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Accident to Wm. Blake, jr.

While the 10th Field Battery was returning from Camp Petawawa on July 12th, at River du Loup, Trumpeter Wm. Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blake of Woodstock, left the cars to make a purchase at the stores there.

When the train started Blake, in attempting to get on, caught his right foot in the switch and the wheels of the car mangled the limb so badly that it had to be amputated above the ankle by the doctors in that place. Fred McLean remained with him until his father arrived there on Saturday. Much sympathy is extended to the young man and his parents on such a distressing accident.

TALE OF A ROYAL RELIC.

Window Panes Upon Which Henry of Navarre Had Not Written.

Mrs. Andrew Lang, writing in Blackwood's, tells of a Frenchman in whose chateau was a window on which Henry IV. had once scratched the inscription: "Dieu garde de mal ma mie; Ce 22 de Septembre, 1589.—Henry." The inscription when M. Eudel first saw it was in two lines of big, clumsy letters. Two years later, being again in the neighborhood, he revisited the chateau, when he was astonished to find that the inscription was now in three lines, with the letters much more nearly uniform. After some effort he got hold of the secret. For forty years the inscription on the window had been the guide's pride and pleasure till, in one fatal moment of inattention on his part, an Englishman had cut the pane of glass out of its setting and walked away with it in his pocket.

The poor guide hurried to tell his master what had befallen him. The owner of the chateau assured him that the accident was of no consequence and could soon be put right. And so it was! A piece of glass of the same tone as the other panes was procured and fastened lightly in its place. The guide received orders to turn his back so as to allow visitors to read the inscription—or, if they wished, to steal it.

But it was necessary for the man to perceive in the nick of time what was going on and only consent to shut his eyes on the receipt of a handsome tip (the amount fixed beforehand), two-thirds of which was to go to his master.

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TIPPING IS ANCIENT.

In Shakespeare's Time It Used to Be Called Vails-giving.

The word tip is of comparatively modern origin, as it used to be vails, a shortened form of avails or profits. We speak now of the avails of an estate or of a business transaction. A hundred years ago they called gratuities to servants or waiters vails. Dr. Johnson's dictionary, published in 1755, defines vails as "money given to servants as a perquisite or present rather than in the way of wages." Dean Swift mentions a person "whose revenues, besides vails, amounted to £13." Shakespeare uses the word in the same sense where he makes one of the fishermen in "Pericles" say, "But hark you, my friend, 'twas we that made up this garment and there are certain condolences, certain vails." He wanted to be consoled with a tip.

The practice probably continued to grow after Shakespeare's time, for late in the eighteenth century a philanthropist and reformer of the period published a tract against indiscriminate almsgiving, and denouncing the vails practice as demoralizing both to those who gave and to those who accepted the gratuities. This early reformer was Jonas Hanway (1712-1786), who, after writing a book of eastern travel, undertook to reform some of the social vices of his day. He denounced vails-giving and practiced what he preached by refusing to pay more than the stipulated price for refreshments or for any kind of service or to give gratuities to servants who received wages. But his crusade died with him, and vails still survive under the odious name of tips.—Indianapolis News.

ANTS HAVE FIVE NOSES.

The Sense of Smell Is Very Important to These Insects.

In their antennae, or feelers, ants have five noses, each of which has its own duties to perform.

One nose tells the ant whether it is in its own nest or that of an enemy; another nose discriminates between odors of ants of the same species, but of different colonies; a third nasal organ serves the purpose of discerning the scent laid down by the ant's own feet, so that it may be able to retrace the way quite easily; a fourth nose smells the larvae and pupae, and the fifth nose detects the presence of an enemy.

If an ant be deprived of a certain nose, it will live peaceably with enemies, but if it retains its fifth nose it will fight the alien to the death. There is a difference in the functions of nose one and nose five, although they appear to be somewhat alike.

This sense of smell does not come till the ants are three days old. If, therefore, ants only twelve hours old are placed among others belonging to different colonies, they will grow up quite amicably and not understand that they are a mixed lot, because they will have grown up with ideas of scent in accordance with their surroundings. The sense of smell to them is as important as the sense of sight to human beings.

Placid Hindu Servants.

Hindoo servants are the most imperturbable people in the world. You may throw one downstairs or pat him on the back. He accepts both with exactly the same expression of countenance. The Indian's religion is at the bottom of all his acts, all his feelings. He eats, sleeps, moves and has his being according to religious formula, and his doctrine of reincarnation forms his whole philosophy of life. The fact that you are the master now is due to the fact that you have been the servant in some previous reincarnation. He is the servant now, and the only chance for him to be reborn in the master's position is to learn all the lessons of his present incarnation. He takes everything philosophically. It is all a part of the day's work.

Kept a Watch on His Men.

Sir Edward Harland was the founder of the great Belfast firm of shipbuilders. His lynx eyed vigilance was a legend at the works. It was said that he used to survey the workmen through a telescope from the windows of his residence, Ormiston. All the men felt that his eye was on them. A riveter who has a spite against a fellow worker on a ship can let a riveting hammer fall, apparently by accident, upon his victim. It was gravely alleged that Harland once by his telescope caught a riveter in this act and, as soon as he arrived at the works, walked up to the man and sacked him.

Glassy.

"I suppose," said the man in the yellow coat, trying to be chummy, "it doesn't hurt your glass eye when you get anything in it?"

"Does it look as if it would ever be likely to have a pane in it?" responded the other frigidly. And he gave him a glassy stare.

The Limit.

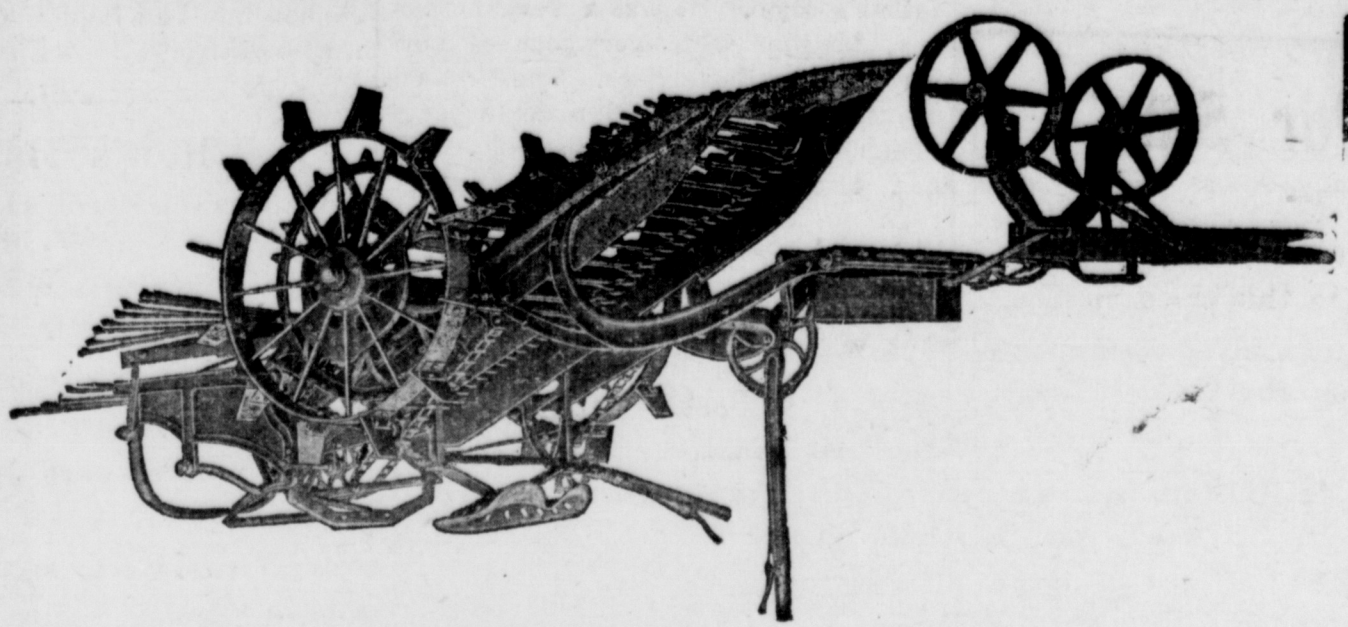
"Miss Pry is the most inquisitive sort of girl. There is nothing doing but she manages to have her finger in it?" "I notice she hasn't got the finger in an engagement ring yet."—Baltimore American.

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Intemperate.

Tambo—They tell me that the Stock Exchange is a most intemperate place. Bones—I should say so. Money gets tight, and the jerkinates often take a drop.—Satire

"If you wish to appear agreeable in society you must consent to be taught many things which you know already."—Talleyrand.

FREEDOM OF LONDON.

It Carries With It the Right to Keep Pigs in St. James' Parish.

Many towns in Great Britain enjoy special and peculiar privileges. When, some years ago, parliament deprived the Cinque Ports of their ancient privileges, Brightlingsea, a Cinque Port "limb" or "appanage," was in some way overlooked. Consequently its inhabitants are still exempt from serving on juries, they cannot be taken by the press gang, and the town can still appoint its own ale taster. It is at Brightlingsea that the ceremony of electing the mayor takes place in the belfry of the parish church.

In at least one manor, that of the Earl of Carnarvon, the inhabitants may cheerfully disregard the enactments of the ground game act, passed twenty years ago. The ancient right of free chase and warren over freehold land is still in force there. Indeed it was actually exercised a very few years ago, and a private bill was brought into parliament designed to do away with it. The bill however failed to become law.

The freedom of the city of London carries with it, nominally, at any rate, the right to keep pigs in the parish of St. James, Piccadilly. But, if any one was disposed to avail himself of this liberty land in that part of London is somewhat too costly for profitable pig farming.—London Family Herald.

HE HAD TO HURRY.

On the Dead Rush Because He Had No Time to Spare.

In Chicago there is a man whom his friends know as Inaburry Jones. One morning about 10 o'clock a man with southern blood in his veins saw Jones, whose energy he had often admired, tearing down State street as if propelled by the winds of heaven. It came over the southerner to follow Jones just to see where he was going and how tremendous a matter was dependent on his getting there.

Jones rushed into the Palmer House, rushed up to the cigar stand, grabbed a cigar, yelled back, "Puteronmyaccount," without stopping to sort the words, and dashed out, with the south-

erner panting hard behind. After tearing down Washington street for half a block he dived into the Field office building and just missed being jammed by the elevator doors in his determination not to lose a car.

The southerner took the next car up and entered Jones' office timidly, certain that he was about to come upon a conference of at least four of the most important men in Chicago's financial world. Inside he found Jones smoking his cigar behind the morning paper, his feet on his desk and his swivel chair tilted back comfortably.—New York Post.

The Doomed Shepherd Dog.

The shepherd's dog that kills a sheep is doomed. The penalty is death. Stevenson in one of his essays tells a story of how John Todd, "the oldest herd on the Pentlands," once saw a dog he knew maneuvering toward a pool behind Kirk Yettou.

"John lay the closer under the bush and presently saw the dog come forth upon the margin, look all about him to see if he were anywhere observed, plunge in and repeatedly wash himself over head and ears and then (but now openly with tail in air) strike homeward over the hills." But the dog's high intelligence did not save him. John reported his doings, and he "was had out to a dykeside and promptly shot." He was a sheep eater; he had betrayed his trust.—London Standard.

Protecting from Electrocution.

Albert B. Herrick describes a method of preventing an earth conductor adjacent a grounded return by alternately connecting the earth conductor to the grounded return and to a source of negative electromotive force.

Old Parr's Possible Age.

One of the last services Dean Stanley did for Westminster abbey was to cause the almost effaced inscription over the celebrated old Parr's grave to be recut. It is as follows: "Tho: Parr of ye County of Salop. Borne in AD 1483. He lived in ye reigns of Ten Princes viz. K. Edw. 4. K. Edw. 5. K. Rich. 3. K. Hen. 7. K. Hen. 8. K. Edw. 6. Q. Ma. Q. Eliz. Ka. Ja. & K. Charles. Aged 152 yeares, and was Buried Here Novemb. 15, 1635."

The "old Countess of Desmond," who is said to have died at the age of 140, is mentioned by Lord Bacon, Archbishop Usher and Sir William Temple. The first assures us that "she did dentige (renew her teeth) twice or thrice, casting her old teeth, and others coming in their place."—London Graphic.

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