

OLD COACHING DAYS.

SOMETHING ABOUT PRE-RAILWAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION.

The word Coach comes from the name of the Hungarian Village Kocs, where the Vehicle was Invented—Quaint Pictures Made by Old Time Artists.



STAGE WAGON.

COACHING for postage, as it is practiced by the wealthier classes today, is a far different matter from what it was when the coach was the only public conveyance.

Now a millionaire, solely for amusement, will run a coach from some hotel, over hard, smooth roads, for a distance of ten or fifteen miles into the country, for the benefit of a select fashionable coterie, who are properly "booked" beforehand.

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LEAP YEAR LEGENDS.

A VARIETY OF PEASANT SUPERSTITIONS AND FOLK LORE.

The Year's Superstitious Influence on Farming Operations—Traditions in the Early Days of the Church—A Devotee.

The break in the regular order of days is naturally a matter of awe and apprehension for the peasant mind.

In Belgium the peasant maintain that this year is not only too frequently propitious for farming operations, but that throughout it the young of no domestic animal will thrive as at other times.

The ancient Romans considered the bissextile, or "leap day," a critic, reckoning it among their unlucky days.

A variety of this superstition prevails on the continent, and, according to a piece of Tuscan folk-lore, it is born in leap year, either it or its mother will die before the year has expired.

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The tireless book maker, Mr. Percy Fitzgerald, boasts that he uses his chapters as separate articles in the magazines before he throws them into a book.

The distinction between objectionable and permissible nudity has been suggested by a distinguished art critic, who said that the ancients showed us the images of mythical beings that could not be thought of as clothed like men and women.

An interesting calculation has been lately made by Professor Rogers at Washington. He tells us that the dynamic power of a single pound of good steam coal is equivalent to the work of a man for one day.

The most rigorously exclusive club in Boston is the Manuscript Club. It has no club house, but meets at the houses of its members.

A series of experiments recently made by a French metallurgist are stated to have proved that steel is made lighter and rusted twice as rapidly as cast iron when exposed to moist air.

In Florida and Georgia are vast shell mounds, which are the refuse of the feasts of prehistoric races.

THE CONCORD PHILOSOPHER.

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