

RIGHT HAND RULE.

The Way It is Applied in Driving and Navigation.

London's drivers, sitting on the right side of the driver's seat, turn to the left. Why? In order that looking down at the right side of the vehicle they may gauge to a fraction of an inch the hubs of a vehicle meeting them. In the United States the driver still preserves the right side of the seat and in turning to the right of the roadway has the least knowledge of where his hubs may be in passing.

But in international navigation the right hand rules always obtain. It is the narrow channel winding into a port where the extremest of emphasis is laid upon the vessel keeping to starboard, no matter how many crooks and turns and loops the channel may make. This was illustrated in a collision on the Whangpoo river, in China, when the Pekin and the Normandie collided. The Normandie was descending the stream, keeping to starboard. The Pekin was ascending the channel, keeping to its starboard. At a sharp turn in the channel the two boats collided.

EYE OF THE CAMERA.

The Picture It Brought From Out a Dark cavern.

Dr. Francis Clark told an interesting story of a youth living in Maine who was out in the woods one day taking photographs of attractive bits of scenery. He came upon the mouth of a little cavern between the rocks, and he said to himself, "I will see what sort of picture I can get out of that cave," and as it was a dark day he decided to take a "time exposure" instead of a "snapshot."

Several weeks afterward, when developing his plates, you can imagine his astonishment to see in the picture, in the very center of the cavern, with arched back and bristling fur and within springing distance of the spot where he had balanced his camera, a huge Canada lynx that might easily have destroyed his life.

Proving a Statement.

A certain minister, who is an emphatic preacher, is at times at a loss to give his utterances proper weight. For instance, he'll say: "This statement is as true as is the night which will follow day," or "as true as that the trees will bud in spring."

The Parrots of Mexico.

What the wild pigeon once was in point of numbers to the United States the parrot, of varying shades of color and all sizes, is to old Mexico. Flights of these birds frequently darken the midday sun in the hot country, and they become so tame around the camps of engineers that the birds are given individual names and soon become regular pets.

A Line on Mother.

"I don't see how I'm ever to get a chance again with this boy around," wailed the little widow with the small son. "The other day a man I like awfully well asked me how old the town was that we came from. This boy spoke up without giving me a chance to put in a word: "I don't know just how old it is," he said, "but it must be pretty old because mamma was born in it."

Had His Hands Full.

Judge—Why didn't you seize the thief when you found him? Policeman—How could I? I had my club in one hand and my revolver in the other!—Flegende Blatter.

FLOATING PALACES.

Galleys of the Hindoo Rajahs on the Ganges River.

Notwithstanding the fact that India has for many years been under the rule of England, the conditions and manner of living have not greatly changed in many parts of it. On the Ganges river in the northwest provinces the tourist will see, if he approaches Benares at the right time, the same type of craft that carried pilgrims to this most sacred of Hindoo cities hundreds of years ago. These are floating palaces or magnificent galleys on which rajahs journey to Benares and which serve as a test of their prowess.

These galleys differ hardly at all from the vessels used for the same purpose by rajahs who died centuries past. Incrusted with gold, silver and pearl and decorated with tapestries embroidered with precious metals and jewels, these wonderful modern-ancient vessels lend a festive touch to the river scene. But their sumptuousness does not prevent the richest rajah who possesses one from bathing in the same water, surrounded by 500,000 poorer pilgrims, even though the sacred river is thus plously filled with myriads of microbes. And he will fill great jars with the water in which the pilgrims have washed their bodies and drink it.

In contrast to these floating palaces are the barges of the poorer classes. The system of caste in India imposes upon the riverman the obligation of living on the water as his ancestors lived, so his shabby looking craft is also his home. Usually he has in his floating house a small chapel dedicated to a secondary divinity who personifies the river on which he exists.—Popular Mechanics.

ABSENTMINDED.

A Question the College Professor Could Not Decide Himself.

There is a highly esteemed professor in one of the big colleges who is even more absentminded than most geniuses. His son is a student in the same college. At the beginning of a lecture to his class one morning a look of perplexity overcast the professor's face, and his hearers noted that his thoughts seemed to be wandering from the subject he was discussing. At length he paused for a moment and quietly requested that his son be summoned without delay. The young student, startled by such an unusual message from his father, hastened to him, expecting to find him dead or dying. The professor had not finished his lecture by the time his son arrived and was explaining things in his usual clear and convincing manner. At last the son succeeded in attracting his father's attention, and this extraordinary dialogue took place:

"John, I am surprised," growled the distinguished educator. "What do you mean by interrupting me in this way?" "Why, father, don't you remember? You sent for me to come at once." "Oh, yes, to be sure. Now I recollect. It was my fear of annoying your mother. You know how it distresses her, dear soul, if I fail to appear at my meals. I got thinking about this when I started lecturing this morning, and I sent for you to set my doubts at rest. John, please tell me have I had my breakfast yet this morning?"—New York Press.

Not Even the First Step.

Mr. Morse, having bought a new bicycle of the most improved pattern, presented his old one to Dennis Halloran, who did errands and odd jobs for the neighborhood. "You'll find the wheel useful when you're in a hurry, Dennis," he said. "The young Irishman was loud in his thanks, but regarded the wheel doubtfully. "I mistrust 'twill be a long while before I can ride it," he said.

"Why, have you ever tried?" asked Mr. Morse. "I have," said Dennis gloomily. "A friend lent me the loan of his whistles he was having the moomps. 'Twas three weeks I had it, an' what wild practicing night an' morning I niver got so I could balance meself standing still, let alone riding on it!"—Youth's Companion.

How He Lost Out.

"It served me right," sighed the bachelor, "I ought to have remembered that women have no sense of humor."

"What's gnawing you now?" queried that inquisitive friend. "Why, during leap year a pretty girl with an obese fortune proposed to me, and I said 'No,'" explained the bachelor, "thinking, of course, she would take it for granted that my 'No' meant 'Yes,' but she simply let it go at that."—Chicago News.

Trouble All the Time.

Father—It's singular that whenever I want you to marry a man you object and whenever I do not want you to marry one you straightway insist on it. Daughter—Yes, and whenever we are agreed the man objects.—Liverpool Mercury.

How He Looked.

Green—I saw your friend White this morning. Brown—So? I heard he was sick. How did he look? Green—He was looking the other way when I saw him. He owes me \$10.—Chicago News.

Mice and Music.

She (reading)—Mice are fond of music and will get as close to it as they can. He—Just cut that out, and I'll send it to the girl in the next flat.—Yonkers Statesman.

Gentility is nothing but ancient riches.—Burleigh.

Wealth Found in the Walls of Mexican Adobe Houses.

There are many remarkable towns in Mexico, but none more interesting than Guanajuato, "the hill of the frog." It might more properly be called the "gold brick town," for the houses have been found to contain much gold.

This is a curious situation, but it came about naturally. Guanajuato—pronounced Wah-nah-wahto—is one of the oldest mining towns in Mexico, but the value of the place as a town was discovered when a railroad company decided to build a station there. It was found necessary to tear down about 300 adobe buildings, which were made of the refuse of various mines after the ore was extracted.

When it became known that the old adobe buildings would be torn down pieces taken at random were assayed. It was found that because of the old process, which left much gold and silver, they assayed from \$3 to \$24 a ton. The mean value was estimated to run about \$8 gold a ton.

The old buildings have brought about \$30,000 Mexican, in gold, and persons who have built since the new machinery has been installed in the mines are bemoaning the fact that the new houses do not contain as much gold as the old.—Scientific American.

The Air Brake.

To forget the inventions of the hour is an impossibility. They are before one at every turn, and many of them contain possibilities vast and much discussed. For that very reason it is well occasionally to contemplate some invention of the past which works unremittently and inconspicuously for the welfare of mankind. Consider the air brake. How many when they take a journey by rail ever take thought of the device which stands ready to insure safety from possible accidents? All are so used to sibilant noise below the cars that they never consider its portentousness. Yet by this application of the power of compressed air, tens of thousands of lives have been preserved and railroad travel has been made more expeditious. All this is arrant truism; not a word of it but what has been said scores of times before. But we like to dwell upon the air brake as one of those typical inventions which are doing their work faithfully and humbly while recent creations get the glory and applause.—Collier's.

Hongkong the Luxurious.

Hongkong, with its luxurious hotels, its princely clubs, its rich and influential banks, housed in splendidly constructed and beautifully designed buildings; its shipyards and graving docks able to care for the largest vessels; its miles of warehouses bursting with wealth; its yellow sailed fleets laden with silks, tea, sugar and precious porcelains; its commerce almost

as great as that of New York; its botanic gardens hung amid delightful villas overlooking a harbor that is a city in itself and that floats 10,000 sails; Hongkong, with its wonderful temples of ornate teak roofs, its idols of a hundred sects, its French cathedral, its forts, garrison and naval life, its Happy Valley race course—all at the end of white man's civilization. Supreme from the peak on which it rests, its well bred aloofness it looks askance at sordid Asia, whence it sprung.—W. J. Aylward in Harper's Magazine.

How "Thon" Would Work.

"Thon" is the word which has been suggested for use as an English pronoun of common gender, a luxury which the English language has thus far had the fortitude to forego. It was considered suitable for English because it came from the Greek. Its use may be illustrated as follows: If a parent desires to spank their (his or her, as the case may be) child (him or her, as the case may be) then they should remove their slipper, and after explaining to the child the responsibility of their conduct they should apply the slipper to that portion of their anatomy which from time immemorial has been dedicated to that purpose.

It may easily be seen from the above how "thon" effects great clarification.—Lippincott's.

In Praise of the Eskimos.

Commander Perry in the narrative describing his discovery of the north pole devotes a very long chapter to the Eskimos, with whom he has had intimate dealings for eighteen years. He tells us that though they are savages they are not savage; that though they are without government they are not lawless; that though they are uneducated they exhibit a remarkable degree of intelligence. He assures us that they have no religion, yet he describes them as destitute of vice and ready to share their last meal with the hungry. He thinks it would be impossible to Christianize them, but they already possess the cardinal graces of faith, hope and charity, for "without them they could never survive the six months' night and the other rigors of their home."

A Courteous Boy.

"Would you rather for your mother or me to whip you?" "I dislike to show favoritism, father," said little Clarence. "You and mother had better settle the matter between you by flipping a coin."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Would He?

It hardly seems probable that a man should suffer from corns on a wooden leg, but if the leg is made of oak would it not be natural that there should be acorn on it?—London Punch.

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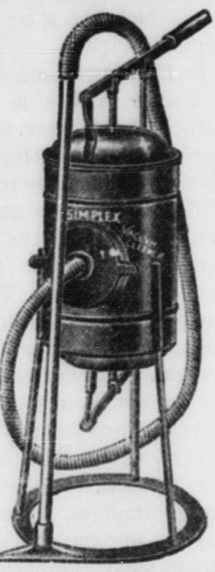
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