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As an additional protection to the Hull docks a scheme has just been formulated by which the police constables of the North Eastern Railway on night duty will be assisted by dogs.

It is the Alredale breed that is employed and the experiment has been attended with so much success that large kennels have been provided and it is now proposed to augment the number of animals. Tramps scarcely ever sleep out on the docks now, but hold the dogs in deadly terror.

Each dog undergoes a most elaborate training which centres wholly around one idea, that every person dressed in other than police uniform is an enemy. This is an important point and no person dressed in plain clothes is allowed to touch or pet the dogs.

The policemen who tend them must only enter the kennels in uniform. The dogs are taught to obey a policeman's whistle which they soon learn. Each animal undergoes strict and rigid training and so far the dogs have rendered most valuable service—Railway and Travel Monthly.

A Radium Safe.

A Radium safe is necessarily a peculiar contrivance, as it must not only be proof against burglars, but must be able to hold a substance that easily passes through the thickest steel. The new safe of the British Radium Corporation is three feet high, weighs a ton and a half, has a tight-fitting circular door, and contains an inner chamber of pure lead three inches thick. To prevent loss on opening, the door is fitted with two valves, so that, before the door is opened, tubes of mercury can be passed through to collect and store the emanation formed. This corporation expects to supply one-third of an ounce of radium a month, valued, at the latest quotations, at the rate of about \$3,000,000 an ounce.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

Substitute for a Glass Cutter. Occasionally the man of the house or his wife may have need to cut a sheet of window glass and be without a glass cutter of any kind that will work.

An excellent substitute for the work is a pair of heavy scissors or shears that are of no particular value. Submerge the glass in water to a depth of three or four inches and cut the edges as you would a piece of pasteboard. A plate of glass may not be divided in half with this apparatus, as it is supposed the narrow clippings will break away; but unless biting too deep in the main sheet that is to be preserved the weight of the water acts to prevent shattering as otherwise would be effected.—Chicago Tribune.

Art in Catacombs.

The catacombs at Rome were the burial places of the early Christians. They are about 850 miles in extent and are said to have contained 6,000,000 bodies. During the persecutions of the Christians by Nero and other Roman Emperors the catacombs were used for hiding places. Under Diocletian the catacombs were crowded with those for whom there was no safety in the face of day. The art of the catacombs is unique and most interesting. Simple designs are etched in the slabs which seal the tombs. Now and then are small chapels where paintings are to be found. All are Bible illustrations, so that the catacombs may be said to be a pictorial Bible in effect.

Stills in Germany. An authority on alcohol stills says that there are 20,000 farm stills in operation on as many farms in Germany. The German Government permits the farmer to produce a certain amount of grain or potato alcohol, the amount depending upon the size and location of the farm and the annual demand for the product, upon the payment of a reduced revenue tax. Alcohol distilled in excess of the quantity allowed is subject to the higher rate of taxation. Denatured alcohol, however, is not subject to any tax.

Superstitions.

There is a popular tradition that lightning will not kill any one who is asleep. According to one school, the splinters of a tree struck by lightning are an infallible specific for the toothache. An amusing superstition used to be cherished by the boys of a Yorkshire village, who believed that if they mentioned the name of their trousers would be torn out. No boy could be induced to make this experiment.

He Explained.

At a school one day a teacher, having asked most of his pupils the difference between an island and a peninsula without receiving a satisfactory answer, came to the last boy. "I can explain it, sir," said the bright youth. "First get two glasses. Fill one with water and the other with milk. Then catch a fly and place it in the glass of water. That fly is an island, because he is entirely surrounded by water. But now place the fly in the glass of milk, and it will be a peninsula, because it is nearly surrounded by water."

Newspaper Walls.

"What did you enjoy most during your vacation?" "Thinking about what a good time I was going to have when I got home."—Washington Star. Brown—Yes, I'm acquainted with your wife, old man. I knew her before you married her. Smith—Ah, that's where you had the advantage of me—I didn't.—Life. Housemaid—Please, sir, will you come at once, the drosin'-room's on fire. Master—Well, go and tell your mistress; you know I never interfere in household matters.—Punch.



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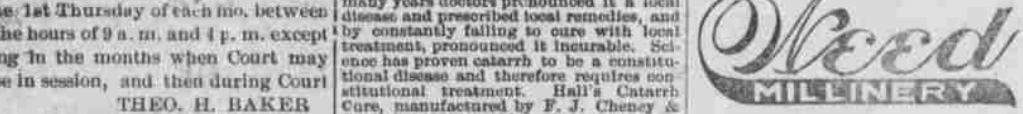
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IT WAS UP TO THE BACHELOR.

His Dearly Attendant Obedied Him to the Letter.

An old bachelor who lives in the suburbs of a Southern city hires a colored man to clean up his room, fill the lamp and perform like services. A few days into the colored man's service, who had been using his employer's blacking, said "Boss, our blacking am done out." "What do you mean by saying 'our blacking'?" growled the sordid employer, "everything belongs to me. I want you to understand that nothing belongs to you."

The terrified dandy apologized and promised to remember. On the following Sunday, the bachelor happened to meet the colored man, accompanied by a chocolate colored female pushing a baby carriage.

"Was that your baby in that carriage?" he asked next day at his house, where he was entertaining quite a number of his friends. "No, boss, dat's not our child, dat's your child. Fas never gwine to say nuffin belongs to me no moah."

GOLD HIMSELF.



Mr. Groets Cogan—Lord De Broke, your new son-in-law hasn't much of a head for business.

Mr. Dustin Stax—You wouldn't say that if you knew the bargain he drove with me.

This Vale of Tears. The news that science had at length discovered the means of destroying the germ of the last ill which flesh was heir to called forth rapturous rejoicings throughout the world.

"Henceforth perfect health will reign universally!" people everywhere exclaimed and gave themselves up to congratulations.

But that was not to be. In the very next day's paper was the account of somebody having invented a microscope powerful as to reveal a lot more germs, which meant, of course, that it would be no time at all until everybody was sick again.—Puck.

A Pen Game Wrong. Colonel Henry Hall, president of the Gridiron Club, had an attack of appendicitis in Pittsburgh, which is his home city, and was taken to a hospital.

On the first day he was allowed to sit up he wrote to a friend in Washington about an important matter, and closed: "Please excuse haste and a bad appendix."

Something New. Mrs. Nurich was in the jewelry store. "Here are some new souvenir spoons we have just got in," said the clerk, placing a tray for her inspection.

"Oh, ain't those lovely!" she exclaimed. "I must have some of those! Our cook makes such lovely soups!"—Argonaut.

His News. "The only news I have to tell you," wrote the Billville citizen, "is that the river has ris an' rowed all yer cats, an' yer uncle has brock fall; (tho' the widdler woman n' was agoin' fer marry has runned off with a book agent. Outside of these few things, we air all doin' well."—Atlanta Constitution.

DOWAGER GOING OUT.

Title Gives Way to Christian Names in Social Circles.

The word "dowager" seems to be going quite out of fashion, and many who should so style themselves prefer to use instead their Christian names. Strictly speaking the mother of a married peer or baronet is the dowager, but it has become the custom when two ladies bear the same title to call the elder one by her Christian name, the distinction dowager being dropped altogether.

At court, however, all widows of peers and baronets are styled dowager when the peer or baronet regnant is married. The Christian name was adopted some years ago in cases where there were more than two ladies bearing the same title in order to make a distinction between the dowager and the wife of the holder of the title, and the innovation has become so popular that peeresses and baronets' wives who should style themselves dowager elect to be known by their Christian names. Thus the widow of the late Earl of Dudley is known as Georgiana Lady Dudley, but actually she is Dowager Lady Dudley.

The Cows of Muscat.

Muscat is famed as the hotbed of smugglers in the Persian Gulf, the nearby desert tribes being regularly supplied with arms despite the efforts of the British patriot. But to the writer the odd notion of the cows of Muscat seemed nothing short of freakish. They actually eat fish. No grass grows, so the wily Arab teaches his family cow to subsist on dates and dried fish. The milk tastes queer to a foreigner, which is probably why the Arab likes it. He also claims it is richer and makes more butter, but most ridiculous of all is the deception practiced on cows when the calves are weaned. A calfskin, or sometimes a goat's skin, is stuffed with rags and tied not far from where the mother cow is anchored. This effigy of her late lamented offspring soothes her nerves and keeps her from "going dry," according to Arabic tradition.