

EQUINE SACRIFICE

A pleasant story comes to us from the Cape of Good Hope, Africa. In Graaf Reinet, as well as in all the other Dutch towns of the Colony, there is a large open place, or market square, where the farmers, traders, and others, arriving at any hour of the day or night, might "outspan" their horses and take their waggons, and the cattle out to the commonage to feed, while they bivouac at their waggons, as it is the wont of African travelers to do, until the 8 o'clock morning market.

An old horse belonging to one of these parties had wandered about in search of grass and water—vainly, no doubt, for it was during the severe drought from which the country is at present suffering. Coming to the great bare market place, and finding a knot of men talking there, he then singled out one of them, and pulled him by the sleeve with his teeth. The man, thinking that the horse was in a possibly life, repulsed him, but it was not very roughly done, and he returned to the charge with the same reception; but as he was a persevering animal, he practically demonstrated the truth of the axiom that "perseverance gains the day," for on his taking the chosen steed for the third time between his teeth, the owner woke to the idea that a deed of kindness might be required of him, putting his hand on the horse's head, he said, "All right, old fellow; march on!" The horse at once led the way to a pump on the further side of the square. Some colored servants were lounging about the spot. At the bidding of the white man, one of them filled a bucket with water; replenished and emptied it; and then the "great thirst" was assuaged, and the grateful brute again spoke his thanks to his white friend by rubbing his nose against his arm, after which he walked off with a great sigh of relief.

A story somewhat like the above may be going was told to me by a friend, whose uncle, an old citizen "Squire in one of our Western counties, had a favorite hunter in a loose box in the stable. It happened one warm summer's day that he was "athirst," and could get no water. He tried to draw the groom's attention to the fact, but without success. The horse was not to be discouraged; he kept whinnying until the matter was considered. The thirst was pressing. All at once he remembered that he had always a certain lily-put upon his head when he was led to water. He knew where it hung and he managed to unhook it from its peg, and carried it to the groom, who, in a partial satisfaction of the knowledge of his animal's wretchedness, in the manner he desired.

SHARP HEARING.—According to the Rochester papers a physician of that city has a wonderful ear. The faculty which he possesses for distinguishing sound is truly marvellous. It is related of him that he is credited, for instance: He can tell the number of the railroad locomotives by their bells. Railroad men say that this is the only case of the kind they have ever known, and that he has been known to distinguish the sound of a bell which he has never seen. He can tell the number of the locomotives by their bells. Railroad men say that this is the only case of the kind they have ever known, and that he has been known to distinguish the sound of a bell which he has never seen.

THE CASE OF THUNDER.—I have lately seen it stated in a text-book upon electricity and magnetism that the phenomenon of thunder is not fully accounted for by any theory as yet brought forward. Whether this be so or not, I do not sufficiently acquainted with the subject to say. I believe the commonly accepted theory is that a vacuum is created in the path of the electric spark, and that the subsequent explosion of the air produces the detonation. If, however, it be allowed that the electric spark is not a material substance, but that it is merely a natural force or mode of action, the possibility of this theory is not disposed of. It is a well-known fact that the passage of electricity in a high state of tension through a mixture of oxygen and hydrogen, not only causes an explosion, but also a loud report, the nature of which is not fully understood. It is believed that the electric spark is not a material substance, but that it is merely a natural force or mode of action, the possibility of this theory is not disposed of.

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SUPERSTITION ABOUT STORMS

They were supposed by the Romans to be secure places of refuge during thunderstorms, and they believed that lightning never penetrated more than two yards from the earth.

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FALL PLOWING.—The better preparation of the ground the better the crop. The high average yield of the English farms is no doubt largely due to the thorough preparation of the ground before sowing.

FACTS ABOUT FLOUR.—Flour is peculiarly sensitive to atmospheric humidity, hence it should never be stored in a room with sour liquids, where onions or fish are kept, or in an article that taints the air of the room in which it is stored.

TO BOIL GREEN CORN.—This is all the husks, and put the corn in the boiling water with a tablespoonful of salt to a dozen ears.

TO DRY GREEN CORN.—On a bright day take a shallow wooden slanting where the sun will shine upon it. Spread clean cloths in a box and spread the corn on the cloths.

MUSH FOR FLYING.—Put a quart of water on the fire to boil; stir in a quart of cold milk with one teaspoonful of meal and one teaspoonful of lard.

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