

WAYS OF RECKONING TIME.

Firing a Noon Gun at Teheran, Persia—Very Good Time in Africa.

The ordinary method of reckoning time in Mohammedan countries is from sunset to sunset. Twelve o'clock is at sunset, and this is the beginning of the day. Two periods of twelve hours then pass till the next sunset, whereupon everybody sets his watch, if he has one, backward or forward, according to the season. Of course, accurate time is impossible under such a system. The telegraphs and railroads in Syria, for example, keep anything but exact time, though it might be procured from the observatory at Bevrout, which uses its mean time. In Teheran, Persia a midday gun is fired by the time shown on a dial, and this in spite of the fact that the correct local mean time might be procured at the telegraph office, which is regulated daily by a time signal from Greenwich and is the time standard for all telegraphic business. But the merchants and the street car company keep gun time, and the railroad trains do not seem to require a time table at all, as they seldom start until full or required to start by a Government order.

There are out of the way parts of the world that keep very good time, because their clocks are regulated by telegraph from Greenwich and then the Greenwich mean time is reduced to local time according to longitude difference. Thus, at Lagos and the Gold Coast, West Africa, the local time is checked daily by telegraph from Greenwich and transmitted to all the telegraph offices in the colonies. The time at Accra is only forty six seconds slower than that of Greenwich, and is the time used throughout the Gold Coast.

Most any sort of time is kept in China. As a rule, the Chinese use an apparent sun time obtained from sundials. The foreigners at the ports on the coast use an approximate local time calculated from the Shanghai time, supplied by the telegraph companies. In the great city of Tientsin, with a million inhabitants, the time is determined by the municipal chronometer, which is the town hall clock. It is supposed to be regulated every Saturday, when the community may set their watches, but it has been known to be in error at least three minutes.

Last December was the time when all the towns in Colombia were expected, thereafter to use the time of Bogoto, the capital. With this responsibility upon them it is hoped that the public clocks of that city will improve in their timekeeping, for visitors at Bogoto say it is not unusual for the public clocks to disagree by fully a quarter of an hour.

In India, the standard time for the whole of the peninsula is the meantime of the Madras Observatory, and this time is used on through lines of railroad, and in recording the time of sending telegrams to foreign countries. Local time is, however, used in most towns and villages, and it is announced by clocks striking, gongs, bells, and guns, the signal being given from churches, treasury buildings, forts and telegraph offices. The local clocks are set daily by the time telegraphed from Madras, and each telegraph office has a closely printed table, filling about fifty pages, giving the difference between Madras and local time for all the Government telegraph offices in India.

Not a few countries constantly use two standards of time. This is not trouble some at all when we consider that, before the adoption of the hour zones, the railroads across our own continent employed about seventy standards of time in making up their time tables. Railroads and telegraphs throughout Spain use Madrid time, but for all other purposes the official time is determined by the meridian of each locality. Throughout Russia, St. Petersburg time is used for telegraphic purposes, and each place has its own local time besides. In Portugal the country towns keep their local time very roughly, but Lisbon and the railroad and telegraph services have the time of the Tapada Royal Observatory. There is considerable confusion in the Netherlands, and if one's watch does not agree with the town clocks as he travels through the land it doesn't follow that he has a poor timekeeper. In the railroad stations, telegraph and post offices the exact time of the Greenwich Observatory will be found. In many towns Amsterdam time is in use, and it is about twenty minutes faster than reliable clocks in many other towns that use Greenwich time; and still other towns use their own local time, so the Netherlands do not lack for variety in time standards.

Every place in Newfoundland uses St. John's time for all purposes, excepting Heart's Content, which has special privileges as a cable station. For local purposes this little town employs local time. Every day it receives a signal from London giving the Greenwich time, and as the difference in time between the two points is 3

hours, 33 minutes and 33 seconds, it is only necessary to keep the local clocks that much slow on Greenwich time to have the exact local time. But in the cable office all foreign business is transmitted with Greenwich time.

In Great Britain Greenwich mean time is the standard, and is used for all purposes nearly everywhere. Among the few exceptions is the city of Canterbury, which uses a time about four minutes minutes fast on Greenwich and clocks at a few railroad stations are kept one or two minutes fast. Ireland uses the time of Dublin and so all the clocks in the island are 25 minutes 22 second slow on Greenwich time.

The official time throughout Argentina is that of the city of Cordova, which is telegraphed every day to control the timepieces in the various cities. It is used everywhere in the railroad and telegraph offices, but many citizens in the provinces prefer to use local time of doubtful accuracy. The people of the Hawaiian Islands try to keep their timepieces 10 hours 30 minutes slower than those of Greenwich and call this standard time. At Belize, British Honduras, the clock over the Court House, which furnishes the time for the town, is usually regulated by the time kept by the ships in the harbor. The town of Nukualofa, which furnishes the time for the entire Tonga group, is in west longitude, but because all business relations, except with Samoa, are with places in east longitude, the east longitude time for the day of the week and month is kept.

We have plenty of time variety in our own country. For example, any town that happens to be on the dividing line between two of the hour-time zones will have its own time, and, in addition, at the railroad station there will be two times, differing by an hour, one for the west and the other for the east bound trains. The city of El Paso labors under the embarrassment of four kinds of railroad time. It has central time for the Atlantic section of the Southern Pacific, Pacific time for the Pacific section of the same road, Mountain time for the Santa Fe and City of Mexico time for the Mexican Central, all the railroads of Mexico being run on the time of the capital.

ALL THE ENGLISH HE KNEW.

It was an old hymn but it brought about a Treaty.

A strange war experience happened to Lieut. J. G. Ord. One of the brave men who went into their last battle before Santiago.

In an Indian campaign, when he was a sergeant, he was detailed to carry despatches from General Miles to an officer commanding a body of troops which had been stationed a long distance away to head off the Indian's retreat. Sergeant Ord had to ride across the desert alone, at the risk of being caught by the Apaches.

He rode from sunset till midnight. Then he was startled by what sounded like a human voice. He told himself it was but the crunching of the sand beneath his horse's feet. As he rode on but again the sound came to him. Then he dismounted and listened. As a result of that listening he took off his blue army shirt, tore it into strips, and wound them about the hoofs of his horse.

Leading the horse, and with his carbine ready for action, he advanced cautiously and soon was able to gather that there was a voice and that its owner was singing. By and by the sounds resolved themselves into the words, 'Oh, how I love Jesus!' Out there in the desert some one was singing that well-known hymn.

The soldier suspected treachery. He hobbled his horse, and throwing himself flat on the ground, proceeded to crawl toward the spot whence the sound came. After crawling for more than an hour, he came to where an Apache sat in the middle of some cactus bushes, singing at the top of his voice, 'Oh, how I love Jesus!'

Having watched the Indian long enough to be sure that he was alone, the soldier covered him with his carbine and rushed at him, ordering him to surrender. The Apache threw up both hands and made the sign of peace, all the while singing lustily, 'Oh, how I love Jesus!'

When the Indian was conducted to General Miles's camp, and communited with by means of an interpreter, it was found that he had been sent by the Apache chief to say that the Indians were ready to treat for peace.

He was the only one of his party who

could speak a word of English, and all that he knew was the one line, 'Oh, how I love Jesus!' This he had learned from a missionary.

Lieutenant Ord used to say that the listening to that refrain, repeated over and over again in that night journey through the desert was the strangest experience of his military life.

UNVARIED DIET.

Donald's Meat was Tough but he got the Whiskey.

An amusing story is told of an old-time soldier who loved liquor better than food, and was bound to have his diet according to his taste. It was in the days when British soldiers provided themselves with rations out of their pay. To insure the proper feeding of the men a strict inspection of the daily mess was instituted. It was found that unless this was done many soldiers would go without meat in order that they might have money to buy grog.

Donald loved whiskey, and could live very well on oatmeal. Therefore he eschewed butcher's meat. But at the daily mess it was essential that he should have meat before him.

For a long time Donald saved his money and yet, to all appearance, lived up to the requirements. When the officer went his round Donald had his mess before him. It was tripe, tripe, and tripe again for a change.

'Do you always eat tripe?' asked the inspecting officer, becoming a little suspicious.

'Always, your honor, replied Donald. The officer stuck a fork into the dish before him.

'Well, Donald,' he remarked, 'I never before saw tripe with buttons on it.'

The meat proved to be a slice from a pair of leather breeches.

THE DANGER SEASON.

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FLASHES OF FUN.

Be content with your lot, more especially if it's a lot of money.

Some of the folk who complain of being misunderstood are simply unintelligible.

When you go in to collect a bill the man at the counter is less apt to inquire about the health of your family than when you go in to pay one.

The owner of a carriage which was upset the other day said that he couldn't agree with the spectators who complimented him on his handsome turn-out.

'I am wedded to art,' said Parley. 'Well,' said Criticus, gazing at Parley's picture. 'I'd get a divorce if I were you. She has deserted you.'

Edith: 'They say it costs Percy von Noodle £2,000 a year to live.' Penelope: 'Dear me! Then what does he live for?'

Robby: 'How did the Sphinx get the credit of being so wise, papa?' Mr. Morris: 'By keeping his mouth shut for three thousand years.'

She: 'You never see my husband laugh at his own jokes.'

He: 'No; but you can't blame him for that.'

'Grumpers is a very disagreeable man, isn't he?' 'Yes, even what he eats doesn't agree with him.'

An impudent youngster came very near getting his ears boxed the other night at a wedding party for wishing the bride 'Many happy returns of the day.'

He (indignantly): 'I hope I know my own mind!'

She (sweetly): 'Yes! You surely ought to know as much as that!'

All Told:—Brush: 'How long was Dauber at work on his picture?'

Palette: 'Three years. Six months to paint it, and two years and a half to sell it.'

Banker (finding a burglar in his office): 'Thieves! Help! Help!'

Burglar: 'You'd better stop that row, man, else I'll tell everybody I found nothing in your safe.'

Teacher: 'Can you mention a species of cold blooded animal which multiplies with astonishing rapidity?' Son of a Journalist: 'Yes, the creditor. That's what pa says.'

Mabel: 'I had a letter from Clara in London she said she was to be presented at Court.'

Ellen: 'I hope the poor girl will be acquitted.'

Out of every 1,000,000 letters that pass through the Post Office, only twenty go astray, but the people make more fuss about twenty that go astray than they do about the 999,980 that they get.

'I wish you'd let me go to the city with you, Charlie, dear,' said the wife of a month to her husband, who is on the Stock Exchange. 'I should so like just for once to take a stroll through the money market.'

Mistress: 'Do you think that young policeman Keegan, who calls here so often means business, Norah?'

The cook (blushing): 'I think he do, mum; he's begun to complain about my cooking already!'

Day: 'I have a device to increase the speed of tram-cars.'

Weeks: 'That won't bring you a fortune. Get up a scheme to increase the speed of the people who have to chase them.'

Impatient Passenger: 'Conductor, is this omnibus going on?'

Conductor: 'Well, sir, if you asks me, I should say it was standin' still. But I'll inquire of the driver.'

Mamma: 'Bessie, how many sisters has your new playmate?'

Bessie: 'He has one, mamma. He tried to fool me by saying that he had two half-sisters, but he didn't know that I've studied arithmetic.'

Convincing:—The jury changed their minds and declared her insane.'

'Any new evidence?'

'Yes; it was proved that the hat which she had on was three years behind the styles.'

Washington: 'What's the matter with your clock? It's stopped.'

Tailor: 'I never wind it up. I use it as a motto.'

Washington: 'What do you mean?'

Tailor: 'No tick here.'

Wife: 'Don't you think you might manage to keep house alone for a week while I go off on a visit?'

Husband: 'I guess so. Yes, of course.'

'But won't you be lonely and miserable?'

'Not a bit!'

'Huh! Then I won't go.'

Questionable Guest: 'Waiter, I am in a great hurry, and would like to know what there is that you would require the least time to bring me!'

Waiter: 'Well, I dunno, sir, unless it might be yo'r bill, sir!'

Mrs. Hones (proudly): 'The landlord was here today; I gave him the quarter's rent and showed him the baby.'

Hones (who was kept awake last night): 'It would have been better, my dear, if you had given him the baby and shown him the quarter's rent.'

Patient: 'And what do you think of my case, doctor?'

Young Physician: 'Oh, I am perfectly delighted with it. I have learned more from three weeks' attendance on you than

I did in all my two years' reading. If you only last two days longer I shall become quite an authority, I'm sure.'

How.—Ever kill a man?' they asked of the new arrival in the prison.

'Reckon I have—more'n one,' he replied.

More respectful in manner they asked, 'Shot him?'

'No.'

'Poison?'

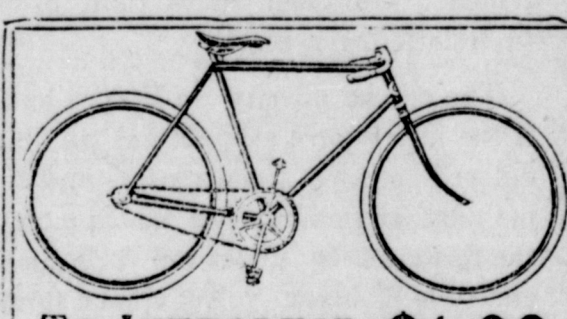
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'How, then, did you kill a man?'

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