

A QUEER COACH ROAD.

Passengers Pay Their Fare and Work Their Way as Well.

In the old days of canal voyaging captains of boats were not infrequently asked to give a wayfarer a lift. The man was asked if he was willing to work his passage. If he said "Yes" he was put to work driving the horses. In Europe, it seems, a similar custom is practiced on paying coach passengers.

In the Pyrenees there is a coach road between two villages, one on each side of a mountain 16,000 feet high. After the coach has proceeded a little distance and reached the steep part of the ascent the conductor begs the passengers to get out so as to ease the horses. They are even requested a push behind and help the poor animals to drag the huge vehicle uphill.

When at last the summit is reached the traveler, wiping from his forehead drops of sweat as big as kidney beans, congratulates himself on the breezy ride down the steep slopes of the descent which awaits him.

There is where he makes a mistake, for the conductor, with a sweet smile, begs the gentlemen to be kind enough to hang on to the coach behind and act the part of a Westinghouse air brake or else the horses may be injured.

In this manner the terminus of the line is reached, the passengers having pushed the coach all the way up one side of the mountain and held it back all the way down the other.

In spite of this there is a rush for places on the coach daily, as there has been for half a century.—Spare Moments.

Traits of Turkish Nomads.

The Yuruks assert that human souls return into the bodies of animals and that the spirits of the latter take also a human form and appear at determined epochs. This is certainly the reason why they are so kind to animals. A Yuruk loves his horse as much as his family. The horses have their place under the tent, and it is not uncommon to see them warmly wrapped in a magnificent robe when the Yuruk and his children are covered with rags.

Some other customs attest also a pagan origin. In the orient everybody knows that the Yuruks worship certain trees and rocks. These facts yield sufficient evidence that monotheism is by no means the essential dogma of their religion.

After the Baby's Trade.

A gentleman who recently advertised the birth of a daughter tells me that he has received in consequence almost enough stuff to stock a general shop. The outcome of his advertisement includes samples of a dozen or more different foods and preparations of milk, several consignments of different soaps, samples of well known brands of tea and other well advertised goods, not to mention specimen photographs from sundry firms desirous of depicting the features of the little stranger. He mentions that the only article that would be really useful in his household under the circumstances not received up to the present date is a baby carriage.—London Truth.

In late years men have made fortunes out of the tailings of gold mines. The mills in which the ore formerly was crushed and the crude processes then in use allowed a large percentage of the precious metal to escape, and that loss amounted in some cases to a fortune. The stomach is just like a stamp mill in this respect, that when it is not in perfect order it allows the escape and waste of much of the precious nutriment contained in the food. That loss when continuous means the loss of man's greatest fortune—health. Science offers a remedy for this condition in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It corrects the "weakness" of the stomach, prevents waste and loss of nourishment, and puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition into a condition of health which enables them to save and assimilate all the nutriment contained in the food which is eaten. In all cases of constipation the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets will speedily and permanently cure the disease.

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THE TERM "BLACKLEG."

It Probably Came From Sporting Men Who Wore Black Top Boots.

The term blackleg, which has come to mean one who systematically tries to win money by cheating in connection with races or with cards, billiards or other games of skill or chance and is used as synonymous with a swindler, a welsheer, is of uncertain origin. Some authorities connect it with the black legs of a game cock, so much used by the sporting fraternity for betting purposes.

According to another and more probable view, the expression had no disgraceful sense attached to it at first, but was applied to turf and sporting men because they were often in the habit of wearing black top boots. When blackleg had thus become a current phrase for professional sporting men, it probably passed into use as applied more particularly to those who took an unfair advantage of their opportunities to cheat the unwary.

The derivation of this term was once solemnly argued before the full court of queen's bench upon a motion for a new trial for libel, but that learned tribunal was unable to decide its origin.

QUICKSANDS.

It Is the Presence of Water That Makes Them So Yielding.

Quicksand—i. e., moving or living sand—is ordinary sand so saturated with water that it will not bear any considerable weight. Sand that is dry or not very wet becomes on being pressed closely compacted and less yielding, but where there is sufficient water mixed with it to keep the grains apart it does not cohere and yields to any weight.

Quicksands, then, are sands from which the water is not drained away, either because a constant current passes through them or because there is a dense substratum of clay or rock. They are commonly found near the mouths of large rivers or where there are springs or on flat beaches.

Probably those who fall into quicksands would not be engulfed if they kept quite quiet. As soon as the sand reached their chin they would be supported rather more than if they were in ordinary water, owing to the greater density of the mixture of sand and water which constitutes a quicksand.

When a man works because he is compelled to he is never a good workman.—Atchison Globe.

FLAMINGOES.

There Are Several Species of These Radiant Tropical Birds.

There are about seven species of flamingoes inhabiting the tropical parts of both hemispheres, three of which are in America, frequenting the Bahamas, Florida and Cuba. In height the bird averages about five feet, and if its curved neck were stretched to its full length it would tower above the head of an ordinary man. Flamingoes breed in May and June. At this period their bright colored plumage is faded. It assumes its most radiant hues in winter. When first hatched, the young have a straight bill, which after a time develops into one of bent shape. Their first plumage is grayish white and passes through various tints of pink, rose, carmine or vermilion to the full scarlet of the adult, which reaches its deepest shade on the wings. Several years are necessary to perfect the final gaudy plumage.

The eggs are white, showing a blue tinge when scraped under the surface. They are long, oval and have a thick shell, equaling in size that of the common goose. The flesh is not palatable to the taste, being extremely oily. They feed upon both animal and vegetable matter from the ooze and soft bottoms of the shallow waters and lagoons selected by them both as a feeding ground and nesting place. When flying, their long legs are stretched out behind and the neck becomes straight. They have a peculiar voice and a sort of one syllable outcry, which they utter as an alarm signal the moment they are approached or believe themselves to be in danger. On account of their keen eyed and wary nature it is almost impossible to get within close range of them. They walk with slow and cautious tread.

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When Lord Minto Was Pressed

"One of the Crowd," writing to The New York Sun, upon the contradictions in the news from the seat of war, says: "I remember once reading in a magazine article, written, I believe, by the present Governor-General of Canada, of a correspondent in the last Afghan war, who submitted to the press censor with the British army a letter intended for transmission to his paper, in which a picturesque description of Afghan scenery was given, with crocodiles in the rivers, and palm trees along their banks. The censor sent for the writer, and pointed out to him the absurdity of putting crocodiles into the icy waters of the rivers and palm trees where none could flourish, but the correspondent insisted that the British public would be satisfied with nothing less; and so, as there were no military secrets to be extracted from the saurians and palm trees, the letter went forward."

A Laudable Ambition.

W. B. Yeats, the Irish poet, tells of a woman who once said to Marion Crawford, the novelist: "Have you ever written anything that will live after you are gone?" "Madam," Crawford replied, "what I am trying to do is to write something that will enable me to live while I am here."

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