

THE HORSY MAN.

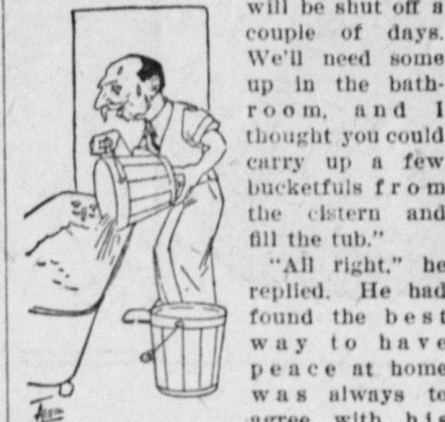
We Was Pressed Into Service as an Art Critic. A London horse dealer famous for his expert treatment of "whistling," "roaring," "bucking" and other equine ailments had a friend who was a picture buyer. The latter, hearing that one of James MacNeill Whistler's works had been put on sale, was hurrying to New Bond street to have a look at it.

Peary's Canvas Tents, Which Were Absolutely Snow Proof.

"A man's first night in a canvas tent in the arctic is likely to be rather wakeful," says Commander Peary in Hampton's. "The ice makes mysterious noises, the dogs bark and fight outside the tent, where they are tethered, and as three Eskimos and one white man usually occupy a small tent and the oil stove is left burning all night the air, notwithstanding the cold, is not overpure, and sometimes the Eskimos begin chanting to the spirits of their ancestors in the middle of the night. Sometimes, too, the new man's nerves are tried by hearing wolves howl in the distance.

The Scrap Book

It Made His Wife Laugh. At breakfast she said: "Dearie, you know the plumbers are coming this morning and the water will be shut off a couple of days. We'll need some up in the bathroom, and I thought you could carry up a few bucketsful from the cistern and fill the tub."



"All right," he replied. He had found the best way to have peace at home was always to agree with his wife. "You get the buckets, wifey, and I'll get busy right away," he told her. She found a couple of pails, and she started to work. A dozen or more buckets of water had been poured laboriously into the bathtub when on his next trip he found her waiting at the cistern. She was laughing so hard it was with some difficulty she managed finally to tell the hard-working hubby what the matter she was laughing was. It had just occurred to her that the water pipes had not yet been disconnected and the faucet in the tub might just as well have been turned on.

An Innocent at Large. A Philadelphia young man whose pocketbook is of a bulging size visited the exposition in Seattle in 1909. He had a good education and was out of Seattle alone, away from the eyes of his loving mother.

Concluding that he could not go home without buying her a present, he went to a store, selected the gift and asked the price. "Four bits," was the answer of the storekeeper. "Wrap it for me, and I'll call for it later," said the gentleman. Going out of the store, he walked to an old junk shop where for a small sum he purchased four horse's bits and had them wrapped up.

Returning to the store, he deposited the package upon the counter and picked up the souvenirs with the remark, "I have read about the south sea Islanders using shells and the Indians using wampum, but this is the first time I ever knew that the westerners used bits for money."—Cleveland Leader.

God Bless Us Every One! "God bless us every one!" prayed Tiny Tim. Crippled and dwarfed of body, yet so tall. Of soul we tiptoe earth to look on him. High towering over all.

Mixed His Poetry. Mixed metaphors, absentmindedness and inattention have caused many laughable incidents. Teachers in the elementary grades of the public schools especially bear many of these amusing "breaks."

A New Case of English Humor. Two southerners were entertaining an Englishman when one of them told the following story: "There was a poor white in our county named Yarrow, whom every one thought dishonest, but who had never been caught stealing. At last he got too bold, and through the testimony of a Mr. Brown he was sent to jail. Soon after Yarrow served his sentence Mr. Brown was obliged to go to Baltimore and have his eyes operated upon. A much exaggerated account of the operation reached the county and was told to Yarrow.

The Highest Court. When Tom Bagnell was justice of the peace at Altman, the highest incorporated town in the country, standing 12,000 feet above the sea level, he had occasion to fine a disorderly character \$10 and costs. The victim of the operation of justice objected to the finding of the court and announced that he would take an appeal.

Astronomical Query. When the cow jumped over the moon did she leave the milky way behind her?

The Cobra of India. Among the true cobras of India the naja is found all over India and Ceylon, Burma, the Andaman islands, southern China and the Malay peninsula and archipelago. It ascends the Himalayas to an altitude of 8,000 feet. It extends also over Afghanistan and through Persia to the eastern shore of the Caspian. It may attain a length of nearly seven and a half feet, but it is usually not more than a little over five and a half feet long. Najas vary much in color and markings, but have generally the spectacle mark on the back of the neck, which they always distend before making an attack.

Fish in Former Times. Men of former ages, unless they lived near the sea or a river, had great difficulties in gratifying their taste for fish. The great houses had their fish ponds or stews, but sea fish, such as cod, bream, sturgeon, herring and sprats, were salted, and the excessive consumption of highly salted fish in the middle ages is said to have produced leprosy. Fish was also baked in pies to enable it to be carried for great distances.

So He Would. A little country girl visited city relatives who dwell in a flat. Her visit lasted two weeks, and all of the time they were warning her not to make so much noise, not to run across the street and not to waken the people in the adjoining flats. In fact, they were constantly curtailing her freedom. When she got home she told her papa she never wanted to go to the city again, and he said: "You must have had a hard time of it. You do look hollow eyed."

Not Ambiguous at All. In one of England's elections a candidate for parliament, the late Lord Bath, called attention to himself by means of a donkey, over whose back two panniers were slung bearing a ribbon band on which was printed "Vote For Papa." It must be added, however, that in each pannier stood one of Lord Bath's daughters.

The Golden Rule. 'Tis a kind little dog, 'Tis a kind little cat; When the dog has a treat, Why, the cat shares that. When the cat makes a feast, Then the dog she invites, And the cat does not scratch, And the dog never bites.

Good Reason. "Here's the doctor again, miss. Don't you think he comes more often than he needs to?" "It all depends. He may be very poor, Marie."—Frou-Frou.

Think not that thy word and thine alone must be right.—Sophocles.

Getting Cheap Lights.

There was keen competition between two electric companies for the street lighting contract for that town, and when the bids were opened by the Sunbury borough council last Friday evening, it was found that the town would be able to save several thousand dollars in the future. The Edison Co. agreed to furnish arcs for \$38 per year, \$27 less than it has been receiving in its present contract, and 32 candle power incandescents at \$16 per year. Another company bid \$38.50 for the arcs and \$12 for incandescents. The contract is about the lowest paid in the country, and through competition the taxpayers were greatly benefitted.

Alaska Goes Insurgent.

Even the people of far-away Alaska have rebelled at Republican standpoint. James Wickersham, insurgent Republican of Juneau, has just been re-elected to Congress over Edward Orr, the Taft-Guggenheim candidate.

Blacksnakes Robbed Kittens.

Chas. Brown, a farmer who lives near Shamokin Dam, placed a saucer of milk on the back porch for his two kittens recently. Hearing a commotion Mr. Brown opened the door and saw two big blacksnakes on the porch calmly drinking the milk. Securing a club, Mr. Brown killed the larger of the two snakes, the other escaping. In about a half an hour the second one returned to the milk and that one was also dispatched. They measured four and five feet and one was as large in diameter as a man's arm.

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