

Won on a Bluff.

"It does me good to meet up with one of that class of people who think they know it all," said the old man with the ancient hat. "I was coming over from Baltimore on a train the other day, and a man who was writing in a book asked me how to spell 'proper.' I told him, but a know-it-all who sat near disputed me. I bet him \$10 even up that I was right and proved I was by four disinterested men. I gave the \$10 to charity."

"How did the man contend the word should be spelled?" was asked.

"Why, he said there was only one 'p' in it."

"And you stuck for two, eh?"

"I did. I insisted that it was spelled 'proper,' and he finally owned up like a little man and handed me over the money."

"And would you like to make the same wager again and leave it to the dictionaries?"

"Not much! I consulted 'em all next day and discovered that I had bluffed that poor chap out of his wealth."—Washington Post.

Acquitted.

Voltaire, when on his estate of Ferney, was fond of assuming the air of nobility and displayed a most philosophical hatred of poachers. One luckless fellow was caught and brought before him. Voltaire determined to try him according to law and took his seat as judge, directing his secretary to act as counsel for the prisoner. The advocate made a long speech in favor of the culprit and stopped suddenly.

"Why do you hesitate?" asked Voltaire.

"I wish to read a passage from a volume in your library."

He procured the book and silently turned its leaves. Voltaire became impatient and demanded the cause of his silence.

"Well," answered the secretary, "I have been looking for the word 'humanity,' and I see you have omitted it."

Voltaire thought the argument so forcible that he set the poacher free.

YOUR NERVES ARE WEAK.

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Talking of men prominent in affairs of state brings to mind the fact that Viscount Morley, Secretary of State for India, is one of the most humane of men. So great is his love for animals that he will neither shoot nor fish, and it is said that he never comes across a stray cat in the streets without endeavoring to give it a gentle pat. When driving in the country, too, he descends from his carriage at the approach of each steep hill, and nothing will induce him to get in again until the summit has been reached.

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The Duke of Richmond, whose regular practice it is to make the rounds of his vast estates in Scotland each autumn and visit all his tenants, once wrote to a firm from Goodwood House, and, as usual, signed his letter "Richmond and Gordon." The firm in question, not knowing much of the ways of peers, upon receiving the letter, conceived it to be from another firm, and addressed the reply to "Messrs. Richmond & Gordon, Goodwood House." The duke kept the letter for a long time as a curiosity.

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Alcohol a Remedy For Hay Fever.

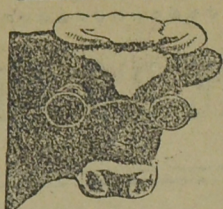
If a girl has a hay cold or hay fever, her cheeks, nose and lips are in a congested state. She must cool them a little and take out their redness. The most soothing thing is alcohol, which bleaches the redness out of the skin. The girl with an inflamed skin can experiment with various remedies. The same will not do for all, but many women find that they can dash the face daily with spirits of cologne with fine results. The skin is bleached and cooled and the pimples dry out of the skin quickly under this treatment.

Silkworm Eggs.

The eggs of the silkworm are about the size of mustard seeds.

Arabian Nights.

The "Arabian Nights" is an extensive collection of tales forming part of the Arabic literature and the exact title of which is "The Book of the Thousand and One Nights."



The Tenderfoot Farmer

It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The questions of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations.

It's only a "tenderfoot" farmer that would try such an experiment with a cow. But many a farmer feeds himself regardless of digestion and nutrition. He might almost as well eat shavings for all the good he gets out of his food. The result is that the stomach grows "weak," the action of the organs of digestion and nutrition are impaired and the man suffers the miseries of dyspepsia and the agonies of nervousness.

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A REMARKABLE TRIP.

Beach Family's Journey In Northern Wilds Was Memorable One.

Many marvellous feats have been performed by travelers in the northern regions of America. Explorers have suffered hardships and performed great deeds of daring and endurance, in trying to solve the mysteries of the North. Most of these daring adventurers have been white men, and it was not until last year that any white woman braved the perils of the north and made a considerable journey through the trackless wilderness. Last winter two women crossed from Hudson Bay to Winnipeg, a distance of some seven hundred miles. Mrs. Ray and her three children, accompanied by a corps of guides and half a dozen dog trains, crossed from York Factory to Lake Winnipeg. A much greater performance was that of Mrs. Beach, who, accompanied only by her husband and son, with two dog trains, crossed from Fort Churchill to Winnipeg. Fort Churchill is farther north, the distance to Winnipeg greater, and there was no corps of trained guides to insure the party's safety. This ninety day trip made by the Beach family must ever be memorable in the annals of Canadian travel.

This performance, by the first white family to travel by dog train from Fort Churchill to Winnipeg through eleven hundred miles of wilderness, is made all the more remarkable when the ages of two members are considered. Mrs. Beach is 58 years of age, and her husband is 60. For a couple so far advanced in years to attempt so great a journey was certainly a hazardous experiment. The Hudson Bay officials believed that the successful accomplishment of the enterprise was exceedingly doubtful, and could provide them with guides only as far as the Nelson river.

The Beach family left their home on the east side of Churchill river on Dec. 10, 1907. It took them seven days to accomplish the journey along the coast from the mouth of the Churchill to the mouth of the Nelson. When they arrived at the latter river they found it free of ice, and as no boats were available they were forced to wait until the ice had formed. The Nelson river is a wonderful river, draining as it does almost the whole of the vast district between Hudson Bay and the Rocky Mountains. Its current is strong and the volume of water passing down is enormous. At its mouth it is fourteen miles wide.

During this wait at the Nelson river, which lasted twenty-three days, the Beach family were located in a rough shanty on the bank of the river, which they shared with five Indian families. They had only such provisions as they brought with them and the food for the dogs had become exhausted. During the whole of this tedious three weeks the dogs had not a bite to eat. When at last the river froze and a crossing was effected, the dogs were scarcely able to draw the loads over the ice. After the crossing, an Indian chanced along with scant provisions and relieved the situation for a few days. He and Mr. Beach started off on a hunting trip which lasted nine days, but not a deer, rabbit or game of any kind was sighted. Eventually, however, the party managed to reach York Factory. Here they fared a little better, but it was not possible to obtain a candle, a can of condensed milk or a bit of butter. All supplies at Fort Churchill and York Factory are controlled by the Hudson Bay Co., and it is not the policy of that great company to encourage the invasion of its territory by independent persons.

AN ECCENTRIC WILL.

In the year 1736 a gentleman living in England named Samuel Baldwyn died after a somewhat unhappy married life. By his will Mr. Baldwyn left his property to his young wife on the condition that she should from time to time dance upon his grave.

The motive for this strange request was evident when the instructions for his interment were read. Mr. Baldwyn desired that his remains should be taken by boat to the Needles and there cast in the sea. This singular wish enabled him to revenge himself on his wife for past disagreements, and the widow lost the property, as she could not fulfill the conditions of her husband's bequest.

The Word "Ogre."

Old fashioned etymologists used to say that the word "ogre" commemorated the sufferings of Europe during the ninth and tenth centuries at the hands of the ravaging "Ogours," or Huns. This derivation, however, is now abandoned. "Ogre," which reached the French language by way of Italian and Spanish, is really Ogres, the Latin hell, afterward the god of the underworld. In Romanesque folklore this god became a shaggy, black, man devouring monster, with a particular taste for lost babes in the wood.

TO SETTLE LABOR DISPUTES.

Scotch Railway Men to Try the Arbitration Plan.

The following information concerning a scheme of conciliation and arbitration between the representatives of labor and the Scotch railway companies for the settlement of questions relating to rates of wages and hours of labor is furnished by Consul Maxwell Blake of Dunfermline.

It is proposed to group the various grades of employees into sections, each section to choose by election one or more representatives for each district, and these will compose the employees' sectional board to meet the representatives of the company. Under the scheme there will also be formed conciliation boards for each company to deal with questions of wages and hours of labor which cannot be mutually settled through the usual channels.

In the event of the two boards indicated failing to arrive at an agreement the subject of difference is then referred to arbitration. The appealed reference is to go before a single arbitrator appointed by agreement between the two boards, or, in default of an agreement, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Commons and the lord president of the court of sessions, or one of them. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties.

Each side of the conciliation board is to elect its own chairman. Any proposal agreed to by a sectional board and rejected by the employee is referred to the central board (composed of fourteen employees' representatives, two from members of each sectional board), and a proposal agreed to by the central board and rejected by the employee is referred to arbitration. A proposal agreed to by a sectional board and rejected by the employee is referred to the central board, and a proposal agreed to by the central board and rejected by the employee is referred to arbitration. Where the central conciliation board fail to agree an arbitrator is appointed, and where the central conciliation board have agreed, but the decision is not accepted by the directors or employees, the arbitrator is called in as before.

The total number of employees' representatives on each sectional board is eight, two from the employees in the section in each of the four designated electoral districts. The central board is composed as indicated. The company's representatives on each sectional and central board do not exceed the employers' representatives.

EXTENSION TO CONGO.

Railway Plans Will Open Up More of Darkest Africa.

The negotiations between the British South Africa Co. and the Congo which have been in progress for some months with a view to the extension of the Northern Rhodesia railways to the Tanganyika mining area, are now practically completed. It only remains for the signatures of the contracting parties to be affixed to the agreement arrived at.

The effect of this arrangement will be not only the rapid development of the Katanga mines by a through railway route to the eastern and southern ports, but it will also ensure the supply from the Rhodesian coal area for the working of the Katanga mines and the further opening up of Northern Rhodesia. The agreement also ensures the construction of another section of the Cape to Cairo railway from its present terminus at Broken Hill to the Congo Free State, and for this purpose negotiations are in active progress with the Belt trustees and other groups for obtaining the necessary capital.

The whole of the next section northward of the Cape to Cairo Railway to the Congo having already been surveyed, it is expected that work will commence during the present dry season, and will be easily completed in a year, when there will be direct railway communication between Capé Town and the Congo.

Khedive's Wife Bought For £20.

Abbas II, Khedive of Egypt, who, at the moment of writing, is paying us another visit, is one of the most progressive and enlightened of foreign rulers. Passionately fond of travel, he goes about the world with his eyes open, and has introduced many excellent reforms into the country over which he rules. Unconventional to a degree, he has amused himself, and horrified his suite, by donning overalls and driving a railway-engine. The Khedive, by the way, unlike the Sultan, has no Imperial harem. His wife was a beautiful Circassian slave, bought by his mother, chiefly on account of her beauty, from a powerful Turkish Pasha for less than £20. The Mohammedan religion permits the Khedive four wives, but Abbas II, like his father, is content with one, and is passionately devoted to the beautiful Circassian, who has borne him five charming daughters and a promising son.

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English Scientist Proposes to Use Submarine Sound Waves.

John Gardner, the English scientist, proposes accomplishing by means of submarine sound waves very much what is now possible through the agency of Hertzian waves, but he has it in his power easily to improve upon the latter by preventing the purpose of his sound waves being blocked or interfered with by other sound waves set up by someone else either accidentally or intentionally. In wireless telegraphy and in distant control by wireless impulses or waves the rapid and continuous sending of a series of other waves will produce what is technically known as "interference," which has the same effect that two people speaking rapidly at the same time have upon a listener—there would be confusion and but little proper understanding. It was to provide against this difficulty that Mr. Gardner discovered and developed his present system of sound control.

Mr. Gardner has recourse to two simple elements in the get-up of his apparatus. One is a thin strip or tape of metal which he can taughten just as one does the string of an instrument so as to vary its pitch, and the other is a small and very delicately-adjusted microphone. Having tuned his metallic strip to the desired key, Mr. Gardner places upon this strip one of the two small carbons of his microphone. When the right sound waves reach the receiver then, and only then, the intimacy of contact between the two carbons is broken, the electrical current is interrupted with and the index hand swings to one side far enough to close or "make" a second and more powerful electrical circuit. This second circuit is strong enough to set in motion certain mechanical functions—the order in which these functions or movements take place depending upon the number of times and the interval between the arrival of the proper disturbing note. Any instrument or any medium that will produce the required tone will answer to set the necessary operations in motion, first by disturbing the vibrator, second, by varying the current flowing through the carbon pencils of the microphone, and thirdly, by closing the more powerful current so that the necessary electrical energy can flow to the various points and cause the movement of the several mechanical features.

Mr. Gardner's laboratory apparatus—which in working principle is identical with that installed in his submarine boat—was made to go through the various movements of revolving a small propeller, swinging a rudder from side to side, and in expelling a miniature dummy torpedo. Each and every one of these operations was proved to be unflinchingly responsive to the utterance or sounding of the proper note in the required order.—Technical World Magazine, for August.

Bats.

Bats were the only family of native mammals found on the thousands of small islands in the Pacific.

Demolished Buildings.

Every year New York city throws into the junk heap enough buildings to accommodate a small city, or a population of 50,000. In the last ten years there have been torn down enough buildings to house 500,000 persons.

Oyster Grow'th.

The oyster grows from the inside by its throwing out every year rings or circles of a calcareous substance, and experts can tell you where the growth begins and ends for the year.

Vinegar.

A gallon of vinegar weighs more in winter than in summer, as the cold causes the fluid to contract.

The Compass In Russia.

Over a large area of central Russia the magnetic needle does not point north or south. It is in one part deflected to the west and at another part to the east, and at one place it points due east and west.

Trivial.

"Trivial" is derived from the Latin for three ways and means the petty gossip of the crossroads.

Waterspouts.

A waterspout is constantly spinning. The moment it ceases it collapses. At the distance of about a quarter of a mile above the sea level its spinning speed has been estimated at six miles a minute.

To the Knocker.

Why go knocking, knocking, knocking, all the time and everywhere? Don't you know that men will doubt you if your words are never fair? Why insist that Smith has never done a thing to merit praise? Why point out the faults of Adams or Vantorkley's foolish ways? Why not dwell sometimes on subjects of a cheerful, hopeful kind? Why keep hunting for the troubles those who search may always find? Why go knocking, knocking, knocking, when you often, if you would, might discover fair excuses to be saying something good? Don't you know that other people soon or late must think that you, if you see no good in others, lack the mainly virtues too? Why refer to others always in a sneering, snappish way? Why not be discreetly silent if there's nothing good to say? —Chicago Record-Herald.

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