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TINKLER'S PRETTY CAROL-SINGERS

Ghostly mists had begun to swing lazily across the Sullotk marsh, touching here and there a reed which feared its tasselled head above its fellows.

"You surely must have heard of Tinkler's Tiptop Carol-Singers? Why, man, the fame of that little band spread for miles around, and there's few in this part of the Eastern Counties who haven't heard it sing."

"Tinkler had a mania for training animals and he had the best place there to handle the better he liked it."

"The old man was all broken up by his loss. The neighbors offered him some more cats and dogs—but he didn't take kindly to them at all."

"It was while Tinkler was listening to the marsh chorus one evening that he conceived an idea. He called it an inspiration, and began to back-up right away. After this he was away from home more than he had been."

"Some time in the middle of summer it was noticed that all of the best front music was over on Tinkler's side. There was still some musical croaking at other parts of the marsh; but it sounded weaker than before, and was usually drowned out by the singing chorus from Tinkler's side."

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ready to tumble down with the strain. "Well, Tinkler's fame was made. From that time on he was looked upon as the cleverest man about these parts. For miles around the country men would drive over to hear the frog carolers sing. They would only perform at night, when everything was quiet, and the parsonage pride of the old man would tell his visitors how he labored for weeks in the marsh, selecting just the right voices for his little band; how he had been disappointed time and again, and had tried at least a thousand frogs before he had been suited."

"The singers were as healthy a looking lot of frogs as I ever saw; but one of them, Tim the tenor, died suddenly one day late in the summer. I think he swallowed a young field mouse, and it hurt him. The blow almost broke Tinkler's heart."

"One night his voice was missed. A wild duck, which had waded there the day before, might have told where it was, but he didn't. There is no vociferous now but Bill."

"I haven't seen no musicians roamin' about," said Charlie Lewis. "There was a rustic of expectation through the hall as the curtain stirred unwearily. It swung softly back, disclosing what looked like a section of marsh, framed in by the three walls of the stage. Water could be heard at the base of the reeds, shimmering in the lamplight. A faint evening breeze drifted in and stirred the tops of the reeds and grass."

"The audience stirred unwearily at the darkness. The open windows came indistinctly the ceaseless chorus from the marsh. Suddenly Tinkler sent a rumbling, long-drawn note from the viol echoing through the hall."

"The audience was spellbound. 'Frogs!' they whispered. And then, in a low voice, sat with open mouths, drinking in the sounds which came unintermittedly from the direction of the stage."

"Without pause time after time was rendered. The singers seemed to be carried away with a sort of rapturous enthusiasm. Along towards the singing had lasted an hour now, but the singer's voice broke a little. At the end of the bar Tinkler raised his hand, and gave a sudden, fierce lunge to his bow. The viol screeched wildly, discordantly. The singers seemed to bite their notes off quick plumes in the water, and little waves lapped over the tank on to the stage. The lights were on, as if by magic, and a wild cheer went up. The old hall shook from end to end, and seemed

About the Rug and Rag Carpet.

Probably all women who make rugs are familiar with those that are knitted on large wooden needles, and also with those that are braided, but perhaps all do not know of the crocheted rugs which are pretty and easily made. The pieces are cut in to narrow strips, then sewed together and wound into balls and crocheted in the single stitch into rugs of the desired shape and size."

Even when the oven is quite right and the pastry has been made moderately rich, a woman will feel dissatisfied at the appearance, because she misses the rich brown gloss that she has seen on pastry made by practical cooks. This gloss is produced by an egg wash. An egg is beaten up with a little sugar and a small quantity of milk is added. With this the pie is brushed over after the pastry has been finished and all its paste ornaments have been put on. The egg wash will come in handy when the pie is to be converted into tea cakes by adding a little baking powder, a few currants and a little sugar. Then the remainder of the egg wash will come in handy to brush over the cakes and none will be wasted. This wash is the secret of the rich brown seen on the shop buns."

During the past season a large part of Cape Colony has suffered from a severe drought. The poorly nourished grass has turned yellow, and the crops have been a partial failure. In the midst of the parched regions, however, there has been a long ribbon of green, where oats, wheat and sugar have yielded great crops, and the farmers are happy, though they have not had an inch more rain than their less fortunate neighbors. Their prosperity is due to a very remarkable fact.

THE FIFTY MARK. They were forced to abandon this. They bought a suit of second-hand clothes, and they were in a predicament, taught themselves typesetting, and now have got their paper upon a paying basis. They send copies to a dozen different States, to Canada, and even to Japan.

THE MANY RECS OF SALT. When cabbage, onions, or string-smelling vegetables have been boiled in pans to prevent odors clinging to them, place some salt on the stove, and turn the pan bottom up over the salt. In a few minutes the pan will smell sweet.

EAT LOTS OF ALMONDS. According to a celebrated health expert, blanched almonds give the higher quality of brain and muscle food, and the man who wishes to keep his brain-power up would do well to include them in his daily bill of fare. Juicy fruits give the same benefit, but almonds are eaten by all men whose living depends on their clear-headedness. Applies especially the brain with rest. Fumes arising from almonds, nervousness, are not muscle-feeding. They should be avoided by those who suffer from the liver. But it has been proved that fruits do not have the same effect as almonds. There were four plums in a basket, and he has never been able to eat apples without suffering the agony of indigestion to others, strawberries are like poison.

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FINDING HIDDEN WEALTH TREASURE DISCOVERED AT UNEXPECTED PLACES.

Workmen in England Uncover Great Amount Buried 500 Years in River. Hidden treasure has an irresistible attraction for the human race. On the slightest hint from seer or fortune teller some one is sure to dig where the buried treasure is supposed to be, and disappointment does not discourage another attempt, when another "tip" is received. Very few have ever come upon hidden treasure, and the few have found it unexpectedly.

HOYS DISCOVER CHEST. Only two years later a few village boys were playing at marbles on Sunday afternoon on a field near Beaworth, in Hampshire, when one of them caught sight of a piece of lead projecting from a cart rut in a road. He dug it out, and found a Tugging at the strip of metal he disclosed a hole, and through the hole, looking in, he saw a pile of glittering coins, bright as if fresh from the mint. He dug out a few more, and those of his playmates was the work of a few moments, and so little did the youngsters appreciate the value of their discovery that on their way home they amused themselves by flinging the coins into the village pond.

CAPE COLONY'S ODD RIVER. Keeps Crops Growing in a Dry Land When Other Rivers Fail. During the past season a large part of Cape Colony has suffered from a severe drought. The poorly nourished grass has turned yellow, and the crops have been a partial failure. In the midst of the parched regions, however, there has been a long ribbon of green, where oats, wheat and sugar have yielded great crops, and the farmers are happy, though they have not had an inch more rain than their less fortunate neighbors. Their prosperity is due to a very remarkable fact.

FOR BABY'S COMFORT. A great deal of care and attention has to be given to the baby's comfort. The clothing is made loose enough to allow him freedom of action, and of fine soft material that does not irritate. His bed is made of a mattress, his bath, his hours of sleep are all items of interest to the young mother.

SELECTING DAIRY CALVES. A writer gives this method of selecting calves to raise, which is followed by many successful dairymen: "Turn the little calf on its back and see that it has four well placed teats that is, wide apart, and two rudimentary, or extra, teats next to each other, and a large udder cord, which you can feel on the side, rubbing the finger back and forth. Such parts are made in proportion and a large udder cord indicates that the calf, when it becomes a cow, will carry a large udder, because a large cord is necessary to hold this up. Next look in the calf's mouth, and if there are eight teats, through you can feel the teats that are there, are only two teeth put through, reject the calf, because, as a rule, this indicates that the constitutional vigor of the mother was not sufficient to rear a calf that had been born. Such a calf will be likely to have a weak vitality when it grows up, as well as during its younger days."

NEGROES AS DETECTIVES. Negress private detectives are being employed by an agency in Georgia. The women are stated to be very intelligent, patient, trustworthy, and as cunning as foxes. Besides, the individual shodden cannot, as a rule, tell one negress from another. Lady detectives who are white can, it seems, be readily "spotted" by the parties they are watching.

DULL SWEDISH SAILORS. A commission has been formed to investigate the condition of the Swedish sailors and marines who, it is asserted, are afflicted with "a chronic incapacity to understand and quickly execute orders."

UNLUCKY POLICEMAN. A member of the N. Division of police is probably the most unlucky individual in the whole London (England) force. He has now been in the force for five years, and in every one of those years he has either sustained a serious injury or suffered from a serious illness. In the first year of his service he had a very bad attack of rheumatism; in the second year he had his arm broken in trying to stop a runaway horse; in the third year he had a dangerous attack of rheumatism; in the fourth year he had his nose broken by a refractory prisoner; and this year he was accidentally shot in the neck at the annual police revolver practice.

CAN SUSPEND EXISTENCE WONDERFUL FEAT OF CHIEF MOHAMMER OF HINDOOS.

He Has Spent Years of Fasting and Self Mortification. There is a man staying at a temperance hotel at Oxford, who can stop the beating of his heart for thirty seconds, during which time his existence is suspended, and his spirit, it is said, wanders in space, reading the future, says the London Herald.

His name is Agamya Guru Paramahansa, and he is the chief of the Hindu sect of the "Hindoo" who has wandered in India. In his "Life" Professor Max Muller described him as a man of remarkable intelligence, and "the only real saint who has come to English-speaking lands."

His present visit to England, which is the second he has paid to our shores, is a temporary halt made on the return journey of his native land. He cares nothing for money or for the pleasures of the world. He is a simple man, and his only possessions are a few shawls and a few pieces of clothing. He is a man of great power, and his influence is felt in the hearts of millions of the population.

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