaps his reward in the vast social and civic organizations that were impossible without these things.—John Burroughs in Century.

An Uncrowned King of France.

The president of the French chamber enjoys an almost regal state. Every time he goes to his official palace in the Quai d'Orsay he is greeted by beating drums. Whenever there is a ministerial crisis he must be summoned by the president of the republic to give his advice. He receives what is an extraordinary salary for a French official—100,000 francs per annum. The appointment dates from the days of the convention. On Sept. 21, 1792, was held the debate by which the appointment was created. The first president was Petion, a violent Girondist. His six secretaries were also Girondists. It was symptomatic of the times that eight months later the seven were condemned to the guillotine by the deputies who elected them.

Presence of Mind.

Thus she reproached him: "Alfred, this is the first time you have come to see me for more than a month!"

Thus he explained: "Kitty, I've decided that when a young fellow can't keep from thinking of a girl every moment of his life it's time for him to quit seeing her."

"Kiss me, Alfred, dear."

He hesitated a moment—and was lost.—Chicago Tribune.

Artemus Ward's Account.

An Ohio man who attended the dedication of a monument recalled Artemus Ward's account of one of these ceremonies: "It was a fine parade, a very fine parade. The marching column was fully a mile and three-quarters long—as was the prayer of Dr. Chaplain, the chaplain."

He Got Her.

"Oh," she said, "your conduct is enough to make an angel weep."

"I don't see you shedding a tear," he retorted, and his ready wit saved the day.

Evil spreads as necessarily as disease.—Blair.

"Women's Rights."

There are over 100,000 women in Oregon. The majority of them do not want to vote. A small proportion in any given community is asking for the ballot. Is that not true in your town? What do the rest want?

Many of them are actively opposed. To put upon these women a responsibility from which they have hitherto been exempted and which they do not wish to assume if not "Women's Rights."

Many of them are indifferent. The indifferent male voter is one of the serious problems of the present electorate. Would you add to it a large body of votes avowedly indifferent?

The demand for woman suffrage is the demand that woman shall assume an equal share with men in the responsibility of carrying the government of the City, the State, the Nation. It seems that she shall enter with him the political arena. For it is an arena. Politics is not a conflict of opinions, it is a conflict of wills. It carries with it public meetings, public debates, public marchings and counter-marchings, public discussions of public questions, and of the character of public candidates, and all the other incidents of a campaign.

It is not democratic, nor just, nor fair to draft this large body of women into this campaign against their wills.

This is the sixth time the voters of Oregon have been asked to vote this question in spite of the fact that every two years the opposition to it has increased, so that in 1910 suffrage carried in only one county in Oregon, and in that one by five votes, the total vote being 35,270 for suffrage, the smallest vote for it since 1900, and 59,075 against, a majority of 23,795.

The Oregon State Association Opposed to the Extension of the Suffrage to Women asks that you give this amendment your earnest consideration, and that you defeat it this time by so great a plurality that the suffragists, local and imported, must bow before the will of the people of Oregon, and acknowledge that the majority rules in America.—The Oregon State Association Opposed to the Extension of the Suffrage to Women, Mrs. Francis James Bailey, Pres.—Paid advt.

President Taft and his old-fashioned supporters believe in only one kind of Republicanism—the kind that has made most of the past fifty years.

It is all right for Col. Bryan to flay the Republican party. The Republican party has flayed him in times past and may have another chance to flay him in the future.

The American people in carrying on their government have not been given to rash experiments. So far they have acted with due forethought and deliberation. In the course of the last fifty years they have kept one party in power with the exception of two presidential terms, the results of which were not encouraging as to the change. They rejected the debasement of the currency, the campaign for which caused an unsuccessful bolt. They re-elected Grant in the face of what seemed to be a formidable revolt in the Republican ranks. Twice the party has defeated a third term movement, with the evident approval of the people. Mr. Bryan's seeming great popularity had for him nothing better than emphatic defeat in three battles. The political history of the last half century is an assurance that the people are prudent as well as progressive in the best sense.

If it should be the will of the people, which seems improbable, that the Republican party relinquish the national control it has held so long, and with such fruitful results, the organization will be in better shape than any other that ever was retired by a passing change of public sentiment. The party will hand over the reins of government with everything in excellent business trim and with prosperous conditions in every part of the country. Above all, the party has been true to its principles and record. In the face of an unexpected assault that attempted to sweep it from the long-established anchorage it has conceded nothing, nor acted in any way for mere expediency. It rejected the third term in 1912 as in 1880, but with a material difference. The candidate of 1880 a truly illustrious man, remained in the party and spoke for the ticket. This year the defeated candidate bolted the party and storms at it with bitter abuse.

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." For sale by all dealers.

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Why Should a Woman?

Why should a woman be born, educated, married, divorced and buried under laws made exclusively by men.

The right to govern is conferred by the governed and the governed are not exclusively males, the governed are men and women, for women are responsible before the law.

Why, if we desire to be just and fair, should we not allow the women to exercise what should be an equal right with man.

Vote X 300 on the Ballot.

Portland Equal Suffrage League, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, Pres.

OLD GLORY OR THE RED RAG.

Nightly on the streets of Portland loud-mouthed agitators blaspheme the name of the Lord and curse the Star Spangled Banner. They are reaching out into the smaller communities and it may be your turn next to contend with them. Read and Vote No. 370 in Voters' Pamphlet.

Assaulting the Dignity of Labor.

High salaried agitators are constantly assaulting and maiming the honest laboring men of Portland who are unwilling to divide their earnings with these leaches on the decent labor element. Read and vote No. 368 and prohibit boycotting and picketing. Your son is not safe in Portland if he refused to support these crime instigators.

Employers' Association of Oregon, W. C. Francis, Secy.

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