

CIGAR STUBS OF CRIMINALS.

They Have a Generic Similarity of Value as Clues to the Detective.

According to Prof. Hans Gross, of Berlin, valuable clues toward the detection of criminals may be obtained through an examination of cigar tips.

"If you pick up any tip," he says, "and examine it closely the chances are that you will be able to learn something as to the personality and social position of the man who threw it away."

BUILT WHOLLY OF PAPER.

English Hospital Near London Where the Wounded Soldiers from Africa Are Cared For.

The return of so many wounded soldiers from South Africa to Great Britain has taxed the local hospitals to the utmost, so that all sorts of emergency homes must be provided for the sick.

The houses of this city are glistening, white, lean, long and businesslike. At the end, and so that there may be a curtain at the doorway and no draught, is a bulging porch.

BIRDS THAT LIVE IN COLONIES

Many South African Feathered Creatures Develop the Social Instinct.

The social weaver birds of South Africa build their nests in colonies under a common umbrella-like roof, probably woven for defensive purposes against the intrusion of snakes.

The European lapwing also carries out its taste for social intercourse to the extent of holding dancing parties, described by Hudson. At these the birds, who live in pairs, are joined by a third, and all three, keeping step, begin a rapid march.

HAT THAT MAKES HAIR GROW.

New Yankee Notion That Promises to Drive Bald Heads from Existence.

A Massachusetts Yankee has been emptying immortality by inventing a hat of which will assure the most baldheaded of the race a few and luxuriant head of hair, says New York Tribune.

ORIGIN OF OSCULATION.

Kissing Is Quite a Modern Practice and Was Unknown to the Ancients.

According to Prof. Cesare Lombroso, the distinguished Italian criminologist, kissing is quite a modern practice and originated in a very curious manner, says the New York Herald.

If the people of Terra del Fuego, says Lombroso, have taught civilized nations the origin of the delightful art of kissing, drinking vessels are unknown in that country, and the people, when thirsty, simply lie down beside brooks and drink the water as it flows by them.

Birds feed their young ones in a similar manner. They first fill their own mouths with water and then transfer it to the wide open mouths of the little ones. This very ancient maternal practice is, according to Lombroso, the only source to which the modern practice of kissing can be traced.

Lombroso's views on this subject meet with the general approval of scientists, though there are some who point out that his explanation of the origin of kissing is not in accordance with the one handed down to us by the old Romans.

STORY OF A STRING OF FISH.

Odd Mistake Made by a Fisherman Who Was Hit by a Fish's Tail.

This is a story of a string of fish and what came of a fisherman's odd mistake. With his string of "sea food" dangling from his left shoulder and his fishing "tackle" under his arms or in his hands the fisherman, accompanied by a companion disciple of Isaac Walton, was returning cityward over the Randolph street viaduct at sundown.

It so happened that one of the fish in the great long dangling string was still alive and occasionally gave a swirl with its tail that imparted a "jumping" effect to the little body. This seeming jump on one or two occasions became so energetic that the frightened fisherman mistook it for a thump. Glancing back he thought he saw the gyrating wayfarer cover with fear. That was enough. He struck out from the shoulder. Before the blow of the fisherman's strenuous fist the wabbling tar went down in a heap. Ere yet more harm could be done a citizen who had noticed the jumping fish and accurately diagnosed the fisherman's impression came forward with the explanation that the lash of the piscatorial tail and body upon the fisherman's back was wrongfully supposed by the latter to be a blow from the fist of the drunken sailor.

Apologies followed, and as the tar had been sobered rather than injured by the collision with the fisherman's fist, the last seen of the two they were straggling off arm in arm toward a neighboring "bouffet."

Saved by a Pair of Spectacles.

A writer in a contemporary describes the escape from injury of a workman engaged in a foundry in this city. While preparing for a casting he was shot on the leg by a splash of the liquid metal. It went clean through his trousers and through the wall of the strong leather spectacle case, which he carried in his trouser pocket.

A WHISTLING SPIDER.

Queer Insect Found by a Massachusetts Man in a Prohibition District.

H. A. Peters, one of the owners of the Lashaway dairy farm near Spencer, Mass., while on his way to Spencer lately captured an immense spider of unknown species. When Mr. Peters first saw the spider, which was making a bee line over the public highway for East Brookfield, he was so amazed at the sight that he rubbed both eyes several times before he could realize that the monster was a reality.

Instantly a flock of minute facesmiles of the peculiar spider came rushing from all directions, clambered over the legs of the big spider and hid themselves in the fuzzy hair on its back.

This was more than Peters could stand, especially as after securing her young, Mrs. Spider assumed a defensive attitude.

Peters thrust the mouth of the jar over the whole family of spiders and made them prisoners. Hundreds have since viewed the monster and its offspring, and all are puzzled.

The body of the large spider is 1 1/2 inches in length. The body is black and is supported by eight powerful legs, each two inches long. The head is supplied with powerful-looking jaws, from which two feelers, one-half inch in length, protrude. The beady eyes are jet black.

GERMANS IN UNITED STATES.

Milwaukee Has the Largest Teutonic Population of Any City in This Country.

Milwaukee, famous for its beer, may now claim distinction as being the "German city" of the United States. There are more Germans in Milwaukee in proportion to its population than in any other city, says the Chicago Chronicle.

Among the states, Wisconsin leads in proportion of residents born in Germany. It is estimated that 283,000 native-born Germans are now located there, or 17 per cent. of the total population. New York, however, has the largest number of native-born Germans—553,000, but this is only nine per cent. of the population.

HIS PERSISTENCY WON OUT.

A Chicago Policeman Builds a House of Bricks Picked Up in the Streets.

In the northwestern part of Chicago there is a neat little cottage; in it lives a Chicago policeman. When it is known how the policeman secured the bricks for the foundation of his cozy home it will be understood that he has the patience of Job and uncommon perseverance, says the Chronicle.

The Garrison Was Forgotten.

Marcel Monnier, a French literary man, spent a considerable portion of 1899 in an extended journey through China. On his way from Peking to Tientsin he passed through the village of Yo-shi-Wo. Here a garrison of Chinese imperial troops had been stationed since the outbreak of the war with Japan.

Bavarian School Discipline.

A judicial decision which has just been rendered at the court of Munich shows that corporal punishment is still regarded in Germany as an indispensable factor of education. "A school-teacher," says the judge, "has the right to inflict corporal punishment as well on the pupils of his own class as on those of other classes. As pupils are amenable to scholastic jurisdiction even after the school hours are over, they may be punished by the teacher even outside of the school."

When He Returns.

"Ah," said the great musician's mother, "our son's tour in America must have been a failure. Here is a cable asking that we meet him at the dock next Thursday with a dray. Poor boy! He cannot afford a carriage."

Decidedly Unfair.

First Tramp—Ain't ye goin' through New Jersey this year? Second Tramp—No, I ain't. Was there last year. "Wot's th' matter with it?" "Every time anybody gets killed they arrests all the tramps in th' state. I only killed two women there last year, an' I got arrested 16 times."—N. Y. Weekly.

A Full Summer.

"De trees am full ob sweetness, De woods am full ob bees; De fence am full ob whitewash En de dawg am full ob fleas. De worl' am full ob straits. L'ne am full ob straits. De papers am full ob pictures Ob runnin' candidates."—Chicago Daily News.

UNPARDONABLE OUTRAGE.



Miss Prim (as the bricklayer falls past her window)—Why, you rude man! How dare you look into my room?—N. Y. World.

Her New Hat.

The picture of innocence! That's how she looked. But there was a price on her head. All the people could see it—"Three seven-ty-nine. Reduced from \$5, it read."—Philadelphia Press.

Cause and Effect.

Mrs. Richmond—They say brain work is more fatiguing than any other kind of work. Mrs. Bronxborough—I quite believe it. Whenever my husband has to work late at the office he is sure to have a headache next morning.—N. Y. Journal.

Another Failure.

Northrup—My congratulations on your marriage with the wealthy widow, old chap! Of course you are in clover now, eh? Hardup (sadly)—No; she isn't the loan widow I took her to be.—Chicago Evening News.

Rural Delights.

Jinks—Boarding in the country now, eh? What do you do with yourself evenings? Winks—Some nights I sit outdoors to keep cool, and other nights I go to bed to keep warm.—N. Y. Weekly.

In the Same Boat.

Smythe—My wife dropped in to see me at the office to-day, and— Browne—Sorry, old man, but my wife saw me before I left home. I haven't a cent to lend.—Philadelphia Press.

Good Definition.

Little Willie—What is a hypocrite, pa? Pa—A hypocrite, my son, is a man who always acts differently when he knows some one is watching him.—Chicago Daily News.

Labor Saved.

"Sedgeley's cow broke into my lawn and chewed off all the grass." "What did he do?" "Sent me a bill for using his cow as a lawn mower."—Philadelphia North American.

A Lead-Pipe Clench.

Mistress—So you are married, Bridget? May you be very, very happy! Cook—Shure, mum, it's a clench! He gits twenty dollars a week and weighs 40 pounds less'n I do!—Puck.

Two of a Kind.

"She reminds me of Saturn." "Why?" "It's pretty hard to tell what her rings are made of."—Chicago Times-Herald.

At the Ball Game.

He—I suppose you know what a roofer is? She—Why, of course! A roofer is a man who acts as if he was crazy.—Puck.

A Wise Choice.

Summer Boarder—If I don't open this window I will suffocate. Summer Boarder (after reflection)—Leave it shut and telephone for the undertaker.—N. Y. Weekly.

Difference.

Miss Gabby—Don't you think Mrs. Talko reminds you of a phonograph? Mr. Soundrop—When a phonograph finishes talking it stops speaking.—Baltimore American.

An Authority on China.

Husband—I'd like to know what is to become of China? Wife—I guess the hired girl can tell you.—Detroit Free Press.

That Baseball Funeral.

Employer—Was much feeling shown at your grandmother's funeral? Bookkeeper—Yes; they mobbed the empire.—Harper's Bazar.

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RAILROAD NOTES. KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE, AT MILTON, PA. REDUCED RATES VIA THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. On account of the meeting of the Susquehanna District Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Milton, Pa., on September 3, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets from stations on its line in Pennsylvania to Milton at the rate of two cents a mile, distance traveled, tickets to be sold and good going September 2 and 3, and returning to September 4, inclusive.