

The Scrap Book

NO OCCASION TO GIVE UP

Was Still a Chance for Golfer to Get the Ball on His Way From Starting Point.

The fat man decided to try golf as a weight reducer. Armed with four clubs, a ball, and a caddy, he marched off to the links. The caddy placed the ball upon the tee. Then, with a terrific swing, the fat man whirled his club through the air.

But the little white ball still stayed snuggled on its tee, while the club, meeting mother earth, broke into splinters.

"Give me another club, boy!" said the fat man.

Alas! Club No. 2 shared the fate of club No. 1, club No. 3 emulated the evolutions of club No. 2, and club No. 4 flew into a hedge.

"What would you do now?" asked the golfer, wiping his forehead, as he turned in desperation to the caddy.

Holding out the empty bag, the youngster replied: "Don't give in, boss! Give it a swipe with this!"

GIVES NEW TURN TO CHARITY

Wealthy Australian Left Requests Meant to Encourage the Healthy and the Young.

A wealthy Australian squatter, Peter Mitchell of the Upper Murray district, has left £500,000 pounds for various public purposes, says the Living Age. One third of his estate is to be devoted to married women not exceeding thirty years of age, British subjects and bona fide residents of the commonwealth of a white race, and not the offspring of first cousins.

They are to be selected on a basis of physical excellence, cheerfulness of disposition, knowledge of the protestant Bible and skill in housekeeping and domestic economy.

The rest of the estate is devoted mainly to prizes for military and naval competitions. The donor agrees that gifts for the weak, sick and alling are commendable, but believes that more lasting good is accomplished by encouraging the healthy and the strong.

Lived With Heart Exposed.

With his heart exposed to the eyes of the hospital surgeons a man in New Orleans lived for 26 hours. While he was working in a coffee-grinding plant his left sleeve was caught in a machine. His arm was mangled, and a piece of flesh the size of a man's head was torn from his breast, leaving his heart exposed, the ribs directly over that organ also being torn away. The fact that the injured man lived for 26 long after the accident is stated by physicians observing the case to be one of the most remarkable ever recorded.



IN THESE DAYS

"She used to make her husband miserable trying to spend as much as her neighbors."
"Now she makes him miserable trying to save as much as her neighbors."

Surely Absent Minded.

An absent-minded man is reported from Cape Breton. One day while hauling stone the noon whistle blew as he was about to dump his load. However, he turned round and drove two miles to dinner with the load of stone. On another occasion he was mail carrier on an 18-mile route. When he was about 14 miles from his starting point he remembered he had forgotten a certain mail bag, so he tied his horses and walked back for the forgotten mail.

Kitten Swallowed Hatpin and Lives.

A British Columbia kitten swallowed a hatpin 8 1/2 inches long. The kitten became ill and the owner, noticing a piece of wire sticking from its mouth, pulled out the hatpin. The animal revived and always had a rattle in its throat when it purred.

Left Poor Opinion of Clients.

"I restore to fools what I made from fools," was the cynical explanation of a Viennese lawyer, of sound mind, who at his death bequeathed all his fortune to the inmates of various asylums for the insane.

Over supplied With Fingers and Toes.

An infant was born at Hoxton, England, with six toes on each foot and six fingers on each hand. The baby lived only an hour, because of the non-expansion of its lungs.

Had Porcupine Quill in Body.

A young woman, aged twenty-four, recently had a porcupine quill taken out of her leg, says a Nova Scotia reader. The quill had entered her arm ten years ago.

THINKER'S LOT ONE OF JOY

But He Has to Travel a Long and Weary and Rough Road to Attain It.

Your education begins when what is called your education is over—when you no longer are stringing together the pregnant thoughts, the "jewels five-words-long" which great men have given their lives to cut from the raw material, but have begun yourself to work upon the raw material for results which you do not see, cannot predict, and which may be long in coming—when you take the fact which life offers you for your appointed task.

No man has earned the right to intellectual ambition until he has learned to lay his course by a star which he has never seen—to dig by the divining rod for springs which he may never reach. In saying this, I point to that which will make your study heroic. For I say to you in all sadness of conviction that to think great thoughts you must be heroes as well as idealists.

Only when you have worked alone—when you have felt around you a black gulf of solitude more isolating than that which surrounds the dying man, and in hope and in despair have trusted to your own unshaken will—then only will you have achieved. Thus only can you gain the secret, isolated joy of the thinker, who knows that, a hundred years after he is dead and forgotten, men who never heard of him will be moving to the measure of his thought—the subtle rapture of a postponed power, which the world knows not because it has no external trappings, but which to his prophetic vision is more real than that which commands an army.

And if this joy should not be yours still it is only thus that you can know that you have done what it lay in you to do—can say that you have lived, and be ready for the end.—From Collected Legal Papers by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

ORIGIN OF POPULAR SAYINGS

Many That Have in Time Become Household Words Can Be Traced to First User.

"A red-letter day" is an expression which arose out of the old ecclesiastical calendar, in which festivals and high holidays were printed in red ink. These important days consequently became known as "Red-Letter Days"—hence the term today. "Murder will out" is a phrase which Geoffrey Chaucer originated, although in the first instance it was spelt "Mordre wol out." "Truth is stranger than fiction" is a well-used saying, and perhaps it is not generally known that it was originally employed by Byron in his "Don Juan." "Escaped with the skin of his teeth," it is interesting to observe, originates in the Bible—Job, chapter 19, verse 20. "Field" originally meant land on which trees had been "felled" or "field." "Necessity is the mother of invention" is well over two and a half centuries old. These well-known words were first found in Franck's "Northern Memoirs," written in 1658. "Eaten her out of house and home," a phrase, in view of the present price of food, undoubtedly repeated by worried housewives, was originated by Shakespeare in his "Henry IV." "Anything for a quiet life" is an expression which arose from a play by Middleton, bearing that title. "Turn over a new leaf," by the way, was first used in the same play.

Death Valley Once Lake.

In support of the view that Death valley in California was formerly the bed of a lake, is the discovery of traces of an ancient water-line running along the flanks of the enclosing mountains at a height of 600 feet. The bottom of the valley is 200 feet below sea-level. The winds from the Pacific cross four ranges of mountains before reaching the valley, and by that time they have been drained of their last drop of moisture. It is said that no spot on earth surpasses Death valley in aridity or Tophet-like heat. The lake that once filled it is believed to have been fed by a river which has now also vanished. The borax deposits of Death Valley are commercially important, but labor is all but impossible in a place where to be without water for a single hour in summer means death.

Fake Teeth for Bears.

Animal dentistry, says a dentist correspondent, is as risky as it is fascinating. The filling of rough or uneven teeth of a lion or tiger requires not only strength but nerve, for you cannot put a wild animal under gas as you can a man or woman. To extract an animal's tooth is far from an easy business, and in many cases it is easier to pull a screw from a piece of oak by means of a pair of pliers. A well-known menagerie owner once had an old pet bear fitted out with a complete set of false teeth. The plates had to be "glued" to the mouth of the beast in order to keep them in place.

Crool! Crool!

Outside it was cold, dark and rainy, but from the lighted windows of the regimental P. C. came sounds of mirth and jollification.

"Say, buddy," said Post No. 2, just over and green to the job, "what does P. C. stand for, anyway?" "Oh, that?" answered Post No. 1, an old-timer. "That means pluchie club." —Exchange.

MOST TALK NOT CONFESSIVE

Assertion Made That Anecdotes Composed by Far the Greatest Part of Conversations of Americans.

For hours a group of men will talk, and all problems fall like ducks on a rifle range before their well-aimed epigrams. It may be a brilliant session, but we cannot forbear thinking that not many serious thoughts are expressed with fervor, that few honest emotions have adequate utterance. A gathering often is devoted to anecdotes, quips and the cracking of jokes, like the biblical thorns, under the conversational pot.

Of course, much conversation is necessarily anecdotal, but two travelers who meet in the smoker of a train crossing our American plains do not tell anecdotes merely, says the New York Sun. There the anecdotes take on more meat and grow in length—they become tales. Again, however learned we are, we forget our pedantry when we talk in a smoker. Yet over a meal among those we know and will meet again we slough off our impulse to modesty and sincere self-expression and launch forth in all our drab erudition or else we sparkle in anecdote and say nothing to the point; forgetting that the best jests, aside the point, seem pointless.

In short, there is not always enough confessional conversation between Americans. In France and in Latin America the art of confession—of the confession, indeed, of one's faiths, foibles and fancies. As for us, we feel that no one is so sympathetic perhaps, as to merit listening to our personal histories, or what is more to the point, the emotional accompaniment of these histories.

WRITER'S RIGHT TO BORROW

Highest Authority for the Practice in the Works of the World's Greatest.

One reads for thought and for quotation not less; if he find his thought more finely conceived and aptly expressed by another, let him quote without hesitation or apology. He has the highest authority for the practice. How rich is Plutarch's page, Montaigne's, Bacon's! And what they borrow is of a piece with their own text, giving it added strength and grace. I know the fashion of our time affects disdain of borrowing. But who is rich enough to refuse, or plead honorably for his exclusiveness? Somehow the printer happens to forget his quotation marks, and the credit of originality goes to the writer none the less. The plea is that quoting often implies sterility and bad taste. Then Shakespeare and his contemporaries were wanting in wit and fine rhetoric. Hear how Montaigne justifies his practice: "Let nobody insist upon the matter I write but my method in writing. Let them observe in what I borrow, if I have known how to choose what is proper to raise or relieve invention, which is always my own; for I make others say for me what, either for want of language or want of sense, I cannot myself well express. I do not number my borrowings, I weigh them. And had I designed to raise their estimate by their number, I had made twice as many."—Bronson Alcott.

Their Playing-Cards Different.

American playing card manufacturers have a profitable market awaiting them in Mexico and other Spanish-speaking American countries. But cards must be of patterns different from those to which Americans are accustomed. People in those countries demand the Spanish pack, which consists of only 40 cards, and tens. Furthermore, the face cards are different. The ace (called "as") is much like ours; the "rey" (king) wears a crown, the queen is represented by a young woman, and the jack ("caball") is a horse. Most of the playing cards used in Spanish-American countries are imported from Spain, and are smaller than ours. Commonly they are thin and flimsy, so as to be hard to shuffle, and tearing easily.

History of Potato.

"The potato entered this country," Dr. Lauffer said, in an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "not as surmised by De Candolle, through an alleged band of Spanish adventurers, but in a perfectly respectable manner from Bermuda, where it had been introduced some years previously from England. It is a prank of fortune that the potato, originally a denizen of Chile and Peru, appears as a naturalized Englishman in the United States. The potato had arrived in England about 1586, or a little later."

Rather the Contrary.

Carried away by the beauty of the heroine on the screen, he murmured, unconsciously, "Isn't she lovely!" "Every time you see a pretty girl you forget you're married," snapped his better half.

"You're wrong, my dear; nothing brings home the fact with so much force."

in the Whirl.

Blobson—The girl is very keen to get in the whirl.

Taylor—Then tell her to come down to our office and come in by the revolving door when a crowd of messenger boys are going through.—Houston Post.

LEGAL NOTICES

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.
In the Matter of the Estate of William Hollingsworth, deceased.
Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Dakota County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room in said county, on the 17th day of November, 1921, and on the 17th day of December, 1921, at 10 o'clock A. M. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the administrator to settle said estate, from the 17th day of September, 1921. This notice will be published in The Dakota County Herald for four weeks successively prior to the 17th day of November, 1921.
Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 17th day of September, 1921.
SHERMAN W. MCKINLEY,
County Judge.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up as an estray, on or about August 25, 1921, one red Duroc brood sow, weighing about 275 pounds; lame in one hind leg, scar over nose. Owner can have same by proving property, and paying all expenses.
WILL H. ORR,
Dakota City, Nebraska.

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ROAD NOTICE

To Whom it May Concern:
The Commissioner appointed to locate a county road petitioned for by E. J. Way and others, described as follows:
Commencing at a connection with the highway already established at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 29, Range 6, East of the 6th Principal Meridian, in Dakota County, hence running parallel with the north line of the right of way of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, in a northwesterly direction and westerly direction, over and across the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, and SW 1/4 of said Section 35, and over and across the N 1/2 of S 1/2 of Section 34, to a point about one-half mile East of the County boundary line between Dakota and Dixon Counties; hence crossing the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad track to the south side of the right of way hereof; thence northwesterly along the south line of the right of way of said railroad, to the county boundary line between Dixon and Dakota Counties, and there terminate, has reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all objections thereto or claims for damages must be filed in the County Clerk's Office on or before noon of the 26th day of November, 1921, or such road will be established without reference thereto.
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