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Hens' eggs were worth their weight in gold, writes Thomas E. Farish in one of his stories of the very early days in San Francisco. A couple of young men who had recently landed from Tennessee dropped into Aldrich's for breakfast one morning. Not being aware of the rarity and consequent prices of eggs in California and having five dollars still left with which to pay for breakfast for two, they calmly ordered their usual breakfast of eggs and toast. When the bill was presented the young gentlemen saw, to their consternation, that the amount was \$10. They had only \$5. What was to be done?

After a consultation together it was decided that one of them should remain while the other went out to look for Colonel Gift, an old time friend whom they knew to be in the city. The colonel was soon found, who, after hearing the story of his young friend and asking who was with him, inquired what they had had for breakfast. "Eggs," was the reply.

"Eggs! Eggs!" exclaimed the colonel. "Did you not know, you blankety blank fool, that hens lay gold in California?" "I did not, but I do," said our young friend. "Well," continued the colonel kindly, handing over a fifty dollar gold slug, "take this and remember after this that you are not in Tennessee, where eggs are given away."

The Battle of a Week.

The battle of a week was the great conflict at Tours, in which Charles Martel overthrew the Saracens, A. D. 732. The members of the Saracen army are variously estimated at from 400,000 to 700,000, and the monkish historians say that 375,000 were killed on the field. It is suspected that these figures are a gross exaggeration, but it is certain that few battles of history have been either so bloody or so decisive.

Elephants in Uganda.

"Elephants in Uganda have a peculiar aspect that I have not noticed elsewhere," writes a traveler. "They cover their bodies, as a protection against flies, with the bright red volcanic dust contained in the soil. This gives them a remarkable appearance, as, instead of being a slaty gray, as in the Nile valley, their color, when thus covered with dust, resembles that of a chestnut horse."

An Idle Phrase.

There is one sentence in the English language that has an easy time, and there is no prospect of its ever being overworked. It is composed of these four words, "It was my fault."—Jewell City (Kan.) Republican.

The More Man Loses Out of Door Life the More He Admires It.

The more man has become engaged in the conflicts of civilization, in intellectual disappointment, the more he has felt the uselessness of knowledge, the more he has turned to certain expressions of art as an escape. He has addressed poems to nature, has painted landscape more and more, has shown in every way that such an escape was a dream. Art has existed from the very beginning, even before the first man stuttered out his naming of the animals and expressed their character by the sound of their name. The dances of savages, as we call them—that is to say, of people of earlier forms of civilization—invented before the arts of design, record in a poetic way what they do and the seasons of such doing and even the appearance of nature—the storm, the rain, the clouds blowing across the sky, the lashing of the sea against the shore. In Fiji they have a dance where the women spread out their arms like the wave lines of the surf, and the children, springing up behind them, represent the foam of the wave crests. From these beginnings we know that tragedy and comedy, as we call them, have grown. Then, as all these disappear in fact, they are recorded in the art of painting. And as man more and more leaves behind him a life of out of doors in so much does he desire to admire it.—McClure's Magazine.

The Red Jacket Medal.

Before the North American colonies revolted it was the British custom to present medals to Indian chiefs with whom treaties were made. These medals bore a figure of the reigning British sovereign on the obverse and emblems of peace on the reverse and were called Indian medals. After the Declaration of Independence Washington presented a United States medal to the Seneca chief, Sa-go-ya-wat-ha (He Keeps Them Awake), who was known popularly as Red Jacket. This Red Jacket medal is interesting as one of the earliest of the medals issued by the first president of the great republic across the sea.—Pearson's Weekly.

Her Idea of Necessities.

The young man was interviewing the stern parent of the only girl in the world. "Of course, sir," he said, "my salary is not colossal, but I can give her all the necessities of life and some of its luxuries." "My dear Mr. Softly," replied the stern parent, "you have scarcely improved your time in her society if you do not know that she considers all the luxuries of life far more necessary than the necessities."

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Timson—I never fainted away but once, and that was just a few days ago. Simson—What was the cause? Timson—My wife told me that she had trained herself so she could walk through a store full of bargain counter sales with her purse full of money and never buy a thing.—Detroit Free Press.

The man who sums women up in a sentence is the man whom women can fool with a phrase.—Mollentrate.

The Bishop's Gaiters.

An amusing story is told of Dr. Gore. He was once walking in the street when two little boys were attracted by his black episcopal gaiters. "Wot's 'e?" asked one in surprise. "Oh, 'e-'e's a Scotchman in mourning," was the reply.—London M. A. P.

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