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Wasn't Much on the Road, but He Knew How to Hunt.

"I had a horse," said an old army man, "that had belonged once to the Seventh Cavalry, but he had the 'I C' brand under his mane, so he was out of the service. Inspected and condemned. He was a regular old plug, but he was all I could get to go hunting on, so I took him. I rode away out into the plains from the fort, and I saw a bunch of antelope finally. I got off the horse and dropped the reins on the ground, expecting the horse to stand there till I came back. I started off toward the antelope, and was sneaking along to get a shot, when I looked around, and I'll be blamed if that brute of a horse hadn't started off as tight as he could lope. 'Well,' says I, 'I guess I'm in for a six-mile tramp home.' I cursed that horse to myself for a while, and then I went on. Pretty soon I looked up, and I'm blessed if there wasn't that horse over the other side of that bunch of antelope. 'Well, now,' says I, 'I'd like to know what the devil that horse thinks he's up to, anyhow.' Pretty soon he began to circle around on the other side, and the antelope saw him and started off toward me. I caught on at once, and I lay down and waited. That old horse cut up the most surprising antics out there, and all the while he kept working those antelope toward me. By and by they got in range, and I got two; darned good luck it was, too. You see that horse was an old Indian hunting pony, and he had been trained to do that way. Well, I went back to the post, and everybody wanted to know how it happened I had such good luck. But I didn't tell 'em 'No then.

"A few days after I took the same horse out after prairie chickens. It was the time of the year when the chickens were flying, and I was riding along, when all of a sudden the critter stopped short, braced himself up and waited—for what I didn't know. But in a second a couple of chickens flew up ahead of me, and I was so surprised I didn't shoot. 'Well,' I says, 'I'll be switched. Here's a horse that's not only a hunting horse, but is a regular pointer dog, too.' And he was. I got my gun ready, and the next time he stopped I was right on hand and dropped a bird. Well, now, no sooner did that horse see that bird fall than he galloped off right to where it fell, and all I had to do was to reach off and pick it up. He was a great horse, I tell you, and I got lots of good hunting with him."

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A Frenchman Says We Are All Rich—Who Knows Dentists.

A Frenchman who has been traveling in this country says that what struck him most in the United States was the American habit of filling the teeth with gold. About \$500,000 worth of gold is thus used every year, he says, all of which, of course, is buried. So he figures that at the end of three centuries the cemeteries of America will contain gold to the value of \$150,000,000. "I am afraid," he adds, "that this will prove too tempting to the practical mind of the future American, and we shall see the day when companies will be organized to mine the cemeteries and recover the gold secreted in the jaws of dead ancestors." The writer then goes on and figures up the average amount of gold in the teeth of each dead person. He has evidently been consulting the record of vital statistics, for he says that 875,000 people died in the United States in 1899. This would bring the value of gold in each dead person's teeth to an average of about sixty-five and three-fourth cents, and he thinks that in well crowded cemeteries the mining of this gold could be carried on profitably despite the small average value.

CAN'T BUY THE BARGAINS.

Saleswomen Not Allowed to Take Advantage of Bargain Sales.

I asked a young saleswoman who served me in a large shop the other day whether the employees of the establishment were allowed to take advantage of the "bargain sales" in buying goods.

"I can't speak for any other places, was her reply, "but I know that we're not."

"Why, what chance would the public have after we'd had a whack at the counter?"

"There are over 600 women and girls employed here, and the cream of the bargains would be gone before the customers had fought their way through the front door."

"Of course, if we're smart we can send people here to buy for us."

"One girl did this some time ago, but her friend got lost in the shuffle and couldn't crowd her way to the counter."

"So Mary Ann—she worked next to me—got so wild that she gathered up the things that she wanted and waved 'em at the woman as much as to say: 'Come on, why don't you?'"

"But the floorwalker saw the whole business, and it was 'good-by, Mary Ann.'"

THE OLD LOG SHANTY.

It is Giving Way to the Tenement in the Coal Region.

One charm of the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania has almost disappeared, and that is the comfortable and even picturesque log shanty of the Irish miner. The best of these were well chinked from the weather, and within their flattened logs were whitewashed and spotted. The floor was scrubbed until it was nearly as white as the walls. On one side was a great fireplace, with a large grate piled high with perhaps 100 pounds of glowing anthracite. Wrinkled old Irish women, in the whitest of starched caps, sat in front of the grate knitting stout blue woolen stockings. To the tiny breaker boys coming home on winter nights after a hard day's work these shanties, with their cheerful fires, were welcome resting places, where they might stand in front of the fire unbaked while black streams ran from their grimy boots over the shining floor. The shanties have given place to formal tenements, and the Irish miners are retreating before thousands of even poorer laborers from continental Europe.

Pen and Ink Unfashionable.

A new fashion that is just beginning to grow in vogue is that of writing letters in pencil rather than with pen and ink, and when once it is fairly established it is doubtful whether anything but legal documents and business papers that must be preserved will ever be prepared in the old style. Letters are generally shorter nowadays than they formerly were; are more hastily written, more frequent and seldom worth keeping for any length of time. They are not the elaborate efforts of bygone days, that were often cherished for their intrinsic worth. The pencil, which is far more convenient than the pen, is taking its place in the great mass of casual correspondence.

A Plain, Every-day Horse Shares the Building with the President.

A horse has his home in the white house, says a Washington correspondent. This is a literal fact which visitors never discover and which few Washington people know. The horse which shares the executive mansion with the president isn't a thoroughbred. He has neither pedigree nor record. He is just a plain, everyday horse, with a white star in his forehead, a faithful companion to Edgar R. Beckley. And who is Edgar R. Beckley? The man who for twenty-five years has carried to and from the White house all of the interesting and valuable mail received and sent, and who has never been found remiss in his duty. Rain or shine, in all seasons, he makes hourly trips between the white house and the city postoffice. He is the white house mail carrier. And the horse that has his home in the white house carries Beckley. The part of the mansion set apart for the horse is one corner of the conservatory. A thin partition is all that separates the roomy stall from the orchids. There is just room enough for the stall and a temporary supply of feed, and there the horse eats and sleeps, under the same roof with the president of the United States.

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