

Bellefonte, Pa., May 10, 1907.

The Battered Hobbyhorse. A scarred and battered hobbyhorse, with one eye missing, its tale and mane reduced to ragged wisps of hair and a little leather saddle worn almost to fragments on its back, formed a part of the baggage carried by an aged couple in the Union station waiting room at St. Louis the other evening. It captured the interest of a crowd that gathered. The old man listened to the comments, some of them unkind jests. Then he spoke, almost in a tone of apology. "We're goin' to Texas, and we couldn't leave it behind," he explained. "You see, it belonged to our little boy that's dead. He used to set a might o' store by that old horse, and now it's all we've got to remember him by. We kept it all these years back in Indiana, and then when things got bad and our daughter down in Texas sent for us, why, we just packed up and started. Had to leave lots of things back there, but not that. We couldn't leave that, could we?" He turned to his wife "No; we couldn't leave the horse," she said .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Buying Clothes.

"I suppose everybody has some plan of making purchases," said a man holding a list of wearing apparel that he was about to buy. "Do you see those two articles I have crossed off? I am not going to buy them till the end of the season, when the price will be cut. For the same reason I am not going to lose a day in securing the articles not crossed off. The two articles I cut out I can wait for without much inconvenience. As for the others, since I have to buy them in season and pay the regular price, I will buy them at once and have at least a month and a half's extra use of them. That makes me! break even with the end of the season. I save by purchasing early and late, though the early purchases I deem most economical, particularly in things where style is a consideration."-Columbus Dispatch.

The Seat of Authority.

It is an unwritten law on shipboard, and especially on men-of-war, that the quarter deck is for the exclusive use of officers, and all good seamen remember it, in spite of their ambitions. It once happened that an ancient mariner, a "five striper," while on shore leave captured a mule. Not without difficulty he mounted the animal and perched himself as near the tail as possible. The mule objected in every way known to a mule and in ways several and unexpected.

"Jack, sit more amidships," called out an engineer officer who happened past: "you'll ride easier."

"Captain," grinned the old salt, "this is the first craft I ever commanded, and it's a pity if I can't stay on the quarter deck."

Stanton Could Swear.

One day President Lincoln saw Senator Fessenden coming toward his office room. Mr. Fessenden had received the promise of some appointment in Maine for one of his constituents. The case had been overlooked. As soon as Mr. Lincoln caught sight of the senator he saw Fessenden was angry and called out, "Say, Fessenden, aren't you an Episcopalian?" Mr. Fessenden, somewhat taken aback, answered. "Yes, I belong to that persuasion, Mr. President." Mr. Lincoln then said: "I thought so. You swear so much like Seward. Seward is an Episcopalian But you ought to hear Stanton swear. He can beat you both. He is a Presbyterian."

An Odd Mistake.

Captain Amundsen, having lost several dogs in his expedition to the arctic regions, told some of the Netchillie tribe that he would purchase one from them. The suggestion caused consternation and was promptly refused. An explanation was demanded. The man applied to returned next day with a chubby, laughing boy on his back. "Such we do not sell," he said. Amundsen was astonished. "You wished to purchase one," said the man, seeing Amundsen's perplexity. Finally it was discovered that the Greenlandic term for "dog" was equivalent to "child" in the Netchillie language.

His Last Chance.

"Did you ever notice," said Mrs. N. Peck, "that about half the pictures in the photographers' windows are of bridal couples? I wonder why they always rush off to the photographer as soon as the knot is tied."

"I guess the husband is responsible for it," said Mr. Peck. "He realizes that it is about his last chance to ever look pleasant."

A Word For Herself. The young widow of an old husband inscribed the following words upon

her dear departed's tomb: "To the memory of Mathurin Bezuquet, who left this vale of tears at the age of ninety-nine years, eleven months and twenty days, deeply grieved at having to leave behind him the most charming and faithful of wives."-Pele Mele.

Professional Ethics.

The acquitted woman (young and pretty) kissed her lawyer.

"Madam," said he, with an attempt at firmness, "my stipulation was that there should be no fee in this case. You must permit me to return it."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Three Sick Men. It is a curious fact that three of the men who did most to revolutionize the world had always bad health. These were St. Paul, Julius Caesar and Marat, the real originator of the French

O Fortune, what a jade you are to distribute your favors at haphazard as you do!-Le Sage.

revolution.

Properties of Gold.

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The terms "admitted to the bar" and "before the bar" are of English origin. The "bar" in question is the barrier or railing which separates the judge and the other officers of the court from the rest of the courtroom. In earlier days the parties to a suit presented themselves before this bar, accompanied by their counsel. A lawyer, after keeping the required number of terms at the inns of court and passing a satisfactory examination, was then en titled to appear before the bar on be half of a client, or, in other words, he was "admitted to the bar." The English word "barrister" suggests the tech nical meaning of this work-Scrap Book.

Snake Worship.

Python worship or the worship of snake gods is still practiced in parts of the west coast of Africa. In Dahomey and Ashanti there are temples where pythons are kept to receive the adoration of the people. The snakes are not confined to the precincts of the temples. Small holes are left in the inclosing wall, through which they pass and sometimes make themselves very much at home in the houses of the people. When a stray snake is found word is sent to the temple, the priests come and with many apologies to his snakeship pick him up and carry him back home.

Cold Blooded Animals.

The so called cold blooded animals vary from the warm blooded in the particular that their blood changes temperature in accordance with their surroundings. The temperature of a fish will be almost exactly the same as that of the water around it, possibly one or two degrees higher. A snake's temperature is higher in summer than in winter, the average being 82 degrees. A bird's average temperature is 107. The average temperature of the mammals is 101 degrees.

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