

A Rattlesnake's Wisdom.

The writer of this rode bronchos and "punched" cattle on the ranges of Montana and Wyoming twenty years ago and had ample opportunity to study the habits of rattlesnakes. He knows how they went into their holes then, and it is doubtful if any improvement has since been made in their method. They start in head first, and one would promptly come to the conclusion that they reach the bottom of their holes in this manner, but Mr. Snake is too wily to keep his head where he cannot have an eye on the rest of his body; therefore as soon as he enters the hole a few inches he makes a half turn which brings his head to the entrance again and then permits the remainder of his length to glide down out of sight—a very simple performance, you will see.—Exchange.

When Grace Was Said.

A Barnard college girl tells in the New York Times of visiting in a household where grace was said at the table semioccasionally. Her curiosity got the better of her, and she asked the mistress of the house why they didn't observe the rite regularly. "Why," said the lady with some surprise, "we say grace only when we have reason to be thankful. We never dream of giving thanks when we have only roast beef or beefsteak or some simple thing like that; but whenever we have game or something really nice then we say grace, for it's worth while."

Parental Economy.

"Papa," said Dicky, "all the other boys are going to have torpedoes or firecrackers or something for the Fourth of July. Can't I have anything at all?"

"Dicky," said Mr. Stinje, beckoning mysteriously, "come with me, and I'll show you something."

He took him out to the summer kitchen and showed him a large package, neatly folded and tied with a string.

"There," he said, "are all the paper bags that have been brought into the house for a whole year from grocery stores and other places. I have had your mother save them for you. Every one of them will make as much noise as a firecracker if you fill it with air and pop it right."

It was not exactly what Dicky had set his heart on, but it was all the Fourth of July he got.

Willing to Take Chances.

"So you're going to marry Mike?" said the mistress inquiringly.

"Yis, mum."

"Are you sure you are not making a mistake?"

"Well," returned the cook thoughtfully, "he's not the best man in the world, to be sure, but if I love him go how kin I be sure of gittin' another wan? I've been thinkin' about it, an' it looks to me like it's right an' proper to take what ye kin git when ye kin git it. Them that holds off for the big prize has been known to lose the little wans. I think I'll take Mike."

The Longest Year.

The year 47 B. C. was the longest year on record. By order of Julius Caesar it contained 445 days. The additional days were put in to make the seasons conform as nearly as possible with the solar year.

Her Savings.

"I'm so glad you told me to keep accounts, Henry," she said. "I have just been going over them, and I find that I have saved \$200 in the last three months."

"Good!" he exclaimed. "Where's the money?"

"Oh, I haven't got the money," she answered, "but the accounts show that I have saved it just the same."—Chicago Post.

Quiet.

Mr. Handicap—Jamaica doesn't look at all horsey.

Mr. Futurity—No; he is a horseless looking racing man.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Professional Men.



It's the constant strain and worry under which the professional man labors, the irregularity of habits and loss of rest that makes him peculiarly susceptible to kidney troubles. First it's backache, then urinary difficulties, then—unless it's attended to—Bright's Disease and—death.

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ROYAL TEETH.

Rare Prone Than Those of People of Lesser Rank to Ache—King Edward's Chief Aversion.

Old world royalty is decidedly weak in the matter of teeth. The moment that the Duke of Cornwall and York landed in Australia he was obliged to place himself in the hands of the dentist, and was afflicted to such an extent with the agonies of the toothache that he was unable to appear at several of the receptions organized in his honor, and at which the Duchess was obliged to figure alone. On the Ophir arriving in the St. Lawrence the other day, almost the first person to be summoned on board was a Quebec dentist, for the purpose of affording relief to the Duchess, whose entire trip across the Atlantic had been spoiled by a torturing toothache.

We all remember how King Edward when asked to describe his chief aversion, declared that it was the obligation to look pleasant and to make civil speeches to people when suffering from a raging toothache, and the late Dr. Thomas Evans, of Paris, was frequently summoned across the channel to Sandringham to attend to the teeth of the King and Queen and of their children, who would never pass through Paris without submitting their molars to an inspection by the famous dentist.

Both Napoleon III. and Empress Eugenie had constant recourse to the medical services of Dr. Evans, and notoriously took advantage of the fact that he was continually being called away to attend this or that foreign sovereign to intrust him with the delicate duty of repeating to his illustrious patient matters which could not be well communicated either in writing or verbally through official channels.

There is no royal personage in all Europe who is a greater martyr to toothache than the Crown Prince of Norway and Sweden, whose teeth are barred, owing to which none of them can be removed without having been previously crushed, so as to admit of their being taken away piecemeal. That the Queen of Roumania has frequently stood in need of medical attention to her teeth is shown by the fact that when, after the failure of her Majesty to carry through her pet project of a marriage between her nephew, the Crown Prince, and her favorite maid of honor, Elena vacarescu, she withdrew to Venice and established a sort of court of her own there, her American dentist figured along with her French private secretary, Robert Schaeffer, and Mlle. Vacarescu among those of her familiars whom her husband, the King, summarily dismissed from his wife's service at the time when he confided her to the care of her mother and brother in Germany, where she was virtually under restraint for a time.

Among the persons distinguished by Queen Isabella of Spain with her favor was an American dentist, who, in the latter part of the '50s, and in the early part of the '60s, played a great role at Madrid, being alleged by many people to have been parentally related to the late King Alfonso, and again it was toothache that brought the late King of Wurtemberg into communication with that other American dentist whom he loaded with favors and who acquired such an influence over him that the monarch was ultimately asked by his government and his people to choose between abdication and the banishment from the kingdom of his transatlantic dentist and friend.

Almost the first appointment made to the household of the children of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, and which was gazetted as such, was that of a "dental surgeon to their royal highnesses," while Don Carlos of Spain uses nothing but artificial teeth, having caused all the others to be extracted when visiting the United States in 1876.

From this it would be seen that royalty, far from being exempt from this particular form of human ill, is perhaps rather more prone thereto than the average people of less exalted rank.

Cornmeal.

Before using cornmeal in a bread always scald it to soften its starch. There is not time enough during the baking for this to be done properly. Do this by scalding half of the milk or water you use, then pour it hot over the cornmeal. Next add the eggs, the rest of the cold liquid, then the flour and baking powder sifted together.—Good Housekeeping.

Pepper.

The value of pepper was, known of old. We read that when Rome had to be ransomed from the barbarian conqueror in the year 400 Alaric demanded 3,000 pounds of pepper among the payments and that Hippocrates used it in medicine, applying it to the skin.

Jezebel, the queen of Ahab, according to one of the rabbis, had "black eyes that were set on fire of hell."

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