

## OLD TIME CALENDARS.

**The Saxon Clog.** Whence Comes the Name "Almanac."

In these days, when printed calendars are in evidence everywhere, the question as to what device the elder folk employed to help them mark the progress of time is not uninteresting.

"They," says Verstegan, alluding to the Saxons, "used to engrave upon certain squared sticks about a foot in length, or shorter or longer, as they pleased, the courses of the moons of the whole year, whereby they could always certainly tell when the new moons, full moons and changes should happen, as also their festival days, and such a carved stick they called an al-mon-aht—that is to say, al-mon-heed, to wit, the record or observation of all the moons, and hence is derived the name almanac."

An instrument of this kind was also called the clog, from its form and matter, and had a ring on the upper end of it to hang on a nail somewhere about the house. On each of the four sides were three months, the days being represented by notches. Every seventh notch, being of a larger size, represented Sunday. Issuing from the right side of the notches were inscriptions and figures marking the festival days by some endowment of the saluts or illustrating the season of the year by some work or sport characteristic of it.

Thus against June 29, St. Peter's day, were carved his keys. On Feb. 14 a true lover's knot appeared, and against the notch designating Christmas day was the old wassailing or carousal horn that the forefathers used to make merry with.

The Danes, Swedes and Norwegians used these almanacs under various names, such as Reinstocks, Runstocks, Runstuffs, Annales, Stavcs, Stakes, Cloggs, Runiel, and so forth. Before printing was introduced and when manuscripts were rare and dear these Runic almanacs were made the instruments of instruction and regularity. That they might be more serviceable they were often carved on the tops of pilgrims' staves or stakes so as to regulate their time of assembling at particular places. They were also cut on sword scabbards and implements of husbandry. These clogs are not entirely unlike the Egyptian obelisks, which have been called fingers of the sun and which may be regarded as a species of almanac.

One of the first printed almanacs or calendars was that of John Muller, who opened a printing house and published his almanac at Guremburg in the year 1472. It gave not only the characters of each year and of the months, but foretold the eclipses for thirty years in advance.

In England the year book of Henry VII. gives the first recorded account of almanacs.—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Lightning Superstition.

The ancient Romans avoided places struck by lightning. The houses if damaged were pulled down or fenced in so that no one could use the building on which the gods had set the mark of their displeasure. This feeling was probably deepened by the fact that certain localities are visited by thunderstorms more than others, the wrath of Jove descending in white flame time and again in the same spot. And it was the same superstition, lingering among Christians in a slightly different form, which made it so difficult for Benjamin Franklin to introduce the lightning rod, for the pious Americans of that day declared that "it was as impious to erect rods to ward off heaven's lightning as for a child to ward off the chastening rod of its father."

### The Wood in Old Violins.

The woods most favored by the old masters for violin construction were pine, pear, lemon, ash, maple and spruce, and by some of the later

men apple was used. Boxwood was universally employed for bridges. Haweis says, "A perfectly harmonious marriage is as rare between violins and their bridges as it is between men and women." He deprecates the heartless substitution of new bridges for old ones and insists that a new bridge will never mate perfectly with an old violin, and rather than resort to substitution he advises patching and repairing the old one as long as it can be made to last.—Circle Magazine.

### A Homemade Weather Glass.

A very reliable weather glass can be made out of such simple materials as an empty salad oil bottle and a quart fruit jar. Having procured these articles, pour sufficient water into the jar so that it covers the mouth of the bottle when the latter is inserted into the former. In fine weather it will be found that the water will rise into the bottle, but will fall back into the jar when wet weather is due. Though the idea of this quaint homemade barometer is not new, it is quite reliable.

### Utility of Censors.

"When Maxim Gorky dined with me," said a literary New Yorker, "he talked about the Russian censorship."

"He said that in the course of the Russo-Japanese war he had occasion in an article to describe the headquarters of one of the grand dukes. He wrote of these headquarters, among other things:

"'And over the desk in his highness' tent is a large photograph of Marie la Jambe, the beautiful ballet dancer.'"

"Before this article could appear the censor changed that sentence to, 'And over the desk in his highness' tent is a large map of the theater of war.'"—Detroit News.

### The Ostrich.

In its habits, methods of life and prejudices the ostrich is one of the most curious creatures of the animal kingdom. It cannot be tamed, though it is easily trained to harness. When taught to race it seems to delight in a brush on the track or road with a horse. The gait of the ostrich is a lumbering sort of jog trot, which becomes delightfully easy when the bird is travelling fast. Unhampered with a rider and travelling with the wind this muscular creature can outstrip any horse.

### Machinery and Labor.

A generation or two ago men and women worked very long hours, and children had to work, too, in order to produce enough to support the workingman's family. The growth of capital and the employment of machinery have added so much to the efficiency of labor that long hours for adults are no longer necessary, and the industrial employment of children under fourteen can be entirely dispensed with.—American Review of Reviews.

### A Poor Artist.

Patience—Do you know Jules, the artist?

Patrice—Yes, but I don't like him.

"Why not?"

"Oh, I like a man who can look you in the eye."

"Can't he?"

"Why, he can't even paint a picture of a person who can look you in the eye!"—Yonkers Statesman.

### Characteristics.

"Geniuses are eccentric. Some of them touch every post or tree they run across."

"Most of 'em touch every friend they run across or almightily try to."—Lester's Courier.

Any person wanting ashes to fill in for brick or cement sidewalks can get all they want from George Hartman, the drayman.

For fertilizer, go to the Keystone Hardware Co.

### Will Force Collections.

I have been notified by the School Board of Winslow township to force collection on taxes and on Monday, May 13, 1907, I will proceed if the taxes are not paid by that time.

AMOS STROUSE, Collector.  
April 27, 1907.

### Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in post office at Reynoldsville, Pa., for week ending April 27, 1907.

Miss Barbara Bloom, Jules Morland, Miss Mary Sivers, Miss Jessie White. Say advertised and give date of list when calling for above.

E. C. BURNS, P. M.

### A Narrow Escape.

G. W. Cloyd, a merchant, of Plunk, Mo., had a narrow escape four years ago, when he ran a jimson bur into his thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted to amputate it but I would not consent. I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and that cured the dangerous wound." 25c. at Stoke & Feicht Drug Co., Druggists, Reynoldsville and Sykesville.

A heavy sole, patent oxford, large spelets, wide lace, for women; price \$2.00. Adam's.

See the new belts at Millirens.

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We have something attractive for watch buyers. Call and see.

C. F. HOFFMAN,  
Jeweler and Optician.

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Clover, timothy and slyke seeds, the best that could be purchased, at Reynoldsville Hardware Co.

### Great Naval Display.

The Jamestown Exposition at Norfolk, Va., was opened last Friday, April 26, with 250,000 visitors present. Never yet has Norfolk, of old the post of naval rendezvous, witnessed so imposing an assemblage of war craft as now lies in the harbor between Old Point Comfort and the Exposition grounds. Though but the advance guard of the great gathering of fleets that will be there during the exposition, the fleet is impressive, not only for its numbers and power, but by reason of the fact that it is wholly American. Sixteen first-class battle-ships, strung along a line extending three miles, with a number of secondary craft make up this stupendous array of the nation's ocean power, presenting a spectacle to stir the soul of patriotism. Other ships are daily lengthening this stupendous line and never before have Americans been privileged to witness the power of the nation in such compact concourse. This fleet constitutes the greatest assemblage of American warships ever held. It is the great new navy on parade; the new navy with which the nation has assumed the second place among the naval powers of the earth. The fleet is manned with over five hundred officers and thirteen thousand men. Twenty abreast this splendid host of American seamen on the march would take two hours to pass a given point.

### Wonderful Eczema Cure.

"Our little boy had eczema for five years," writes N. A. Adams, Henrietta, Pa., "two of our home doctors said the case was hopeless, his lungs being effected. We then employed other doctors but no benefit resulted. By chance we read about Electric Bitters; bought a bottle and soon noticed improvement. We continued this medicine until several bottles were used, when our boy was completely cured." Best of all blood medicines and body building health tonics. Guaranteed at Stoke & Feicht Drug Co. store Reynoldsville and Sykesville.

See the new spring jackets at Millirens.

Display of trimmed hats at Flo Best's Thursday, May 2.

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Ladies shoes at Millirens.

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THE PEOPLE'S  
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As summer will soon be here, you will surely need for house cleaning such articles as

### Lace Curtains

We have them from 45c, 75c, \$1.00 up to \$3.00 per pair.

### Window Blinds, Oilcloth,

at very low prices and good quality.

Fine assortment of staples in the dry goods line, as

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Lawns, Etc.

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Shoes for men, women and children. Prices very low and best quality. Also a fine assortment of clothing. As it is impossible for us to mention every article and price in our store, we give you a list only of the staple articles at low prices.

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There will be no more at this price when this lot is gone.

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Estate of Allen Cathers, Deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to

JOHN M. NORRIS, Administrator.  
M. M. DAVIS, Attorney.

### ESTATE OF J. E. DEAN, DECEASED.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to

NOAH FURMAN DEAN,  
CHARLES HOWARD REA.  
April 27, 1907.  
M. M. Davis, Attorney.

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