

ERIE HAS MODEL MUNICIPAL PIGGERY.

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PIGS REPLACE INCINERATOR.

In 1913 an incinerator was built to take care of the city's garbage, but it cost so much to operate it that the piggery was built, and the pigs were bought, and put to work.

The hogs are put on garbage feed very carefully for the first ten days after arrival, only being permitted to consume a small quantity of garbage until they have become accustomed to their feed.

Every means has been used to erect a model pig farm. Both county and State officials have visited the farm and know that the pens are of the most sanitary type and can be kept clean at all times.

Giving a Chance to Every Crippled Boy or Girl.

This is a new undertaking of the Rotary Clubs of North America, numbering 85,000 business men. They are engaged in a nation-wide campaign to give every crippled boy and girl in this country a new chance.

Did You Ever Stop to Think—

That the city that gets the publicity gets the business. That the city that gets the advertising grows. That advertising a city is a business, not child's play.

TURK HAD EYE TO BUSINESS

Edhem Said Bey Got Bevy of Circassian Girls for Far Less Than Purchase Price.

Edhem Said Bey, a Turk who was feeling acutely the servant problem in Constantinople, tells of going to Asia Minor and buying half a dozen servants.

In the evening 15 or 20 girls were assembled in the town hall with their fathers. They were dressed to show themselves off to advantage.

After long bargaining with the fathers the bey went to the market and bought donkeys, buffaloes and silver-mounted arms for a tenth of the price he had agreed upon for the girls.

SPEED OF FINGERS DIFFERS

Those of the Right Hand Quicker and More Accurate Than Those of the Left.

The fingers of your right hand are quicker and more accurate than those of your left, says the Popular Science Monthly.

Two fingers working together are faster than one going it alone. And a combination of two fingers on opposite hands is faster than two fingers on the same hand.

Practice, while it increases the speed of all fingers, tends to increase the rate of the slow ones more than the fast ones, thus overcoming the handicap of the ones that lag naturally.

Hindus' Love of Jewelry.

The ruling passion of the natives of India is an inordinate love of jewelry. Every Hindu as soon as he has accumulated any surplus cash, immediately converts the same into gaudy and often expensive ornaments for himself, his wife and children.

Every Hindu wears earrings and, on great occasions, as many as half a dozen pairs. Poor people who cannot afford gold pass copper wires through their ears and noses.

Origin of "Fifty-Fifty."

"Fifty-fifty" originated in the theater box office. It developed back in the old days before engagements for various companies were arranged from New York by owners of chains of theaters.

So the adoption of "fifty-fifty" as an expression to indicate an absolutely even division of anything, whether in or out of the theater, was a perfectly natural development.

Emancipation Days.

There are emancipation celebrations at various times of the year. August 4 is observed as a celebration of the emancipation of Haitian negroes by the British.

The Way of Speculation.

The Get-Rich-Quicker (wildly)—You told me that stock I bought two weeks ago would take a big jump within ten days. Explain!

AS TYPE OF MONOTHEISM

Melchizedek So Figures in Pages of Scripture and as Character in Legends.

Melchizedek is a vague character occasionally mentioned in the Scriptures, whose name means "king of righteousness."

Later on his name seems to have become more or less legendary, and was used in a figurative sense as "a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek," and he is placed in the same category as the Messiah, Himself, apparently as a type of ancient monotheism.

He is supposed to have remained with Adam's body under the protection of an angei until he encountered Abraham. He is one of the four mentioned in Holy Writ as "without father and without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the son of God abiding forever."

WOMAN AND HER SECRETS

Admitting That She Keeps Them Well, Writer Wonders If She Has Any to Reveal.

Heaven knows there is little novelty about woman. Adam was the only man to whom she was something new. Her "elemental inconsistencies" have lent color to every page of the world's history, and she has shown no disposition to conceal them.

Just what he expected her to betray, has never been made manifest. The cat is the only one of God's creatures that suggests reserve and perhaps secrecy. I have sometimes thought that half-shut eyes and the immobility of relaxed nerves may be responsible for the suggestion, and that this self-contained little beast is less mysterious than it looks.

French "Convulsionnaires."

The Convulsionnaires were a curious group who flourished in France in the early part of the Eighteenth century. They were in the habit of meeting in St. Medard's churchyard, in the suburbs of Paris, in which was located the tomb of Abbe Francois de Paris.

At length Louis XV issued an order against them, ordering them to be imprisoned if found "carrying on" in this fashion. But even with these strict regulations against them it was difficult to stamp out the fervor entirely for a great many years.

Word "Bum" Has Dignified History.

The word "bum," which is considered by nearly everyone as a pure Americanism of the most vulgar sort, has in reality a very dignified history. It was first used in England more than two centuries ago in the form of "bummer."

Pithy Paragraphs.

The world condemns a woman with great severity when she goes wrong. Some few centuries later a group of men played the same cards in the same way for the life of the world's best man, and not one of their names is remembered.

The preacher who is sensational in the sense of utilizing methods or matter the main object of which is to attract may gain attention, but will rarely win a heart, and, after all, heart culture, properly understood, which according to Proverbs, "determines the issues of life," is the fundamental and most service of a church.

REFUSED TO HURT BABIES

Two Stories That Prove Gentleness of Horses Where Little Children Were Concerned.

Are horses peculiarly gentle with babies? It seems a fair question. Certainly the horses in this account, which a contributor sends us, were almost humanly solicitous of the welfare of the two young children who came into contact with them.

Our neighbor, says our contributor, had a field one corner of which came up to his dooryard. One day while he was plowing he stopped when he reached the corner and, leaving the horses standing in the furrow, went to the pump for a drink.

The two-year-old daughter of a friend of mine in Denver had an experience a good deal more astonishing than that of the baby boy's. The little girl managed to stray away from in front of the house where she had been playing. There was a long search in which the police and the fire department joined; but it was unsuccessful.

TESTS VIGOR OF BANK ROLLS

Majority Withers Quickly, but Some Grow Robust When Exposed to New York's Climate.

New York has long been known in the provinces as the nesting place of bank rolls. In this nest either they grow or they die young. A bank roll is a sensitive plant, as it were, being influenced quickly and permanently by climatic and diplomatic changes.

Generally speaking, I would recommend this town as the best health resort for bank rolls in the world. Some bank rolls come here in the full view of perfect health, with perfectly normal chest measurements and waistlines suited to their age, and immediately go into a decline which no science is able to stem.

Polished Shoes Once Decried.

Polished shoes were for a long time looked upon as a sure sign of effeminacy in men, and were often even ridiculed, says London Answers.

Therefore, "mock me all over, from my flat cap unto my shining shoes," became almost proverbial. Shoe ornamentation of any kind came to us from France. It was of a Frenchified Englishman that Ben Jonson wrote in his famous satire: "Would you believe that so much scarf of France, of hat, and feather, and shoe, and tye, and garter, should come hither?"

Now let us look at the other extremity. Powder for the hair was first introduced into England early in the Seventeenth century, and became immediately the mock of the dramatists, and was severely censured by the Puritans.

The fashion became very popular about 1795, when a tax of 1 guinea per annum was levied on every person who wore their hair powdered. The hair-powder duty for the first year was estimated at £250,000 (\$1,250,000).

Twisted, but Meant Well.

An English newspaper is printing choice bits of broken English as overheard by its readers. Two examples follow, which are considered the most amusing: A coffee room waiter who said he was a Swiss, replying to a guest ordering breakfast: "Tongue iss no more, schlickken never vos! How you like your eggs volt, tight or loose?"

The other concerns an enraged Portuguese who turned upon his opponent and spat out: "If I did know ze English for ze box, I would blow your nose, by damna, I am!"

Memory of Lower Animals.

Elephants and apes have often surprised their keepers by the strength of their memory. It is a saying among trainers that elephants and tigers never forget an injury; that they may recollect even years afterward.

That the shark has a memory has been proved many times, not only by his detection of the shark-bunters' schemes, but by his attention to certain ships from which he has received special food favors.

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