Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., July 23, 1909.

THE WORD "BANZAI."

It Has Been Used In Japan From the Earliest Ages.

It is not infrequent to find men speculating as to the origin of the now familiar "banzai," and we believe that a general impression classes this excellent ejaculation among the inventions of modern Japan. Quite recently indeed we heard a learned Japanese declare that the late Professor Toyama was the originator of the word as the Japanese equivalent of "hurrah." But the truth is that "banzai" belongs to a very much remoter date. History shows that it was used certainly as long ago as the year 486 A. D., and probably it was not an innovation even then. In the "Chronicles of Japan," a work published in the year 820 A. D., it is related that in the spring of 486 A. D. the Emperor Woke, remembered by posterity as "Kenzo, Tenno," repaired to the park of the summer hall and there held revel by "the winding streams." His guests were a concourse of ministers and of high officials known at that epoch under the titles of Omi, Muraji and Miyakko. When the feast was at its height the guests, we read, "raised repeated cries of banzai." It may fairly be assumed that this formula of gratulation did not originate then, but at any rate its undoubted use in Japan more than fourteen centuries ago deprives any Meiji savant of the credit of having invented it.—Japan Mail.

HE COULD DRAW.

Artemus Ward on His Own Connection With the Art.

On the occasion of Artemus Ward's professional visit to London, which occurred not long before his death, J. E. Preston Muddock says in his book, "Pages From an Adventurous Life," that the American humorist's advertisements of his "show" were as full of funny surprises as the lectures themselves. One that tickled the general public was this:

Artemus Ward Delivered Lectures
Before All the Crowned Heads of Europe
Ever Thought of Delivering Lectures.

And an excerpt from his lecture on "Drawing" is quoted by Mr. Muddock as a particularly delightful bit.

"I haven't distinguished myself as an artist," Ward said in his inimitable way, "but have always been mixed up in art. I have an uncle who takes photographs in his sane moments, and I have a servant who takes everything he can lay his hands on at any moment.

"At a very tender age I could draw on wood. When a mere child I once drew a small cart load of raw turnips over a wooden bridge. It was a raw morning. The people of the village recognized me. They said it was a raw turnip drawing. That shows how faithfully I had copied nature. I drew their attention to it, so you see there was a lot of drawing in it.

"The villagers, with the wonderful discernment peculiar to villagers, said I had a future before me. As I was walking backward when I made my drawing I replied that I thought that my future must be behind me."

Hannibal in Italy.

Hannibal entered northern Italy in the year 218 B. C. and gained during that year the two victories of Ticinus and Trebia, both in Cisalpine Gaul. The next year he advanced farther south and defeated the Romans at Trasymenus, and the year following, having proceeded still farther south, he inflicted upon them the terrible defeat at Cannae, at which time his ascendency attained its maximum. He remained for thirteen years longer, but gained no more decisive victories. He was finally recalled by the authorities at Carthage, who had never given him anything like a decent support. —New York American.

All the Difference.

Among the patients in the private ward of a Philadelphia hospital there was recently a testy old millionaire of that city whose case gave his physician considerable difficulty at first.

"Well," asked the crusty patient one morning, "how do you find me now, eh?"

"You're getting on fine," responded the doctor, rubbing his hands with an air of satisfaction. "Your legs are still swollen, but that doesn't trouble me."

"Of course it doesn't!" howled the old man. "And let me tell you this: If your legs were swollen, it wouldn't trouble me either!"—Lippincott's.

Ambergris.

The essential characteristic of ambergris is the penetrating and peculiar odor, similar to that of musk. It is so powerful and so diffusive in its perfume that the most minute quantity when mingled with any other strong scent is still perceptible. Its chief component is a fatty matter called ambrein, which is got by boiling ambergris in alcohol.

Polite.

First Hobo—Say, did yer ever make an after dinner speech? Second Hobo—Sure, I always do. First Hobo—G'on. Second Hobo—Sure, I always sez, "Thank ye, ma'am."—Syracuse Herald.

It's surprising how much a sixteen-year-old son can tell his father that the old man won't believe.—Exchange.

They that love you are stronger than your haters.—Edwin Arnold.

The Cold Water Cure.

If you feel a cold coming on, drink a glass of cold water, not iced, and repeat at half hour intervals until relief is felt. If hot water is easier to take, it can be substituted for the cold, particularly in the morning and at night. Taking an abundance of liquid matters more than its temperature. It is there where the patients fall short. They will drink a glass or two of water, then declare they can take no more and, ceasing, decide water cannot drive out a cold. This water cure is not so modern as the most of us think it. In an old prescription book of a famous physician of more than a hundred years ago this curious remedy for a cold is found: "Let ye patient who feels a cold coming on eat of a fine, big salt herring just before going to bed. This will make ye patient drink plenty of water." If you have not strength of purpose to drink freely of water for the cold's sake, make yourself thirsty as best you can—only take all the water possible.—Philadelphia Press.

Hanged For Violating Smoke Law.

Curious and little known facts about the house fire were mentioned by E. H. Blake, addressing the surveyors' institution on warming and ventilation. Fires were at one time a great luxury, he said, and even the right to use the fire had been bequeathed. Thus the will of one Richard Byrchett (1516) read:

"I will yt sayd Nell my wyfe shal have ye chamber she lyes in and lyberte at ye fyer in the house; all yese thyngs shal she have so long as she ys wido."

Coal, continued Mr. Blake, was first imported into London at the end of the thirteenth century, but the smoke produced by burning it in improperly constructed grates caused such a prejudice against it that in 1306 a law was passed making it a capital offense to burn coal in the city. The Tower records give details of a man's trial and execution for the offense.—London Graphic.

Not the Kind He Wanted.

Professed politicians who have reduced public office to an exact science find the independent voter a sad stumbling block, a fact which is amusingly disclosed by a story found in the life of the late George Monro Grant, the eminent Canadian educator and clergyman.

Toward the end of Sir John Macdonald's life he and Principal Grant, then the head of Queen's college, met at a dinner at the house of the premier's brother-in-law, Professor Williamson.

"How I wish," the premier said to the principal, "that you would be a steady friend of mine."

"My dear Sir John," the principal replied, "I have always supported you when you were right."

The premier's eyes twinkled, and he laid his hand upon the shoulder of the principal.

"My dear man," said he, "I have no use for that species of friendship!"

Greatness Not Free From Shame.

The transcendent power and fame with which great genius has at different periods endowed various men do not always insure them from after misery and shame. This was strikingly exemplified in the cases of the four greatest of military conquerors—Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar and Napoleon. The general judgment of mankind has conceded them the first place in the lines of action for which they were severally distinguished. Yet they all met with melancholy deaths. Two of them suffered for years the keenest humiliations which a total destruction of their hopes could bring. Two perished at the zenith of their power, just as they might have expected a long enjoyment of the fruits of their tremendous achievements.—Exchange.

The Greatest Wealth.

Is there any compensation in money for a starved, stunted, dwarfed mind? Can lands and houses, stocks and bonds, pay a man for living a narrow, rutty, sordid life? How much money would match the wealth of a trained mind, of unfolded possibilities? Is the capacity for the appreciation of the meaning of life, of the lessons of civilization, worth no more than one's bread and butter and roof? Can any one conceive of greater possessions than an intellect well trained and disciplined, than a broad, deep, full orbed mind responsive to all beauty, all good?—Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine.

Optimistic.

"My wife is a very optimistic woman."

"Indeed she is."

"Noticed it, have you?"

"Yes; when I was talking with her yesterday she said that if you ever died she would marry again because she felt sure that she could do better next time."—Houston Post.

Triumphs of Travel.

"Now he's bragging about how he did Venice."

"What do you mean?"

"Most tourists spend a week in Venice. He did it in a day."—Kansas City Journal.

No Excuse.

"Is that horse you bought a kicker?"

"A kicker?" answered Mr. Sirius Barker. "I am the fellow who paid twice his value and who is buying the feed. What has the horse got to kick about?"—Washington Star.

His Misfortune.

The Poet—Poets are born, not made.

The Girl—I know. I wasn't blaming you.—Boston Transcript.

There are certain flowers the perfume of which, it is said, is produced by microbes.

Smart Electors.

At an open air political meeting in the north of England a man cried, "Hurrah for Jackson!" to which a bystander replied sarcastically, "Hurrah for a jackass!" "All right, my friend," exclaimed the first speaker. "You can hurrah for your candidate, and I'll do the same for mine!"

All electors are not so gifted, as the following experience of a canvasser in Devonshire clearly indicates:

"Whom are you voting for, my good fellow?" he asked.

"I votes for the lady."

"But there is no lady candidate standing."

"Well," replied Hodge, "Poll Early comes on my voting paper before the names of the two men, and I thought I'd vote for her. See!"—Chambers' Journal.

Noisy Avians.

The bellbird, which makes perhaps in its natural state the greatest noise of any known avian, is found both in South America and certain parts of Africa. Its voice will carry on a still day a distance of quite three miles. Its note is like the tolling of a distant church bell and is uttered during the heat of the day, when every other bird has ceased to sing and nature is hushed in silence. The hornbill, a bird which is widely distributed in India, the Malay archipelago and Africa, has also a very loud note. Its call has been described as "between the shriek of a locomotive and the bray of a donkey" and can be heard a distance of a couple of miles.

Where the Hippopotamus Lurks.

Herds of hippopotamuses are not found everywhere in central Africa. They stick to the swampy shores overgrown with the papyrus plant, which affords them cover by day when they come out to rest. At night they feed on land, sometimes walking long distances away from the lake or river in search of palatable herbs. The hippopotamus is a great eater. A cow hippopotamus stays with her calf until the young one gets strong enough to walk and swim.—Exchange.

She Knew.

"How stupid you are, Lola!" exclaimed her mother. "I don't believe you know the difference between a fried oyster and a whale."

"Yes, I do, mamma," replied the little miss. "One is cooked and the other isn't."—Chicago News.

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7 20	†7 11	2 37	.....Zion.....	†8 51	4 47	†9 21
7 27	7 18	2 45	..HECLA PARK..	8 45	4 41	9 15
7 29		2 47	..... Dunkles.....	8 43	4 38	9 13
7 33	†7 23	2 51	...Hublersburg...	†8 39	4 34	†9 09
7 37	7 28	2 55	...Snydertown.....	8 36	4 29	9 05
7 40	†7 30	2 58	.....Nittany.....	†8 34	4 27	†9 02
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