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It is still asserted in schoolbooks that

cherries were introduced to England by the "fruiterer" or greengrocer of Henry VIII.; also, that they were not common for a hundred years after that time. This is an error. Mr. Thomas Wright found the name in every one of the Anglo-Saxon vocabularies which he edited. So common were they and so highly esteemed that the time for gathering them became a recognized festival—"cherry fair" or "feast." And this grew into a proverbial expression for fleeting joys. Gower says the fri-ars taught that "life is but a cheryefayre," and Hope "endureth but a throwe, right as it were a cherye-There is more than one record of the purchase of trees for the king's garden at Westminster centuries before Henry VIII. was born. But Pliny contradicted the fable, as if in prophetic mood. After telling that Lu-cullus first brought cherries to Rome (from Pontus, in 680 A. U. C.), he adds that in the course of 120 years they have spread widely, "even passing over sea to Britain."—Cornhill Maga-

The First English Bookmaker. Both the Derby and the Oaks owe their names to that Earl of Derby who ept a pack of staghounds near Epsom during the last quarter of the eight-eenth century and resided at a hunt-ing box called the Oaks. Fifty years later a spiteful description of the Oaks and its jockeys was recorded in the diary of Charles Greville. In the re-port of the first Derby run the names of five starters and of all the riders are missing and there is no betting

As the earliest known bookmaker. Vauxhall Clarke, was hanged, not for welshing, but for highway robbery, betting on the race course could not at that period have been a particularly profitable profession. Jockeys did not then possess their present princely sal-aries, but with a fee of a guinea were more richly rewarded than those of King James I., who were regaled by dur British Solomon with long speeches, delivered half in Latin and half in Caledonian.-Westminster Ga-

Financial Poetry.

An unusual album was presented to Willis Clark, brother of Lewis Gaylord Clark, a poet, on one occasion, with a request for "some rhymes."

Mr. Clark was at the house of a farmer, and the man's daughter had turned an old account book into an autograph album in which were in-scribed the names of her various friends and relatives below appropriate sentiments.

Mr. Clark saw his opportunity, and after turning over the leaves for a mo-ment or two he took a pen and wrote the following verse:

This world's a scene as dark as Styx Where hope is scarce worth Our joys are born so fleeting hence

That they are dear at
And yet to stay here many are
willing
Although they may not have

-London Graphic

Pepys on May Dew. In Pepys' time May dew—that is, dew gathered from the grass on a May morning, and especially on the morning of May day—was highly prized for bleaching linen and improving the com-plexion. Pepys wrote in 1667: "My wife away down with Jane and W. Hewer to Woolwich in order to a little air on to lie there tonight and so to gather May dew tomorrow morning, which Mrs. Turner bath taught her is the only thing in the world to wash her face with, and I am contented with it." Two years later he made this entry in his diary: "Troubled, about 3 in the morning, with my wife's calling her maid up and, rising herself, to go with her coach abroad to gather May dew, which she did, and I troubled for it for fear of any hurt going abroad so betimes happening to her, but I to sleep again. She came home about 6."

Very Sagacious.

A farmer had a very sagacious dog which he had trained to count his sheep as they passed through a particular opened gate, against which a pile of stones were placed for the dog's As each sheep passed through the dog placed one of the stones aside. One day, much to the farmer's surprise, he found the dog trying to break a stone in half, and on himself counting the flock he found there had been an addition in the night of a lamb.

Knew the Value.

"Do you know the value of an oath?" asked the judge of an old darky who was to be the next witness. "Yes, sah, I does. One ob dese yeah lawyers done gib me foah dollars for to swear to suffin. Dat's de value of an oath. Foah dollars, sah." And then there was consternation in the courtroom.—

"We thought we'd rather move than

clean house." "An original idea."

Fictitious.

Little Joe (reading)—What is a fictitious character, aunty? Aunty—One that is made up, dear. Little Joe—Then you are a fletitious character.

The Old Master.

Mistress (to new servant)—I must impress upon you, when you go to the dining room, not to try to get the dirt. aren't you, aunty?-Chicago News.

The Old Standby.

Landlady's son (addicted to nickel literature)—Say, parcher, what's meant by 'stand by to repel boarders? Mr.

Newcome (sadly eying his dessert)—Stewed prunes:—Judge.

off the 'Old Master with a wet rag, but use a dry, soft cloth only. Servant—Mercy on us, marm; be I to wash the master?—London Tatler.

The world is dying for want not of good preaching, but of good hearing.—Boardman. Stewed prunes!-Judge.

Just a Fish Story. Forty years ago, when my father was captain of an East India trading ship, while off the coast of Africa near the equator the ship's carpenter was taken sick and died. He was sewed up in canvas, and with him were sewed his kit of tools and grindstone for ballast to sink him. Services were held and the body committed to the sea.

Four days later the ship's boy fell overboard, and a great shark came up under the stern and swallowed the boy before he could be reached.

The next day the shark was still following the ship. A shark hook was baited and put over the stern, and the shark was caught, but was so large it could not be taken on board, and they were obliged to shoot him. He looked so plump and large the mate, who was an old whaler, wanted to go over the side and cut the fish open. He was lowered over and cut a hole in the shark and says surprised to hear voices and on looking in saw the ship's boy turning the grindstone for the ship's carpenter, who was sharpening his ax to cut their way out.

My father, who is eighty years old, can vouch for this that it is a fish story.-Boston Journal.

His Old College Chums.

A conductor sent a new brakeman to put some tramps off the train. They were riding in a box car. The brake-man dropped into the car and said, "Where are you fellows going?" "To Atchison." "Well, you can't go to Atchison on this train, so get off."
"You get," came the reply, and as the brakeman was looking into the business end of a gun he took the advice given him and "got," He went back to the caboose, and the conductor asked him if he had put the fellows off. "No," he answered, "I did not have "No," he answered, "I did not the heart to put them off. The to go to Atchison, and, besia. to go to Atchison, and, besia. they are old schoolmates of mine." The conductor used some very strong language and then said he would put them off himself. He went over to the car and met with the same experience as the brakeman. When he got back to the caboose, the brakeman said, "Well, did you put them off?" "Naw, they're schoolmates of mine too."—Wellington

Halsvy and the Duc de Morny. It may not be generally known in what circumstances Halevy owed his advancement in the French civil service to the Duc de Morny. The duke, an amateur of the arts, had begun to write the libretto of a comic opera of which Offenbach was to provide the music. He found that he had not the time—or perhaps that he had not the talent—to finish it. He sought a collaborator, and Halevy came to the rescue and kept his secret. When, therefore, the office of the ministry of Algeria, which he held, was suppressed he had no hesitation in asking his august patron for the post which he sought on the Journal Officiel. "The very thing!" exclaimed the duke. "There is six months' vacation when the chamber is not sitting, so that you will have plenty of time to write for the stage." And he gave him a note to the head of the depart-

ment, consisting of the simple words, "Make arrangements to give the bearer

the post for which he will ask you."-

Westminster Gazette.

Nor a Hospital Either. "Talking of our British cousins?" inquired the tax attorney of the South-ern Pacific. "Well, I heard one the ern Pacific. "Well, I heard one the other day. Big fat Britisher shoved into one of those compartments at the last moment. There was an American in there reading his newspaper.

"'It's sixty miles to my station,' remarked the Englishman, 'and, I say, old chap, I'm treating myself for a wounded foot, and I say, if you don't mind, I'll put some of this iodoform on

mind, I'll put some of this lodoform on my ankle. Beastly smelling stuff!"
"'Go ahead,' said the American. But when he got the full odor of it he shoved up a window and pulled out a cigar and lighted it and began puffing away vigorously.

"Here, here, my good fellow," pro-tested the Englishman, 'this is no smoking compartment!".—San Francisco Chronicle.

As Others See Us.

"Mem-sahib," asked a young East Indian girl of her English mistress, "why do you wear those sad colors? I don't like them."

"I am in mourning, Lattoo. It is the custom of English ladies."

"But black is the color of night, memsahib, and yet you believe that when you die you go to heaven at once. Then why not be glad for your friends who die and wear colors such as we see in birds and flowers and falling water when the sun shines? God doesn't make your colors. Ah, well, Christians are strange people!"-From "The In-

A Woman's Country.

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