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Overlord of the Sea and the Dainties

Feeder That Swims. The swordash is the overlord of the sea. Neither the whale, the shark nor any other giant of the deep can conquer him in private fight or public brawl. Nevertheless he is peaceful in the main and seeks the simple life. amusing himself often with worldwide travel and always with delicate gustatory joys. He is the daintiest feeder that swims, always kills his own game and thereby insures its freshness. wherefore his flesh is a delight to the palate of mankind and wherefore, again, men go forth to kill him for market and thereby at times fall upon adventures that make the hunting of tigers and the shooting of grizzlies pale

into pastimes for the weary weakling. For the bold swordfish is still hunted in mode as primitive as that the Eskimo uses to kill the stupid whale, and often the sting of the harpoon changes this luxurious ocean gastronome into a raging water devil, quick to perceive his advantage, charging with the speed of a bullet and the accuracy of a swordsman up against the lone fisherman in the dory who tries to bring him to gaff. Then must the fisherman measure with exactness the lunge of the monster, avoid it by a marvel of nice sidestepping in a plunging dory. or he will be spitted like a lark .- William Inglis in Harper's Weekly.

CHANCES IN GAMBLING.

The Rule of the Unexpected at the

Tables In Monte Carlo. There are systems, some will say that will defeat the bank at Monte Carlo. I have not found one. Two factors settle all systems. One is the bank's limit, which prevents the doubling system so often advocated; the second, the extraordinary idiosyncrasies of chance. Red or black will often run in long series. I saw fifteen reds come up in succession on one occasion, seventeen uneven numbers in an unbroken series on another. One evening on a losing day I was playing on the first six numbers and persistently for some hours the last twelve numbers invariably turned up. Once I saw 21 come up four times in succession when mathematically it should have taken 144 coups to make it show that number of times, and still more strange that on this occasion each time it came up a gentleman had staked the limit on the number-namely, 180 francs-winning in ten minutes some thing over 24,000 francs. One readily sees by these instances the unexpected very often happens-in fact, more often that not .- Arthur Hewitt in Rohemian Magazine.

The Hog.

No other animal has been more modified by civilization and none reverts more quickly to the original wild type than the hog. Three generations of running wild suffice to turn the smooth, round, short snouted razorback or hazel splitter thin, lank, leggy. lop eared, snarp snouted, an Ishmael in bristles, running like a deer, if runming be possible, fighting as only wild hog can fight when battle is imperative. The tusks, which have been half obliterated in the process of civilization, get back size and strength At a year old they are formidable, at two murderous, at three or five more deadly than a sword. They afford certain index of age up to six years but are commonly broken in fight long before that time. Wild boars are very ill tempered and when worsted in fighting often revenge themselves by ripping the bark from trees as high as they can reach.

Her Exercise.

Many readers think insufficient exercise is responsible for worrying moods. "Dare I whisper it," writes one correspondent. "Though I am a married posed. woman, with two bonnie bairns, when my worries and temper prove too much for me I shut myself up in my room and dance a wild Scotch reel. I always did it when I got in a temper as a child as a sort of vent to my feelings, and I do it still and probably shall continue to do so as long as I'm sufficiently energetic."

Certainly a Scotch reel ought to pro vide enough exercise to exorcise any demon of worry if lack of exercise is the cause of it.-Home Chat.

A Bad Quarrel. "Why don't you try to get him to

straighten up?" "He's his own worst enemy."

"It's pretty hard to patch up that kind of a quarrel."-Louisville Courier

Journal. Describing the Climate. "Is your climate changeable?" asked

the stranger. "Not very," answered Farmer Corn-"It keeps shiftin' around a little till it strikes a kind of weather nobody likes; then it sticks."-Washington Star.

Just Like Her.

on the first floor. I understood your wife to say that you lived on the second floor. Jewett-If you knew my wife you would know that she always stretches a story.-Exchange.

They Married.

Trotter (who has been abroad)-So Maud and Charlie finally married? Miss Homer-Yes. Trotter-I suppose they are happy. Miss Homer-Un- to treat the family, saying: "Help your doubtedly; they each married some self to all the chocolates you want one else.—Chicago News.

A MEMORY OF THE PAST.

The Unalloyed Joy That Came With

the Little Red Scarf. "I was wondering the other day what one thing had given me the most pleasure in the world," said the village deacon. "I had to go back a long ways-clear back into the blessed Santa Claus days-but I recalled it. It was a scarf I found in my stocking one bright Christmas morning. I got a red one, and my brother got a blue one. I was a mighty proud boy that morning as I trudged downtown with that red searf around my neck. I wore it every day until the birds began to sing in the springtime and the kids were hunting up their marbles, I don't now remember who gave it to me nor what became of it, but I do know that the memory of it still clings like a benediction.

"Since the days of that little red scarf I have had things of far more intrinsic value. I have worn lodge emblems of high degree; I have had a gold watch and chain; I once had a pair of shoes that cost \$5 and a necktie that cost twice as much as the little red scarf. Nay, more, I once tackled a plug hat. But among these things do I recall none that gave me such genuine and unalloyed pleasure, such a swelled up feeling, as did that little red scarf way back in the days when the wolf sat out in the road and howled. 'Tis the little red scarf days that stir the memory with 'It might have been.' "-Osborn (Kan.) Farmer.

PLAIN JOHN SMITH.

How His Name Changes In Various

Parts of the World. John Smith-plain John Smith-is no very high sounding; it does not sug gest aristocracy; it is not the name o any hero in die away novels, and yet It is good, strong and honest. Transferred to other languages, it seems to climb the ladder of respectability Thus in Latin it is Johannes Smithus; the Italian smooths it off into Giovanni Smithi; the Spaniards render it Juan Smithus: the Dutchman adopts it as Hans Schmidt; the French flatten it out into Jean Smeet, and the Rus sian sneezes and barks Jonloff Smittowski. When John Smith gets into the tea trade in Canton he become Jovan Shimmit; if he clambers about Mount Hecla, the Icelanders say he is Jahne Smithson; if he trades among the Tuscaroras he becomes Ton Qa Smittia; in Poland he is known as Ivan Schmittiweiski; should he wan der among the Welsh mountains the talk of Jihon Schmidd; when he goes to Mexico he is booked as Jontli F'Smitti: if of classic turn and he lingers among Greek ruins he turns to Ion Smikton, and in Turkey he is utterly disguised as Yoe Seef .- Phreno logical Journal.

Mystery of a Cookbook.

Somebody mentioned cookbooks. "It takes a good deal to make me wonder," said the publisher, received a jolt in the culinary line the other day that set me thinking. It looking over the manuscript of a cook book that had been submitted for our approval I was struck by this introduction to many of the recipes, 'Good for boarding house table.'

"Now, why that discrimination; Isn't anything that is good enough for a boarding house table good enough for any other table, and isn't anything that is good enough for any other table good enough for a boarding hous: table? Judging by the way those particular recipes read, they may result in some rather tasty dishes. Then why limit them to boarding houses?" -New York Globe.

His Successor.

Shortly after the death of one of England's greatest poets a devoted admirer of his visited the little Westmorland villages where the poet had lived and died to gaze reverently at his house, the little church and at some of his favorite haunts where some of his immortal poems were com-

Seeing an old man a native of the village), the stranger entered into conversation with him, remarking sadly on the death of the poet, to which the old man answered kindly and encouragingly:

"Aye, aye, still I mak' na doobt but t wife 'll carry the bizness on."

Brief and Pithy. An American law journal has quoted the charge to a jury delivered by a certain Judge Donovan as the shortest on record. The judge said:

"Gentlemen of the jury, if you be lieve the piaintiff find a verdict for plaintiff and fix the amount. If you believe the defendant find a verdict for defendant. Follow the officer."

But an English periodical caps this brief charge by quoting a shorter one delivered by Commissioner Kerr. He said to a jury:

"That man says prisoner robbed him: The prisoner says he didn't. You set

Plagiarism. At the literary club a sympathetic crowd surrounded the humorist, whose

house had been robbed. "They cleaned out everything," said the man-"everything, but, thank good-Hewitt-I didn't know that you lived ness, they didn't swipe from my desk the manuscript column of jokes for

next week's paper." "Perhaps they knew," suggested a sonneteer cynically, "that the jokes had already been swiped."-New Orieans Times-Democrat.

Liberality.

Little Jimmie, who had just received a box of mixed candy, passed it around

Southern Spoon Corn Bread.

Pour two cupfuls boiling water over a cupful cornmeal; cook five minutes, stirring continually; add a tablespoonful butter, two eggs well beaten, a cupful milk, a teaspoonful salt; beat thoroughly, pour into a well greased baking dish and bake thirty-five minutes in hot oven. Serve from the dish in which it is baked .- What to Eat.

Overburdened With Memory. "Your son tells me that he is going to take lessons to cultivate his memory." "I hope not," answered Farmer Corn-"He can remember every fool tune that was ever whistled."-Wash-

Quite Light.

ington Star.

Marie-I think Chollie is a delightful dancer. He's so light on his feet! Lil-Ban-When you're better acquainted with Chollie you'll discover that he's light at both ends!-Town and Country.

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