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May was almost as pleasant as December.

Happy Alfonso! His castles in Spain seem to have materialized very felicitously.

The czar says he would be willing to die if he could make Russia happy. Why doesn't he try moving away?

The prince of the Asturias has not yet arrived at the stage where he will grow strong by eating Spanish onions.

That Berlin laborer who has been jailed for making faces at the kaiser should restrain his feelings till after dark.

Census bureau figures indicate that some women work until they get married, then secure divorces and go back to work.

The cantaloupe will soon be here and then you will have to gamble whether it will be good or bad when you buy one.

The man who referred to it as the merry month of May is generally supposed to have been a poet, but he was probably a satirist.

"The American Indian never laughs," says the London World. Go on—we know some in this town that seldom do anything else.

From a legal point of view Methu has held the age so long that the statute of limitations prevents any successful attack on his title.

Stolypin, the Russian premier, seems to lead a charmed life, and, in spite of plots and counterplots, may live to write his reminiscences.

An arraignment in court of a young woman who has attempted suicide is assuredly not calculated to make her take a rosier view of existence.

Prof. Jim Jeffries has turned down an offer of \$40,000 and expenses to fight Prof. Bill Squires. It impairs a man's usefulness to society to be too rich.

A New Jersey woman has recovered a verdict of \$2,500 against the Erie railroad for injury to her voice. She must have proved that the road cracked it.

Finland is thinking seriously of trying woman suffrage and the abolition of the liquor traffic. Either would create commotion enough in almost any part of Europe.

With a contract in his pocket under which he will be entitled to draw \$200,000 a year, for four years, Caruso might build himself a whole "zoo" of monkey houses.

They are not saying much down on the isthmus, just now, but the records for digging are going up and up, month after month. The canal is coming and coming fast.

In England the manufacturers of bicycles are almost as prosperous as the automobile builders. Is this a revelation of British slowness or just proof of common sense?

An effort is to be made to compel the Pullman company to charge less for upper than for lower berths. If a change is made in the prices the old prejudice against uppers may be expected to vanish very suddenly.

If everyone concerned would keep in mind the fact that an angry dog is not a mad dog, 9,999 times out of every 10,000, says Cleveland Leader, it would contribute much to the public comfort in times of hydrophobia talk.

The prompt arrest of a burglar who had been eating onions should be followed by condign punishment. It is bad enough to carry off the valuables of law-abiding citizens, but to invade a happy home and scent it up with onions is simply an alliacious offense.

The young heir to the Spanish throne has practically dropped out of public sight since his birth. He may as well be given to understand at the start that if he expects to continue to be famous he will have to keep doing things with uninterrupted regularity.

Of the 19 women just elected to the parliament of Finland, five are teachers, two are editors and a number are well-known philanthropic workers. Several of the women led their tickets. Baroness Alexandra Gripenberg, beloved for her sweet personality and her good works, got the largest vote of any candidate nominated by the Old Finnish party. Another woman who got a big vote and was elected was Minna Sillanpaa, president of the Servants' union. It is said that women of all parties voted for her because of her extensive knowledge of the conditions of working women.

SIGNS FOR PAST SHOWS.

Mark Twain Regrets Vanished Joys of Other Days.

Where now is Billy Rice? He was a joy to me, and so were the other stars of the nigger-show—Billy Birch, David Wambold, Backus and a delightful dozen of their brethren who made life a pleasure to me 40 years ago and later. Birch, Wambold and Backus are gone years ago; and with them departed to return no more forever, I suppose, the real nigger-show—the genuine nigger-show, the extravagant nigger-show—the show which to me had no peer and whose peer has not yet arrived, in my experience. We have the grand opera; and I have witnessed, and greatly enjoyed, the first act of everything which Wagner created, but the effect on me has always been so powerful that one act was quite sufficient; whenever I have witnessed two acts I have gone away physically exhausted, and whenever I have ventured an entire opera the result has been the next thing to suicide. But if I could have the nigger-show back again, in its pristine purity and perfection, I should have but little further use for opera. It seems to me that to the elevated mind and the sensitive spirit the hand-organ and the nigger-show are a standard and a summit to whose rarefied altitude the other forms of musical art may not hope to reach.—Mark Twain, in North American Review.

INSURANCE INVESTMENTS.

How One Company's Assets Are Distributed in the South and West.

In connection with its withdrawal from Texas, along with many other companies, rather than to submit to the new law which requires that 75% of the reserves on Texas policies shall be invested in securities of that state, which securities shall be deposited in the state and subjected to heavy taxation, in addition to the large tax now imposed on life insurance premiums, the Equitable Life Assurance Society has made public the distribution of its assets, at the end of the second year of the new management. The Equitable now has \$10,958,000 invested in Texas, which is twice as much as the new law requires, but the management decided that to submit to the additional taxation would be an injustice to its policyholders in other states, which impose no such penalty on the thrift of their citizens.

The Equitable's report shows that more than 37% of its total reserves are now invested in the southern and western states, while only 35% of its total insurance is carried in these states. Its investments are distributed as follows: Ala., \$3,099,000; Ariz., \$974,000; Ark., \$4,038,000; Cal., \$5,142,000; Col., \$5,222,000; Fla., \$4,924,000; Ga., \$4,048,000; Idaho, \$5,197,000; Ill., \$12,617,000; Ind. Ter., \$443,000; Ind., \$6,836,000; Iowa, \$3,690,000; Kansas, \$11,637,000; Ky., \$2,631,000; La., \$3,054,000; Md., \$2,207,000; Mich., \$6,009,000; Minn., \$2,065,000; Miss., \$767,000; Mo., \$8,197,000; Mont., \$1,890,000; Neb., \$7,526,000; Nev., \$640,000; New Mex., \$1,376,000; N. C., \$1,649,000; N. D., \$677,000; Ohio, \$11,634,000; Okla., \$1,006,000; Ore., \$1,158,000; S. C., \$975,000; S. D., \$1,305,000; Tenn., \$1,909,000; Utah, \$2,134,000; Va., \$6,592,000; Wash., \$1,202,000; W. Va., \$5,523,000; Wis., \$2,342,000; Wyo., \$3,367,000.

HAPPENED AT BAD TIME.

Minister's Fall Significant in View of Previous Words.

In a small church in one of the mining towns of Pennsylvania was a pulpit both antique and unique. It was about the size and shape of a flour barrel, was elevated from the floor about four feet and was fastened to the wall. The ascent was by narrow winding steps.

A minister from a neighboring town, a man of great vigor and vehemence, preached there one Sunday. While preaching he bent forward and shouted out with great force the words of his text:

"The righteous shall stand, but the wicked shall fall."

Just as these words escaped from his lips, the pulpit broke from its fastening, and he fell out and rolled over on the floor before his congregation. In an instant he was on his feet again and said:

"Brethren, I am not hurt, and I don't mind the fall much, but I do hate the connection."

For Hardening Drill.

Hardening an ordinary drill in sulphuric acid, states the English Mechanic, makes an edge that will cut tempered steel or facilitate cutting hard rock. The acid should be poured into a flat-bottomed vessel to a depth of about one-eighth of an inch. The point of the drill is heated to a dull cherry red, and dipped in the acid to that depth. This makes the point extremely hard, while the remainder remains soft. If the point breaks, re-harden, but with a little less acid in the vessel.

HOLY LAND BELIEFS

IMPLICIT FAITH IN POINTS ABOUT HORSES.

Lucky and Unlucky Signs Are Many—White Stockings Highly Valued—Peculiar Marks That Show Speed of Animal.

The people of the Holy Land have implicit faith in the following points about horses:

A white star in the center of the forehead of a horse is considered a lucky sign.

Small ears and a small mouth in a horse denote good breed.

Two small black spots located just above the hoof on the white-stockinged left hind leg of a horse is an unlucky sign.

In certain parts of the country a horse is valued by the number of white stockings he may have. If it have one it is said to be worth 100 colus (any coins from paras upward, according to the breed, paces, etc., of the animal.) If it have two or three white stockings it is valued in the same way, but if it have four then the horse is said to be worth nothing at all.

A horse that is habitually pawing the ground is said to be digging its owner's grave.

A horse's speed can be reckoned by the position of the small hair twist that is usually found at the end of the ribs close to the body projection on the animal's flank behind the saddle. The higher from the ground the hair twists the faster the animal can go.

Two hair twists placed one above the other in the center of the forehead of a horse is called a Kabr Maftuh ("open grave"). It is considered very unlucky to ride a horse with this mark, as the person who does so is destined to die within a short space of time thereafter.

The hair twist on a horse's neck is both a lucky and an unlucky sign. If it curl forward toward the horse's head, it is a lucky sign, for it signifies that the sword of the rider conquers; if, on the other hand, it is reversed and curl backward, then the sword of the enemy will conquer.

The bay colored horse is said to be the swiftest of all the horses. A story to illustrate this is told of a certain Arab sheik who, having been engaged in a fight with another tribe, was taking his flight with his little son.

They were both mounted on a magnificent white mare, which belonged to the sheik, and which had always been highly valued on account of the great speed at which it could go. After having ridden some little distance, the sheik asked his son to look round and see if they were being followed. The boy replied that there was some one riding after them on a black horse. The sheik seemed satisfied on hearing this report, but presently repeated his question. The boy answered that they were still being pursued, but this time the horse was white. "Never mind," said his father, "mine is better."

In a few minutes he asked a further report, and the reply given was the same, with the difference that the horse was a chestnut. The sheik, however, put his question a fourth time; but upon being told by his son that the pursuer was mounted on a bay, he cried out: "Then we are lost, for there is no horse which it cannot overtake." His words proved to be true, for in a short time they were caught up and captured.

Civic Pride.

"My town," said the first traveler, "is Greater New York."

"Glad to know you," cried the other; "I'm from Chicago, too."

"I say my town is Greater New York."

"Oh! I thought you said greater than New York."

Queer Book Titles.

"These old books," said the antiquary, as he pointed to a dingy upper shelf, "are curious for their titles."

"Here is a volume of sermons printed in Salem in 1792. 'Sermons to Asses' is its scornful name."

"Here is a book dated 1743 that is called 'Look to It, or I'll Stab Ye.' It is a treatise on polygamy."

"This is a pamphlet by a spinster against the young men of the seventeenth century. Its title is 'A Dissertation on the Pertness of Our Youth in General, Especially Such as Are Trained Up at Tea Tables.'"

"A return blast to that dissertation is this other pamphlet of the same year—'Quippes for Upstart New-fangled Gentlewomen; or, a Glass to View the Pride of Vainglorious Woman.'"

On the Links.

Bunker—Miss Woodyby is so eccentric in her golf playing since her return from Paris.

Miss Niblock—Is she, really? Bunker—Yes, indeed. When she fozzles now, she invariably exclaims: "Hoot mon Dieu!"—Reader.

TWO TERRIBLE YEARS.

The Untold Agonies of Neglected Kidney Troubles.

Mrs. James French, 65 Weir Street, Taunton, Mass., says: "When I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I was so run down and miserable that I could hardly endure it. Terrible pains in the back attacked me frequently and the kidney secretions were much disordered. I was a nervous wreck and there seemed no hope. Doan's Kidney Pills brought my first relief and six boxes have so thoroughly cured and regulated my kidneys that there has been no return of my old trouble." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

BATHING IN THE DEAD SEA.

By No Means a Pleasure, According to One Traveler.

"No sooner has one plunged into the water than one is whipped off one's feet and goes bobbing helplessly about like a wretched cork," says Rev. Haskett Smith of bathing in the Dead sea. "In the effort to regain one's footing and to get back to shore, one's feet and shins are barked by the jagged stones and pebbles, and when at length one does emerge from its treacherous bosom, with the lower limbs bleeding and torn, one becomes aware of a horrible tingling and burning sensation in eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth and almost every pore of the skin, from the brine and bitumen which have penetrated everywhere."

"Unless great care is taken the bather in the Dead sea is liable to an eruption, which breaks out all over his body, and which is commonly known as the 'Dead sea rash.' The best antidote to this is to hurry across as quickly as possible to the river Jordan and take a second plunge therein. The soft and muddy waters of that sacred but dirty stream will effectually remove the salt that has incrustated the body."

Is the Sailors' Friend.

Sixty thousand sailors look to H. A. Hanbury for advice and for protection. Mr. Hanbury is the United States shipping commissioner for the port of New York. He is the sailors' judge and jury. The men who sign on foreign craft now must appear before him for their papers instead of going to the consuls of the various countries. He decides all disputed questions between the men and their sailing masters. Many of the abuses of these men that formerly were common, such as compelling them to buy their outfits from the ship owners or captains, have been done away with under Mr. Hanbury's rule. His office is on the Battery park, New York, where he easily can reach all the ships leaving that port.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

England's Debt to France.

One of the chief debts to France is that she nourishes our ideas, transforms them, makes them her own, just as she transplanted and transmitted the flower of the Renaissance in an earlier day. With all our national vanity we never dispute the parentage. It is only territory and diplomatic prestige and commerce about which we quarrel with our "sweet enemy."—London Academy.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

The Magnetic Sort.

"He is a wonderfully impressive man." "Yes. He is one of these people who will say 'It is a beautiful day' in such an impressive manner that you like giving him personal credit for the weather."

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Success is merely a matter of doing the right thing at the right time.

ONE MAN'S EXPERIENCE IN WESTERN CANADA.

There Are Thousands of Opportunities in the Land of Opportunity.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir: The following experience of an Illinois man who went to Western Canada six years ago is but one of the thousands of letters that could be reproduced showing how prosperity follows the settler on the fertile lands of Western Canada. This letter was written to the Chicago agent of the Government of the Dominion of Canada and is dated at Evarts, Alberta, April 8th, 1907:

"It is six years the 5th of this month since I and family landed in Red Deer, family sick and only \$75 in my pocket. Bought a \$12 lot, built a 12x14 shack and went to work as a carpenter. Next May sold for \$400 (had added 16x18 building to shack). Purchased two lots at \$70 each and built a 23x28 two story building and sold for \$950. Filled on a quarter section 33 miles N. W. of Red Deer and have spent three years on it and am well pleased. Quarter all fenced and cross fenced, wire and rail, 2 1/2 miles of fence. House 29x31 feet on stone foundation. Last year was my first attempt to raise grain, 1 1/2 acres of fall wheat, yield grand, but was frosted August 2nd, was cut August 16th and made good pig feed. Had 1 1/2 acres fall rye that I think could not be beat. A farmer from Dakota cut it for me; he said he never saw such heavy grain anywhere. Straw was 7 feet high. I had 4 acres of 2 rowed barley on fall breaking that did not do so well, yet it ripened and gave me all the feed I need for stock and seed for this spring. I did not have grain threshed, so can't give yield, but the wheat would have gone at least 25 bu. to the acre. Have a log stable 31x35 feet, broad roof and two smaller buildings for pigs and chickens.

"I have lived in Harvey, Ills., and know something about it. I have been hungry there and though able and willing to work could get none to do. One Saturday evening found me without any supper or a cent to get it with. A friend, surmising my situation, gave me a dollar, which was thankfully accepted and later paid back. Wife and I are thankful we came here. We were living near Mt. Vernon, Ills., as perhaps you remember visiting me there and getting me headed for the Canadian Northwest, and a happy day it has proved for me. I have not grown rich, but I am prospering. I would not take \$3,000 for my quarter now. The past winter has been a hard one, but I worked outside the coldest day (52 below) all day and did not suffer. We are getting a school started now that is badly needed.

"Our P. O., Evarts, is about 15 miles; there is another office 6 miles, but it is not convenient to us. Wife and I would not exchange our home here for anything Illinois has to offer.

"Yours truly,
"(Sd.) E. EMBERLEY."

To watch the corn grow or the blossoms set; to draw hard breath over ploughshare or spade; to read, to think, to love—these are the things to make men happy.—John Ruskin.

The greatest cause of worry on ironing day can be removed by using Defiance Starch, which will not stick to the iron. Sold everywhere, 16 oz. for 10c.

There are times when the still, small voice of conscience seems to come from the big end of a megaphone.

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