

Democratic Watchman

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"There's a secret in getting about the country on your face, and even when it's known some fellows haven't sense enough to work the racket. Every time I leave Nashville I rig up in a new suit and get a pass to some town about forty miles away. I never fall in with a crowd of huns, for it's always best to travel by yourself."

"When I start from one town to another I generally strike the cannonball train and find out what kind of a crew they carry. If it's a good set of men I ride between the mail car and tender. If the trainmen are tough on a fellow I crawl under the trucks and hang on, or sometimes I get on top of a passenger coach and lie down by the lights. Riding the trucks is dangerous, and if a fellow don't know how it's done he's a goner. You have to cramp yourself up in a peculiar position, hold your feet up and never move during the ride. Sometimes I ride the brake rods. That's the easiest and safest way to travel when you're out on the beat. I get a plank with a nail in each end so it won't slip, put it under the rod and straddle it. When I get in the passenger coach I put up a pitiful tale about being an unfortunate railroad man and having lost my papers and I generally get my ride."

"I made \$50 once, and it was the easiest money that ever came into my hands. Major Clarke was the passenger agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road, and I went to him, in Fort Worth, told him I was an unfortunate and I wanted to get out of town. He gave me a pass to some point about thirty miles up the road, and I left that night. When I went into the coach who should I see but Major Clarke. He motioned for me to have a seat by him, and commenced asking about me, and how I managed to get about."

"Why, Major," I have traveled over your road a thousand times and never paid a cent or had a pass, nor beat my way." At this the old man pricked up his ears, for he thought he would catch some one of his conductors at some underhand trick.

"How do you do it?" the major asked me. "That's a secret," I said. "I'll give you \$20 to put me on to it."

"Make it fifty," said I. "Done," and he passed over the money. "Well, Major, I walk."

"He saw I had him, and he didn't kick; but he cocked his eye and looked at me a long time. When I get hungry I go to the biggest hotel in the city, give the clerk a pitiful sum in dimes, and I get a square meal. Sometimes they take me up in the dining room and sometimes they give me a hand-out. I have eaten at the Palmer house in Chicago, at the Ponce de Leon in St. Augustine, at the Fifth Avenue in New York, and in fact, the finest hotels in the country on that scheme."

"The life is a checked one, but I like it, and I guess I will always be a bum."

The Horse Power of Whales. Sir William Turner, the present eminent professor of anatomy in the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, has given much attention to the study of whales, their structure, habits, etc. He estimates that the great Greenland whale (average length 50 feet) attains a maximum speed while swimming of ten miles an hour; the Finner whale (maximum length 85 feet) often making twelve to fourteen miles an hour. Mr. Turner, in one of his lectures, said that he and John Henderson, of Glasgow, the well known builder of the Anchor Line steam ships, had spent much time in trying to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion as to the horse power exerted by large species of the whale in making a speed of twelve miles an hour. As a base for their conclusions they took the size and dimensions of the great Finner, which was stranded on the shore at Longquiddy some years ago. It was 80 feet long, weighed 74 tons and had a tail which was 20 feet across at the extreme end of its flanges. With these data, Messrs. Turner and Henderson calculated that a whale of the dimensions mentioned, in order to attain a speed of twelve miles an hour, must exercise a propelling force of 145 horse power!

The population of France is now 38,095,150, while that of the United Kingdom is 37,740,283. At the beginning of the present century France had twenty-seven millions to the sixteen millions of the British Isles. Every decade since has diminished the distance between the two nations, which are now running a neck-and-neck race, with a certainty that before the next French census is taken France will have fallen behind Great Britain.

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The Fighting Alstons.

A Family Once Well Known in the South for Its Duelling.

In the days of southern wealth and chivalry before the war, when every true gentleman maintained his honor by the rules of the code, the Alston family became famous for the many bloody duels which its members fought, says the N. Y. Evening Sun. The male members of the family through five generations all died with their boots on, but most of them had killed their men in a fair fight before they fell.

The Alstons were all brave men, as the word was understood in that section, and the slightest insult to one of them would bring a challenge to mortal combat.

The first of the Alstons settled in North Carolina nearly a century ago, and for many years the family was prominent in the Carolinas, Florida, and Georgia. The last of the famous family of fighting Alstons, as they were called, was Col. Bob Alston of Georgia. He was killed in an impromptu duel with a man named Cox fought in the state treasurer's office in the capital at Atlanta fifteen or twenty years ago.

The Alstons were all rich. They owned large and fertile plantations and thousands of slaves. The young men were educated at Yale and Harvard, with a finishing course of study in Paris or Berlin. The women were as brave as the men, and believed in fighting duels to keep the family reputation unsullied. An Alston who failed to challenge the man who insulted him or spoke disrespectfully of any member of his family would have been driven from home in disgrace.

One incident, remembered by many old southerners, will illustrate the fighting qualities of the Alstons, men and women.

A young scion of the noble family had just returned to the beautiful family home in Florida from Paris where he had completed his studies. At a ball one night he overheard a young man speaking in rather a disrespectful manner to a young lady, a guest of his mother.

Young Alston ascertained the name of the man, and next day sent him a challenge to fight a duel. Then he told his mother what he had done. She threw her arms about his neck and exclaimed: "My son, I am proud of you. You are a true Alston. I will give a dinner in your honor immediately after the duel, and I am sure you will kill your opponent."

The duel was arranged to take place at sunset the following day, and Mrs. Alston issued many invitations to an elaborate dinner to be given in honor of her brave young son immediately after he had killed his man in his first duel.

To guests were all assembled at the Alston mansion, and dinner was ready to be served, when the young man who brought home dead. He had been shot through the heart at the first fire.

His mother kissed the pale, cold face tenderly, and without a tear dimming her eye, she turned to her horror-stricken guests and said: "He is dead, but he was an Alston brave and true."

What Chaff is For. The chaff which surrounds all kinds of grain has very important economic uses. In its wild state this chaff weathers the seed from exposure to weather, sometimes in severe seasons only one or two grains escape damage by winter's exposure. When first cultivated most kinds of grain had doubtless much more abundant chaff than now. The original wild Indian corn in which each grain has a husk of its own, is an illustration of this. But chaff even now serves a very important purpose. It allows the grain to dry out in stacks and mows, without heating so as to injure the seed. Grain threshed before this drying out is accomplished heats much more injuriously in the granary.

Sometimes in threshing oats that have been drawn in wet, we have seen the straw blackened by heating around the bands, while the heaps kept separate by the chaff showed each grain bright and uninjured. Wheat that has a strong bearded chaff is usually a strong grower, as its generating power is kept to be destroyed by heating in the mow. This fact secures the continued popularity of these sorts, despite the unpleasantness of working among bearded grain. Reaping machines that bind grain with twine as soon as cut, make the chaff even more necessary. It is not any more difficult to work among, and it does help to keep grain from being injured through imperfect drying before mowing away.—American Cultivator.

In Melbourne there is a woman who rejoices in the somewhat inharmonious name of Fraulein Lepper. The good fraulein has devoted herself to a forlorn hope—a crusade against tea. She is herself a tea teetotaler, and she called recently a meeting of lady abstainers. In a speech she said that she considered that, in her opinion, next to alcohol the greatest master of human will and destroyer of vitality is tea, and then she went on to say that tea belonged to the same class of drink as alcohol. She affirmed that it acted like alcohol on the nervous system, though manifesting itself outwardly in an entirely different way. Alcohol acts as a stimulant, according to Fraulein Lepper, while tea acts as a sedative. The former prevents life by inducing excessive action. The latter prevents life by destroying it. A series of terrible experiments with theore wound up the lecture, and the speaker proved, to her own satisfaction at least, that the Chinese herb is altogether pernicious when taken into the human system.

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Jerry Simpson's Mule.

The Latest Campaign Story of the Kansas Statesman.

One of the best stories of the year is told by Jerry Simpson, popularly known as the "Sockless Socrates of Medicine Lodge." He had been talking about the Alliance vote, when he compared the astute politician to the Kansas mule, says the Atlanta Constitution.

"Out in Kansas," said he, "there is a boy who had taught his mule to squat when he touched him on the flank with his heels, and one day when he was riding beside an Englishman the mule suddenly sat down on his haunches. 'What's the matter with your mule?' said the Englishman. 'Why,' said the boy, 'he's a setter; don't you see that rabbit out there?' The Englishman was much astonished. They rode on a while and the mule squatted again. 'What's he doing now?' said the Englishman. 'He's settin' again,' said the boy. 'Don't you see that flock of quail?' By this time the Englishman was dying to own the mule. An animal he could ride that was also a setter would be priceless to such a Nimrod as he. He offered to buy the mule, but the boy didn't want to sell him. Finally he consented to swap the mule for the Englishman's fine bay horse and \$100 to boot. The Englishman mounted the mule, the boy mounted the horse and they rode on together. After a while they came to a creek, and the Englishman drew up his feet to keep them from getting wet. About half way through the water got so deep that he had to draw his feet up to the mule's flank. As soon as the boot heels touched the mule's flank he equated right in the middle of the creek. 'What's the matter with your blasted mule now?' said the Englishman. 'I told you he was a setter,' and he's just as good for suckers as for anything else."

Boxing for Boys. There is absolutely nothing in the way of recreation so beneficial in every respect to a boy as boxing. I am positive—and I know whereof I write, for as boy and man I have tried them all, fencing, wrestling, rowing, swimming, riding—that no one of them has the many advantages of boxing. As an all-round developer it is unequalled; not one of the boy's muscles remains inactive; back, stomach, legs, arms, all are called upon for vigorous service. But what I consider its best feature in its recommendation for boys is the very thorough drilling which the disposition of the boy must undergo. If a lad is quick to lose his temper, boxing will cure him; it will teach him that no one who lets his temper get the better of him will become an expert sparrer; it will speedily convince him of the absolute necessity of keeping cool and in entire possession of his wits in order to sustain his efforts and avoid defeat. The boxer who cannot control his temper is practically at the mercy of a cool skillful opponent. One cannot spar successfully and become frustrated. A boxer must ever be on the alert, his wits constantly alive, looking for an opportunity of assault, he must be able to act instantly and with cool deliberation, as distinguished from wild, undirected action. He need go no running to develop the muscles of his legs or his lungs;—these are all continuously in action.—Harper's Young People.

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A German authority says that almost a third of all humanity—that is 400,000,000—speak the Chinese language. Then the Hindu language is spoken by more than 100,000,000. In the third place stands the English, spoken by almost 100,000,000. Fourth, the Russian, with 89,000,000, while the German language is spoken by 67,000,000 tongues and the Spanish by about 48,000,000. Of the European languages the French is fifth in place.

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VIA TYRONE—WESTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 5:35 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 6:55 a. m., at Altoona, 7:45 a. m., at Pitsburg, 12:45 p. m.

VIA TYRONE—EASTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 10:25 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 11:55 a. m., at Harrisburg, 12:50 p. m., at Philadelphia, 1:25 p. m.

VIA LOCK HAVEN—NORTHWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 8:30 p. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 5:30 p. m., at Renovo, 9 p. m.

VIA LOCK HAVEN—EASTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 4:30 p. m., arrive at Lock Haven, 5:30 p. m., Williamsport, 6:25 p. m., at Harrisburg, 7:45 p. m., at Philadelphia, 8:30 p. m.

VIA LEWISBURG. Leave Bellefonte, 8:40 p. m., arrive at Lewisburg, 9:20 a. m., Harrisburg, 11:30 a. m., Philadelphia, 3:15 p. m.

BALD EAGLE VALLEY. WESTWARD. EASTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 8:30 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 9:15 a. m., Altoona, 10:00 a. m., Pitsburg, 11:00 a. m.

TYRONE & CLEARFIELD. NORTHWARD. SOUTHWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 8:30 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 9:15 a. m., Altoona, 10:00 a. m., Pitsburg, 11:00 a. m.

BELLEFONTE & SNOW SHOE BRANCH. Time Table in effect on and after Dec. 14, 1890. Leave Snow Shoe, except Sunday, 6:45 a. m.

BELLEFONTE, NITTANY & LEMONT R. R. To take effect Dec. 14, 1890. WESTWARD. EASTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 8:30 a. m., arrive at Nittany, 9:15 a. m., Lemont, 10:00 a. m.

LEWISBURG & TYRONE RAILROAD. WESTWARD. Upper End. EASTWARD. Lower End. Leave Bellefonte, 8:30 a. m., arrive at Tyrone, 9:15 a. m., Altoona, 10:00 a. m., Pitsburg, 11:00 a. m.

BELLEFONTE, BUFFALO RUN AND BALD EAGLE RAILROAD. To take effect May 12, 1890. WESTWARD. EASTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 8:30 a. m., arrive at Buffalo Run, 9:15 a. m., Bald Eagle, 10:00 a. m.

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