

ORIGIN OF THE ROD.

Used in Driving Oxen, It Came Handy in Measuring Land. The origin of the rod, pole or perch as a linear and superficial measure has been traced to the rod, pole or goad used to urge and direct a team of oxen pulling a plow.

A CAUTIOUS SCOT.

The Elder's Search for a Strictly Orthodox Minister. A Scotch elder who did not believe that his own minister held strictly orthodox views wished to have his babe baptized, but would not risk its spiritual welfare by having him perform the rite in any heterodox manner.

ALASKA.

A Land of Great Resources and of Amazing Distances. Alaska on some near discovery is expected by an official of the United States geographical survey to have a half million increase in population.

A DREAM STORY.

The Jeweled Ring a Woman Saw Twice in Her Sleep. In November, 1903, I awoke one morning fully impressed with the idea that I was receiving as a gift an unusually large gypsy ring set with a single sapphire with a brilliant on each side.

FILIPINO WOMEN.

Their Characteristic Traits, and Their Win Husbandry by Many Means. "Filipino women know how to win husbands," says an American woman who is living at Manila. "It is a common thing in the islands to see a girl, young and brown and strong, crushing rice with a heavy wooden mallet, while around her a number of admiring swains, looking on, but never dreaming of offering to help.

A ROYAL BED.

The Magnificent One That Was Used by Queen Elizabeth. An interesting description of the magnificence of a bedstead ordered for Queen Elizabeth's use is found in a "wardrobe warrant" dated 1581 and quoted in "Gleanings After Time."

MYSOOT.

A Norwegian Cheese That is Made of Goat's Milk. There is a terrible kind of Norwegian cheese called "mysost," which is made of goat's milk. It is brown in color and served in the shape of lumps done up in silver paper.

AMERICAN CRACKERS.

Pilot Bread the First Variety Made in the United States. The first cracker produced in the United States, so far as known, was pilot or ship bread, a large, round, chunky, crisp affair, which supplied the demand of the merchant marine for an article of food that would, unlike ordinary bread, keep for a prolonged period.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF Equitable Building, Loan and Savings Association of Columbus, Nebraska. January 1, 1910. RESOURCES: Loans \$285,350.00, Interest 466.90, Cash and in Bank 993.26. LIABILITIES: Capital Stock paid in and dividends added \$283,895.60, Reserved Fund 1,431.43, Undivided Profits 1,183.73. Total \$286,716.76.

WHY IOWA BUSINESS MEN REVOLTED.

In 1894 Iowa abandoned the policy of statutory prohibition and passed a law permitting the larger cities to license the sale of liquor. Shortly before this was done the Canadian commission visited Iowa and took testimony, much of which related to the injury prohibition had inflicted upon business interests.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH KANSAS?

The Kansas City Daily Star of Nov. 26, 1909, contains the following editorial: "Kansas has been able to boast of an increased total value of its farm products every year, except one, in the past fourteen years. But this has been due to advancing prices of farm products rather than to increased production.

A GREAT TAX BURDEN.

The Pittsburg Kansas says: "State taxes are nearly \$1,000,000 in excess of anything levied before! That's the situation in Kansas. Do the people like it? Not much, but they think dance must pay the fiddler."

Made Certain of It.

A through train on the Rock Island stopped a few moments at the Englewood station one day. A passenger got off to walk around a little. As the train began to move again the passenger jumped aboard, but just then he discovered that he had but one overshoe.

Sleeping in Church.

"Charles," said old Mrs. Sprackles to her husband, "I'm so astounded of the way you go to sleep in church Sunday after Sunday that I don't know what to do. I can't hardly hold my head up and look the people in the face after the services. You are such a devout man on week days that I don't see why you show so much disrespect for sacred things on the Sabbath."

The Judges' Ride.

Customs change slowly with the lawyers, but the procession through the streets at the reopening of the law courts was not always the casual affair it now is. Until the middle of the sixteenth century the "judges' ride" to Westminster hall was quite an imposing spectacle, all the legal dignitaries being mounted on mules, like bishops and abbots on a pilgrimage.

Drinking and Smoking in Korea.

The Koreans are inveterate smokers of green tobacco, which they use in pipes with tiny bowls and stems two or three feet long. They stick their pipes down the back of the neck when not using them.

An Example.

"Pa, what's a cynical sniffer?" "Your mother will show you, my son. The best time I tell her I can't spare all the money she wants."

Speaking of Table Etiquette.

General E. Burd Grubb told a story about a man who was justified in eating pie with a knife. Smith was standing in a hotel lobby one day, according to the general, talking to Jones, when the conversation turned to a dinner that had been given at the home of a mutual acquaintance named Brown.

The Woman With the Transfer.

With a transfer ticket punched to expire at 12 o'clock an elderly woman got on a car. "I can't take this, lady," said the conductor. "You see, it's marked for 12, but now it's ten minutes of 2. The ticket's been dead for nearly two hours."

The Thunder Sounding Smoke.

The Victoria falls, the native name for which is Masi-o-Touya, or the Thunder Sounding Smoke, have rightly been called the most beautiful gem in the whole of the earth's scenery. No pen picture or photograph can give the faintest idea of the marvelous grandeur and beauty of the scene.

Turtles of the Amazon.

The fresh water turtle of the Amazon grows to a great size, especially on the upper river, where full grown ones three feet in length, two in width and weighing 200 pounds are often seen.

Anatomical Expert.

When a butcher answered the bell of his telephone instrument one day the shrill voice of a little girl greeted his ears. "Hello," is that Mr. Wilson?" "Yes," he answered kindly.

And Yet the King Died.

During the fatal illness of King Charles II. of England there were fourteen doctors in attendance, and they doled him in the course of five and a half days with the following drugs and powders: Orange infusion of the metals, white vitriol dissolved in compound poney water, powder of sacred bitter, sirup of buckthorn, common decoction for clysters, rock salt, emetic wine, two blend pills, bryony compound, powder of white heliobore roots, powder of cowslip flowers, best manna, cream of tartar, barley and liquorice, sweet almond kernels, sal ammoniac, antidotal milk water, mallow root, melon seed, chicken broth, bark of elm, a julep of black cherry water, flowers of lime, lilies of the valley, spirit of lavender, prepared pearls and white sugar candy, cenna leaves, ale, sirup of clover, Goa stone, Rhine wine, oriental bezoar stone and a number of other medicines.

Charming Away Tigers.

No woodcutter will go about his task in the Indian forests unless he is accompanied by a fakir, who is supposed to exercise power over tigers and wild animals generally. Before work is commenced the fakir assembles all the members of his party in a clearance at the edge of the forest and erects a number of huts, in which he places images of certain deities.

It Was Mistaken Charity.

The athletic girl had been out in the woods taking pictures, and at evening she started for the car, wearily lugging the camera and tripod. The cars were thronged with workmen returning to their homes, and she had to wait some time before there came one with even standing room inside. She pushed her way across the platform and just inside the doorway. The legs of the tripod rested on the floor at her side, and she was trying to brace herself against the door when a woman who had been sitting in the corner suddenly rose from her seat and gently but firmly pushed the young woman into it, with the remark, "Now you sit right there, you poor thing!"

Oddest Parasite in Creation.

The royal Bengal tiger is infested with one of the strangest creatures that ever lived. It is said to be a fact easily demonstrated or proved by one who has access to a zoological collection that the web of the foot of tigers of the above named species is inhabited by a blood-sucking insect about the size of a common flea which is a perfect counterpart of a tiger in every particular, shape, claws, tail and stripes included.

No Lived Well.

He-Yes, he lives on the fat of the land. She-What is he? He-An sutta medicine manufacturer.-Comic Cuts.

Life's Reckoning we cannot make over.

You cannot mend a wrong subtraction by doing your addition right.-George Eliot.

AN IDEAL DRAMATIZATION OF THE MOST POPULAR AND FASCINATING NOVEL OF RECENT YEARS. GRAUSTARK. PRESENTED WITH A SCENIC DISPLAY ABSOLUTELY GRAND AND MARVELOUSLY COSTUMED.

North Theatre, Friday, January 14th

APPENDICITIS Cured Without Operation. Here is Sworn Proof! STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF STEELE, I, Richard Jahress, of Owatonna, Minn., being first duly sworn, do say that I am the person named in and who subscribed the following statement and the same is true of my own knowledge in every particular: "I had severe pains in my right side, just above the Appendix. I went to the doctor and he pronounced my case Appendicitis and advised an operation. Instead I went to Zamboni Bros. Drug Store and bought a bottle of (Adler's) Treatment. After taking it the result was indeed wonderful. The pains stopped and I felt like a new man. I heartily recommend (Adler's) Treatment to anyone troubled with Appendicitis, as I know it has cured me." (Signed) RICHARD H. JAHRESS, Notary Public, Steele County, Minn. Subscribed and sworn to before me June 29, 1905. J. NEWSALT, Notary Public, Steele County.