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CHATS ABOUT MEN.

There is a hotel keeper in Maine whose name is Gin.

Ex-Senator Ingalls charges \$1,000 a night for his lecture services.

Jerry Simpson is said to be a good amateur pugilist, able, when occasion requires, to knock out an ordinary antagonist.

John J. Eagan, professor of mathematics in the College of the City of New York, is only twenty-six years of age. He is the son of Captain Eagan, of the first department.

Prince Bismarck leans on a stick more heavily than ever, is becoming more and more neglectful of his personal appearance, and when talking halts and searches for words. His memory is breaking up daily.

Stayles J. Bowen, who in Grant's time was mayor of Washington, and wealthy and powerful besides, is now a messenger in the office of the chief clerk of the treasury department, with a salary of sixty dollars a month.

Mr. Heywood, the Harvard man who was made one of the pope's chamberlains, was at one time a contributor to the newspapers. Subsequently he married a wealthy widow and removed to Rome, where he has since lived.

Secretary Noble is said to have such a dislike for tobacco that he cannot bear to have any one smoke in his presence. This antipathy has grown out of the fact that when a boy he was at one time forced to work in a room where smoking was constantly going on, and was made very sick by it.

John Ruskin has made a record as a hydraulic engineer by solving for the inhabitants of Fikling, a small town in Sussex, England, the problem of obtaining an adequate supply of drinking water. As an evidence of their gratitude the people have erected a tablet "to the glory of God and in honor of John Ruskin."

M. Chanchard, the wealthy Parisian who owns Millet's famous picture, the "Angels," has insured it for \$140,000. In the same collection is Meissonier's "1814," which is insured for \$120,000, while "La Confiance," by the same painter, and the "Taurin," by Troyon, have been guaranteed similarly to the extent of \$50,000 each.

TURF TOPICS.

Over twenty trotters entered the 2:30 list in Kentucky in one day this season. According to the assessors' reports there are 100,000 horses in the state of Montana.

The trotting stallion record has been reduced as follows since 1875: Snuggler, 2:13; Phallus, 2:13; Macey Cobb, 2:13; Astell, 2:12; Nelson, 2:10; Allerton, 2:09.

The pacer, Maggie R., that last season made a record of 2:14, has been purchased by Monroe Seabury, the well-known California breeder, and will probably be put to breeding.

The Boston Globe says that the great stallion Nelson was such a miserable, scraggy looking colt, that C. H. Nelson would have sold him for \$300. Nelson has since been offered \$100,000 for the great trotter.

The present trotting season has been an exceptional one as regards the number of horses that have obtained a record of 2:30 or better. This may be gathered from the fact that something like seventy have become eligible.

The fastest new 2:30 trotter last year, as well as this, was a converted pacer. Homestake, 2:14, headed the list last season and Pat Downing, 2:14, is now ahead. Both paced naturally, and the fastest pacer is a converted trotter. Direct, 2:06.

Mambrino Boy, 2:04, has stired the dams of two stallions that have been crowned king. In addition to siring the dam of Allerton, 2:10, and Astell, 2:12, he has also sired the dam of New York Central, 2:14, and Birchwood (3 years), pacer, 2:14.

The length to which superstition carries some betters on racing events is shown daily at the tracks. Not only will many refuse to back a horse numbered "13," but if a bookmaker registers them a bet 13 to 10 or 13 to 5 they will request him to alter the ticket at reduced odds.

NOVELTIES IN METALS.

Oxidized silver is the prevailing finish for statuettes and other metal parlor ornaments.

Suitable for a mantel ornament is a small bronze figure of Columbus seated on a capstan and holding in one hand a chart. The other hand rests negligently against an anchor at his side.

Utility and attractiveness are combined in an openwork bronze gilt jardiniere of recent make. If desired, the inner cup of the ornament can be removed and the vase used for a lamp.

The exquisite face of a Parisian belle of the seventeenth century, hand painted on a puffed pink twilled silk and framed in gilt bronze of fanciful design, forms a small screen that will be seen this fall.

Bronze covered with ivory tinted enamel is very popular this season. A circular mirror framed in the center of the colt formed by a hunter's horn of this material is one of the most attractive designs shown.

Banquet lamps continue to be produced in designs that reflect much credit on the artists of this country. One of the latest, entitled "Revelry," has a square base, at the corners of which are cherubs gayly sporting with goblets and drinking vessels.—Jewelry Circular.

WHICH ONE WAS KEPT?

There were two little kittens, a black and a gray.
And grandmamma said, with a frown
"If never will do to keep them both."
The black one she'd better discard.
"Don't cry, my dear," to the gray.
"One kitten's enough to keep."
Now run to nurse, for 'tis growing late
And time you were fast asleep.
The morning dawned, and away and sweet
Came little Bess from her nap.
The nurse said, "No time mamma's room
And look in grandmamma's lap."
"Come here," said grandmamma, with a smile.
From the rocking chair where she sat:
"God has sent you two little things.
Now what do you think of that?"
Bess looked at the babies a moment.
With their wee heads yellow and brown.
And then to grandmamma soberly said,
"Which one are you going to discard?"
—New York Fashion Bazar.

A New Idea in Midair Gardening.

American travelers in Europe return home with many new ideas concerning architecture, which they often proceed to exemplify in the construction of their dwelling houses. There is no invention, however, which none of these tourists as yet appears to have heard of, and which would prove a charming variation in the sky line of a village street, or as a bit of color among the scattered houses of a country landscape.

I refer to the turf roof invented by George Mayer, of Bavaria.

The roof is laid first with boards, then with three thicknesses of tarred paper and finally covered with turf six inches thick. Such a roof is heavier than tiles, but is a full protection against damp and fire, helps to purify the air and needs no repair. It can be made still more beautiful by sowing upon the turf the seeds of flowers and waving grasses which have small roots. Imagine a roof covered with portulaca blossoms wide open under a noontday sun—Elizabeth E. Evans in Kate Field's Washington.

A List of Lucky Things To Do.

It is considered lucky to accept the first bid offered for an article in the morning, or to spit upon the first coin received, or for an unmarried person to be seated inadvertently between a married couple at the dinner table, as he or she will find a partner within the year. A black snail tossed by the horns over the left shoulder will bring good luck, as will an egg upon which the shell is not formed if tossed over the barn.

To carry a crust of bread or a bent coin, or a coin with a hole in it in the pocket is considered lucky, or to find a horseshoe or a four leaved clover. It will bring luck to throw into the fire the first tooth extracted from a child, or to see the moon over the right shoulder, or to place a knife near a sleeping child.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Havana's Streets.

A newspaper writer who has been doing Havana dwells at some length on her streets. He reports that the sidewalks "are usually about one foot wide. You balance yourself on the curbstone," he adds, "and walk along as though walking on a pole fence. About every second person you meet is a colored woman with a big laundry basket on her head. At first it is a little awkward, but before you have been there long you get so that you can pass the laundry woman without knocking the basket off her head, and if you stay there long enough, you can get a job in most any circus as ropewalker. On the principal streets the sidewalks are a little better, but 2 1/2 feet is considered a very wide sidewalk."

Want of Money.

One of the greatest miseries is a want of money. It is wretched to have to confront a just and oft repeated demand, and to be without the means to satisfy it; to deceive the confidence that has been placed in you; to forfeit your credit; to be placed at the power of another; to be indebted to his lenity; to stand convicted of having played the knave or the fool, and to have no way left to escape contempt but by incurring pity. The suddenly meeting a creditor, on turning a corner of the street, whom you have been trying to avoid for months and had persuaded you were several hundred miles off, shatters the nerves.—New York Ledger.

African Insects.

On insects the stern conditions of life in South Africa have a marked effect. Imitation coloring is more common here than elsewhere. One little insect is so like the white pebbles near which it is always found, and lies so motionless among them, that once dropped it cannot be found again; another large, square locust, with hardly any power of flight, protects itself by simply lying motionless on red stones, which it so exactly resembles in color, having even rough cleavage marks upon it, that it is often impossible to detect it when you know it is there.—Fortnightly Review.

Sleep More Precious Than Gold.

The man or woman who willingly robs himself of sleep for a very long period continuously wastes what is more precious than gold. He will not go far wrong who sandwiches eight hours of it between each day, and if he loses a little now and then to try and make it up at some other time.—Herald of Health.

Not Always Sweet.

Chapple—I am sorry to find that my ancestors were not always in the swim. Cholly—You surprise me. Chapple—Yass. At the time of Noah they were in the ark.—Harper's Bazar.

Lost His Game.

Benjamin Hammond, one of the early settlers of Paris, Mo., used to tell a story of the times when wolves were common in that neighborhood. One winter they were especially numerous and troublesome. He set traps and caught five of the brutes. The pelts brought a fair price, and there was also a small bounty paid. He said:
"One winter afternoon I went out to inspect my traps, and found the fifth wolf caught in them. It was a big fellow and ugly enough. He showed his teeth and leaped fiercely at me, coming within three inches of my face. I procured a club, and after a struggle succeeded in laying the old fellow out. I had hurt my right hand in the scuffle, and decided to lug the carcass home and let my boy assist in the skinning."

"I seized the animal by the hind legs, swung him to my shoulder and started. I had gone about half a mile when I heard a wolf snarl behind me. I looked around, but couldn't see anything, and went on again. Pretty soon I heard the same snarling noise close behind me. I jumped and turned quickly, for I was certain there was a wolf close at my heels!"

"I looked and looked, but there wasn't a thing to be seen or heard. I was puzzled. But the next moment the wolf on my back, which I had supposed dead, began to squirm and snarl in a way to leave no doubt where the other noises had come from."

"I was taken completely unawares, and before I could manage to get a firmer hold the creature had squirmed right out of my hands to the ground. I turned and tried to grab him, but he was too quick for me, and I had the pleasure of seeing my dead wolf make a clean run for freedom."—Youth's Companion.

Job's Tears.

A seed much used for ornament is that which bears the popular name of Job's Tears. The old botanist Gerard thus describes it: "Every grain resembles the drop or tear that falleth from the eye." There are, however, now three or four well marked forms of this seed met with in India, which differ from each other in shape, color and degree of hardness, and in the presence or absence of grooves or furrows along the length of the hardened involucres.

Dr. Watt, of Calcutta, thus enumerates them: "There are three types of shape—a long cylindrical or tubular, a normal pear shaped condition and a flattened spheroidal form. The cylindrical grain is always of a white color, smooth, polished, not furrowed, but constricted toward both extremities. This is collected for ornamental purposes only, and not as an article for food. The pear shaped form varies in size and color, being pale and bluish white, gray, yellow or brown black. The flattened spheroidal kinds are often yellow, or even pink."

"The two principal forms are—one almost round and either white or black. This form is sometimes, though less frequently, used for rosaries and ornamental purposes, but chiefly for food among the hill tribes of India. The second form is tubular, about half an inch long. This is extensively employed for decorative purposes, the dresses worn by the Karen women being often completely covered with embroidered designs of this grain."—Chambers' Journal.

Trees in London.

The trees seem to grow better in the heart of the city than in its outskirts. Those along the Thames embankment are peculiarly flourishing. In Trafalgar square they have dwindled a little. The tree in the northeast corner seems dying, and another near it on the east side wants a little looking to. Of course the source of delicacy is not city smoke, but sewer gas. In front of the National gallery well clipped bay trees, growing in roomy tubs—the gift of the Metropolitan Gardens association—give a little grateful color where it is most needed.

The success is so great—the green looks so well next the gray stone—that it is curious the experiment is not pushed a little farther. The yard between the railing and the facade of the building might easily be sodded over. London is greener than most large cities, but there is still room for much improvement.—London News.

A Pious Drunken.

President G. Stanley Hall, of Clark university, tells the following story: "Some years ago John Warren, well known to old residents of Ashfield, started out as a 'drummer' to sell leather from Mr. William Bryant's tannery. About this time he was 'converted,' and he forthwith began to carry as samples a poorer quality of leather than the average product of the tannery, for fear the goods when delivered might not be equal to the sample. 'He was so all right honest,' said one of the village worthies in relating the circumstance, 'that he pretty nigh ran the old tannery clean out by selling from such damned poor samples.'"—Cor. New York Times.

A Man of Business.

An incident occurred, during the journey of the Duke of Meiningen through the country about Hamburg, which gave his highness much merriment. One of the officials of a town was received by the duke, who spoke familiarly to him. One of his questions was, "I suppose you have not necessarily to return to the office to-day?" "No," answered the official; "the day is anyhow spoiled."—San Francisco Argonaut.



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How Tom Jones Stopped a Runaway Team.

A gentleman who was down in the Indian Territory a few weeks ago told the following story: "I became acquainted with a deputy United States marshal, one Tom Jones, who for quickness and nerve surpasses any man I ever met. He has killed several men, but always in fair and open fight or in the line of duty. He is recognized as a game man in a region where personal bravery is common."

"Not long ago Jones set out to capture a fellow wanted for a violation of the law. He hired a pair of horses and a man to drive them. Night set in and they were in a wild part of the country, with which the officer was unacquainted. While they were driving along a rough piece of road the horses took fright and commenced running at full speed. It was pitch dark. The driver lost all control of the brutes and they plunged along at a headlong gallop."

"Suddenly two shots rang out on the air, and almost simultaneously both horses dropped dead in their tracks. 'It was a thing few men would have thought of, but with men of Jones' type the mind acts quickly in time of peril, and action follows closely on thought. He saw the only way to stop that team and save his life, perhaps, was to use his Winchester. He related the incident to me, and seemed to think it was a very commonplace affair.'"

Strange Effect of a Snake Bite.

The scene was at White Sulphur Springs in the height of the season several years ago. A circus troop had been playing there for some days, which numbered among its attractions an Arab snake charmer. While waiting his turn to "go on" during a performance he was occupied in training a rattlesnake recently procured in the neighboring mountains. He said afterwards that he had an antile in case of a snake bite, but had left it by accident at the last stopping place; so when this snake bit him he resorted to the Arab superstition of biting off the head of the snake, hoping by this heroic remedy to save his life.

But even this horrible experiment was of no avail, and though two or three physicians came almost instantly to his aid and every available means was used to save him, they soon saw that he was beyond human help, for he began to glide about with all the motions of a snake, biting from side to side as if at grass. He only lived a short time, and after his death what was the horror of all present to find that his body was striped in exact imitation of the loathsome reptile which had caused his death, so fully had the poison penetrated his whole system.—Dallas, (Tex.) News.

Some Diminutives.

An examiner was dealing with grammatical diminutives, and particularly with the force of the suffix kin—mannikin, a little man, etc. On his asking the lads to give him a few examples of such "diminutives," a number of eager hands were soon raised.

The gentleman, much gratified at such a ready response to his question, pointed to one of the lads for an answer.

"Lambkin, a little lamb," was the reply.

"Very good, indeed," said the examiner, and pointed to another lad.

"Tomkin, a little Tom," was the answer.

The gentleman somewhat demurred at this, but finally accepted it. He then pointed to still another lad.

"Buskin, a little bus!" was the response.

The examiner's countenance fell.

"Now, my lads," he pleaded, "do take time before you speak. The last answer was altogether wrong." And he pointed to a little fellow behind, who had been trying to attract his attention. "Well, you, my lad!"

"Pumpkin, sir, a little pump!"—London Tit-Bits.

Everlasting Car Wheels.

In an account of the works of the Northern Railroad of France it is stated that they have an ingenious plan in the interests of economy of making wheels for cars by bending up seven pieces of bar iron in such a shape that the center fits inside of a band or false fellow, which, in turn, is hammered into a groove in the tire. Fellow and bar are riveted together and the bars bent round to the center of the wheel and their ends then have a mold placed below them; cast iron is then run in, forming the hub, which is afterward bored out and the cast steel axle forced in by 55,000 to 66,000 pounds hydraulic pressure. The life of the center of the wheel is said to be practically interminable under ordinary conditions, and the cheapness is such that they are now adopted almost entirely.

Effect of Camphor on Seeds.

The alleged power of camphor to awaken seeds, or stimulate their germination, has been shown by the experiments of M. Henry de Vaugny to have no real existence. Various kinds of seed were sown in sand saturated with water containing camphor, as advised by horticulturists, and the germination of all was slower, instead of more rapid, than that of similar seeds in water without camphor. Germination was even retarded by camphor vapor in the air, the water having no camphor.—Boston Transcript.

Taking It Away.

Horrified Guest—There's a roach in this soup. Take it away, quick!
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