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For the Summer of 1896 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to run two personally-conducted tours to Canada and Northern New York.

The first tour, leaving July 22, includes Niagara Falls, Toronto, Thousand Islands, Rapids of the St. Lawrence, Quebec, Lake St. John, The Saguenay, Montreal, Au Sable Chasm, Lakes Champlain and George, Saratoga, and Highlands of the Hudson, occupying seventeen days.

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Spoiled by a Kiss.

John Brown of Ossawatimie—he led him out to die, And, lo, a poor slave mother with her little child pressed nigh, And the bold blue eyes grew tender and the old harsh face grew mild As he stooped before the jeering ranks and kissed the negro's child!

—Whittier. The kiss that old John Brown gave to a little colored child as he was led out to be hanged, forever checked the child's career as a useful person.

Owen Carter of Charlestown, W. Va., was the little colored baby held up to receive John Brown's last kiss. He is now 43 years old, has 14 children and has never done a stroke of honest work in his life.

On the subject of divorce the correspondent of the Wilkesbarre Record who is also a lawyer, says: "This county is fast making a reputation as a divorce mill. Every term of court grinds out a good gist of them. But as long as the law on the subject of divorce in this State remains as it is there is little hope of a change in this respect. In New York State it is easy to get tied up, but after that it is not so easily untied. There is but one ground for a divorce, adultery, and the laws of evidence are held strictly on this point. In this State the obtaining of a license may hold some people in check, on the start, but the numerous grounds for a divorce on our statute books make it possible for any one to free themselves from the state of matrimony."

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PLENTY OF RECRUITS.

Newly Enlisted Men to Be Sent to Oils as Soon as Possible. WASHINGTON, July 5.—Reports from recruiting stations throughout the country confirm the belief of the war department that there are on hand enough recruits to meet the needs of Major General Oiler's filling up the regular regiments now in the Philippines.

Orders have been sent to the different stations to forward as rapidly as possible to San Francisco all recruits on hand. At San Francisco they will be mobilized and drilled and will do target practice. General Shafter, who has this work in charge, has recommended to the war department that recruits be detained at the Presidio as long as possible to enable them to get all the necessary instruction in target practice, but owing to the necessity of avoiding any delay in the departure of transports the war department feels that the drilling will have to be subordinated to the loading and departure of the transports.

Just as soon as the recruits have been mobilized at San Francisco orders will be issued for recruiting the volunteers to fill the nine volunteer regiments. It is probable that these orders will be sent out immediately and that the number of recruiting stations will be largely increased in the country districts as well as in the cities.

The quartermaster's department has been very active in the work of obtaining additional transportation, and General Ludington now believes that he has on hand in the Pacific fleet sufficient transports to fill all requirements.

ITALIAN LAWMAKERS FIGHT.

Stormy Scenes in the Chamber of Deputies. ROME, July 1.—The sitting of the chamber of deputies yesterday was violently riotous. The Radicals declared that they would continue to prevent a majority vote on the government's measures looking to the maintenance of public order, and a wrangle ensued, which developed into a general melee, in which many blows were exchanged.

Signors Prampalino and De Falace seized the voting urns for the purpose of preventing a vote, and for this they will be prosecuted by the government. A secret ballot having been ordered upon certain bills, the Socialists rushed down to prevent it. Signor Sonnino advanced first to register his vote, but the Socialist deputy Signor Bissolati dealt him a violent blow near the temple. Signor Sonnino then seized him by the throat and coat collar and threw him down, receiving himself in the meantime numerous blows from the other Socialists who took part in the affray.

DREYFUS AT RENNES.

The Noted French Prisoner Arrived at the Prison Without Incident. RENNES, France, July 1.—Captain Dreyfus landed from the cruiser Sfax at Quiberon early this morning and was conveyed by special train to Bruz, 12 kilometers from Rennes. There he entered a landau, accompanied by the chief of the detectives of the prefect department, and was driven to Rennes, where 25 gendarmes awaited his entrance into the town. Ten of the gendarmes entered a wagon and followed the carriage. The rest followed on foot.

The party arrived at the prison without incident. A large crowd assembled and witnessed the arrival in silence and without manifestation.

Arbitration Optional. THE HAGUE, July 5.—At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the arbitration committee the question whether arbitration should be obligatory or optional was raised and drew an entangled declaration from the German delegate to the effect that he had received formal instructions not to accept the principle of obligatory arbitration otherwise than by special conventions. In view of this statement article 10 of the Russian proposal was struck out and replaced by a provision declaring arbitration should be optional except in the case of conventions between the powers. All the delegates adhered to this, M. Bourgeois, head of the French delegation, declaring he accepted it only as a compromise.

Buffalo Hunt in New York. NEW YORK, June 29.—A buffalo cow which had showed an ugly temper for some time escaped from the paddock in Central park yesterday morning at 9:45 and led 23 policemen, five keepers and a great crowd an exciting chase lasting two hours. It spread terror along Fifty-ninth street from Fifth to Eighth avenue, and several persons narrowly escaped being run down by the heavy, compact beast, which was going at express speed. The animal was finally lassoed in the lake.

Conversion of Mexico's Debt. NEW YORK, July 5.—It is announced here that the formal contract has been signed whereby J. P. Morgan & Co. of this city, S. Bleichroder of the Deutsche bank, the Dresden bank in Germany and J. S. Morgan & Co. in London undertake the conversion of the entire foreign debt of the republic of Mexico, most of which now bears 6 per cent interest, by the issue of new bonds at 5 per cent interest.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

According to Elder Daniel Whittier Bee Stings Is a Specific That Never Fails.

At last there is a sure cure for rheumatism. It is vouched for by no less an authority than Elder Daniel Whittier. The elder discovered it quite by accident. He has no mercenary object in giving it to the world. He would be quite satisfied if he could rest in a safe place and watch other people taking the cure. As an evidence of good faith Elder Whittier tells in the American Bee Journal how his own cure was accomplished.

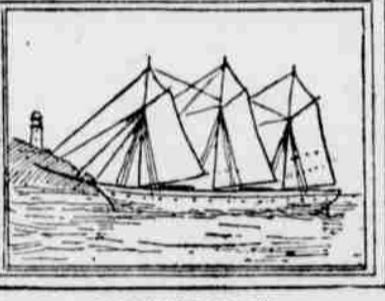


CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. (How Elder Whittier Effected a Cure in Less Than No Time.)

He was a bad case. As a result of sciatic rheumatism the elder was partially paralyzed. He was able to get about only with the aid of crutches. The parts of his body affected by the disease were entirely numb. One day the old gentleman was toying with a swarm of bees. Evidently recognizing that he could not run the bees attacked him viciously. They stung him repeatedly in the numb portions of his anatomy. Under the stings they rapidly recovered a lively sense of feeling. Dropping his crutches, the elder executed a skirt dance which would have done credit to Loie Fuller. Next morning, though somewhat sore from the stings, the elder states that every trace of the rheumatism had left him, nor has it ever returned. He urges all victims of rheumatism to try the bee stinging cure, believing in all seriousness that it will cure them.

COBWEB PICTURES.

Unique Works of Art Produced by an Italian Resident of a Pennsylvania Hamlet. It hardly seems credible that cobwebs taken from the cellar stairway can be made into a beautiful picture, yet this remarkable feat is accomplished by Anthony Bratto, of Plymouth, Montgomery county, Pa. His pictures are generally in demand, and Bratto has enough orders ahead to keep him busy for some time. Just how he makes the flimsy material stay in place is his own secret. He admits, however, that he first traces his scenes with a lead pencil. The queer artist is very versatile and can picture anything in this man-



LEAVING PORT. (A Marine Picture Made Entirely of Cobwebs.)

ner from a "face" to a "battle at sea." The following sketch is a copy of one of his pictures which was made entirely of cobwebs. Bratto, who is an Italian, has been practicing this queer art for the past two years, but it is only very recently that his pictures have met with approval. In appearance the persevering artist would not strike one as being any way talented, his demeanor and dress being similar to that of his hard-working countrymen.

Longest Beard in the World. Probably the longest beard in the world is that of a metal worker in Marseilles. The man is 74 years old. When 14 years of age he had a beard six inches long. It grew from year to year, and now his hirsute attachment, when unrolled, reaches the respectable length of ten feet ten inches. When this man goes out walking he carries his beard rolled up in a big skein under the arm. Since he is rather small in size, measuring but five feet three inches, the beard is more than twice the man's height.

Christian Science Movement. Late statistics showing the strength of the Christian Science movement are now available. The mother church in Boston has a membership of almost 15,000. It has 204 chartered branches in this country and abroad, and the total church membership is placed at 70,000. The regular church attendance is upward of 300,000. In 1897 the increase in number of churches was 44, and in 1898, 75. This church is growing more rapidly than any church in the world. Its percentage of gain is very large.

Too Big for Schoolboys. The largest history ever published in the United States, in 120 octavo volumes of 1,000 pages each, with a gigantic atlas in 50 parts. The books occupy 30 feet of shelf room and weigh one-quarter of a ton. The series, limited to 11,000 sets, has been in course of publication for over 20 years.

Superstition and Its Effects.

I wish that some one would write an adequate book upon superstition and its effects, as distinguished from and opposed to revealed religion and its effects. This curse of the world, civilized or savage, deserves a worthy chronicler. Walking round the exhibits in the Agricultural hall, it was borne in to my mind that superstition in all its hideous phases is perhaps the most concrete and tangible form in which the evil one manifests himself upon earth, and I think that those who have mixed much with native races will not disagree with me.

Here is an instance of its working which has just come to my notice: Not long ago two Matabeles were tried at Bulawayo for the murder of their grandson, a child of 2. Poison having failed, the boy was held beneath the water and drowned. The crime was admitted, but the defense raised was that the child had cut its top teeth first. Such children being unlucky and the cause of ill luck to others, it was customary to kill them, and a "witch doctor," on being consulted, had ordered that this one should be put to death! Well, only a century or so since we did things almost as bad in England.—Rider Haggard in Longman's.

An Added Burden. I was taking my dinner one day at a mountain farmhouse on the headwaters of the Cumberland river, and the lady of the house, who had four children playing around the front of the establishment, was inclined to repine at her hard luck in having so much work to do. "I run this here whole farm," she said in a tone which indicated that she was ready to resign.

"How many acres have you?" I inquired. "A hundred and forty—20 in wheat, 60 in corn, 10 in medder an paster, an the balance scatterin an woods." "Got any stock?" "Ten head uv cattle, two cows, six hogs an work critters for the place." "And you run the whole business?" "Indeed I do—every hide an hair uv 'em," she sighed. "Don't you hire some help?" "In course, but 'tain't hired help that takes the load of 'en a body." There was philosophy in that statement, and I paused a minute. "Haven't you got a husband?" I next asked with a good deal of sympathy. "Yes," she responded very slowly, "but I have to run him too."—Washington Star.

He Got the Fees.

Sagar, the verger of Halifax parish church, was quite a character in his way. He figured in several good stories in Dean Pigou's "Phase of My Life." On one occasion a bridegroom discovered after the service that he had no money with which to pay the fees. Sagar went to the bride in his most winsome way and asked her: "Hast ever seen Black Bibles? We've a rare lot on 'em in this 'ere vestry." "No," she replied, not having the faintest idea of what a Black Bible was. "Coom along, I'll show yer them." He lured her into the inner vestry. "There's the Bibles," he said, pointing to them, locked up as they were in a bookcase with glass panels, of which he had not the key. "Wait awhile till I come back."

He turned the key of the vestry on the bride and, going to the bridegroom said, "Lass is all right, but you'll no have her till you have paid."

A Happy Introduction.

An Englishman who is an enthusiastic Alpine clubber came in one night to carry a friend off to a lecture which the veteran mountaineer Whympy was giving at Westminster in his pet theme, "Twenty Thousand Feet Above the Sea." The friend could not go, for he was otherwise engaged, but Whympy's name reminded him of a story of Sir James Linton, the late president of the Royal Institution of Painters in Water Colors. He had to introduce the well known artist E. M. Wimperis to the Alpinist, and he did it in the following fashion: "I want to make two distinguished men known to each other. The one is Mr. Whympy, the other Mr. Wimperis." For an impromptu this is not bad.

A Haughty Reply.

A story about William Pitt I read or heard somewhere many years ago, it is to be feared, is not authentic, as I cannot find it in Lord Stanhope's or Lord Rosebery's book. It represented a noble mediocrity as assuring the great statesman with some condescension that he might fairly expect an earldom for his magnificent services. "I an earl!" was the haughty reply. "I make dukes."—Macmillan's.

The Capital of Holland.

A gentleman—to the best of our recollection a retired linen draper—went into school one day with the intention of putting the fifth standard through their facings in the geography of Europe. He began, "What is the capital of 'Olland?'" "Capital H," was the crushing rejoinder from the smart boy of the class. The ex-linen draper did not pursue his geographical inquiries further.—Cornhill.

A Deadly Weapon.

Bronxborough—Where are those biscuits you made for supper? Mrs. Bronxborough—You don't want to eat biscuits at this time of night, do you? Bronxborough—Of course not! I want to throw them at those cats out in the back yard.—New York Journal.

More coffee is used in the United States than in any other country, the annual consumption being not far from 450,000,000 pounds, for which American importers pay about \$90,000,000 to the growers. Men have been known to lose by per-estration 5,000 to 6,000 grains an hour.

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