

MISSISSIPPI ROUSTABOUTS.

They Are Travelers, Nomads, Autocrats, Men of Leisure.

The black steamboat roustabout of the Mississippi is as much part and parcel of the river as is the water and quite as necessary. There is an impression that the roustabout is a much abused individual, an inclination to class him along with the slavetick circus hand. This is wholly wrong.

In summer the roustabouts are fairly willing to work, though they exercise fine discrimination in the matter of boats, but in the fall, when steamers become plentiful and labor scarce, they become exceedingly coy.

But the moment, summer or winter, that the roustabout steps upon a steamer's forecastle his hours of ease are done. He works day and night, a sort of work no white man could stand for even twelve hours.

To throw hair combings out of the window is bad luck. To think a person for combing your hair will bring bad luck.

To dream of a live snake means enemies at large; of a dead snake enemies dead or powerless.

To dream of unbroken eggs signifies trouble to come; if the eggs are broken, the trouble is past.

To hear a screen owl is bad luck. To prevent hearing its cry turn the pockets inside out and set the shoe soles upward.

A Washington citizen found this notice posted in his room in an Alpine hotel: "Mistress, the venerable voyagers are earnestly requested not to take clothes of the bed to see the sun rise for the color changes."—Washington Star.

The man who is ever ready to let on anything said suddenly to a group of members of the club, "I'll bet a case of catnip to a bottle of curry powder that there isn't a man in the party that can name the denominations of United States paper money." All lost, and all were stashed when he mentioned \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Food Alters Animals. It is surprising how circumstances alter animals. The savages of the Amazon region feed the common green parrot for generations with the fat of certain fishes, thus causing it to become beautifully variegated with red and yellow feathers.

The Manager Realizes It. "There is something eventful in music," said the artist.

Esau and His Copyright. Once a month it was the custom of a clergyman in a neighboring town to entertain the Sunday school.

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TRAPPING ERMINE.

Different Methods for the Full Grown and Baby Animals.

The colder the climate the finer the fur, says the author of "The Greatest Fur Company of the World" in Frank Leslie's Magazine, and the difficulties of obtaining the rare furs are many.

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First he smears his hunting knife with grease; then he lays it across the track. The little ermine comes trotting in dots and dashes and collars and dives to the knife. The knife is frosted like ice. Ice the ermine has liked, so he licks the knife. But, alas, for the resemblance between ice and steel! Ice turns to water under the warm tongue; steel turns to fire that blisters and holds the foolish little stoat by his inquisitive tongue, a hopeless prisoner, until the trapper comes.

A Quaint Old Custom. A London shop assistant says: "It is my duty every night to go out to the rear of the premises and fire off an old flintlock pistol. This curious custom dates back to the middle of the eighteenth century. Our shop, now in a crowded north London district, was in those old days practically in the country, and it was the custom of the then proprietor, who was a timid, eccentric man, to fire a pistol off every night to let the world be burglar know he was armed and prepared for him.

His Awful Curiosity. A woman with her little son, a child of four years of age, invited a man standing in one of our railroad stations, "Can you tell me what time the next train leaves for Scranton?"

At 20 minutes past 4. "At 20 minutes past 4." About five minutes later she again put the same question to the same man, and he repeated the same answer in the same stammering way. When she approached him for the third time with the same query, he said to her: "W-why do y-y-you a-ask me s-s-o-m-m-many t-t-times? I-I a-a-already t-told you t-twice."

Still Useful. "Yes, poor old sport, when he had money he had a good time, but he went broke."

Love Superstitions. In parts of Massachusetts it is thought that if a girl puts a piece of southern wood down her back the first boy she meets will be her husband. In Boston, if a marriageable woman puts a bit of southern wood under her pillow on retiring, the first man she sees in the morning will, so says the superstition, be the one whom she is to marry.

The Question. "I have a perfect horror of marrying a poor man and living in a small way."

In No Hurry. Filibert—You rich uncle says he wants to be crowned.

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TEA ROOT CARVINGS.

Fantastic Wood Objects That Are Fashioned in the Orient.

The fantastic wood objects which come from the far east and are known as tea root carvings have long been the basis of a prosperous industry in the populous city of Fuchan. Strictly speaking, the name is a misnomer. Some of the carvings are made from old tea roots and tea trunks, but the vast majority, nine-tenths at least, are made from the roots and trunks of hardwood trees.

The carvings are almost invariably made in pairs, a pedestal and one or more figures fitted to the latter by pegs and holes. The former is made from a root and the latter from a trunk. The roots are selected with considerable care. They must be comparatively free from dry rot, decay and worm holes and must possess a rude symmetry. They are cleaned, scrubbed and scraped and sawed to about the desired size; then the artist with chisel, gouge, knife and pinchers removes rootlets and roots until the figure is completed.

The simplest design is a three legged pedestal, of which the base is a rough cylinder of wens and knots. Any number of legs may be used. A curious specimen seen by the writer in the Grand hotel, Yokohama, has fifty legs, while the body has been so fitted as to suggest a horny centiped. A second type of pedestal is the mushroom. A third type is an animal form, such as the buffalo, tiger, unicorn, elephant or dragon.

Nearly always the chisel is guided by humor or satire. If it be a saint who is depicted, the look of piety or suffering is replaced by a leer or drunken grimace; if it be a warrior, every limb and muscle is molded so as to suggest deceptively a desire to run away.

Waterfalls in Japan. The waterfalls of Japan are almost countless. There is one at every turn, and where there was not one in the beginning the Japs have made one, for it is their passion. Every little garden has a fall or two, and it would not be considered a garden at all without it.

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Lavish Entertainments. In the palmy days of the French monarchy sumptuous entertainments of royalty were not uncommon. To entertain a queen for a week the Comte d'Artois rebuilt, rearranged and refurbished his castle from threshold to turret, employing 900 workmen day and night.

More than 200 years ago the Dutch rulers of Ceylon, anxious to retain their monopoly of the precious spice for which that island is famous, enacted a law which made it a capital offense to buy or sell the wild jungle cinnamon, but the only sort known. The plants, wherever found, were held to be the property of the state. If a shrub chanced to spring up in a man's doorway, he could neither destroy nor use it under severe penalties. Things are happily different now.

Where He Located. Stuffer (at the end of Simpkins' ball)—Do you know, I can't find my overcoat anywhere.

His Own Critic. Sou—But accidents will happen, father, in the best regulated families.

Barosma. Is perfectly harmless in its effects and pleasant to take. Thompson's Barosma cures by gently stimulating the liver and kidneys of slow poisoning; the system all particles of matter that are poisonous, not only to them, but also to the stomach, heart, blood and other organs of the body. Barosma cures are permanent.

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Inflammation of Stomach and Liver Permanently Cured. Ever since I can remember, for twenty years or more, my back has troubled me, caused by inflammation of my stomach and liver first, then my kidneys became involved. At times it became excruciating. Having used a large number of so-called cures, I finally found a complete cure in Barosma, Backache, Liver and Kidney Cure several bottles reducing all inflammation and consequently curing the pain. Thanks to Barosma, I have been perfectly well for THREE YEARS. R. C. OWEN, Troy Center, Pa.

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KID BEHIND THE RULE.

One of Horace Greeley's Orders That Helped His News Editor.

As an editor Horace Greeley had become weary of the constant repetition of the word "the" in opening sentences. One issue of his paper in particular expatiated him. Almost every item had its opening paragraph begin with "the." This lack of judgment on the part of his writers in the choice of words received attention. Greeley wrote a note. This notice he requested to be posted in the editorial room and caused copies of it to be sent to correspondents. The order read:

"Under no circumstances must the word 'the' be used in the opening or subsequent paragraphs of a news article. In sentences within a paragraph it will be tolerated if used with a modification. If you cannot write a paragraph without 'the' to open it, omit it." One day shortly after the issuance of his new rule Greeley entered the editorial room in a fury.

"How is it that we have nothing in today's paper regarding Holland's attitude toward the policy of the north?" he asked of his editor who had charge of the foreign news. This editor was aware that he had omitted an important news item which at the time he considered as unimportant. But he was resourceful.

Ponies and Cobs. How the Distinctions Between the Two Are Defined. A correspondent writes, says the Badminton Magazine, to ask me what a "pony" is—not the pony of the betting ring; he refers to the animal. The dictionary which he has consulted tells him no more than that "a pony" is "a little horse," and he wants to know where the pony ends and the horse begins.

The Columbine. There are some good reasons adduced by those who favor the claims of the columbine as a national flower. The colors of the wild varieties are red, white and blue. The flower is purely American, quite widespread, hardy, graceful, beautiful. The petals are perfect "liberty caps"; reversed they are "horns of plenty." Columbine comes from the Latin columba, a dove; the peaceful derivation of the word accords well with our national policy; the name also recalls Columbus, the great navigator and discoverer. The flower also lends itself well to a conventional architectural decoration.

Different Investments in Mind. Julius—Would you like to live your life over again?

Inhospitality. "Smithers is positively the most inhospitable man I ever saw."

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Male Blushers.

One of the most ill founded of all popular delusions is that blushing is the special characteristic of the female sex. As a matter of fact, except in the case of very young girls, men blush far more readily than women. The well bred woman never blushes at all, while it is a matter of everyday experience that in the excitement of business or political discussions men's cheeks redden with very little provocation. What ever may have been the case a hundred years ago, the modern woman shows her emotion not by blushing, but by turning pale.—London Tatler.

Mathematics of Love. "Margaret," he began, "I have \$3,750 in the bank. I own half interest in a patent chum company that clears \$1,700 a year. My salary is \$20 a week, with prospects of a raise to \$22. I have an aunt who will leave me twenty-seven shares of a railway stock now quoted at 53. Tell me, Margaret, will you be mine?"

"Wait," she replied, "I'll get a pencil." For she never had been good at mental arithmetic.—Newark News.

Mercantile Appraiser's List for Forest County, for Year A. D. 1903. The Wholesale and Retail Vendors of Foreign and Domestic Merchandise, Eating Houses, Billiard Rooms, Brokers, and Opera Houses, in Forest County, Pennsylvania are as follows, to wit:

- NAME. BUSINESS. POSTOFFICE. Adams J. A., butcher, Tionesta. Andrews M., merchant, Kellestville. Anderson G. T., jeweler, Tionesta. Arner C. M. & Son, brokers, Tionesta. Boardman J., merchant, Tionesta. Bender Robert, merchant, West Hickory. Bender Jacob, cigars, West Hickory. Barnes L., merchant, Starr. Benish Eli, merchant, Starling Hill. Berg G. J., merchant, Dahring. Bemis J. M., & Son, merchants, Dahring. Buhl Elizabeth, milliner, Marienville. Buxton J. W., merchant, Gilroyville. Buchanan J. M., butcher, Marienville. Buhl G. W., cigars, Marienville. Branch L. E., cigars, Clarington. Bowman Lumber Co., merchants, Vowinkel. Busley Supply Co., merchants, Lynch. Canfield S. S., buggies & sleighs, Tionesta. Carson A., jeweler, Tionesta. Cropp Wm., merchant, Tionesta. Cronch W. P., merchant, East Hickory. Cooper W. H., cigars, West Hickory. Cooper W. H., billiards and pool, West Hickory. Cloughs L. S., merchant, McTravs. Crawford Wm., merchant, West Hickory. Carringer M. C., merchant, Marienville. Croftman, W. A., merchant, Redcliffe. Cook, A. & Sons, merchants, Cooksburg. Collins, Watson & Co., merchants, Gollinza. Collins & Kreidler, merchants, Nebraska. Carringer M. C., broker, Marienville. Davis, J. D., druggist, Tionesta. Dunn, Dr. J. C., druggist, Tionesta. Dick, Fred, tailor, Tionesta. Dean, J. I., merchant, Starr. Day & Bower, merchants, Kellestville. Day & West, cigars, Kellestville. Day & West, billiards and pool, Kellestville. Day, B. J., merchant, Kellestville. Dawson, J. A., merchant, Stewart's Run. Fulton, L., harness-maker, Tionesta. Forest Lumber Co., merchant, Pigeon. Gilbert, M. X., cigars, West Hickory. Grove, Garfield, merchant, Tionesta. Grove, Garfield, restaurant, Tionesta. Gerow & Gerow, cigars, Tionesta. Gerow, John N., billiards and pool, Tionesta. Gerow, John N., restaurant, Tionesta. Gildersleeve, J. H., merchant, Brookston. Grubbs, J. A., merchant, Marienville. Hill, P. C., buggies and sleighs, Tionesta. Hays's Sons, furniture, Tionesta. Hopkins, L. J., merchant, Tionesta. Herman, R. M., merchant, Tionesta. Heath & Felt, merchants, Tionesta. Henderson J. J., merchant, Clarington. Haddon, Mrs. May, merchant, Watson Farm. Himes, Z. S. & Son, butchers, Marienville. Howard, H. B., jeweler, Marienville. Hart, H. H., merchant, Marienville. Hart, Fenner, F., cigars, Marienville. Hart, Fenner F., restaurant, Marienville. Hoover, H. B., restaurant, Marienville. Hoover, H. B., cigars, Marienville. Hassinger Lumber Co., merchant is, Lamona. Hoyt, O., merchant, Cooper Tract. Holliday, J. W., butcher, East Hickory. Joyce, M. C. & R. M., milliners, Tionesta. Jones, J. W., billiards and pool, Clarington. Killmer Bros., merchants, Tionesta. Keller, F. A. & Co., merchants, Pigeon. Kribbs, W. A., buggies and sleighs, Kellestville. Kribbs, W. N., merchant, Marienville. Kelly, J. W., billiards and pool, Marienville. Lawson, F. R., plumber, Tionesta. Lawson Bros., feed, etc., Tionesta. Levi, Mrs. M., merchant, Marienville. Lutz, J. A., merchant, Gilroyville. Morgan, J. R., merchant, Tionesta. Myers, E. F., merchant, Easton. Mann, J. B., merchant, Perry. Mayburg Supply Co., merchant, Mayburg. Mohney, Mrs. L., cigars, Pigeon. Meckling, London & Braden, merchants, Clarington. Marienville Hardware and Machine Co., hardware, Marienville. Mintz, David, merchant, Marienville. McMaster, M., jeweler, Marienville. Mench, S. C., hardware, Marienville. Naeh, J. A., cigars, Pigeon. Nye, C. W., merchant, Marienville. Neill, A. D., & Co., druggist, Marienville. Neely, A. M., & Co., merchants, Marienville. Ogden, Wm., merchant, Lynch. Robinson, G. W., merchant, Tionesta. Randall, C., cigars, Tionesta. Reed & Dotterer, butchers, Kellestville. Roehring, John, harness-maker, Marienville. Roegner, T. J., merchant, Marienville. Rosen, W., merchant, Marienville. Scowden & Clark, merchants, Tionesta. Sutley, Mrs. F. E., merchant, West Hickory. Salmon Creek Lumber Co., merchant, Kellestville. Star Grocery Co., merchants, Marienville. Seligworth, W. H., undertaker, Marienville. Shields, D. W., merchant, Clarington. Shoup, Wm., cigars, Muzette. Sutton, D. F., merchant, Nebraska. Thompson Cash Store, merchants, Tionesta. Turner, J. A., merchant, West Hickory. Vall, J. S., butcher, West Hickory. Van Horn, A. M., merchant, Pigeon. Weaver, C. F., cigars, Tionesta. Wilson, Geo., butcher, Tionesta. Walters, F. & Co., milliners, Tionesta. White Star Grocery, merchants, Tionesta. Wheeler, Dusenbury & Co., merchants, Easton. Wilkins, W. G., druggist, West Hickory. Walker & Watson, merchants, Truman. Wagner & Wilson, merchants, Marienville. Wolf, Kate, & Co., milliners, Kellestville. Wheeler, Dusenbury & Co., merchants, Newtown Mills. Wolf, Andrew, merchant, Johnstown. Young, Joseph J., cigars, Marienville. Younger, John, merchant, Brookston. NOTICE is hereby given to all persons concerned that an appeal from the foregoing appraisal will be held at the office of the County Treasurer, in Tionesta, Pa., Wednesday, April 15, 1903, when and where they may attend if they see proper. J. W. GREEN, Mercantile Appraiser.

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