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You can hire house builders, but must marry home builders.

Anybody could match up soul mates if neither side was particular.

If in addition to enacting new laws we were to enforce those we have already it might help materially.

It has been discovered that Pharaoh had toothache and the gout. No wonder the Israelites fled from him.

It is proposed in Denmark to send an expedition to teach the Eskimos to fish. Are they as hopeless as that?

As a hazardous occupation, sitting on a keg of powder while smoking a pipe isn't to be compared with raising tobacco in Kentucky.

The discovery of an angle worm in a glass of milk might have been a comforting reminder to that Detroit man that it will soon be time to go fishing.

Wellesley college's professor of rhetoric says playing bridge whilst is a mental chewing gum for girls. This involves some stretch of the imagination.

By the time China has armed and drilled a few hundred thousand more men perhaps it will be able to talk the language of modern diplomacy fluently.

Why does the average person put the stocking on the left foot first? Probably for the same reason that most people remove the right boot first. Habit.

A New York man wandered away from home and forgot where he lived. Not every New Yorker, however, says the Chicago Daily News, has such a pleasant experience.

After all the encomiums handed to "the man behind the gun" it is a shock to learn that our naval marksmanship at Santiago was bad. Still, it answered every purpose.

The action of the New York man who asked to be chloroformed, admitting that he has outlived his usefulness, seems an admission that he is too lazy to do the job himself.

Persons who do the loudest complaining against the length of the winter and the cold weather in general are usually those who had hay fever last fall and prayed for an early frost.

Mitzel Morok, the loop-the-loop girl, heroine of a thousand thrilling whirls, has been killed while in the domestic act of pouring a cup of tea, thus again proving how dangerous it is to be alive.

That is, Archbishop Ireland does not believe in war, but if there must be war he thinks it wise and proper to be prepared to knock the tar out of the other fellow. Any fallacy in the doctrine?

Philadelphia is beginning to talk about celebrating the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of her founding next October, and Mayor Reyburn recommends that the old home week idea be adopted.

The question "Shall army officers wear corsets?" will not down, and fat ones are becoming alarmed at the prospect. Possibly some of them wouldn't be so corpulent had they been "straight laced" early in life.

The heiresses who married titles and went abroad to live in the splendor of old world aristocracy are coming home. They seem to have lost all their desire for the aristocracy, and, incidentally, a good many of their dollars.

In a recent bulletin from the University of California is given a summary of the evidence prepared by Prof. J. D. Whitney to show that the famous Calaveras skull, found in a miner's shaft in Bald Hill, near Altaville, probably came from a cave used by the Indians for burial purposes.

The mayor of Cincinnati wants women in that city debarred from operating automobiles. He says that the only machines women should run are sewing machines. To this, remarks the Baltimore American, the women will retort that it is just like a mean man to leave them the work, while he takes all the fun.

It has been supposed that smoking makes such slaves of its victims that they rarely seek to lighten the yoke. National figures in regard to the tobacco industry indicate the contrary. When the financial panic of last October appeared, the production of cigars decreased 146,000,000 in a single month, and in December dropped off to the extent of another 100,000,000. The manufacture of cigarettes was also greatly lessened. There was evidently a desire to economize, if not to break off the habit. Or perhaps it was a turning to the seductive pipe.

## BLESSING OF HORSES

ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST SHORN OF ITS POMP IN ROME.

Beasts of Burden No Longer Gayly Caparisoned When Brought Before the Monk to Be Sprinkled with Holy Water.

Rome.—Among the feasts in Rome whose quaintness appeals especially to visitors is that of St. Anthony, when at the little church at St. Eusebius horses, donkeys and mules are blessed. The ceremony was formerly performed in front of the Church of St. Anthony, near the Basilica of St. Mary Major, but after 1870 this building was confiscated by the government and converted into a barrack.

The custom of blessing animals on the feast of St. Anthony is practiced



The Blessing of Horses on St. Anthony's Day in Rome.

all over Italy, and in every village, town and city it is considered one of the great feast days of the year. During Papal times the ceremony was more interesting and picturesque than it is now, as the horses were adorned with gay trappings, wreaths of flowers and bunches of bright feathers, and their drivers, decked out in their best livery or in their Sunday clothes, drove up to the church on the Esquiline Hill to have their animals blessed.

Every stable held a feast on that day, and the humble mule from the country might be seen as gayly decked with bright trappings as the prancing horses of a noble family. The ceremony had all the characteristic features of a horse show, as not one of the leading Roman families neglected to send its horses to be blessed.

Generally they were harnessed in couples and hitched to a drag, and it was a picturesque sight to see 12, 14 or even 20 horses driven up to the piazza in front of the church, where a monk in surplice and stole waited to bless the horses by sprinkling holy water on them. The monks of the Order of St. Francis always performed this service from dawn to the Ave Maria, receiving in return a small donation for each horse blessed.

This custom was so well known and followed that it is said an Austrian ambassador in 1702, wishing to have all his horses blessed without paying a fee for each one, had the chaplain of the embassy perform the ceremony in private, an action which was greatly resented by the Holy See. The rite of the ceremony to-day is the same, but all its pomp is gone. The horses are brought to be blessed as of old, but instead of being richly caparisoned and harnessed to carriages they are led by hand and bare, and very often are poor weak animals that can hardly amble up to the waiting priest.

If, however, the show part of the feast has been done away with in Rome the ceremony still retains some of its picturesqueness in the country, as no Italian farmer who has the welfare of his beasts at heart would think of falling to bring all his animals

### TO WED COUSIN OF A KING.

Engagement of Miss Elkins to Duke of Abruzzi Made Public.

Washington.—The duke of Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins, is reported here.

Senator Elkins, according to a report from Rome, is to be ennobled by the king, in order that the duke's bride may be a titled woman before she is wedded to the duke. The duke is to be promoted to the rank of vice-admiral and will have his residence in the royal palace in Venice.

Miss Katherine Elkins is the daughter of Senator and Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia. Her father was secretary of war under President Harrison and is reputed one of the wealthiest men in the upper national house. Almost since babyhood Miss Elkins has been closely associated with society at the national capital. She was the "bud" who led the rebellion against the tedium of the debutante teas and balls when the time came for her official introduction into the society of the capital and she is

to be blessed on St. Anthony's day. This is especially the case in southern Italy, near Naples, where St. Anthony is still considered the patron not only of beasts of burden but also of pigs.

Besides the blessing of animals there is still another custom on St. Anthony's day which has survived from early Christian times at Naples. In some of the piazzas a bonfire is lighted, preceded by a special ceremony.

A woman of the district, surrounded by young girls, goes about with a bottomless barrel and begs from her neighbors the necessary firewood to start the fire. A carpenter will give her some sawdust, another will donate an old table, some one else will throw in a broken chair, while from the windows various bits of wood will be added to the collection. A suitable spot in the piazza is found, the fire is started inside the barrel and the women and children find fuel to feed the flame.

The ceremonies and rites on the feast of St. Anthony and his protectorship of animals, especially horses and other beasts of burden, are supposed to have originated, like many other Christian functions, from an ancient Roman pagan feast known as the Consualia, when horses were adorned with flowers in honor of the god Consus and paraded around the streets of Rome. It is difficult to ascertain whether really St. Anthony succeeded Consus and whether the religious ceremony of blessing horses has really replaced the pagan lustrations of the Consualia, but in any case the custom of a feast day for animals still survives in Latin countries.

### ROSSITER AS PUBLIC PRINTER.

President Decides to Name Him to Succeed Stillings.

Washington.—It is understood that President Roosevelt has decided to appoint William S. Rossiter of New York to be public printer to succeed Charles A. Stillings of Massachusetts, whose conduct of the office was recently investigated, and who resigned as a result. Mr. Rossiter has been



William S. Rossiter.

for several years chief clerk of the census office, and was detailed by the president to make an examination into the conduct of business at the government printery.

Mr. Rossiter is a newspaper man and was at one time connected with large printing houses. He was born in Massachusetts about 46 years ago, but his legal residence is given as New York. He is a graduate of the class of '84 of Amherst college. After going to New York city he was employed on the editorial staff of the New York Tribune, and was one of the editors of that journal when he resigned to engage in the printing business with a firm in New York. He remained there until he was called to Washington to take charge of the mechanical preparation and publication of the twelfth census.

one of the most enthusiastic horse-women and outdoor exercise followers in the social lists of the east.

Miss Elkins' fiance, Luigi Amedeo of Savoy Aosta, duke of Abruzzi, is one of the ranking dukes of Europe. He is the son of a king and might have been a claimant to the throne of Italy save for his devotion to adventure and exploration, on account of which he forsook any ambition to sit on a throne. He was born in Madrid in 1873, while his father, the duke of Aosta, was king of Spain. Aosta was the brother of King Humbert of Italy and the present duke is therefore the cousin of King Victor Emmanuel.

Numbered among the most brilliant exploits of the duke are his scaling of Mount Saint Elias in Alaska, his dash for the north pole, which ended at 86 degrees, 33 minutes, or about 239 statute miles south of the pole, an attempt which broke Nansen's record, and his ascent of the famous "Mountains of the Moon" in Africa.

Some women choose a quiet wedding because they know it will make talk.

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### His Idea of One.

The teacher in the Darktown school was hearing the class in geography. "What is known as the Great Divide?" she asked. "Cuttin' a big watermelon!" answered little Rastus with a grin that showed all his ivories.

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### Overcame Rarefied Atmosphere.

While Prof. David Todd, the astronomer, was on the top of the Andes, nearly three miles above the level of the sea, he worked for a time in a great iron tank about six feet square, into which he had air forced until the atmosphere within was about the same as that at the level of the sea. The compartment was lighted by electricity and was connected with the outer world by telephone.

### Youthful Smoker.

Henry Twele, three and a half years old, of Greenock, near McKeesport, is probably the most youthful smoker in Allegheny county and probably in Pennsylvania. The boy has been using tobacco for more than a year. His father is a miner. The boy cries unless given a pipe or a stogie once or twice a day, and nothing else will pacify him. Milk and medicine are spurned, and he falls asleep soon after smoking.

### Conventional and Natural.

Many people are puzzled by the terms conventional and natural designs. The former means a design which does not profess to copy nature, and only by device or form suggest the flower, leaf or fruit found in the pattern. It may be worked in any colors. A natural design endeavors to follow the coloring of the natural leaves, blossoms and stems it pictures.

### Killed in Queer Accident.

A somewhat remarkable death took place recently in one of the large ovens at Tunstall, Staffordshire, England, used for firing pottery, the deceased being Albert Cotton, aged 24. A man named Enoch Goodwin went up a ladder to the top of the oven, when he fell and alighted on Cotton, killing him on the spot.

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