

Rattlesnake Poison.
 "Years ago, when I was a boy at home," said a southern man, "an uncle of mine, who lived near Montgomery, was out on his plantation one day when he saw an enormous rattlesnake stretched in a furrow of a cotton field. He seized a hoe lying near by and made a pass at the monster. At the same time it struck out at him and broke off one of its fangs on the edge of the hoe blade. My uncle dispatched the snake and then picked up the fang and brought it to the house as a curiosity. It was sharp as a needle, and a faint yellow stain at the tip showed where some of the virus had exuded.

"The bit of bone lay for at least three or four years in an oblong box on my uncle's writing table in his study, when one day a stupid negro servant girl, not knowing what it was, used it to extract a splinter from her thumb. In less than an hour her whole lower arm was swollen, and she exhibited all the characteristic symptoms of snake poison.

"My uncle had studied medicine and by prompt measures saved the girl's life, but for some mysterious reason gangrene subsequently appeared in her arm, and amputation was necessary. My uncle lost no time in burning his murderous relic."

Custom Influences Language.
 Pomologists, like botanists, find it impossible to enforce the rules of priority in names of fruits and flowers. In fruits the names of Bartlett for a pear and Telegraph for a grape have not been changed in spite of the efforts of leading pomologists and pomological societies to support prior names. Those who lead in these good efforts forget that the only law for language is the law of custom. In a famous grammar we are told "the English language requires the pronoun 'it' for all inanimate objects," but custom has so firmly made the sun a he and the moon a she that we have accepted it. Thus it will ever be. To secure the adoption of a prior name reformers must bestir themselves before custom gets possession of the field.—Meehan's Monthly.

The voice is the most common and at the same time the most complex of human faculties. When we listen to it, we realize nothing of the many influences at work in its use. Yet it represents the character, the mood, the temperament and the health of the individual when left to run in its own way. If uncontrolled, it will develop much as a flower garden will develop; the rank and weedy nature will come to the front, and the tones of exquisite beauty will be obscured. Bad daily habits in the use of the voice will give it many disagreeable qualities. If controlled, the voice will keep its weeds in the background and permit only its beauties to be known. If cultivated, the weeds will be taken out and the flowers developed.—Pittsburg Press.

Trying a Donkey.
 A newcomer in Africa has many surprises. A. B. Lloyd, the author of "Dwarf Land and Cannibal Country," narrates an amusing little experience of his own in purchasing a donkey in Zanzibar:

We had to procure donkeys, by no means an easy task. Of course each one had to be tried, as we were to use them for riding purposes, and in the course of the work we had various experiences. I had set my mind upon a fine female donkey and took her out for an afternoon's ride. I shall not forget it. At first when I mounted her she would not move, in spite of all my most tender persuasions, and finally she began to back.

Now, the streets of Zanzibar are very narrow, and coming up behind me was a large bullock wagon. My sweet tempered donkey backed right on to the horns of the bullocks. Then it was no longer a case of making her go, but of making her stop.

Away she flew, right along the Naza Meja road, and nothing I could do would check her headlong career. In fact, I soon tired of trying and let her go. On she went, right in among the cocoanut trees, regardless of everything until she came to a steep bank. Here she stopped. This showed that she had good sense, and I decided to keep her.

How to Give a Cat Medicine.
 A New York gentleman has a very fine Angora cat, and so fine a specimen of her kind that she is famous in a large circle of fashionable folk. She is not rugged in health, yet she cannot be persuaded to take physic. It has been put in her milk, it has been mixed with her meat, it has even been rudely and violently rubbed in her mouth, but never has she been deluded or forced into swallowing any of it. Last week a green Irish girl appeared among the household servants. She heard about the failure to treat the cat. "Sure," said she, "give me the medicine and some lard, and I'll warrant she'll be eating all I give her!" She mixed the powder and the grease and smeared it on the cat's sides. Pussy at once licked both sides clean and swallowed all the physic. "Faith," said the servant girl, "everybody in Ireland does know how to give medicine to a cat!"

Scene Painting.
 A good scene painter may get anywhere from \$400 to \$1,000 for a scene. The average price paid to the best half dozen scene painters for a scene is \$500. But there are a great many more scenes painted for \$100 than \$500.

As soon as a married man gets a comfortable home built he begins to worry his wife by talking about selling it.—Indianapolis Journal.

There is nobody quite so busy as the editor who tries to publish a ten page newspaper in a four page town.—Washington Post.

Mirror Mad.
 "What!" exclaims the astonished reader, "is it possible that there are any civilized persons on the face of the earth who are not in the habit of beholding their visages reflected from time to time in a mirror of some kind? Surely this cannot be so." Wrong, quite wrong, gentle reader, for at the present time, strange as it may appear, there are hundreds of men and women in the United Kingdom who have not gazed into a mirror for years.

The convicts confined in British prisons form members of this community. From the moment of a convict's entrance to a jail to the moment of his exit he is not permitted to have the use of a mirror of any kind, the smallest piece of glass being rigidly denied him. To the women convicts this absence of a mirror forms one of the chief hardships of confinement, and many a female wander can tell piteous tales of women who have actually fallen upon their knees and sobbed out entreaties for the loan of a morsel of mirror—"just for a second." All these entreaties have proved to be disregarded, and it therefore comes about that many a female convict passes three or four years without being permitted to gaze upon her own features.—London Tit-Bits.

His Diagnosis.
 Teacher—Suppose you had one pound of candy and gave two-thirds to your little sister and one-fourth to your little brother, what would you have yourself?

Scholar—Well, I guess I'd have the measles or something so's I wouldn't feel much like eating.—Puck.

Boarding House Humor.
 Landlady (threateningly)—I'll give you a piece of my mind one of these days if you're not careful.

Boarder—I guess I can stand it if it isn't any bigger than the piece of pie you gave me.—Detroit Free Press.

Freaks of Explosions.
 Gunpowder explosions have one remarkable feature. The bodies of persons killed in such an accident are always found without clothing, but frequently one foot will have the shoe on. This is true of horses also. If one of the feet is in the air and another on the ground, the shoe will be found torn from the foot that was on the ground and not from the other.

When men are killed in powder explosions, the foot that happens to be in the air when the shock came will be found wearing the shoe, while the other foot will be bare.

Making It Clear.
 A newly appointed French mayor inaugurated his regime by a notice to the following effect:
 "On the feast of our patron saint the fire brigade will be reviewed in the afternoon if it rains in the morning and in the morning if it rains in the afternoon."

He Got a Pass.
 "Halt!" cried an alert patrolman in Manila as a beautifully caparisoned carriage drove up containing a portly gentleman. The driver reined his steeds, and the sentry, standing firmly in the center of the street, shouted, "Who is there?"

"Not knowing what else to say, the occupant of the carriage answered, "Judge Taft, president of the civil commission."

"Advance, Judge Taft, to be recognized," bawled the sentry. The judge advanced, and the following dialogue took place.

Sentry—Have you a pass?
 Taft—No, sir; do I require one?
 Sentry—You do, sir, and it's my duty to run you in.

Taft—But I am the civil governor of the Philippine Islands.

Sentry—That doesn't cut any figure. You're a civilian and out after hours. I'll let you go by this time, but the next time I catch you you'll have to see the captain.

"Thank you," murmured Judge Taft as he drove away. And there and then he formed a resolution to put in an application for a pass. According to the Manila Freedom, he got it.

A Couple of Bulls.
 An advertisement recently published in a newspaper in Ireland set forth that "Michael Ryan begs to inform the public that he has a large stock of cars, wagnettes, brakes, hearses and other pleasure vehicles for sale or hire."

This is the same paper which, in a glowing description of a funeral, announced that "Mrs. B. of G— sent a magnificent wreath of artificial flowers in the form of a cross."

His Pointed Remark.
 "I frequently hear you say that money talks," she remarked.

"Yes; it is an old saying and a true one," he replied; "but, unfortunately, while money talks, all that talks is not money."

"Why do you say 'unfortunately?'" she asked.

"Because if that were so," he answered, "I would be married to a fabulous fortune."—London Fun.

Advertising

consists simply in presenting before the people the goods you have to sell in an intelligent manner, whether it is a house and lot or a pair of shoes. It is too late at this day to expatiate on the merits of advertising. That has been demonstrated so often that iteration is futile. Everybody now days knows that advertising pays. The main question is, what medium to use? Advertising experts long ago settled it by declaring that newspaper advertising was by far the most effective and brings better returns than any other extant. The merchants of this section long ago declared that better results were obtained by using the COURIER than by any other means. It is read every week by hundreds of families and goes into the homes of the majority of the people of Northern Cambria county. The rates are low, just and equitable—one price to all and the small advertiser gets just as good a rate as the large one.

If your business needs a tonic, come in and let us talk the matter over with you or send us word and we will have a repre-

sentative call on you and explain everything about our plan. You may do business without advertising, but you are certain to do more by advertising. It is an investment that will repay you an hundred fold.

We will prepare your copy and take complete charge of your advertising campaign, however large or small, without extra cost.

The Courier,
 Patton, Pa.

T.R. MORRISON
Dentist,
 PATTON, PA.

Office in Brady Building.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.
 Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore existing between E. T. W. A. and F. C. Little, under the firm name of Little Bros. has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by E. T. and W. A. Little, who will pay all debts and to whom all bills must be paid.
 Patton, Pa., August 1, 1906.

Estate of William J. Donnelly, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary have been issued to the undersigned, executors of the estate above mentioned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay.
 MARY AGNES DONNELLY,
 JOSEPH H. REILLY,
 Executors.

Ten Dollars Reward.
 The above reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any one destroying property at the Firemen's Park or molesting anything at that place in any manner.
 F. H. KINKEAD, Manager.
 Patton, Pa., Sept. 7, 1906.
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We heartily invite our friends to call any day during the above mentioned week and we will demonstrate the superior qualities of the **New Majestic Malleable and Charcoal Iron Ranges**

The MAJESTIC MALLEABLE AND STEEL RANGE as formerly turned out by the Majestic people has been considered throughout the entire country par-excellence, and far ahead of any other range made. But with the NEW CHARCOAL IRON BODY in place of Steel, making it double its value, and the fact that it is the only range in existence made of Malleable and Charcoal Iron, you can readily see that if quality is considered, the Majestic leads by a big margin. WE WANT YOU TO CALL at our store during this week, and let us explain this new feature—CHARCOAL IRON BODIES; let us explain why it is the best material for range bodies, and incidentally, why it is not used on other ranges. We want you to call if you intend to buy or not, as the information gained will serve you in the future.

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Come any day during this week and have buttered hot biscuits and hot coffee. Biscuits baked on a Majestic in three minutes while you wait.

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With every range sold during this demonstration we will give absolutely FREE one set of Majestic ware worth every cent of \$7.50. This ware will be on exhibition at our store. Everything useful, ornamental and durable. Come in and see it, and you will agree with us that it cannot be bought for a cent less than \$7.50, and it is cheap at that.

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