

Democratic Watchman

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Dress of the Patrolmen of London, Paris and Berlin.

London patrolmen carry no clubs. Attached to the middle of the belt behind is a dark lantern. The cuffs of their coats have vertical stripes, blue and white, signifying rank and distinguished service.

In Paris the ordinary patrolmen wear blue caps and coats and in summer white duck trousers. They carry short swords, rather as an emblem of authority, but in extreme danger use the flat side as a club.

German policemen wear helmets and have a distinctly martial air.—Travel Magazine.

FOLLOWED HER LEAD.

The Chinese Cook Knew Which Eggs Should Be Discarded.

"Chinese need to be taught to be more self-reliant," said the woman who employs a Chinese cook. "Yesterday I ordered my cook to make a pudding for dinner, stopping a minute to see if he followed my instructions, for I had taught him to make this particular pudding."

"Returning, I discovered that he had used five eggs instead of three, as I had taught him. Taking him to task for not following my instructions, he answered: 'Yes; three here (pointing to the bowl), two here (indicating where he had thrown the others). Same as you.'

"It dawned on me that when I had taught him to make the pudding I had found the second and third eggs that I had broken to be bad and had thrown both away. He had simply done what he had seen me do—after smelling the second and third egg he had thrown them away."—New York Sun.

A Nabob.

"Rich as a nabob" is an expression not infrequently heard, but why a "nabob" should thus be associated with wealth and who he was precisely is not so generally known. Under the great moguls the provinces of India were administered by deputies known by the designation of "nawab," who commonly amassed much money and lived in great splendor.

Iceberg Designs.

All the architecture of the world is represented in nature's iceberg designs. Sometimes a little berg will have the appearance of an Arab's white tent as it rides on a desert-looking sea; another, its sharp outlines softened in the vaporous atmosphere, will appear like a domed mosque in green marble.

Then and Now.

The difference between the relations of parents to their children now and in the days before us is well illustrated by the story of the old general who was talking to a young lady whom he had taken in to supper. Before them on a plate was a chicken. "After all, general," said the young lady, "there is nothing in the world like the liver wing of a chicken."

"Well," he replied, "do you know I never tasted one, for when I was young my parents ate it, and now my children do!"—Congregationalist.

Straightening the Back.

It is the custom in certain parts of Scotland among the woman laborers in the field, when their backs begin to ache from bending low while working with short handled hoes, to lie down, their faces upon the ground, and allow others to step upon the lower part of their backs with one foot several times. This operation is known as "straightening the back."—Chicago News.

A Charitable World.

"Your money must be a burden to you at times." "Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "but you'd be surprised to see how many I find who are willing to bear other people's burdens."—Washington Star.

FAMOUS BULLS.

Gems From the House of Commons and From the Pulpit.

The house of commons, as might have been expected, has contributed a fair share to a very amusing collection of "bulls." It was in one of the debates of that body that the late Colonel Sanderson described Eastern Roumelia as "man enough to take her stand" in defense of a certain threatened right.

An Irish member of parliament once declared that of the outrages reported from Ireland three-quarters were exaggerated and half had no foundation in fact, a statistical computation that reminds one of another Irish member of parliament who declared excitedly to a group of fellow members, "I want to convince you that there isn't any truth in half the lies they are telling about Ireland."

The biography of Dean Hook recalls a certain minor canon who used to preach at the cathedral when Hook was a boy at Winchester school. In one of his sermons there occurred the striking reflection that "what is impossible can never be and very seldom comes to pass."

Another discourse was long remembered for its pathetic lamentation on the degeneracy of the age: "O tempora! O mores! What times we live in! Little boys and girls run about the streets cursing and swearing before they can either walk or talk!" But the Church of England has no monopoly of these violent contrasts, for it was at a City Temple meeting not many years ago that a speaker exclaimed: "I find my time is already gone. Therefore I will keep within it."—Windsor Magazine.

POSED THE DEAD MAN.

Scheme of the Gamblers in Crockford's House in London.

Crockford, the proprietor of a well known London gambling house, was made to play a queer role after he was dead. When one of Crockford's horses was poisoned just before the Derby the misfortune brought on an attack of apoplexy, which proved fatal within forty-eight hours. Now, many of Crockford's friends had staked large sums on another of the gambler's horses, which was a favorite for the death of the owner. Only the people in the gambling house knew of Crockford's death, and it was resolved to keep it a secret until after the race.

The servants were bribed and sworn to secrecy, and the conspirators on the day after the night upon which Crockford died had the body placed in a chair at a window, so that people returning from the track could see the gambler sitting there. He was fixed up to look as lifelike as possible and through the window and partially concealed from view by the curtains looked so natural that no one of the great crowd which came cheering by the house when on their return from seeing Crockford's horse win the Oaks suspected the trick.

The next day it was announced that Crockford was dead, but it was years before the true story leaked out.—Westminster Gazette.

Superstitions of the Cingalese.

An old Cingalese woman who lived in an ordinary native hut by herself died and was buried. On the following day a large iguana (a species of lizard which attains great size) entered the compound of a gentleman living close by and attacked his poultry. Hearing the noise and commotion, he came out and on ascertaining the cause got his gun and shot the iguana. No sooner had he done this than there arose a great uproar from the relatives of the old woman, who declared that he had killed her, because her spirit had passed into the lizard, in proof of which they pointed triumphantly to the fact that it had never before been seen in the vicinity and only appeared after her death. Rupees finally appeased the outraged feelings of the old woman's descendants.—Java Times.

The Elephant's Trunk.

The long trunk of the elephant is very, very wonderful. The neck of four footed animals is usually long to enable them to reach their food without difficulty, but the elephant has a short neck to enable him more easily to support the weight of his huge head and heavy tusks. The long trunk helps him to get his food, and the trunk is to an elephant what a long neck is to other animals.—Chicago Journal.

Denmark's Old Age Pension.

In Denmark any person who at the age of twenty-one pays to the state a sum of £6 10s. is entitled, if he reaches the age of sixty-five, to an annuity of £13. But if he dies before that age the money is forfeited.—London Mail.

Hazarding a Guess.

"Know anything about golf?" "Not much. Why?" "What's a bunker? Do you know?" "I suppose it's one of those cranks that simply live and sleep on the links."—Philadelphia Press.

Rebuked.

Small Tommy (after the slipper scene)—Mamma, I'm glad I'm not a girl. Mamma—Why, Tommy? Small Tommy—'Cause I'd be ashamed to grow up and become a child beater.—Chicago News.

Her Choice.

"Can he sing well?" "Well, I'll tell you. He offered to sing the baby to sleep the other night, and his wife said, 'No; let her keep on crying.'"—Cleveland Leader.

TERRORS OF THE JUNGLE.

The Mosquitoes of Africa Are Worse Than the Lions.

"The African mosquitoes intoxicate you. They inject so much poison into you that you are dazed, your eyes roll and you stagger and speak thickly. In a word, you're drunk," said a missionary.

"In the Nyassa country I'd always start getting ready for bed and the mosquitoes an hour before sunset. I'd set up my mosquito net with the utmost care. I'd clamp down its edges with valises and boxes. I'd light inside it three green wood fires, filling it with a bitter smoke that all insects are supposed to loathe.

"Finally I'd get in myself. I'd smoke big pipes of the black native tobacco, and I'd long miserably in that hot, smoky atmosphere for the dawn.

"Despite all my precautions quite 200 or 300 mosquitoes would get inside my net as soon as darkness fell. They were like a whirlwind in there. It couldn't have been worse. Their noise and their tipping made me feverish—made me really delirious at times.

"At last, in exhaustion, I'd get a few hours of troubled sleep, awakening for breakfast drunk from the poison injected by hundreds of tiny needles into my veins.

"No; it isn't the elephants or the giraffes that trouble the African hunter, but the skeeters."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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