

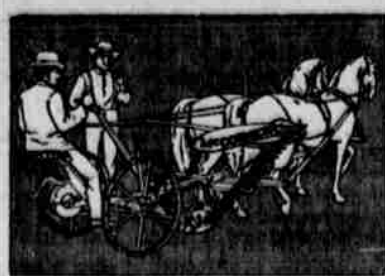
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Corn Breeding Fields.

In breeding corn a small field usually an acre in size is used. The land is prepared and the seed bed treated as for the ordinary field. They are usually about 120 hills long and thirty rows wide. Each row is planted from a separate ear. The barren stalks, poor stalks and all undesirable stalks, such as suckers, are removed before the tassels appear. The field is protected or isolated, so that no mixture can take place from other varieties or from any source. In the fall these rows are husked separately, and the seed for the next year's crop is selected from the rows giving the highest yields per acre, of best composition, with the least barren stalks and of the best type. In this way the yield per acre of the variety is increased, the quality improved and the type preserved and developed. By this plan we are able to give personal attention and direct selection to the individual stalk and ear, which would be impossible in a large field. —Cosmopolitan.

A High Priced Fricassee.

Lord Alvanley, a noted wit and high liver in England a hundred years ago, insisted on having an apple tart on his dinner table every day throughout the year. On one occasion he paid a caterer \$1,000 for a luncheon put up in a basket that sufficed a small boating party going up the Thames. Being one of a dozen men dining together at a London club where each was required to produce his own dish, Alvanley's, as the most expensive, won him the advantage of being entertained free of cost. This benefit was gained at an expense of \$540, that being the price of a simple fricassee composed entirely of the "noix," or small pieces at each side of the back, taken from thirteen kinds of birds, among them being 100 snipe, 40 woodcocks and 20 pheasants—in all about 300 birds.

A Cool Soldier.

Remarkable for his self possession even in the most trying moments of battle was the famous Marshal MacMahon. One day he was dictating a letter to his secretary in the midst of an action when a shell from the enemy's camp fell directly upon his tent and exploded within a few feet. Pale with fright, the secretary sprang up, leaving his letter. "What's the matter?" asked the marshal. "The shell," gasped the frightened subordinate. "And what has the shell to do with the letter you are writing? Go on with your work, sir."

Bay Rum.

Bay rum is manufactured from the dried leaves of Pimento acris. Bay rum is procured by distillation and this in a very simple manner. The leaves are picked from the trees and then dried. In this state they are placed in the retort, which is then filled with water, and the process of distillation is carried on. The vapor is then condensed in the usual way and forms what is known as "bay oil," a very small quantity of which is required for each puncheon of rum.

The Touring Bicycle China Wants.

Consul John Fowler of Chefu writes in regard to the need for a touring bicycle in China. It is strength, he says, that is wanted, not style or flimsy adornments. The tool box should be complete, and the tools made of steel or some other metal not easily broken. There is a good demand for wheels among the Chinese, and a plain, strong, durable machine will sell widely at a remunerative price.

New Coal Fields.

A railway is being constructed into the great anthracite coal fields recently discovered near Cumberland, British Columbia, and mines are being developed. It is expected that this coal will be in the market by autumn.

OWEN MEREDITH.

A Dinner Speech of His That Eluctated Howls of Derision.

I once sat at a banquet given in London by Wilson Barrett to Lawrence Barrett, says a writer in an English magazine. Earl Lytton presided, a curled, oiled, effeminate, supercilious fop. He had a Roman tragedy to sell to Wilson Barrett. That was why he came.

He eulogized Wilson Barrett in a speech. "I believe," he said, "that Mr. Barrett won some success with a piece called (consulting his notes) 'The Lights of London.' I suppose it was the work of some dramatic hack." George Sims sat facing him and never said a word. Then his lordship went drawing on: "I next find on the list of Mr. Barrett's successes something called 'The Silver King.' Here again I know nothing of the authorship. The names of those dramatic carpenters do not interest me." At which Henry Arthur Jones glared and a flush came into the face of poor blind Henry Herman.

"Finally," said Lord Lytton, "Mr. Wilson Barrett has placed on his boards what he humorously calls a Roman tragedy. I refer to 'Claudian,' attributed to one W. G. Wills, of whom I have never heard." This was too much for the banqueters. All of them were personally acquainted with Irving's pet poet, the modest Wills. So they howled derisively.

And Earl Lytton's tragedy, produced a month later, was a dismal failure.

Superstition About Cats.

In the Montferatre it is believed that all the cats who wander about upon the roofs during the month of February are really witches, whom it is lawful and even necessary to shoot. A German superstition has it that if a black cat sits upon the bed of a sick man it is a presage of his death, while if after his decease it is seen upon his grave it is enough to arouse doubts as to the locality to which his soul has departed. In Hungary it is thought that cats generally become witches between the ages of seven and twelve years. A French belief concerning the cat is that if the animal be carried in a cart and the wind blow from it to the horses they immediately fall tired. If any part of the horseman's clothing be made of cat's skin, the horse will feel as though it carried a double burden. In other countries, however, superstition is favorable rather than adverse to the cat. A variant of the famous story of the Kilkenny cats is found in Piedmont, the cats being, however, replaced by wolves.

Life Saving Devices.

Mimicry among butterflies, moths and other insects would be comic were it not a matter of life or death. Not a few moths have at the hinder ends of their wings a black mark and two or more tails resembling the horns of their own heads. A veteran in warfare not seldom has these portions missing, a proof of the value in having saved his life. Thus the beard's brittle tail, which, first attracting the enemy, comes off at his touch, lets his would be prey escape. When at bay, crabs distract the enemy by throwing off their claws, and lobsters do the trick more neatly by seizing the enemy with a claw and then throwing off limb and enemy. Thus the busy tail of the squirrel is accounted for. There is a chance of escaping the enemy minus only a mouthful of fur.

The Missionary Apple Tree.

In the rectory garden of Pysford, near Woking, England, there stands what is familiarly known as the missionary apple tree. The tree is a large one and of a good age and has been so named for the reason that for many years past it has been the custom of the rector of the parish to collect the fruit, sell it in the best market and devote the proceeds to the missionary societies of the Church of England. Quite a large sum of money has been raised in this way, and the apples, which are of the Blenheim orange variety, always find a ready sale at excellent prices among the gentry and farmers of the district.

African Natives and Salt.

To obtain salt the Bakalula and other African natives burn banana leaves and certain grasses and, collecting the ashes, place them in a large funnel ingeniously made from large banana leaves. Through this they percolate water and then evaporate the filtered water by boiling, obtaining a fairly white salt composed of a very small amount of chloride of sodium and a very large amount of chloride of potash and other salts. Prior to the advent of the traders and the missionaries this was the only salt they had to satisfy the natural craving of a vegetable eating people.

There Was a Difference.

Sockson Buskin—How did you like my Hamlet? Olde Stager—Oh, it was your Hamlet, was it? Well, I did not recognize it as Shakespeare's.—Brooklyn Life.

Echoes of Argument.

Dick—Do you ever get the last word with your wife? Charles—Oh, yes, but I have to say it to myself when I get out on the street. —Detroit Free Press.

DOING THE GRAND ENTRY.

How a Circus Horse Enjoys His Part of the Performance.

The experiences of a farm horse that unexpectedly joins a wagon show circus is described by Sewell Ford in "Horse Nine." Calico is the name of the horse. At night he has a hard time pulling the band wagon over the country roads, but he thoroughly enjoys his part in the performance under the main tent. The author describes Calico's feelings as follows:

Oh, that grand entry! That was something to live for. No matter how had been, Calico forgot it all during those ten delightful minutes when, with his heart beating time to the rat-tat-tat of the snare drum, he swung prancingly around the yellow arena.

It all began in the dressing tent with a period of confusion in which horses were crowded together as thick as they could stand, while the riders dressed and mounted in frantic haste, for to be late meant to be fined. At last the ring-master clapped his hands as a sign that all was in readiness. There was a momentary lull. Then a bugle sounded, the flaps were thrown back, and to the crashing accompaniment of the band the seemingly chaotic mass unfolded into a double line as the horses broke into a sharp gallop around the freshly ding ring.

The first time Calico did the grand entry he felt as though he had been sucked into a whirlpool and was being carried around by some irresistible force. So dazed was he by the music, by the hum of human voices and by the unfamiliar sights that he forgot to rear and kick. He could only prance and snort. He went forward because the rider of the outside horse dragged him along by the bridle rein. Around and around he circled until he lost all sense of direction, and when he was finally shunted out through the dressing tent flaps he was so dizzy he could scarcely stand.

The Candle Fish.

One of the piscatorial curiosities of the north Pacific coast, especially plentiful along the shores of British Columbia, is the fish known to Indians, whites and half breeds as the "candle fish." To the scientists he is the eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*), and is highly esteemed for two reasons. The fish itself is about fourteen inches long, resembles the smelt in general appearance and is caught in large quantities by west coast fishermen during the months of February, March and April. It is the fattest of all fishes, for which reason large numbers of them are dried and smoked to be used as a warming food during the long rigorous winters so common in that region.

Large numbers of them are also run through crude presses, which extract the oil. This is preserved in skin bags and used much in the same manner as whale's blubber is used by the Eskimos. This "candle fish" gets its common name from the fact that when dried it burns with a bright white flame until entirely consumed. It is much used by the "coasters" both of Columbia and Alaska, either with or without a wick passed through its body.

The Victoria Medal.

The Victoria medal is made out of bronze from Russian guns captured in the Crimean war. The design is the work of the prince consort of Queen Victoria. The medals are made separately and only when one is needed. Thus when some soldier or sailor, no matter what his rank may be, has shown "conspicuous bravery or devotion to the country in the presence of danger," as the act reads, the war office sends to the royal jeweler the bronze needed for the medal. It is carefully cast, filed smooth around the edges and then the design is brought out by chasing. The soldier's medal is suspended by a red ribbon and that of the sailor by a blue piece of silk.

A Letter to Mother.

"You promised mother a letter. Write it now," is one of the mottoes on the walls of the Nagasaki Home For Seamen, a motto that, it is asserted, has restrained more men from going wrong than almost any other influence of the place. Wanderers over the globe are not the only ones who need such a reminder. Indeed they might be able to give lessons in filial duty to many who have never realized how fortunate they are that home and mother are not far away, but near at hand.—Youth's Companion.

The Cost of It.

City Man—What makes rents so high here? Villager—This is an incorporated town. "Things don't look very metropolitan." "No, but the taxes are."—New York Weekly.

A Milder Aspiration.

The statement by one of the victims that a laundryman is in the "iron and steel" trade is undoubtedly a slander. Accurately stated, he is in the "mangle and lose" business.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Uncontaminated.

"What a pure, serene face Miss Fairchild has!" "Yes, she does look as though she had never been to the theater in her life."—Harper's Bazar.

Clerk at the Speaker's Desk.

The speaker's right hand man is called "clerk at the speaker's desk" and is one of the most useful men in the house of representatives. It is his business to know things, all things, in fact, everything connected with legislation. He must know parliamentary law, precedents of the house and must have them ready at a second's notice, so that they may be cited by the speaker or the chairman of the committee of the whole house whenever a point of order is raised or a parliamentary point is to be decided. He must know all the members of the house and from what state they come in order to tell the speaker or the chairman how to recognize them when they address the presiding officer. He must know all the secretaries of the president and clerks of the senate, so as to tell the presiding officer when there is a message from the president or the senate to be received by the house. He keeps the time on men who are addressing the house, and the "hammer" falls when he says that a man has consumed his allotted time. Of all these tasks the greatest is to be well informed upon parliamentary law. There is no index to parliamentary rulings, and many points are found by the man who will delve and dig and study the subject all the time.—Washington Post.

Infant Geniuses.

When he was but a schoolboy in the Jesuits' college at Dijon Jacques Bossuet was known as one of the best classical scholars in Europe.

At eight Louis de Bourbon, prince of Conde, was a perfect Latin scholar. Three years later he published a work on rhetoric, and at seventeen he was appointed governor of Burgundy.

Fenelon displayed so much precocity that he won fame as a preacher of rare eloquence when he was but fifteen years of age. Pascal wrote treatises on acoustics at twelve, at which age he was busily occupied in constructing elaborate circulating machines, and at sixteen he published his treatise on "Conic Sections," which Descartes refused to believe was not the work of a great master.

John Stuart Mill was studying Greek at three, had practically mastered the language at seven and a year later was acting as schoolmaster to his younger brothers and sisters. John Ruskin actually produced a manuscript work in three volumes before he reached his seventh birthday.

Mark Twain in a Fog.

Mark Twain's former lecture manager told this story of an entertainment given by the humorist in London during a heavy fog: "One night the queen's concert rooms were like a smokehouse, and I saw from my chair in the royal box a shadowy dress coat, supported by a pair of shadowy trousers, girdled by the faint halo of the ineffectual footlights. A voice was in the air, but it was difficult to locate it with any degree of certainty. The apparently headless trunk of the lecturer told what he knew of our fellow savages, the Sandwich Islanders, and at intervals out of the depths ascended the muffled murmur of an audience invisible to the naked eye. Mark began his lecture on this occasion with a delicate allusion to the weather and said, 'Perhaps you can't see me, but I am here.'"

Improving on Horse Power.

In Venezuela many years ago a wealthy agriculturist was appointed minister of marine. Being a hard worker, he asked at once for particulars of the fleet. The secretary brought him particulars about the only war ship. The details gave length, tonnage and horse power. At this last the minister stopped the secretary and bade him write down quickly an order to the chief of customs, "Take out those 120 horses at once, and I will send you good mules in their places," explaining that mules were much more economical, both as regards food and ability to withstand fatigue.

Cossack Customs.

Many queer customs and usages are prevalent among the Cossacks. No man changes his clothes on a Monday. On Thursday no fat or flesh meat must be pickled or corned. Wool is not spun on a holiday. A hen is always given an uneven number of eggs to hatch, never an even number. Bones left from a dinner at a funeral are thrown into the river, and at the same meal no one dare cut bread; it must always be broken.

Apollo's Favorite Instrument.

Apollo was the old god of music, and his favorite instrument, the lyre, was invented by Mercury. When the latter was four hours old he found the shell of a tortoise and made it into a lyre with nine strings in honor of the nine muses. This instrument Mercury gave to Apollo, who became a wonderful player upon it. The lyre was used by the Greeks in olden times, and from it was fashioned the harp.

Matrimonial Dyspepsia.

"Well, how do you like married life?" inquired the friend. "Not at all," replied the man who had married money and was suffering for it. "I'm a case of matrimonial dyspepsia."

Matrimonial Dyspepsia?

"Yes, she never agrees with me; she's too rich."—Philadelphia Ledger.