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## WHY THE HORSE SHIES

Sensible Explanation of the Habits of Well-Known Animals.

Dr. Louis Robinson, an English zoologist, has just given to the world an account of the habits and mode of life of certain animals, and the conclusion at which he seems to arrive is that all such phenomena may be explained on the ground of atavism. Thus he claims that the horse of our day derives his swiftness and power of endurance from the fact that his ancestors in former days were obliged to flee from and frequently to defend themselves against their great enemies—the wolves. In like manner he claims that the reason that the horse shies is because his ancestors were forced to be constantly on the alert against hidden enemies, and that the reason that he rears and plunges is because only by pursuing such antics could his forefathers shake off wild animals who had leaped upon their backs.

Sheep when frightened immediately rush off to the highest point they can reach. The reason, says Dr. Robinson, is because all sheep originally inhabited mountainous districts. And this, he claims, is also the reason why they wear a thick fleece of wool all the year through, the summer temperature in mountainous districts being almost as cold as that of winter. Finally, we are assured that the reason sheep invariably follow a leader is because their ancestors were obliged to go in Indian file through the narrow mountainous passes.

Pigs have also engaged Dr. Robinson's attention. He was puzzled for a good while as to the cause of their grunting, says the Chicago Times-Herald, but now he thinks he has discovered the real reason. The pigs of to-day, he says, evidently grunt because their ancestors made their homes in thick woods, and only by making this sound could they keep track of each other and guard themselves against going astray from the common herd. Commenting on this latter explanation, a scientist suggests that Dr. Robinson might now do well to spend some time in trying to find out why the horse neighs and why the dog barks.

Well-Dressed Man Arouses Sympathy. The generosity supposed to be hidden under the mask of the ancient highwayman is sometimes present under the rags of his modern edition, the street tramp. A well-dressed man, who had just left the ferryhouse in New York after crossing the river, started to pick his way through the mud of the crossing. His patent leathers, his silk hat and his shining evening dress made him an obvious prey for the tattered dock bandit, who slouched up to him with the usual piteous cry for help to get a night's lodging.

"My dear fellow," said the well-dressed man with a sudden instinct of frankness. "I'm in my store clothes, but the fact is I've got to walk up town because I haven't a nickel to pay my car fare."

"Is that so?" said the other in an excited whisper. "Well, it ain't goin' to be said I left a par in the lurch when he was dead broke."

And putting his hand into his rags, he hauled up a bewildering heap of silver and offered anything the other wanted.

The "pard" burst into a shout of laughter and insisted on shaking hands with the beggar, though he refused the nickel. And all through his trudge home he had plenty of food for thought, humorous and otherwise.

### An Expert Swordfish.

Hank Carruthers, of Block Island, R. I., an old-time fisherman, last year caught a young sword fish, not more than two feet long, which had refused to leave the dead body of its mother, which he had harpooned after an exciting fight. The young fish survived the transportation to a tidal pond behind the Carruthers homestead and the entrance to the pond was closed with a net to prevent his escape. Since then Mr. Carruthers has tamed the fish so that it will feed from his hand, and the neighbors had become so accustomed to the sight that they did not notice it any more. Last month a French gentleman, who is a well known fencing teacher, M. Tierce, had been training the fish furtively. He had made a soft pad of leather, which he adjusted on the tip of his sword, like the button on a foil, and the two gave an exhibition bout of fencing which could not be equalled for nicety of action and correctness of dash in the Fencers' Club. The fish apparently knows all the rules of the game and carefully refrains from committing fouls. He cuts and slashes swiftly, and several times he caught M. Tierce unawares, says the New York Press, and nearly transfixed him. The Frenchman has offered Mr. Carruthers a large sum of money for the fish which he wishes to exhibit.

### Hot Baths.

Here is a point that English folks might learn from the Japanese. The reason we are inclined, in this country, to catch cold after taking a hot bath in the daytime, is that we do not take it hot enough. If only you have the water as near boiling point as possible, there is no fear of your getting cold afterward. The Japanese revel in these hot tubs, says Chambers' Journal. They take them three and four times a day. In some districts of Japan, I believe, the people are amphibious; for months at a time they live practically in the water. A Japanese once called upon me, and he apologized at the outset of our conversation for being so unmannerly and dirty, for he had only had time to take two hot baths that day.

### A Dangerous Indulgence.

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The Parson—I heah de angels don't botched yo' anudder baby brudder?  
"Yaas, but it jest seems lak dem angels picks us out de blackest babies up here!"—Life.

## SOUTH LONDON.

Sir Walter Besant Gives Some Interesting Sketches of That Ancient Portion of the City.

Besides being a novelist, Sir Walter Besant is a historian, particularly the historian of London. For the last few years he has written articles on historic London for The Pall Mall Magazine. The last series to appear were on South London; these, like the others, are now presented in book form under their original title and with the elaborate and artistic illustrations which so enhanced their value when they were printed in the magazine. The publishers of "South London" in this country are Frederick A. Stokes Company.

"The chief difficulty in writing 'South London,'" said Sir Walter in his preface, "has been that of selection from the great treasures which have accumulated about this strange spot. The contents of this volume do not form a tenth part of what might be written on the same plan, and still without including the history proper of the borough."

The author courteously acknowledges his obligations to the artist "Mr. Perry Wadhams, who has so faithfully and so cunningly carried out the task committed to him."

"My South London," says Sir Walter, "extends from Battersea in the west to Greenwich in the east, and from the river on the north to the first rising ground on the south. This rising ground, a gentle ascent, the beginning of the Surrey hills, can still be observed on the high roads of the south—Clapham, Brixton, Camberwell."

At first London had no communication with the rest of the world, except by water. Then a causeway was built across the Southwark marshes. The second road connected with the high road to Dover; it is now called High Street Borough. It formed an entirely open and broad communication; it began not far to the west of St. Mary Overies Dock. Ferries were soon established across the Thames, and at length the marshes were drained. Prehistoric remains prove that all this was done during the stone age and the bronze age.

Centuries passed by. "High Street of Southwark is now a crowded thoroughfare, because it is the main artery of a town containing a population of many hundreds of thousands. In the last century it was quite as animated, because it was one of the main arteries by which London was in communication with the country. An immense number of coaches, carts, wagons, and caravans passed every day up and down the High Street, some stopping or starting in Southwark itself; some going over London Bridge to their destination in the city."

Among the relics of the bygone ages stands to-day the remains of the palace of the Bishop of Winchester. As one of the Bishops of Winchester would have made a very good modern Police Court Judge and District Attorney combined, it may not be inappropriate at this place to tell something about the punishments of the time that were ordered by the church. "There was whipping, but not the terrible, murderous flogging of the eighteenth century; there were hangings, but not for everything. Mostly to the credit of the church, punishment was designed not to crush a man, but to shame him into repentance and to give him a chance of retrieving his character. A man might be set in the stocks or put in pillory, and so made to feel the heinousness of his offense. This punishment was like that which was inflicted on a schoolboy; the thing done, the boy is taken back to favor. The eighteenth century branded him, imprisoned him, transported him, made a brute of him, and then hanged him. Did a woman speak despitely of authority—presumptuous queen—set her up in the cage beside the stoups of London Bridge, that every one should see her there and should ask what she had done. After an hour or two take her down; bid her go home and keep henceforth a quiet tongue in her head. This leniency was only for offenses moral and against the law. For freedom of thought or doctrine there was Bishop Bonner's better way. And it was a way inhuman, inflexible, unable to forgive."

Sir Walter Besant, in showing how the palace either contains or has at some time contained the work of nearly every archbishop in succession, incidentally remarks, in speaking of some of the improvements executed by the various prelates, that the Chichester Tower, commonly known as the "Lollards' Tower," never had any connection with Lollards, and that all the talk about the unhappy Lollard prisoners is without foundation.

And, in a word, which will explain why I have given an apparently disproportionate space to Lambeth Palace, the author thus ends his chapter on the royal houses of South London; "Lambeth Palace, the only palace in the whole of South London, is a monument of English history from the twelfth century downward. Kennington appears at intervals; Eltham is a holiday house; Greenwich practically begins with the Tudors. Lambeth, like Westminster or St. Paul's belongs to the long history of the English people."

From the fragmentary "lives" of Shakespeare we have learned considerably about the Globe Theatre, but in "South London" we find a great deal more, and also much about the Bear Garden, Blackfriars, and Paris Garden, the Hope Theatre, the Swan Theatre, and the Rose. It is all very interesting.

And of the South London of to-day, there is much that is of interest, much that is fascinating, albeit the tourist to London can see it all if he only takes the trouble.

### Tempering Steel.

The tempering of steel with uniform results is a feat hardly to be achieved by the most expert artisan. A German inventor had devised a process for accurately obtaining any desired degree of hardness, the variations being effected by changes in the liquid used, depending on the fact that graded results may be produced by the use of milk in varying forms and dilutions—that is, by fresh and skimmed milk, sweet and sour whey, fresh and old buttermilk, and different mixtures with water. The various stages of acidification of milk are also said to give all the effects of hardening in oil and other fat mixtures.

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