

A UNIQUE INSTITUTION.

THE PEANUT CLUB AND ITS PECULIAR PENALTIES.

The First President of the Club—A Victim of His Associates Under Starting Circumstances.

The New York Peanut Club has been in existence nearly twenty years. Its first President died last spring. He was Mr. Amadeo Vatable, a well-known French shipping merchant.

The Yankee members quickly proved too smart for the cheery old French gentleman. For years his fines furnished exquisite entertainments. All sorts of games were played on him.

He went to Washington in 1876 to secure legislation in favor of a commercial scheme. At 1 A. M. he was quietly sleeping in Willard's Hotel, when there was a loud cry of "Fire!"

He bounced into the corridor in his night shirt. There stood foxey Rufus Hatch arrayed in evening dress. With charming grace and nonchalance he shoved an ivory peanut under the nose of Vatable.

The French gentleman of course could not respond, and submitted to his fine with Christian resignation. One day Charles E. Loew invited Mr. Vatable to ride.

He had a spanking team of trotters. Vatable was crazy over fine horses as General Grant. He took the ribbons, and the span sped along along at a two-minute gait.

At the height of their speed they took fright at a Jerseyman. Vatable braced himself against the dashboard and saw-sawed right gallantly.

At the scene of his tribulations, however, the inevitable peanut appeared under his nose. He dared not drop the reins, and his Christian resignation again came into play.

The fine oozed from his pocket without a murmur. Wash. Conner once took him on a short cruise on his yacht.

Vatable was in ecstasy. In an evil hour, however, he was inveigled aloft. The dancing masts swung him hither and thither over the foaming waves.

Cassimer Thoron, who carries it to this day.—Chicago Times.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

An Emergency Shelf.

An old country doctor, with a widely extended practice, one said: "If people would only be sick bright moonlight nights, when one would enjoy riding a country doctor's life would not be so hard."

But the more cloudy and more stormy the night, the more sure I am to have a call from five miles off, and frequently I have had to lead my horse, the road has been so dark.

Now if people only would be sick when we were ready, or an accident happen when we were on the watch, it would not be so wearing to nerves and temper.

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SELECT SIFTINGS.

A single oyster opened the other day by a Fair Haven (Conn.) man contained 163 pearls.

Pomatum was introduced in 1596. It was compounded of the pulp of apples, lard and rose water.

Sparrows have taken possession of the tall pillars that support the elevated railways in New York, and there, amidst the din of travel, thousand of little sparrows are yearly hatched out.

The harvest moon is the moon near the full at harvest time in England, or about the autumnal equinox when the moon rises nearly at the same hour for several days.

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General McClellan's Charger.

When General McClellan took command of the Union army in West Virginia, some of the gentlemen with whom he had been connected on the Illinois Central Railroad presented him with a very fine charger, named "Dau Webster."

He was dappled mahogany-bay in color, with three white feet, and a star, a very heavy black mane and a long tail, sixteen hands high and weighing 1,280 pounds.

He was of Sir Archy and Messenger blood, with an intelligent head, beautifully arched neck, muscular shoulders, a deep broad chest, and every point about him remarkable for strength and beauty.

As a parade horse he had few equals, carrying his head as high as his rider's when mounted, and his throatlatch and the tips of his forelegs almost on a perpendicular when in repose.

He possessed some curious characteristics. For instance, he would not stamp his feet or shake off a fly, if there were a thousand on him, if his master were on his back reviewing a passing column.

To his own species he paid no attention, passing among them without deigning them the slightest notice, even when turned loose in the same yard or field.

He would stand anywhere he was left without constraint, and "the boys" used to say that "Handsome Dan" was as brave as a lion and as discreet as a judge.

Cheese as Food.

We ought to eat more cheese and less fat pork. There is no food that is more healthful, and which goes further to sustain the natural waste of the system than good cheese.

In Europe it takes the place of meat on the tables of the poor, but that fact would be no recommendation to the American.

He does not like the idea of eating a thing that is the last resort of the degrading governments of Europe. Let us rather tell him that cheese is an ever present article upon the tables of the rich, which it is.

That it is quite the thing for even the children of royalty to feed on cheese. Every respectable restaurant in London has upon a small table in the center of the room the half-section of a large golden yellow cheddar cheese, with a knife in it, that says "come and eat me."

And there is a plate of crackers to go with it. If we want to introduce cheese-eating into this country we must stop talking about the poor of Europe and tell how the rich enjoy it.

Make it fashionable and it will go like hot cakes.—Rural Workman.

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Weak and Weary

Describes the condition of many people who are debilitated by the recent warm season, or by hard work. You may be weak and tired in the morning, without appetite and without energy.

It was almost completely run down, and was for four years under medical treatment, being given up to die by physicians. I have never taken anything which gave me as much benefit as Hood's Sarsaparilla, which restored me to health and vigor.

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