

FATE OF HINDOO GIRLS.

Nepal Rajpoots Cause Their Daughters to Be Murdered. A Capuchin monk engaged in missionary work in Nepal...

KINGS AND QUEENS.

The king of England who could not speak the language of his kingdom was George I. In the battle of Bosworth Field, 1485, a king was killed (Richard III) and a king was crowned (Henry VII)...

William IV. was at the time when he succeeded to the throne the first William of Hanover, the second William of Ireland and the third William of Scotland.

Henry VIII. was the first to assume the title of king of Ireland. The title king of Great Britain was assumed by James VI. of Scotland when he became James I. of England.

Richard I. was the first to call himself king of England. Every king from William to Henry II. called himself king of the English. The title was assumed by Egbert, the first king of England, in 828.

King of France was a title borne by the monarchs of England for 432 years, and when Elizabeth became queen of England she was also "king of France," asserting that if she could not be a queen she would be king.

The Spendthrift. Once upon a time there was a spendthrift who made his father very unhappy through his prodigal habits.

Arabian horses manifest remarkable courage in battle. It is said that when a horse of this breed finds himself wounded and perceives that he will not be able to bear his rider much longer he quickly retires from the conflict, bearing his master to a place of safety while he has still sufficient strength. But, on the other hand, if the rider is wounded and falls to the ground the faithful animal remains beside him, unmindful of danger, neighing until assistance is brought.

Fleisty of Color. "That Mrs. Wadhams to whom you introduced me the other evening reminds me very much of a portrait by Rembrandt."

A Serious Temperament. "Mike," said Plodding Pete, "don't you wish you was rich?"

A Queer Transaction.

Sir Arthur Sullivan discovered at Monte Carlo one time that certain restaurant proprietors had a way of regulating their charges with the appearance and standing of their customers.

The man, an Italian, recognized Sir Arthur as an influential client and was profuse in his apologies. He explained that the mistake lay with the cashier.

When a certain late shah of Persia became temporarily embarrassed for money, he had quite a unique method of filling his purse.

Her Sentiments.

It is related of a clergyman who was the father of a charming and beautiful daughter that one day while preparing his Sunday sermon he was suddenly called away from his desk on a mission of mercy.

The children had quarreled, and Willie had struck Tommie. Instead of returning the blow Tommie turned and ran down the hall.

The word Bible furnishes a striking instance of a word's rise from very low to high estate. To the bulk of English speaking folk it now means the book of books.

A coroner's jury in Ireland delivered the following verdict on the sudden death of a merchant who had recently failed in business.

One often hears an amusing paradox—such as a brass tin whistle going around a square, a home whitewashed terra cotta, and a "awfully nice" thing.

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One Girl—Jack tried to kiss me last night. Another—What in the world did you do? "Oh, I was up in arms in a minute."

Little Clarence—Pa, what is experience? Mr. Calliphan—Experience, my son, is the headache you acquire from being up in arms in a minute.

DUMAS ON SNAKES.

A Characteristic Story of the Impassioned French Author. When M. de Villemessant was founding Le Grand Journal, he wrote to Dumas, asking for his assistance.

Received the sum of 50 napoleons on account of my story. A hearty squeeze of the hand.

The next day the secretary arrived with the first feuilleton and a letter, which ran: My Dear Friend—Be kind enough to hand the bearer the sum of 5 napoleons.

The finale of this capital story is no less characteristic. The feuilleton arrived by post on the following day and was found to contain exactly four lines of Dumas' composition, two at the beginning and two at the end of the paper.

BIRD DOGS.

Some of the Almost Human Work These Clever Canines Perform. Roading denotes that a dog is following a trail toward the birds by their foot scent, as a man in an analogous manner might follow a flock of sheep by watching their tracks.

Drawing denotes that a dog is approaching birds by a scent in the air, as a man might follow a flock of sheep by the long line of dust hovering over and around the trail.

Pointing is the stop which the dog makes when he has definitely located the birds or when he thinks he has done so. It is the preliminary pause to accurately determine the whereabouts of the hidden birds before he springs to capture.

If by any act, willful or otherwise, he alarms the birds and they take wing, it is called a flush. If the dog when going up wind on game flushes the birds, he commits an error. If under certain circumstances he flushes when going down the wind, the error may be excused on the ground that being up wind of them it was impossible to scent them and therefore impossible to know of their presence.—Outing.

An old sea captain, under the impression that he was saying a good thing, asked a lady passenger why men never kiss one another, while ladies waste a world of kisses on feminine faces.

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"How do you manage to live with your income, Briggs? Don't you feel cramped?"

When People Laugh. People laugh when they are amused, when they think people expect them to be amused and when they don't want to be rude and don't know what else to do.—Los Angeles Herald.

On His Own Merits.

A young man who spent his summer vacation on a Maine farm says that new instances of the thrift and shrewdness of his landlady are constantly thrusting themselves upon his attention.

"Why, Aunt Mary," said the youngest of the party, a boy of twelve, "I think this pie's ever so much better than the other, and you haven't said a word about it!"

To be content in utter darkness and ignorance is indeed unmanly, and therefore we think that to love light and find knowledge must be always observed wherever pride has any share in the work even knowledge and light are good and light is good, yet man perishes in seeking knowledge and the moon perishes in seeking light, and if we who are crushed before the moon will not accept such mystery as is needful to us we shall perish in like manner.

"What's the matter, dear?" "Nothing." "Yes, there is."

"You know I have to hurry." "There was a time"— "Now, now." "I scarcely ever see your face."

All primitive people regard the bird as specially wise and favored. Living in the air, he is regarded as exercising control over atmospheric phenomena, and knowing so well his own migratory seasons, the Indians observe his flights as foreboding ill or good to themselves.

Teacher—Now, what do you understand by brain work? Boy—When a man works with his head. Teacher—Correct. And what is manual labor? Boy—When a man works with his hands.

"My, my, my!" said the little girl's grandmother. "You mustn't make so much fuss when you have your hair combed. When I was a little girl, I had my hair combed three or four times every day."

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THEY DRINK SEA WATER.

Cockatoos and Wild Pigeons Do Not Seem to Mind It. "In 1881, while resident on Gazolet peninsula, the northern portion of the magnificent island of New Britain, in the south Pacific, I had many opportunities of witnessing both cockatoos and wild pigeons drinking salt water.

"At first I thought that as fresh water in many places bubbled up through the sand at low tide the birds were not really drinking the sea water, but by watching closely I distinctly saw them walk across these tiny runnels without making any attempt to drink. Then, too, the whole of the Gazolet peninsula is cut up by countless streams of water, and rain falls throughout the year as a rule.

"The Hurons believe that the dove carries the souls of the departed hence, The Dakotas say the storm bird dwells so high as to be out of human vision and carries a fresh water lake on his back, so that when he plumes himself it rains, when he winks his bright eyes it lightens, when he flaps his wings thunder rolls. The Alaskans hold much the same idea about the "thunder-bird."

Among them all the eagle is mighty, brave, aspiring, the symbol of their warriors for apparent reasons. The knight-errand is anxious to serve his brother man.

William the Conqueror did not introduce swearing into England, but he brought with him a very forcible oath. William was accustomed to swear "by the splendor of God," and on such occasions he combined with it the "terrible aspect of the eyes," which always took the place of swearing in the case of Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B. After William's time the rulers of England, with possibly here and there an exception, swore with great frequency and vigor.

After the explosion the following were found to be injured: The Groom.—Slightly scratched about the face, forehead charred and self esteem somewhat shattered; will hereafter show timidity under like circumstances.

The Bride.—Dignity hurt, but not broken; showed unexpected courage; will recover slowly.

Cupid.—Badly shocked; will recover.—Life.

Mrs. Gay—Yes, I know my husband can't afford all these things, but I'm buying them to please him.

"How do you manage to live with your income, Briggs? Don't you feel cramped?"

Tim Tuff—Aw, I cud lick youse wid both me hands tied behind me.

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