

BUTLER CITIZEN. MISCELLANEOUS.

The Bull-roarer.

The "bull-roarer," a toy better known to English than American boys has just reappeared before the English public as the text of a discourse delivered recently by Mr. Tylor before the Royal Institution. Dr. Tylor is the author of various books upon primitive civilization, and is just now investigating the "bull-roarer" as one of the puzzles in human history. For it is found always as a sacred instrument used in celebrating religious mysteries, not only in ancient Greece, Australia and Africa, and the question is, did it begin as a toy, and through the diabolical character of its noise come to be regarded as a suitable means of impressing such spiritual powers as could be summoned, or did it degenerate into a toy which familiarity had dulled the effect first produced by its use? Possibly the reader may recall a toy, the originator of which is unknown, a toy constructed simultaneously from Maine to Florida and from the Alleghenies to the Pacific slope by every boy, high or low, rich or poor, who could compass an empty tomato can, a string, and a bit of resin. Through every city and village of the land swept this epidemic of "roasters," whose voice was the voice of the goose hen, and a rusty gate, and a contentious woman and an energetic steam whistle combined. The "bull-roarer" is of less complex but quite as sustained force, and simple and innocent in appearance far beyond the "rooster," and is capable of well-nigh as unearthly a chorus. Any bit of board will make one, and the process is described entirely in the interest of science, and with no slightest reference to the wishes or intentions of the small boy.

Take then a bit of board, say a quarter of an inch in thickness, eight inches long and three wide, and sharpen each end, leaving the roarer when finished in the shape of the "fish" used as a counter. Now tie a strong string a yard in length tightly around one end, twist the other about the fore finger and whirl. Whirl patiently, for nothing will happen for some time. In fact, the audience who listened to Mr. Tylor, looked with first interest, and then doubt, then derision, at the spectacle of a serious and discreet philosopher whirling this bit of wood with a calmness bordering on effrontery. What they saw was first a mild buzz, as of a blue-bottle fly on a hot day; then a louder buzz, the voice of a dozen hives of angry bees, and suddenly a roar, "a mighty rushing noise, as if some supernatural being fluted and buzzed his wings with fearful roar." This is the "bull-roarer" and in every country save England it is still regarded as possessing magical power, having so much virtue as a certain means of raising the wind, that its immediate adoption is suggested to the large constituency who are still waiting for something to turn up.

An Array of Facts.

Cairo, N. Y.—Charles Hoffman, of this place, says: "I have used for a year or more Buxton's Mandrake Bitters and find they have been very beneficial to me, in fact cured me of Dyspepsia in its worst form." Isaac Hoffman and Frank Hennie have also been cured of Sick Headache and Dyspepsia by their use. West Salisbury says that he has been cured by himself and family to great advantage. He cured his daughter of Sick Headache. The Bitters seems to be just the medicine for the diseases for which they are recommended. E. C. SLEEVENS. Price 25 cts. per bottle.

A Pittsburgh firm is turning out glass slabs for use on furniture in lieu of marble. People need not wonder at the scarcity of good servant girls. If a girl is good for anything, some fellow's going to find it out and marry her. Punny, weak, and sickly children, need Brown's Iron Bitters. It will strengthen and invigorate them. "Great Pains Taken" is the heading of an advertisement in one of the dailies. An elderly gentleman has been a whole water-cure.

Scrofula of thirty years' standing has been cured by "Dr. Lindsay's Blood Scurfer." Sold by all druggists.

The Imperial Gazette, of China, celebrated its 1,500th birthday last month. We are informed that the founder of the paper was detained by business. A friend of ours was cured of fever and ague by "Sellers' Liver Pills." Now he recommends them to all he knows. A colored man standing under a tree eating an apple, in Oglethorpe county, Ga., was struck by lightning and killed the other day. His skin was not scratched, but every bone was broken.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has rapidly made its way to favor among druggists, who have observed its effects on the health of their customers. Send to Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, 233 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass., for pamphlets.

There are twenty-five potteries at Trenton, N. J., giving employment to between 4,000 and 5,000 operatives. Their combined output is said to be greater than that of all potteries in the country, and altogether the American potteries produce more than half of all the ware consumed in the United States.

"Necessity is the mother of invention." Diseases of the liver, kidneys and bowels brought forth that sovereign remedy Kidney-Wort, which is nature's normal curative for all those dire complaints. In either liquid or dry form it is a perfect remedy for those terrible diseases that cause so many deaths.

A Canadian correspondent traveling along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad was filled with disgust at finding the construction of the road wholly in the hands of American contractors, who use American wagons drawn by American horses and mules, and the whole imported outfit had been evaded into the country. The principal contractors are Canadians, but they wanted the best material and material, and most necessarily cross the lakes for them.

Small Farms.

New York Tribune.] Here are a few facts and figures which ought to be of interest and service to a large number of our readers, women as well as men. In the special bulletin issued by the Census Bureau recently, showing the size and number of farms held in the States, the total number was stated to be 4,096,987, of these only 139,241 were less than ten acres in size. That is to say, only 139,241 persons in this country have thought it worth while to cultivate for profit patches of ground of less than ten acres. The fact is not so incredible, but it is a fact. How many thousands of women and tens of thousands of men are struggling for life in our great cities who could rent those small farms and make a healthy, comfortable living from them! But how? Let us look into the matter and see. The reason why any man or woman should need any information on the subject is that Americans have the misfortune of living in an enormous country and dealing with large stakes in life. Their eyes and ideas are used to sweeping over such immense spaces that a petty business with petty profits seems to them contemptible. "Farming," to most of our readers, means a vast sweep of land in Minnesota given up to wheat; or a few miles in Texas or Colorado with tens of thousands of cattle; or at least a couple of hundred of rich acres in Ohio or Pennsylvania, all of which are to be controlled by the owner's eye, but with little to do.

Such changes fall to very few. But how many men or women could cultivate from one to ten acres, growing the kind of vegetable or fruit for which they can find the most profitable market? Take cucumbers for example. The average crop is from 80,000 to 90,000 per acre. Ready sale is found at this market, or to pickers at from \$1.50 to \$2 per thousand. Yet cucumber is not considered one of the most profitable for a small farmer. Let him cultivate the finer fruits, the berries, the better class of pears or grapes, if he wants to make a market success and high profits. The finer the grade of crop and the more skill and intelligence he puts into the work the better it will pay, of course. Flower and herb raising are industries which are only just beginning to attract notice in this country. They are especially suited for small plots of ground and for women. A quick wit will find new paths in this trade as in many others. The first man who grows mushrooms in a cellar for this market made a fortune.

Beeskeeping is another exceedingly profitable use of a small farm which our people are just finding out. The report of the Beekeepers' Association shows that during the seven years ending with 1879 the average yield per acre was fifty pounds weight. Twenty-five hives are allowed to each acre. Our readers, who well know the average price of honey in the nearest market, can estimate the probable profit. Poultry raising is a business which, on a few acres, can be made to pay well. One woman we know who, beginning with ten dollars' worth of eggs, in eight years possessed forty yards of the finest stock in the country, which yield her a competency.

Mr. Gladstone for three years has been urging on the small proprietors of England increased attention to what is there called villa farming—the cultivation of every inch of tillable ground in small patches in the raising of food supplies. "It," says a recent number of the Estates Gazette, "every acre in England was carefully farmed, what an immense difference there would be in our imports and exports returns?" The same argument comes home forcibly to us now when the price of every kind of farm product is almost doubled. But, argue the timid, what if our crops fail, our bees are frozen, our poultry die? Such mishaps are not unlikely. Failure is probable in every business. The only remedy or prevention is constant care and hard work. Farming, and especially small farming, requires more than any other employment the actual personal attention of the owner. It can in no case be done by deputy. That personal care insured, intelligence and industry will pay, we believe, in this work as well as in any other.

Hay Fever. Mr. A. L. Avery, Pharmacist, Newark, N. J.—Having been afflicted for eleven years with Hay Fever, after trying almost everything without avail, I gave up all hopes of being cured when I purchased a box of Ely's Cream Balm. To my surprise, after a few applications, I was entirely relieved. R. WATSON HARRIS, Letter Carrier No. 14, New P. O., Newark, N. J.

I have been a Hay Fever sufferer for three years, and have often heard Ely's Cream Balm spoken of as the highest terms, but did not take much stock in it because of the many quack medicines. A friend persuaded me to try the Balm, and with the most wonderful success. This recommendation you can use for the benefit of Hay Fever sufferers. T. S. GEEB, Syracuse, N. Y. Price 50 cents. Apply into nostrils with little finger.

Current Events. Senator Hill's last words were: "Almighty God." The cabinet in which Senator Hill's remains rest cost \$1,000. Victor Hugo has become so deaf that he cannot enjoy conversation. Banana pie is the latest. A good many cooks have slipped up on it. It is said that Bostonians use the word "ocean," but never the word "sea."

Miss Emma Abbott is said to have made \$100,000 in stock speculation recently. Edgar Allen Poe's house in Richmond, Va., is to be turned into a large hotel. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Kidney, Liver or Urinary Disorders. Have no fear of any of these diseases if you use Hops Bitters, as they will prevent and cure the worst cases, even when they have been made worse by some great puffing pretender cure.

An Englishman has described coffee as "a noxious berry, drank to keep up Londoners awake." Noxious or not, the fragrant beverage has so increased in popularity that from a total product of 328,000 tons in 1860, the supply now exceeds 600,000 tons. This country alone furnishes a demand for between 180,000 and 200,000 tons of it a year.

That Umbrella.

During a shower yesterday a citizen carrying a very wet umbrella entered a hotel to pay a call to some one up stairs. After placing his umbrella where it might drain he wrote upon a piece of paper and pinned it to the seat:

N. B.—This umbrella belongs to a man who strikes a 250 pound blow—back in fifteen minutes. He went his way up stairs, and after an absence of fifteen minutes returned to find his umbrella gone and in its place a note reading: P. S.—Umbrella taken by a man who walks ten miles an hour—won't be back at all.

Skinny Men. Wells' Health Renewer. Absolute cure for nervous debility and weakness of the generative functions. \$1. at druggists. Prepared by Jersey City, N. J. for E. S. Wells, Jersey City, N. J.

Passing Events. A cable holding some fifty-two telephone wires is being put up on the Charles River bridge, Boston. Cape May is proud in the possession of a foolish young woman who has not missed a dance this season. The Hartford Times unkindly remarks that "fox hunting in Newport is like chasing an Albatross over round tennis yard, and calling it a buffalo hunt."

Archbishop Whately was one day asked if he rose early. He replied that once he did, but he was so proud all that morning and so sleepy all the afternoon, that he determined never to do again. One day a excessively aesthetic at Nantasket, and even carried it on so far as to the external decoration of their houses. The house, however, which takes the lead in this respect is one that has big sunflowers painted upon its roof, sides, window blinds and every other conceivable place.

These are especially to be a large percentage of very young soldiers in the British forces recently sent to Egypt. Some 9,000 men are known to average little more than 22 or 23 years of age. These are under service of only three years. Fears are expressed that they may not be able to bear the severity of a semi-tropical climate at this season of the year.

"Buchupaba." New, quick, complete cure 4 days, urinary affections, smarting, frequent or difficult urination, kidney disease, etc. Druggists. Prepared by express, \$1.25, 6 for \$5. E. S. Wells, Jersey City, N. J.

Crying on his arm paralyzed the arm of a man in Albany, N. Y. Western farmers in many localities are feeding rye to their hogs, it being cheaper at present prices than corn.

Ducks are the only birds that will eat potato bugs. They will soon clean up the pests if allowed to roam through the potato patch. An Armstrong county crank has commenced the erection of an ark or life-saving ship on the bank of the Allegheny river, near Pine Creek, in anticipation of a big flood, which he has set down for October 18th.

It is said that salt eaten with watermelons will prevent most of the bad effects frequently experienced in consequence of partaking too freely of that delightful fruit. An old fellow with no family and \$26,000 in money died the other day in the Pennsylvania Hospital. Two widows have already appeared in deep sorrow for the dear departed, with stashed property of the \$26,000, and the procession has but just begun.

There are reported to be now about 200,300 sheep in the eastern portion of Montana, and that the cost of keeping them in herds of 2,000 each is about \$1 per head. The wool is said to average \$3,000 and the lambs \$1,000 from such a herd, or about 100 per cent over the cost of keeping.

A correspondent of the Mark Lane Express (Eng.) writes that he lately saw a gentleman purchase a piece of cloth. He was shown some nice looking "American Cheedar," but he would not have it at any price, as he said he was afraid to purchase any American cheese, lest he should get some of that adulterated with lard or oleomargarine.

An Evening Post "Household Hint" suggests that a good way to bake apples or pears is to first put them in a small jar, cover them with water, and bake slowly for at least two hours. If you choose, scatter sugar over each layer of fruit before putting the water on. The juice will then be ready to serve with them, but you can add the sugar afterward and let it come to a boil.

The population of Russia has increased 10,400,000 in the last twelve years, and is estimated to total 109,000,000. Of this 75,067,788 are in European Russia, 15,186,456 in Siberia and Central Asia, some 7,000,000 in Poland, and 2,000,000 in Finland. It may be doubted if there is a more fearful and miserable soul in the whole number than the ruler of all—the terror-headed, Nihilist-hounded Czar.

Walter Hamilton Yeatts, a white murderer who was hung at Chatham, Virginia lately, was a high toned criminal. He made a special request that his body be laid in a metallic coffin, with a glass face, and be placed in an upright position in a cemented grave, with steps leading down to it, so that those who wished to might see him "lying in state." He also desired that a hankerchief be tied around his neck to hide all traces of the rope, and that a cross of flowers be placed on his breast. His requests about the flowers were observed, but his remains are not yet lying in state in a cemented grave. His father was formerly Internal Revenue collector in Lynchburg.

Ladies, please skip this poetry. It is really unfit for publication. It got in by mistake and it is not the proper thing to publish. We sincerely hope you will not peruse it, because it can do you no good. We found it in the Chicago Tribune and did not intend to reprint it all. Why respectable newspapers will publish such things we cannot understand. One thing is certain, and that is this: This paper will not publish it. Ladies, remember your sex, and don't read it. If there's anything the world has to know, let there be a woman.

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