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SOME FISH.

They Came Filing in so Fast That They Nearly Sank the Sloop.

"It is well worth a trip to the North Carolina coast," said Colonel Keogh, of that state, "to see the operations of one of the big seines in the waters along Albemarle or Pamlico sounds. Some of these big nets are fully two miles long, and so heavy that they are drawn ashore by steam power. And what enormous takes are frequently made—barrelfuls of herring at a single haul! Yet I don't know of but one man who has made much money in the business. The very abundance of the fish makes them cheap, and railroad facilities in that section are limited."

"Abundant as the finny tribe is in the North Carolina waters," said Colonel Walter B. Evans, of Florida, who had been listening to Colonel Keogh, "it is not till you get down into my country that you find fish in multitudinous quantities, so to speak. In the Indian river, particularly, they are far too thick for the fisherman, and often embarrass him with their redundancy."

"I shall never forget one experience I had down there. It was a dark night and a party of us were on the river in a good-sized sloop after big fish. We had not been long anchored when the light in our boat began to attract schools of mullet, and into that craft they jumped by the hundreds. Yes, thousands. Well, we stood it for awhile, till the burden got too heavy, and we felt the boat beginning to sink. Then hurriedly blowing out the lights and pulling anchor we made for the shore. I am positive if we had let these fish keep on piling into us they would have carried all hands down to a watery grave. As it was we made a narrow escape."

VACCINATION AND PRAYER.

A Little Tot Who Had Full Faith in a Combination of the Two.

Here is a little story, the incident occurring during a period when the town of Winsted, Conn., had a small-pox scare. It happened when things were at the worst, and it occurred in the household of Benjamin Richards, Mr. Richards has a little daughter, and she took it to heart quite forcibly because the churches were all closed, and so she dressed herself in some of her mother's clothes one Sunday morning, and perching herself upon the stairs, proceeded to hold church services. The little tot was choir and soprano and preacher all in one. After calling upon Mrs. Howe to sing a hymn she personated a well-known vocalist and sang and then she did a little preaching and then made a prayer. The prayer was short and was as follows:

"O, Lord, make the small-pox go away. Don't let the small-pox get my papa or my mamma nor me nor any of us. O, Lord, we've all been vaccinated and it's working b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l-ly on all of us. Amen."

We are pleased to state that the prayer was answered and that the little tot and all of her family came through the ordeal in good order.

A WARM SEAT.

The Young Lady Was Hot, While Every One Else Was Cool.

In a party of strangers being taken through the Chollar workings, near Virginia, Nevada, was a girl who, when preparations were made to go down the incline, was assigned to the lower seat in the "giraffe." After the giraffe started the girl slipped down at the feet of her companions and found a seat on something, the nature of which she did not stop to investigate. A short way down the incline, she remarked that it was getting warm. Further on she repeated the observation, and her companions remarked that they had not noticed it, while the miner who had the party in charge assured her that the incline was supposed to be cool. She continued to call attention to the heat, however, and at the station she scrambled out of the giraffe, exclaiming: "Whew! but it was hot in there!" The miner was mystified, but casually looking at where she had sat, the light dawned upon him, and he electrified the entire party by dryly remarking: "It's no wonder you were warm; you were sitting on that gentleman's lantern."

Took a Sitting Hen With Her.

An Atlanta paper is credited with having originated this story: "An old lady, living in Jackson county, who was possessed of a sitting hen, just hatching at the time, when she had occasion to go to Jefferson on urgent business, and having no one to leave in charge at home, put the pipped eggs and hen in a box of hay and took them along with her on the train. Before she reached her destination the eggs all hatched, and she returned home next day with a fine brood of young chickens, which may boast of the distinction of having been hatched on a passenger train running at full speed."

A Birth and Death Coincidence.

John Sobieski, the king of Poland, who immortalized his name by "delivering Vienna from the Turks," was born June 17, 1629, and died on June 17, 1686, being exactly 67 years old. There are two other queer coincidences in connection with Sobieski's life: He was elected to the throne on June 17, and there were terrible tempests all over Europe on the day of his birth and also on the day of his death.

With a Single Bullet.

Three rabbits were recently killed with one bullet. The first rabbit, fifty yards away, was shot with a 300-bore Martini rifle through the shoulder; the second, about two yards further, through the neck; and the third, about three yards from the second, through the head. Two were full-grown, and the third nearly so.

BETTER THAN A PENSION.

A Gentleman Who Got Pretty Thoroughly Disintegrated in a Railroad Wreck.

"A month or so ago," said the drummer, "I stopped over night at a small tavern in Illinois and before retiring I sat for an hour in the room used for an office talking to two or three men, one of whom, a lame man, was to occupy the double room with me. I went up to bed some time before he did and when he came I was snugly tucked away but not asleep. "By the way," he said, "you were talking about pensions downstairs, weren't you?" "Yes, I rather believe in pensions economically administered." "So do I," he said, carefully taking off his glasses and with them a wax nose, which he laid on the table, somewhat to my discomfort, "but I don't believe in being indiscriminate"—here he fished out a glass eye and put it in a tumbler of water and then took out his teeth and put them with his eye. I couldn't say anything and he went on:

"I know men who are to-day getting from \$10 to \$50 a month—he removed his wig and hung it up carefully—who do not deserve it any more than my grandmother does, and I hate to see"—by this time he had off his coat and collar, and, removing his left arm, he placed it on the bureau—"good deserving men getting a miserable little pittance whose records are stories of bravery and daring—at this point he sat down, kicked off his trousers and one shoe, took off a cork leg and laid it by the arm, and I was about ready to jump out of the window.

"Good Lord, man," I almost yelled as I sat up in the bed, "don't you get a pension?"

"Of course not," he answered with a look of surprise. "I was in the army four years, but I got this in a railroad wreck, and the company had to put up \$50,000 damages. That beats a pension all to pieces." Then he put out the light, hopped over to his own bed, and I had nightmare and jimjams till daylight, dressed with my eyes shut, and got out an hour before my disintegrated friend did."

A DEAL IN DIAMONDS.

A Bucketful of the Brilliant Gems the Subject of a Bit of Trade.

Now that Mr. Cecil Rhodes has become one of the men of the hour, it will be of interest to relate a smart transaction he had with his financial colleague, Mr. Barnato, another of the diamond magnates of Kimberly, and as widely known in South Africa as Rhodes himself. Mr. Rhodes, as chairman of the De Beers company, has often had the disposing of the output of diamonds within his control, while Mr. Barnato, on behalf of his firm, Messrs. Barnato Bros., has been one of the heaviest purchasers of the glittering gems. He had made Mr. Rhodes an offer for the whole De Beers stock which practically meant all the diamonds in the market. Mr. Rhodes replied that he would let him have them on one condition, which was, that they should pour the whole lot, 220,000 carats, into a bucket, and thus be able to gaze upon what no human eye had ever previously seen, viz., a bucketful of diamonds. "Done," replied Mr. Barnato in his characteristic phraseology, "I'll take them." So the bargain was completed, and they poured the mass of gems into one bucket.

It is said they gazed long at the unique sight, and after the bucket had been photographed the goods—diamonds are termed "goods" at Kimberly—were duly delivered to the purchaser. Then the acuteness of Mr. Rhodes showed resplendently. Diamonds take very careful sorting and classifying, and in this bucketful there were 160 kinds. Messrs. Barnato Bros. were six weeks in completing the resorting, and the gems were kept off the market all that period; and, of course, Mr. Rhodes had the market to himself all the while, and scored one in diplomatic tact over the deal.

Horses Rank Higher Than Men.

In Prussia "there's such divinity doth hedge a king," that even the brute beasts in his service must not be lightly spoken of. The captain of a battery stationed in Berlin recently condemned an artillerist to several hours of extra drill daily as a punishment for "Beschimpfung eines koeniglichen Dienstpferdes" (insulting a horse in the royal service) by calling the noble animal a "pig." Nothing is more common in the German army than for a subaltern to address a common soldier as a sloth, a hyena or a rhinoceros, but we are not aware that this vituperative confusion of species has ever been punished or even reprimanded by a superior officer.

A Mint Mystery.

According to a late report of the director of the mint, 19,570 silver dollars with the date 1804 were coined during that year. To-day less than a dozen of them are known to be in existence and each is worth a small fortune. There were 150,000 half dollars coined in the same year; at present but one is known. What ever became of the silver coinage of that year is one of the unsolved governmental mysteries. Thirty-two years later there were only 1,000 of the 1856 dollar pieces coined. Yet anyone who has \$5 to invest can get one of them for a pocket piece. A cool \$1,000 would not buy an 1804.

Couldn't Be.

General Mahone was wounded at second Manassas, and some one, to comfort Mrs. Mahone, said: "Oh, don't be uneasy; it's only a flesh wound." Mrs. Mahone, through her tears, cried out: "Oh, that is impossible; there is not flesh enough on him for that." Those who have seen General Mahone can appreciate the remark.

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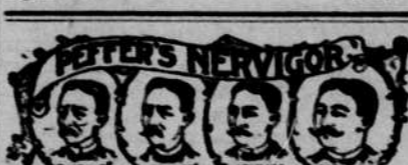
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