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Old English Slaves.

Before the conquest and for a long time after at least two-thirds of the people of England were denuded of all the substantial attributes of freedom. The lords had the absolute disposal of them. They might be attached to the soil or transferred by deed, sale or conveyance from one lord to another. They could not chance their place or hold property-in short, they were slaves under their obligation of perpetual servitude, which the consent of the master alone could dissolve. The system was not fairly abolished until the reign of Charles II., and so late as 1775 men were bought and sold in Scotland with the estates to which they were bound.

#### ANIMALS FIGURE IN STORIES OF THE WAR.

A cow strayed between French and German trenches, which were only 100 rards apart, and both sides agreed hat whoever hit a horn first would be rivileged to milk Bossy without mo estation. The first shot came from the German lines and killed the cow.

A fat pig strayed into the French lines, and the men of two different batteries claimed it. It was tied to the wheel of an ammunition wagon. and although shrapnel began falling all around, the argument over the ownership did not abate until an officer ordered the pig cut in two and diwided between the batteries, so the men could return to their guns.

By order of the mayor of Brausberg. East Prussia, the cats are being thinned out and the army helped at the same time, the skins of the felines being used for body belts and mittens for the soldiers, who believe cat skins ward off rheumatism.

A carrier pigeon took news out of the besieged city of Przemysl in Galicia to Vienna.

Marquis, dispatch dog of the Twenty-third French infantry, has been mentioned in the orders of the day. He was sent with an important dispatch through a fire zone too hot for a man to attempt at the battle of Sarrebourg. and delivered it, but he was so badly wounded he dropped dead as he reach-'ed his journey's end.

A Belgian farmer killed his last pig just before the Germans reached his farm. To save it he tucked the carcass in his bed, placed lighted candles near the sheeted form and was praying when a German soldier entered. Thinking they were in a chamber of death, the Germans withdrew and the farmer enjoyed his pork in peace.

His Credit. "Is his credit good?" "His credit

has never been questioned-nor tested."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. Good Advice.

Lord Kitchener's answer to the young reporter who asked him for his autograph is wholesome advice for al autograph hunters, "Young man, g and make your own autograph worth having."-Youth's Companion.

Upsetting His Theory. "The heavy explosions of a battle al-

ways cause rain. It rained after Wa terloo; it rained after Fontenoy; it rained after Marathon."

"But Marathon was fought with apears and arrows, my dear." There you go. Always throwing

water on anything I have to say.' -Louisville Courier-Journal.

Washington's Farewell Address. Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence. I conjure you to believe me. fellow citizens, the jealousy of a free people ought to constantly awake, since

tory and experience prove that for-1 influence is one of the most banefoes of republican government. Euhas a set of primary interests

ch to us have none or a remote reon. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics or the ordinary combinations and collusions of her

American Restaurants.

What disconcerts the European in the great American restaurant is the excessive, the occasional maddening slow ness of the service and the lack of in terest in the service. Touching the lat ter defect, the waiter is not impolite; he is not neglectful. But he is too often passively hostile, or at best neutral. He, or his chief, has apparently not grasped the fact that buying a meal is not like buying a ton of coal. If the purchaser is to get value for his money he must enjoy his meal, and if he is to enjoy his meal it must not merely be efficiently served, but it must be efficient ly served in a sympathetic atmosphere. The supreme business of a good waiter is to create this atmosphere. True, that even in the country which has carried cookery and restaurants to loftier heights than any other-I mean, of course, Belgium, the little country of little restaurants-the subtle ether which the truly civilized diner demands is rare enough. But in the great restaurants of the great cities of America, it is, I fancy, rarer than anywhere else. -Arnold Bennett in Harper's Maga-

His Unlucky Day.

Even the least superstitious are often struck by the misfortunes which attend some persons on certain dates. A large firm in the city has in its em ploy a living instance of the fact. On June 12 an employee lost his left arm by coming in contact with machinery The accident disabled him for his then employment, and he was given that of a messenger. On another June 12 he was run over in the Strand while on an errand. Result, a broken leg The next accident was a fall on the stairs in the firm's buildings-again June 12-the right arm broken this time. The fourth mishap on another anniversary broke three ribs. The firm took the case into consideration and issued an order that in future the employee was to take a holiday on that date, an order with which he has now complied for several years .- London Tit-Bits.

Helping the Poet.

Longfellow, the great poet, was noted for his fondness for children, and this extended to all little folks, whether of his family or not. There was one little boy of whom he was very fond and who came often to see him. One day the child looked earnestly at the long row of books in the library and at length asked, "Have you 'Jack the Giant Killer?" Longfellow was obliged to confess that his great library did not contain that venerated volume. The little fellow looked very sorry and presently slipped down from the poet's knee and went away. But the next morning Longfellow saw him coming up the walk with something tightly clasped in his little fists. The child had brought 2 cents with which Longfellow was to buy a "Jack the Giant Killer" of his own.

Napoleon and Tobacco Napoleon, who tried to smoke once and then with dire results, instituted the French tobacco monopoly, which the German government now proposes to adopt so far as cigarettes are concerned. At a court function held early in 1810 the emperor remarked a lady wearing jewels of such magnificence that he inquired how her husband made his money. "He is a tobacco merchant," was the reply, which led him to seek further information as to such a profitable business. Before the

year expired Napoleon issued a decree restricting the sale and manufacture of tobacco exclusively to the state. It has remained a monopoly ever since and for many years past has brought in an annual revenue of over \$80,000,

The phantom dog specter was one of the hardest of old English superstitions. Almost every county had its black dog which haunted its lonely spots and was the dread of every native. Most of them were regarded as devils, but some were held to be the spirits of human beings, transformed thus as a punishment. Lady Howard, a Devon notable of the days of James

I., for instance, was said to be com-

pelled to haunt Okehampton in the

form of a dog as a punishment for her

cruelty to her daughter.

Dog Spooks.



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## Questions that a Good Citizen Should Know.

D. Have you read the Constitution f the United States?

R. Yes. D. What form of Government is

his? R. Republican.

D. What is the Constitution of the inited States?

R. It is the fundamental law of this D. Who makes the laws of the

nited States? R. The Congress.

D. What does Congress consist of? R. Senate and House of Representa-

D. Who is the chief executive of the Inited States?

R. President. D. For how long is the President of ne United States elected?

R. 4 years. D. Who takes the place of the Presi

nt in case he dies? R. The Vice President.

D. What is his name?

R. Thomas R. Marshall.

D. By whom is the President of the nited States elected?

R. By the electors. D. By whom are the electors

lected?

R. By the people. D. Who makes the laws for the

State of Pennsylvania? R. The Legislature.

D. What does the Legislature consist of?

R. Senate and Assembly.

D. How many States in the Union? of the United States?

D. When was the Declaration of ndependence signed?

R. July 4, 1776. D. By whom was it written?

R. Thomas Jefferson.

D. Which is the capital of the Jnited States?

R. Washington. D. Which is the Capital of the State

of Pennsylvania?

R. Harrisburg.

State in the United States Senate? R. Two.

D. By whom are they elected? R. By the people.

D. For how long? R. 6 years.

D. How many representatives are

R. According to the population one every 30,000.

D. For how long are they elected? R. 2 years.

D. How many electoral votes has he State of Pennsylvania? D. Who is the chief executive of

the State of Pennsylvania? R. The Governor.

D. For how long is he elected? R. 4 years.

D. Who is the Governor?

R. Tener. D. Do you believe in organized gov-

ernment?

R. Yes. D. Are you opposed to organized overnment?

R. No.

D. Are you an anarchist? R. No.

D. What is an anarchist?

R. A person who does not believe in organized government.

D. Are you a bigamist or poliga-

R. No. D. What is a bigamist or poligamist?

R. One who believes in having more than one wife. D. Do you belong to any secret So-

ciety who teach to disbelieve in organized government? R. No.

D. Have you ever violated any laws R. No.

D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?

R. The Board of Aldermen.

D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?

Tuiti quegli italiani che desiderano fare la carta di cittadi: D. How many Senators has each nanza americana, possono rivol: gersi al nostro ufficio, che un nostro impiegato si incarichera di esplicare tutte le pratche necessarie SENZA ALCUN COMPENSO.

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Edison and the Bee. It is recorded that Thomas A. Edison. after watching the tremendous energy of a busy and noisy little bee, re-

"A real plane, a heavier than air machine of great weight, can be builf as soon as we obtain something that beats the air at the rate of 200 time's a second. That bee weighed 7,006 times more than his wings. If we can only get to that, get to that-the greatest thing for the smallest wingthat is the thing. The bee's wings beat the air 300 times a second."

Some Loud Noises Cannot Be Heard Experimenters in vibration have found that no sound, no matter how loud it may be, can be heard unless it tasts longer than one-fortieth of a second. They have found that both the number of vibrations and the duration mentalities. of sound influence its audibility, probably the latter more than the former. This means that there are untold num- that it is this war service which probers of piercing sounds with infinitesimal vibrations and short duration occurring every moment about us. Fortunately we are unable to hear them, else we should be driven crazy in a short time. The ear apparatus is so constructed that it records only those sounds that last one-fortieth of a second or over .- Chicago Tribune.

Realism.

some local color for a tale he had Mr. Stewart said: based upon an occurrence in such an

The interne couldn't think of anything of moment, but the writer jog- poorest player in the world and may ged his memory thus:

"Surely you know of some realistic bit here that I could use." "I have it!" suddenly exclaimed the

"Yes," eagerly came from the writer. "Here is realism with a verigeance," said the youthful interne. "One of our Charleston harbor, resisted every atpatients walked in his sleep because he tempt at its capture. For 280 days the dreamed he had no car fare."-New

A Summer of Haze.

Europe and Asia were covered by 157 days and 116 nights. The total fog during the summer of 1783. Says Gilbert White (letter 109): "The sum- fort from land and sea aggregated 3,500 mer of the year 1783 was an amazing | tons, and of this great mass the fort and a portentous one, \* \* \* for, besides the alarming meteors and tremendous thunderstorms, \* \* \* the peculiar haze or smoky fog that prevailed for many weeks in this island (England) and in every part of Europe and even beyond its limits was a most where the properties of the lodestone extraordinary appearance. The heat are said to have been discovered. It was intense. Calabria and part of the has, however, been asserted that the isic of Sicily were torn and convulsed name comes from Magnes, the name with earthquakes." Cowper also re- of a shepherd who discovered magnetic fest to this phenomenon in speaking of power by being held on Mount Ida, in puture, with a dim and sickly eye."

### NO VISITS BY WOMEN.

German Commander Says Prisoners' Camps Are Not Farrily Rendezvous.

Freiherr von Bissing, acting commanding general of the Seventh army corps, has issued the following proclamation forbidding German prisoners'

camps to German women: "Women might as well save themselves the trouble of asking permission to enter the prisoners' camps even though their husbands are on military duty there. Women have no business in prisoners' camps. Such places are no family rendezvous. Also visits in barracks, training camps or drill grounds cannot be permitted to the women, not even on Sundays. The interest of the military service knows no considerations of feelings and senti-

"This may not seem very polite to the women, but they should be glad tects their home and which keeps the misery of war from Germany. So,

AT 89 HE'LL QUIT TOBACCO.

women, stay at home!"

Vermont's Oldest Living Ex-Governor Also to Give Up Bridge.

Vermont's oldest living ex-governor, John W. Stewart, observed his eighty-A certain fiction writer applied to a ninth birthday quietly. When asked friend, an interne in a hospital, for if he had any message for his friends

"Tell them that I practiced law for fifty years, and then I took up bridge whist playing. I am probably the for this reason go back to the practice of law."

He also announced that after having smoked tobacco for seventy years he latends to give up the habit.

Fort Sumter. For four years Fort Sumter, in fort was actually under fire. "The duration of the three principal and eight minor bombardments was altogether weight of metal thrown against the was actually struck by 2,400 tons. The number of projectiles fired against the fort was 46,058.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Word Magnet.

Magnet is derived from the name of the city of Magnesia, in Asia Minor, Greece, by its attraction for fie nails