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THE LUXURY OF THE RICH.

The Curious and Wonderful Story Behind a Bill of Fare.

For any one who has imagination there is a curious and wonderful story behind a "luxurious" bill of fare. Let us begin with the wines; and let us assume that they are genuine, for one can usually have the authentic thing by paying the price for it. The wines on a richly decked table really represent the work of hundreds of French peasants, with their wives and children, who, in the midst of a lovely country, rise early and toil late, with loving and tender care, watching over the growth and ripening of the fruit of what is one of the most beautiful and decorative plants in the world. Millions of these thrifty, simple people depend for their well-being and comfort on the constant demand for wines, and for the best and purest, and therefore the most expensive wines. The rich do not compel these people to work, nature compels them to work. What the rich do is to influence the direction in which way they shall work, and to bring within their reach all kinds of commodities in exchange for their work.

So other things on the same table represent the well-being, the family comfort, of shepherds in the hills, perhaps, of our own West, or of Wales or Scotland; or the wealth of fishermen on the rivers of Maine, or along our New England coasts; or, again, the earnings of the hunters along the fringes of the sea marshes, or among the woods and hills, or on the prairie; vigorous, adventurous men, with a warm love of every changing aspect of natural beauty, who are thus able to lead half wild lives under the fair dome of heaven. It is just the putting in motion of a huge army of folk, scattered over widespread regions, carrying out exacting tasks, that makes the cost of an expensive banquet; and the rich man is simply the factor, determining in which of a score of directions a constant stream of resources shall flow, bring the power to work and recompense for work, to a varied army of good people all over the world.

The basis of the thing is that the richest man in the world cannot spend a penny except by paying some one for something.—Harper's Weekly.

The Sun From a Balloon.

At the height of two miles the sun shines with a fierce intensity unknown below where the dust and the denser air scatter the rays which, thus diffused, lose their intensity while illuminating every nook and corner of our houses.

At heights exceeding five miles, this diffused light is mostly gone and the sun shines a glowing ball, sharply outlined in a sky of which the blue is so dark as to closely approach blackness. At the outer limits of the atmosphere the sun would appear a brilliant star of massive size among other stars; and if one stepped from its rays into shadow he would enter Egyptian darkness.

At the height of a mile and a half we found it necessary to shelter our faces to prevent sunburn, although the air around us was but little warmer than that of the previous night, being about 45 degrees. As the afternoon wore on and the balloon began to cool and sink, we were obliged to throw out much sand, casting it away a scoopful at a time, and just after sunset it was necessary to empty two or three bags at once.—Atlantic.

Don't Tell It

Don't tell anybody your age. It's nobody's business. If you look younger than you are, well and good; get the benefit of it. If you look older than you are nobody will believe what you say about it, so don't tell them anything. Age is a subject that frightens most of us, and only disagreeable people discuss it anyway. Philosophers try to comfort us by pointing out that there are men and women who are born old, and others who are young to the end, and boys and girls at 70. Still, the girl of 70, if she has the courage of her years, has hitherto been obliged to declare herself "old." Light has come now, however, and septuagenarians need only declare that they are "75 years young"—that is, if they feel it necessary to explain at all. But between twenty and eighty, it is just as well to keep off the subject altogether. There are lots of things to talk about that are more interesting and profitable than ages.

On a Whaler.

The cutting in and trying out of the blubber is a prosy job, and nasty is no name for it. All hands strip down to a shirt, a pair of overalls rolled up to the knees showing a pair of bare shins and sockless feet in large brogans, and in we go—grease from head to foot—day and night until the whale is all cut safely and on board. If we tarried bad weather would no doubt deprive us of our spoll.

It gives you a funny sensation at first to get into a deckful of blubber, with the slimy stuff around your exposed cuticle, and oil squashing out of your shoes at every step. But I am getting used to that now, and I feel like a veteran.—Forest

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A WOLF'S FEAR OF IRON.

So Cautious Are They Few Ever Get Caught in a Trap.

In the early days wolves were comparatively unsuspecting, and it was easy to trap or poison them. Then knowledge, a new comprehension of the modern dangers, seemed to spread among the wolves. They learned how to detect and defy the traps and poison, and in some way the knowledge was passed from one to another, till all wolves were fully possessed of the information. How this is done it is not easy to say. It is easier to prove that it is done. Few wolves ever get into a trap, fewer still get into a trap and out again, and thus they learn that a steel trap is a thing to be feared. And yet all wolves have the knowledge, as every trapper knows, and since they could not get it at first hand, they must have got it second hand—that is, the information was communicated to them by others of their kind.

It is well known among hunters that a piece of iron is enough to protect any carcass from the wolves. If a deer or antelope has been shot and is to be left out overnight, all that is needed for its protection is an old horseshoe, a spur, or even any part of the hunter's dress. No wolf will go near such suspicious looking or human tainted things. They will starve rather than approach the carcass so guarded.

With poison, a similar change has come about. Strychnine was considered infallible when first it was introduced. It did vast destruction for a time; then the wolves seemed to discover the danger of that particular smell and would no longer take the poisoned bait as I know from numberless experiences.

It is thoroughly well known among cattlemen now that the only chance of poisoning wolves is in the late summer and early autumn, when the young are beginning to run with the mother. She cannot watch over all of them the whole time, and there is a chance of some of them finding the bait and taking it before they have been taught to let that sort of smell-thing alone.

The result is that wolves are on the increase. They have been, indeed, since the late 80's. They have returned to many of their old hunting grounds in the cattle countries, and each year they seem to be more numerous and more widely spread, thanks to their mastery of the new problems forced upon them by civilization.—American Magazine.

Strange Dishes

Lion's flesh is said to furnish a very good meal. Tiger meat is not so palatable; for it is tough and sinewy. In India, nevertheless, it is esteemed, because there is a superstition that it imparts to the eater some of the strength and cunning that characterizes the animal. This notion is not, of course, held by the followers of Brahma and Buddha, whose religion forbids the eating of flesh.

There appears to be considerable difference of opinion among authorities on the subject as to the merits of elephant's flesh as an article of diet. By some it is considered a dainty; but here is the authority of at least one European against it. Stanley said that he frequently tasted elephant's flesh, and that it was more like soft leather and glue than anything else with which he could compare it. Another explorer, however, declares that he cannot imagine how an animal so coarse and heavy as the elephant could produce such delicate and tender flesh. All authorities agree in commending the elephant's foot. Even Stanley admitted that baked elephant's foot was a dish fit for a king.

When an elephant is shot in Africa the flesh is cut into strips and dried. This is called bitlong. The foot having been cut off at the knee joint, is saved to make a feast. A hole about three feet deep is dug in the earth, and the sides of it are baked hard with burning wood. Most of the fat is then removed, and the elephant's foot is placed in the hole, which is filled with earth tightly packed. The process is completed by building a blazing fire on top. This is kept burning for three hours. Thus cooked, the flesh is like jelly, and can be eaten with a spoon. It is the greatest delicacy that can be given to a Kafir.

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The Marvels of Indian Magic.

A former French Chief Justice in Chandernagore, Jacollot, gives an account of several curious performances that were displayed for his benefit by a yogi named Bovbinda-Swami on the terrace of his own house. Being by no means credulous, Jacollot took every precaution to prevent deception. Fine sand was strewn on the ground in order to make as even a surface as possible. Jacollot was asked to seat himself at a table upon which were a pencil and paper. The fakir carefully laid a piece of wood upon the sand, and announced that whatever figures Jacollot might draw on the paper the piece of wood would transcribe them precisely upon the sand. The yogi stretched out his hand, and the wooden piece immediately copied upon the sand the most complicated and twisted figures that Jacollot drew. When the Frenchman stopped writing the piece of wood also came to a standstill. The fakir stood at a distance against a wall, while Jacollot laid the paper and pencil in such a way that the Indian could not possibly see what he was inscribing.—Harper's Weekly.

Chamois Maker is a Magician.

Most everybody uses chamois and everybody imagines it comes from the graceful goats of the Swiss Alps. But it doesn't. It really hails from the cavernous depths of tanneries of Peabody, in New England. Peabody tanners make beautiful leathers of sheep pelts. The chamois maker is a magician of the leather trade. To his doors he draws sheep skins from the great ranches of Montana, or their possible future rivals on the plains of Siberia, the pampas of Argentine, or the fields of Australia. Mary's little lamb masquerading as brave Swiss chamois, has a wonderful career.

Ten Tons of Diamonds.

Prodigious diamonds are not so uncommon as is generally supposed, says Sir William Crookes in the North American Review. Diamonds weighing over an ounce (151.5 carats) are not infrequent at Kimberly. I have seen in one parcel of stones eight perfect ounce crystals and one inestimable stone weighing two ounces. The largest known diamond, "the Cullinan," was found in the new Premier mine. It weighs no less than 3,025 carats.

Not Really Ambitious.

The average man takes up so much time talking about his ambition that he has not time to realize it.—Atchinson Globe.

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A Story from Maine.

Last Monday morning when Joe Dolley's hired man went to the barn he was surprised to hear the sound of music in the cow stable. He listened and plain and clear came the notes of "Old Zip Coon." Thinking some drunken man was there, he opened the door and went in, but saw no one. Somewhat frightened, he looked around and found that the music was coming from the old cow's mouth. That was too much, and he bolted for the house, telling Mrs. Dolley to come to the barn, as the old cow was bewitched. Investigation showed that the little boy had dropped his mouth organ in the stable the day before and the cow had tried to swallow it, but it had stuck in her throat and when she breathed she played "Old Zip Coon."—Kennebec Journal.

Passed Up.

An Erie woman made a batch of doughnuts the other day from a new-fangled recipe, supposed to produce delicious, dainty dreams of paradise. But instead of the delicious puffs promised by the cook book, a good-sized batch of sinkers, was the result of the experiment. The woman had forced herself to believe that the doughnuts were not wholly bad and was considerably disappointed, when, at meal time, the family passed them up. She had quite a lot on hand, and could well afford to be liberal with them, so she handed the dough a couple. He, also, passed them up.—Kansas City Journal.

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Trial List for May Term.

SECOND WEEK, MAY 11. Lille Atherholt vs. Charles Hughes. Alfred H. Yetter and George Yetter vs. Jeremiah Longenberger; ejectment. J. W. Adams vs. Wm. Adams; trespass. Com. of Penna. to the use of Zua B. Guie vs. Daniel Knorr, Pius Zimmerman, Ezra Yocum, John L. Kline and Simon R. Carl; assumption. Charles Tritt vs. P. and R. Railroad Co.; trespass. John Murer vs. P. and R. Railway Co.; trespass. Lena Blass vs. P. and R. Railway Co.; trespass. Catherine Carr vs. Lehigh Valley Coal Co.; trespass. Lydia A. Smith vs. A. C. and F. Co.; trespass. Joseph Slusser vs. Pennsylvania R. R. Co.; trespass. John F. Derr vs. Albert Kelsey; ejectment. Wm. H. Hauck vs. Cabin Run Coal Co.; trespass. Samuel Longenberger vs. P. and R. Railway Co.; trespass. Rathbone, Sard Co. vs. Berwick Consolidated Gas Co.; Assumpsit. Frederick Smith and Jessie Smith vs. School District of Franklin township; appeal for assessment of damages. The Fairbanks Co. vs. Berwick Consolidated Gas Co.; assumpsit. Columbia County vs. Penna. R. Co.; assumpsit. Geo. F. Craig vs. P. and R. Railway Co.; trespass. Clark H. Hower, Casper A. Hower et al., heirs and legatees of Mary Hower, deceased, vs. P. and R. Railway Co.; trespass. A. B. Croop vs. Philadelphia and Reading Railway Co.; trespass. Albright Son and Co. vs. Berwick Consolidated Gas Co.; assumpsit. Goldsmith's Accountants vs. Berwick Consolidated Gas Co.; assumpsit. Freas C. Kistler, vs. S. B. and B. R. Co.; trespass. B. H. Dodson vs. O. M. Hess; assumpsit. Katie Cain vs. Conyngham Twp. School District; assumpsit. Jacob H. Maust vs. Creary and Wells; trespass. M. Milet vs. H. P. Aurand; assumpsit. Sarah Sterner vs. Town of Bloomsburg; trespass. John A. Gosch, parent, and Norman Gosch by his father and next friend, John A. Gosch, vs. Lehigh Valley R. R. Co.; trespass. Samuel Alstetter vs. Beaver Twp.; trespass. Kern Dodge and Charles Day, trading under the firm name of Dodge and Day vs. A. C. Sickles; assumpsit. Columbia County National Bank of Benton, Pa., vs. W. D. Beckley, W. H. Brooke, H. A. M'Killip, W. B. Cogger, O. W. Cherrington and J. Lee Harman; assumpsit. Josephine F. Vought by her father and next friend Isaac M. Vought vs. the Berwick Electric Light Co.; trespass. Isaac M. Vought and Ermina Vought vs. The Berwick Electric Light Co.; trespass. Mary E. McMannin vs. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.; trespass. Catawissa Borough Poor District vs. Columbia County; assumpsit.

ORDINANCE No. 148.

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Columbia County by authority of law are authorized to erect a monument in memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of the late Rebellion;

AND WHEREAS former Councils of the Town of Bloomsburg have granted, by resolution, a plot of ground on the South side of Market Square as a site for said proposed monument;

Therefore be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomsburg and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That a plot of ground, eighteen feet square, located in Market Square, on the South side of Second Street, and contiguous thereto, and on the centre line of Market Street, be and is hereby granted to the County of Columbia as a site for the erection and maintenance of a monument in memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of the late Rebellion.

Attest: J. H. COLEMAN, President. FREEZE QUICK, Secretary. Passed March 9th, 1908. 4-30-3t.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Monday, the eighteenth day of May, 1908, by O. D. McHenry, I. W. Edgar, John G. McHenry and F. L. Klase under the act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain Corporations," approved April 20th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the Charter of an intended Corporation to be called "O. D. McHenry Lumber Co." the character and object of which is the manufacture and sale of lumber, and for these purposes, to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and the supplements thereto. CLINTON HERRING, Solicitor. 4-23-4t.

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