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Come Easy, Go Easy.

High Prices Paid for Small Service at the Race-Track.

It is a well-known fact that the value of money is less appreciated by regular racing people than by any other class of people in the world, even including gold miners, who are notoriously extravagant in spending their wealth. A person who visits a big race meeting for the first time is astounded at the reckless manner in which large sums of money are passed back and forth between the bettors and the bookmakers. Jockeys, like "Andy" McCarthy, who are mere youths, walk up to a betting stand and, as if it were the most common occurrence, pull out an enormous roll of greenbacks and place $500, and even $1,000, on a single horse. It is "come easy, go easy" with these lads, and they haven't the remotest idea of the real value of money.

On Suburban day a New York *World* reporter saw McCarthy cash six tickets on Bill Bond of $200 each, saying: "I knew Larchmont couldn't run a little bit," and stuffing this small fortune into his trousers pocket, he walked off as unconcerned as possible. A clerk on fair wages would have to be very economical in order to save this sum from a $1,200 salary in two years.

On a race-course everything is a great deal more expensive than elsewhere. A glass of beer costs 10 cents, a ham sandwich 20 cents, and everything in proportion. Salaries are very high, the starter receiving $100 per day. Jockeys received $25 for each winning mount, and men like Garrison are paid over $10,000 a season to ride for a certain stable. The bookmakers, seventy-five in number at Sheepshead Bay, pay $100 each per day for their privilege. They employ three clerks at $10 per day each, and all their expenses are proportionally heavy.

As soon as the judges hang out the numbers of the winning horses a man is seen to rush down to the bookmakers' pavilion, shouting "Raceland wins! Terra Cotta second!" at the top of his voice. This man is the old-time sport, Barney Aaron, and he receives for this slight service $1 per day from each bookmaker on the line. As there are seventy-five of them, he receives the princely sum of $75 per day, or $1,125 for the fifteen days of the meeting, for performing a service that could be done by a messenger boy.

"Jim," the colored boy who carries ice-water around among the bookmakers' stands during the day gets 50 cents a day from each one of the seventy-five "bookies," making his salary per diem $37. A laborer only receives this much for a month's wages. The club paid out about $10,000 on Suburban day in added money to stakes and purses, but the $7,500 from the "bookies" alone nearly made this up, while $15,000 must have been taken in at the gate. All privileges for restaurants, etc., are sold at an enormously high figure, and it can well be said that money is scattered about in a princely fashion at a big race meeting.

Bookmakers also say that the money handled over their books is of the greasiest and most tattered order, and that all the old ragged money seems to have been saved up by the race-goer for especial use at the race-track.

Cow and Rattler Fight to a Finish.

A fight to the death between a fine milch cow and a large rattlesnake occured recently on the farm of Joseph Carter, in Bibb county, Ala.

Mr. Carter had turned his cows into a fresh pasture, where there was some very fine grass which they began to eagerly devour, says the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*. A small ditch ran through the pasture, and on its bank the grass was very thick.

The cows were feeding in a bunch on the bank of this ditch when they scented a rattlesnake and moved away, with the exception of one large black cow. She stood for a moment looking in the direction the snake was supposed to be. The grass was very fine in that direction and the cow soon made up her mind. She ventured a little further forward, occasionally stopping and looking about her, evidently trying to discover the snake.

She had moved forward perhaps ten feet from the point where the animals first scented danger, when, without the customary warning rattle, the snake struck and buried its fangs in the lower jaw of the cow.

The cow did not run away, but backing slowly a few feet she stood still several moments, lashing her tail from side to side. Then with a mad bellow she plunged forward directly toward the spot where the rattlesnake was lying hidden in the grass.

The snake was on the alert, and again struck, burying its fangs in the animal's nose this time. This seemed to madden the cow, and she plunged forward, trampling the snake in the ground with her fore feet and trying in vain to pin it with her horns.

The snake was soon cut and trampled to death, and the cow died from the effects of the two bites in a few hours.

Women as Physicians.

"One of the most absurd arguments used against a girl who wishes to become a physician," said a blue-eyed, fair-haired medical student in petticoats the other day, "is that the disagreeable sights and experiences of the dissecting-room, if they do not altogether overpower her fortitude, will coarsen her feelings and destroy her delicacy. Bah, I say to such mawkish sentimentality. No one thinks it hardens a girl to nurse a sick person, and yet I tell you that in ministering to the sick, and the dying, and the dead in the capacity of a nurse I have seen sights as ghastly and performed far more distasteful and exhausting labor than I would have been called on to do if I had been the physician; and all the time I knew nothing of that keen interest in the scientific part of the work which I now have, that so absorbs my attention and thoughts that what is revolting to others is by me almost unnoticed.—*New York Tribune.*

How to Coax a Man to Propose.

An elderly man was telling a group of giddy young girls the other day how he proposed to his wife when he was a young man. She was sewing at the time, he said, or he never would have had the courage to do it. If girls would sew he thinks they would have more matrimonial chances. Sewing he considers the best accomplishment a woman can have. A woman engaged with a needle has a domestic, homelike air that is irresistable to a man who loves her. It is a picture of what she would be in her own home, and makes him long that it should be his also. How can a man propose to a girl who sits straight up in her chair staring at him with a pair of bright eyes? But when she is bending gracefully over a bit of plain or fancy sewing, apparently absorbed in counting the stitches, and the arrows of her eyes are sheathed for a few minutes, he plucks up enough courage to offer her his heart and hand. The average young man is bashful in such affairs, though bold enough at other times, and needs encouragement and opportunities. What sort of encouragement is a pair of bright eyes staring into his, watching his embarrassment? Listen to the advice of an old man who has been all through it; drop your eyes and give the young man a chance. Remember this, girls, when the favorite young man drops in to make an evening visit, get out your bit of fancy work and look domestic, and with every stitch of your needle you will bind his heart more firmly to your own.

This is the advantage that the English girls are said to possess over the American girls—they are domestic; if they shine less brilliantly in society than their American sisters their domestic virtues shed a steady luster in their houses. This, of course, is looking at the question from an English point of view. The American girls are capable of doing both; domesticity is not incompatible with a social brilliancy, and many of society's queens are careful housekeepers, keeping their sweetest words and smiles for their own homes.

Hints to Home Dressmakers.

Surplice waists of thin dresses have the fullness from the shoulders prettily shaped into a pointed yoke by drawing ribbons through a casing made of facing an inch-wide strip from each armhole to a point lower down on the edge of the front. The ribbons meet at the point of the bust and are tied in a bow. Surplice waists of embroidered muslin have their front edges straight from the shoulder down, then edged with a Valenciennes lace frill, and crossed at the waist line. This leaves a V space at the top, disclosing the pretty plain white lawn lining, with its tiny thread buttons, and above is a turned-over collar of the embroidery and lace, which is first sewed on a high standing collar of the lawn.

Eight or ten rows of shirring around the waist line are employed by French modistes to hold the fullness of blouse waists of sheer white lawn. The material then falls two inches below the shirring, and lace or embroidered edging, also two inches wide, is sewed to the edge of the muslin.

Full straight skirts of lawn are gathered to a belt of lawn, and the ribbon belt and sash are then set permanently outside of this lawn belt. The skirt is put on after the waist is on, and there is no ugly opening between the waist and skirt. A French fancy is a new way of using ribbons on white lawn skirts. The skirt is straight, and is deeply shirred below the belt, having six rows of shirring done in pairs, leaving a space an inch and a half wide between these double rows. Ribbon an inch wide is then passed in and out in the spaces between the pairs of shirring.—*Courier-Journal.*

—A very interesting calculation has recently been made by the Statistical Bureau in Berlin. Four-fifths of the power machines at present in activity in the world have been erected during the past 25 years. The country having the most steam power is the United States, with 7,500,000 horse power; then follow England, with 7,000,000 Germany, with 3,000,000, and Austro-Hungary, with 1,500,000. These figures do not include locomtives, of which there are 100,000 at work, while the total horse power of the world is 45,000,000. A steam "horse power" is equivalent to three actual horses' strength, and a living horse represents the strength of seven men. Thus the total horse power of the entire world represents the work of 1,000,000,000 men, or more than twice the working population of the earth. Steam has thus trippled the entire human work power of the earth.

—Three Oaks, Mich., enjoys the distinction of being the home of a novel industry—the only one of its kind in the United States, and the first of its kind in the world. It is that of making dress forms, corsets and whips from featherbone, or the quill of the goose and turkey feathers. Mr. E.K. Warren, the inventor of this new and popular substitute for whalebone, is also the inventor of all the machinery for the different processes of the manufacture. The manufacture of this unique article was commenced less than five years ago, yet the demand for it has been so great that the capacity has been increased to enormous proportions and additional factories established in Canada and France.

—"Well," said Uncle Hiram, who used to belong to a singing club in his early days, "I never heard a woman play like that woman we heard in Boston that night. It was just awful. My ears ache even now." "Yes," replied his nephew, "she was rather loud, that's a fact. But then her execution—" "George!" exclaimed the old gentleman as he seized his nephew by the arm, "you don't mean to say that they went as far as that? Well, 'tisn't for me to judge them. I only heard her once. It seems terrible—a woman, too; but then they had to listen to her every night. And they won't have to hear her again. Perhaps it is all for the best, George."—*Boston Transcript.*

WATERMELON TIME.—"Ain't it most watahmillum time, mammy?" "Watahmillum time, yo' brack idjit, 'n sundown two hour off yit; don't yo' know yo' father berry tickler wen he pick 'millums? Watahmillum's nebber no good foah dark, no how!"—*Time.*

Left To Die Alone.

A Country Minister's Death-Bed—Deserted by the Last Deacon.

The parson of a country church was lying in his bed; three months' arrears of salary was pillowing his head; his couch was strewn with tradesmen's bills that picked his sides like thorns, and nearly all life's common ills were goading him with horns. The deacon sat besides him as the moments ticked away and bent his head to catch the words his pastor had to say.

"If I never shall arise from this hard bed on which I lie, if my welfare is accomplished and it's time for me to die, take a message to the sexton before I pass away; tell him fires are for December and opens doors for May. Tell him, when he lays the notices upon the pulpit's height, to shove them 'neath the cushion, far out of reach and sight. And when he hears the preacher's voice in whispers soft expire, that is the time to slam the door and rattle at the fire. And tell the others decons, too, all through the busy week, to hang their boots up in the sun to hatch a Sunday squeak. With steel shod canes to prod the man who comes to sleep and snore; and use the boys who laugh in church to mop the vestry floor. There's another, too, the woman who talks the sermon through; tell her I will not mind her buzz, my hearing hours are few. Tell her to hang her mouth up on some Sunday for a minute, and listen to a text, at least without a whisper in it. And tell the Board of Trustees not to weep with bitter tears, for I can't be any deader now than they have been for years. And tell half my congregation I'm glad salvation's free, for that's the only chance for them—between the desk and me. And a farewell to the choir—how the name my memory racks! If the name my memory voices as they do get up their backs—why the stars would hear their music and the welkin would rejoice, while the happy congregration could hear a single voice. But tell them I forgive them, and oh, tell them that I said I wanted them to sing for me—when you're sure that I am dead.

His voice was faint and hoarser, but it gave a laughing break, a kind of gurgling chuckle, like a minister might make. And the deacon he rose slowly, and sternly he looked down upon the parson's twinkling eye with a portentous frown; and he stiffly said "Good morning," as he went off in his ire, for the deacon was the leader of that amiable choir.

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