

Bellefonte, Pa., May 7, 1909.

Uncle Paid.

Many years ago Shuter, a popular actor, was engaged for a few nights in a principal city in the north of England. It was in the coaching days, and it happened that the stage in which he traveled (and in which there were only an old gentleman and himself) was stopped by a single highway-

The old gentleman pretended to be asleep, but Shuter resolved to be even with him. Accordingly, when the highwayman presented his pistol and commanded Shuter to deliver his money instantly or he was a dead man, "Money!" returned he, with an idiotic shrug and a countenance inexpressibly vacant. "Oh, lor', sir! They never trust me with any, for uncle and all, your honor."

Upon which the highwayman gave him a few curses for his stupidity, complimented the old gentleman with a smart slap on the face to awaken him and robbed him of every shilling he had in his pocket, while Shuter. who did not lose a single farthing. with great satisfaction and merriment pursued his journey, laughing heartily at his fellow traveler.

Cooking on the Trail.

Our guide allowed me to assist him in preparing the breakfast, though I fancy my assistance might have been easily dispensed with. He sagely remarked that if I was going to rough it I might as well begin learning now as any time. It was astonishing how appetizing a meal he prepared with the upper bay and the Hudson river, the very fewest conveniences. For in- that the channels are kept free of obstance, he made bread in the sack of structions and that the city's docks flour without using a bread pan. He and ferries are being looked after a: hollowed out a cavity in the flour, they should be. As soon as he steps on poured in water, added salt and baking powder in proper quantities, then raised. It signifies to all nautical folk: proceeded to mix the dough. He did another thing in his cooking that amused me very much. To prevent the coffee boiling over he placed a small willow stick across the open top of the pot. The lesson in physics soon followed. The coffee bubbled and then rushed up to the top of the pot as though it was going to boil over the sides and extinguish the fire, but as thodox, I shall put a few questions to soon as it touched the willow it sub- you. Do you drink?" sided like some sentient thing .- Forest and Stream.

Captain John Smith and Rats.

Smith in the course of his journeying in the Bermudas had some experience sir. of the rat as a destructive force. "But the great God of heaven," he writes, "caused such an increase of silly rats in the space of two years so to abound are heavily handicapped. My daughbefore they regarded them that they ter is a thorough society girl, and I filled not only those places where they can't for the life of me see what she were first landed, but, swimming from is going to do with you. However, it place to place, spread themselves into her funeral, and if she wants to unall parts of the country, insomuch that dertake the job-why. God bless you there was no land but it was pestered | both!"-Washington Post. with them, and some ushes have been taken with rats in their bellies which they caught in swimming from ile to ery tree and in most places their bur- their respective duties, and soon an rows in the ground like conies. They argument as to whether the husband spared not the fruits of the plants or or the wife had the hardest work to trees or the very plants themselves, perform was in full swing. First but ate them up." All efforts to exter- Brown warbled and then wifey sang. minate these vermin proved unsuccessful, and the unfortunate colonists to cook, wash dishes, clothe the kids,

The Traveler's Joy.

The cream of tartar tree, which is also called the "sour gourd." grows in ed Mr. Brown. northern Australia and has a trunk which measures from seventy to Mrs. Brown eighty-five feet in circumference, but duties every wife has to keep her buswhich is only twenty or thirty feet band from making a fool of himself." high. The wood is soft and juicy and when steeped in water provides the thirsty traveler with a refreshing and cooling drink. The fruit is about six inches long, shaped like a lemon and contains a gently acid pulp, which tastes like cream of tartar. Wherever it is to be found a small encampment of weary wayfarers unfuri their tents. When sighted in the bush the famous tree is always greeted with a song ute. Well, I knew the old man was an called "Sing Hey For the Traveler's awful tight wad, s I thought up a Joy."-New York Telegram.

All Unreceipted.

A titled Englishman was speaking of the impoverished nobility of the old

"What a German friend of mine said of his family is true of too many families. My friend was a graf. I was visiting his castle on the Rhine. He showed me there one day many proofs of his race's antiquity.

"'Dear me,' said I, stifling a yawn, 'I had no idea you went back so far.' "He pointed proudly to an old steel

bound chest of black oak. bills in there dating back to the twelfth century."

Salting a Diamond Mine.

A man in South Africa while walking one day over his property with a party of prospectors suggested that they assay some of the soil. In the search that ensued eight rough dia- on the completion of a hair cut: monds were found, and offers began for the land, when the host's wife called out to her husband, "Why, John, where are the other two?" The sequel to the story is left to the imagination.-Boston Record.

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The Foolish Railroads.

The stage fare from Huntsville to Glasgow-twenty-five miles-was \$1.50. This stage carried the mail, and it had to go. When the roads were so muddy horses could not pull the stage a double yoke of oxen took their places. It was slow traveling, but they got through. The steamboat fare from Glasgow to St. Louis in the early fifties was \$7. That included stateroom and meals, and if the boat was held up a week or two on a sand bar the accommodations went on without extra charge. The steamboat owners never believed the railroads could successfully compete with them. The way they looked at it people wouldn't be willing to travel 100 or 200 miles tied down to one seat in a small car when they might be enjoying the freedom of a big and handsomely furnished boat. "Then how are they going to find room for an orchestra and a dance?" an old river captain wanted to know. "No place to eat or drink; no room to move about; just sit still all day long on a here always pays for me, turnpikes little wooden bench. Why, it's downright foolishness!"-Macon Republican.

The Eye on the Red Flag. There are many odd bits of bunting unfolded to the breeze in New York harbor, but the oddest of all perhaps is the ensign that flutters from the staff of a little craft that rounds the Battery sea wall promptly at noon every day and then disappears up the North river. It is a triangular flag with a flaming red background, from which stands out in bold relief a great cyclopean eye. Inside the pilothouse is a man in blue coat and brass buttons, who views the water front and passing craft through a long telescope. This is the supervisor of the harbor. His duties are to see that the regulations are observed in the East river, board his vessel the unique ensign is "I've got my eye on you. Watch out!" -New York Sun.

"Sir. I wish to marry your daughter," faltered the young man.

"You do, eh?" exclaimed the fond parent. "Weil. I have been rather expecting this, and, to be thoroughly or-

"No. sir. I abhor liquor." "You do, eh? Smoke?"

"I never use tobacco in any form." "Well. I didn't suppose you ate it The intrepid navigator Captain John Do you frequent the race tracks?" "I never saw a borse race in my life,

"Um-m-m: Play cards for money?"

"Emphatically no, sir." "Well, young man, I must say you

Woman's Work.

After dinner the other evening Mr. Their nests they had in almost ev- and Mrs. Brown started to speak of

"A wife." argued the good lady, "has "were destitute of bread for a yeere or scrub the floors, sweep the house, make the beds, build the fires, carry up coal, nail slats on the back fence.

"Is that all?" sarcastically interrupt-

"No." was the prompt rejoinder of "In addition to those -Philadelphia Telegraph.

Anchored Him.

"I was at a reception with a certain young lady the other night," said a man who always tells the truth, "and her father was there too. He doesn't think much of me, and he followed us about from room to room-wouldn't let us get out of his sight for a minscheme. I careless.; dropped a half dollar on the floor while he was looking. He moved over and put his foot on it and never stirred until the party broke up. Meanwhile daughter and 1 beat it and enjoyed ourselves."-Cleveland Leader.

Saving Cuff Addresses.

Folded up with the laundry bill was another slip of paper, on which were several lines of fine writing. "What is this?" asked the new cus

"Those are the addresses we copied off your cuffs," said the clerk. "We "'Why, my boy,' said he, 'I've got always make a record of the addresses we find on cuffs and return them with the laundry, so if our customers have not put them down any place else they won't be lost."-New York Press.

> When There Was More of It. An old chap with hardly a hair on his head snapped at the young barber

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The Tallest Trees.

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