

A COLONIAL THANKSGIVING.

Conscience Was Tender, but Appetite Was Strong and Conquered. Among the papers of the late ex-State Senator G. C. Stoddard...

Ye Governor was in ye house and Her Majesty's commissioners of ye customs, and they sat together in a high seat of ye pulpit staire.

Ye Governor appears very devout and attentive, although he favors Episcopacy and tolerates ye Quakers and Baptists.

He was dressed in a black velvet coat, bordered with gold lace, and buff breeches with gold buckles at ye knees...

When ye services at ye meeting house were ended ye council and other dignitaries were entertained at ye house of Mr. Epes...

After ye blessing was craved by Mr. Garrich of Wrentham, word came that ye buck was shot on ye Lord's day by Pequot...

Ye council therefore refused to eat ye venison, but it was afterward decided that Pequot should receive 40 stripes save one...

Bread For Trout.

Trout are generally accredited with being fish of a most fastidious diet, scorning any sort of food save such delicate morsels as may happen to tickle their palates for the time...

The Bear's Adventure With a Bear.

Although no particular friend of sport, Alexander decided to follow up the traces of two bears which had been discovered near the village of Tokrovo...

North of England Funerals.

In several rural districts in England, especially in the north, when a funeral takes place, a basinful of sprigs of box is placed at the door of the house...

Admiral Dot's Shoes.

The smallest shoe ever made for a male actor was that completed for Admiral Dot. It was 4 1/2 inches in length and 1 1/4 in breadth...

Whistling. If any one should whistle in the public street any day of the week...

It is quite an ordinary thing for boys at school or college to call companions by whistling for them. It is one of the boyish traits that survives in the man.

The thumb and third finger, if joined at the points, are sometimes used. But for a sharp, piercing sound that will travel as far as one can distinguish...

Dramatic Banquets. Joe Jefferson told a story the other evening which rather let in a light on stage realism.

In some play he was performing years ago, the scene called for refreshments, and several allusions were made to the ice cream, which was supposed to be in one of the dishes...

He had looked upon the wine when it was red, or beer when it foamed; at any rate was under some sort of alcoholic influence...

Eccentric Wagon Wheel. A very interesting paradox is the one concerning an ordinary wagon wheel, which is solid and rigid...

Not Easily Understood. I never have any one ask me how far it is to such and such a place without I think of a little incident which occurred while I was down south...

Ancestry. Napoleon never pointed to his ancestry as the source of his unparalleled ambition and achievements...

Realistic. Art Patron—Your last picture, 'The Approaching Storm,' is a triumph of realism. Artist—I am inclined to think you are right. Yesterday my friend Schnorr came to see me...

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THE ADAPTABLE GIRL.

Go walk with her? You bet I did. An 'twan't like walking I jest sid Along down the pike, Past houses an' things...

Automatic Writing.

The sister of a Washington young woman died two years ago. The survivor was sitting at a desk one day with a pencil in her hand...

Why is it?

Everybody knows how the wheels of a railroad car are fastened to the axle. They are shrunk on—that is, put on hot and allowed to shrink in cooling...

Two of a Kind.

He—You've seen people standing in a line at a stamp window waiting for their turn, haven't you? She—Yes.

His Messenger.

A well known but irascible literary man once sent a new servant girl on an errand. Green to city ways, she lost her head and did everything wrong.

In many parts of England a husband who beats his wife or a wife who heckles her husband is serenaded with "rough music"—that is, the sounds produced by drums, tin pans, horns and other objects...

He must have been a facetious hotel proprietor who hung up this sign in his rooms: "Indian clubs and dumbbells will not be permitted in any of the rooms. Guests in need of exercise can go down to the kitchen and pound a steak."

One hundred years ago the United States imports aggregated \$31,000,000; today, \$866,341,421. One hundred years ago the exports were valued at \$29,109,000; today, \$847,508,624.

THE RIVER STOPPED SHORT.

A Phenomenon That Rattled the Guide and Puzzled Senator Vest. When old man Haskall was about the only person around Arlington, Mo., that claimed to be a guide...

"Do you think we can make it, Haskall?" asked the senator of his guide. "Reckon we kin, sure enough, by sundown."

Haskall was a bewildered man. He got up, shaded his eyes and looked up the stream from whence they had come. The water was rippling down toward the boat...

"You don't mean that it passes through a subterranean channel, do you, my friend?" asked Senator Vest. "Reckon that's what you call it."

The boat was loaded into the wagon, and the senator and his guide taken to Waynesville, where the Roubidoux bubbles up again in a magnificent spring...

Hard Work Done by the Heart.

I have always considered the heart the most perfect organ of the animal economy and one that never shirks its duty. Without one second's rest, night or day, often without the intermission of a single pulsation, at every beat it propels two ounces of blood through its structure...

Ireland's Sacred Oak.

In years gone by Ireland had a sacred oak dedicated to St. Columban, one of the peculiarities of the tree being that whoever carried a small bit of the wood or bark in his mouth would never meet with a violent death...

A Narcotic.

Teacher—Give me a familiar instance of a narcotic. Pupil hesitates. Teacher—What does your father smoke in his pipe? Pupil—Mother says it smells like haysed, but I guess it's leather.

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