

Two-Handed Swords.

In the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries the development of the sword was carried forward rapidly. Hilbert, the military organization of France had been the most irregular character, but in the fourteenth century the German troops and the men from the Swiss mountains became known far and wide for their thorough discipline and their excellent organization. They approached more nearly to the modern notion of a soldier than any troops that had yet been put in the field, and they were employed as hired troops by the various European sovereigns. They were armed with a pistol and a huge two-handed sword, which, through their marvellously skillful handling, became one of the most famous weapons of the army. This "two-handed" sword, as the Germans called it, often reached a length of seven feet, and one preserved in Westminster Abbey weighs quite eighteen pounds.

The way outline of the blade, a style of decoration that was much in favor in the arts about this time, and from which came our word "flamboyant" or "flaming," gave greater efficacy to the blow. The prongs below the blade were trained men, whose cross-pieces protected the guard. Wielded by trained men, this weapon was capable of doing terrific execution. The heavy blunt-arms grasped the sword firmly in both hands; balanced on one foot, he swung the blade in a circle above his head and fetched a crashing blow that moved down everything before it. It was a favorite weapon with the English soldiers, whose money comes in large proportions were well adapted. Richard the Lion-hearted, who from his great size alone would have been the foremost man on any field, handled this heavy weapon with such strength and skill that his name became a terror to the foe.

According to an old romance, an expert swordsman might hope to have won the enemy disabled on the field; but these mighty hand-had all the faults of their virtues. Like the cumbersome armor of the Gothic period, they were so fat on the spent energies of the weary soldier, and, owing to their awkward size, extreme care was required in handling them lest an unexpected blow might be dealt to the warrior in the fiercest assault. Besides, it took a lifetime of training to produce men of sufficient strength and dexterity to render effective service.—St. Nicholas.

The Value of Honey.

Probably most people consider honey as the equal in value for food of any sweet substance—no better, no worse. All should know that it possesses one great superiority—ease of digestion. The nectar of flowers is almost wholly cane sugar. The secretions added by the bees change this to grape sugar, and so program it that it is almost ready for assimilation without any effort on the part of the stomach. In fact, A. J. Cook once styled honey "digested nectar." It will be readily seen that honey is a very desirable food for those who have weakened digestive powers. If a person is very tired, "too exhausted to eat," it is astonishing how a few tastes of honey will act almost like magic. Almost no effort is required to make it ready for assimilation. Persons suffering from some forms of kidney trouble will find that honey is a much more beneficial food for them than is cane sugar.

Advice to Young Girls.

Of course the hundreds of young girls who are ready at this moment to marry for love, with no thought of the practical side of life which presents itself after the wedding, will think the writer a horrid, mercenary wretch because she announces as her opinion that all men should be compelled by law to prove that they are able to take care of a wife and show a little sense that they had saved before asking a woman to enter into any matrimonial bargain with them.

Not to be Trifled With.

Will people never learn that a "cold" is an accident to be dreaded, and that when it occurs treatment should be promptly applied? There is no knowing when the trouble will end; and while complete recovery is the rule, the exceptions are terribly frequent, and thousands upon thousands of fatal illnesses occur every year ushered in by a little injudicious exposure and seemingly trifling symptoms. Beyond this, there are to-day countless invalids who can trace their complaints to "colds," which at the time of occurrence gave no concern, and were therefore neglected. When it is recalled with a cold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is prompt and effective. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Beauford's Pharmacy.

Her View of a War Cloud.

"John," "Yes, dear?" "Are you in earnest about going to war?" "Why, certainly, I am. Hope my little darling won't be too lonely." (She was as one in a great struggle.) "I don't think our government does right."

Philadelphia's Famous Scruppie.

To make Philadelphia scruppie, stew two pounds of fresh pork until thoroughly done. Take the meat up and add enough water to the liquor in the kettle to make a quart. Remove the bones and chop the meat; then put it back in the kettle. Season, adding sage or savory and onion, if desired. Then stir in cornmeal, boiling slowly and stirring as if for mush. Make it thick enough to slice when cold. Turn into a dish, and when wanted for the table, slice and fry in drippings. The quantity may be increased, as it will keep a long time in winter.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Truths Shortly Told.

Dr. Sadler—Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat. Specialties correctly adjusted cure headaches. When your eyes are crooked you see only with one. Have them straightened. Certainty of benefit, and no danger. Scaly edges of lids indicate impure sight. Perfectly fitted glasses remove the cause, when the lids can be seen cured.

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Simon S. Hartman, of Tunnelton, West Va., has been subject to attacks of colic about a year, and would have to call a doctor and then suffer for about twelve hours as much as some do when they die. He was taken recently in the same way as at other times, and concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says: "I took one dose of it and it gave me relief in five minutes. It is more than any thing else has ever done for me." For sale by Beauford's Pharmacy.

Tale of a Wildcat.

What is by long odds the best hunting story of the season comes from St. Regis and the section foreman, Nels Thompson, who looks after the Snake track at that place, is the hero. It is probably the first case of its kind on record, and establishes an interesting precedent in the killing of wild cats. These varmints have been so numerous and so numerous for many years, that considerable numbers of them have been exterminated, however unprofitably, and it might be said that they have been shot, trapped, poisoned and drowned, but Nels Thompson has introduced a new method of doing away with the cats whose only drawback is the fact that it can never be generally introduced, as the conditions under which it is operated do not exist in every locality where wild cats are found. To successfully carry out the Thompson method it is necessary to have a cold day, a deep stream and a railroad track running close by it.

Last Thursday morning as Thompson and his gang of sturdy Scandinavians were pumping their handcar along the track on the way to work, which that day was along the clay bluff east of St. Regis, they were somewhat startled by the angry snarling of a wild cat ahead of them. They slowed up the car as they rounded the bluff and a strange sight greeted their eyes. The morning was bitter cold and a fringe of ice bordered the banks of the St. Regis River, which rushed along just below the track. Broken ice and a wet trail up the bank showed that the cat had just swam through the ice stream and explained his present predicament. For he certainly was in the gravest predicament in which ever a wild cat found himself. He was fastened firmly to one of the steel rails by one fore foot.

The supposition is that the cat had come through the river and leaped up the track embankment. His last jump brought one of his fore feet upon the rail and, according to the familiar principle of physics, it froze to the steel. There he was, held as fast as if in the jaws of a trap. The ground showed that he had struggled to free himself but his efforts had been in vain.

As the handcar approached, the cat swung around to face the intruders and, in doing so, another fore foot struck the rail and was held firmly. A few more struggles, a strong brace to free the captive feet and the two fore paws extended toward the rail. Snarling and with flashing eyes the captive creature watched the section men alight from the handcar, but he was unafraid of resistance. A blow from the hammer cracked his skull and the victim of cold water was dead. It required a strong pull to detach the frozen feet from the rail and when they did some patches of skin still adhered to the steel.—Aurora Standard.

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An Eye to Business.

He drove his team up to the curb and hailed the policeman on the beat. "Think we're going to have a war?" he asked, when the policeman had approached. "War with what?" asked the policeman. "With England or Turkey or Canada or Cuba or any other damged country? Tain't the country 'I'm thinkin' about, but the war." "Oh, we may have to take a little whack at England," replied the policeman. "Locks pretty dern sure, does it?" "Pretty sure," returned the old man in the wagon, "an' I ain't overlookin' any chances this time, neither. I reckon that if we've got to fight we've got to have guns, haven't we?" "Sure."

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"No You Don't."

The old farmer of whom this story is told by an exchange only followed in the footsteps of famous disputants, whose squabbles were about words: In Judge Gibson's Court the other day an old farmer from the Knell County was the defendant in a suit for a piece of land, and his lawyer, ex-Judge Jones, had been making a strong fight for it. When the plaintiff's attorney began his argument he said: "May it please the Court, I take the ground—"

MAKE LIFE EASY.

Our representative called at 1503 12th street and had a pleasant chat with a lady who has had 12 years of age and has that to say which will interest old people as well as young. Mrs. E. M. Eagle was her name and her case is only an endorsement of many others that have come to our notice. "Yes," said Mrs. Eagle, "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and they have cured my back. I have been troubled with kidney ailments for years. For the last six months I was in continual misery, thinking if I did not get help I should not be here long. At different times I have consulted physicians, who have made me carrying out a course of medicine, but my complaint was Bright's disease. My treatment never seemed to benefit any. My back became almost unbearably sore across my kidneys. The flesh was sore to the touch; the very weight of my clothes made it so. I could not turn around without taking hold of something. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills, thought they might help me. I got some and I have taken them and my back is cured. I have been taking them I am like a different woman. I feel better after the second day of their use. Now I suffer from that terrible pain whatever my appetite is improved. I do not have to get up at night to urinate. I am now 60 years of age and the other day I took a walk over the hills, something which I was unable to do before taking Doan's Kidney Pills. I wish the proprietors to get a remedy every success with 50 cents per bottle. Doan's Kidney Pills are sold by all dealers, or sent by mail on receipt of price. Foster-Sullivan Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S."

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