

WHY THE RABBIT'S FOOT IS LUCKY.

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 Fluffy was a fat little white bunny. She was an Angora rabbit, and her fur was long and silky and her eyes were very round and very pink, and her little white nose was always going up and down, up and down, just as if it was trying to smell new green lettuce or some other delicious thing that bunnies love so very much.

It was a long time ago—so long ago that people didn't know what two-story buildings were, or automobiles, or many of the things which make life so nice today. In fact, Fluffy's mistress lived in a hut on a hill. It had only one

time, and as soon as she stopped, a little tree fairy sprang out of the hollow.

Then Fluffy and the little fairy held a long conversation. After a while Fluffy started humming, looking very happy, and with her nose wagging very hard. That same night Fluffy's mistress had a dream. That is, she thought she did. You see, not knowing anything about the fairies, she did not know that it was all really, truly, so, but imagined she was just dreaming.

But, anyway, Fluffy's little fairy was sitting at the foot of her bed talking to her. "I've got something for you," said the fairy. "That can it be?" asked the little girl. "It's a bottle," answered the fairy, "and it's full of wishing water. I am going to give it to you, and when you want something just pour a little of it, and it will make the wish, and it will come true." Then the little fairy vanished.

Sure enough, the next morning, Fluffy's mistress found a little bottle by the side of her bed. She jumped up and grabbed the bottle. Playmate, a real nice playmate, who will always keep me company." That is what Fluffy's mistress wished and, as she did so, she took the cork out of the bottle. She started to spill just a little, but her hand shook so from excitement that every bit of that wishing water went on the floor.

Now, it happened that Fluffy, who, of course, knew all about it, was right beside her mistress when she was wishing. So, when she saw all the water going on the floor she started to run and as she went her left hind foot went right into it. But her mistress did not notice, for suddenly, she found a dear little girl, with golden hair and blue eyes, in her room. It was her wish for playmate, come to keep her company as long as she wanted.

As soon as Fluffy realized what had happened she ran down the hill again to the fairy and told her all about it. "That will never do," said the fairy, "for if anybody finds out you have wishing water in your foot they might kill you to get your left hind leg. But I will help you. I will make the left hind legs of all rabbits lucky, and so people won't hurt you, because you are so prettier."

The fairy did what she said, and to this day some people believe that the left hind foot of a rabbit is lucky.

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What Constitutes a State? What constitutes a state? Not high-raised battlement or labored sound. Not wall or moated gate. Not cities proud with spires and turrets crowned. Not bays and broad-armed ports, Where laughing at the storm, rich navies ride. Not starred and spangled courts, Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride. No—men, high-minded men, With powers as far above dull brutes as heaven is above the earth.

In forest, brake or den, As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude; Men that their duties know, But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain. These constitute a state, And govern law, that state's collected will, O'er thrones and globes elate. Sits in press, crowning god, representing ill.

—Sir William Jones.

From the London Times. "This time last year," seems, in ordinary epochs, rather like this time last month. Was it really a year ago? We ask. But now, ever since last August, this time last year seems like an age ago, a period in some former existence of which our migrating soul has retained the memory. How far away is that old life in a world that on the outside was oddly like this present world, and on the inside wholly different! This time last year we were on the eve of the most brilliant London season ever known. The nation was face to face with more than one grave political problem.

There were dinners and dances, at homes and week-ends. We were all so "busy" and so "full-up," and there were so many momentous things to discuss. Could the ballet get on without Minsky? Was county cricket going to look up? Would there be "civil war"? Were there any really good new things to eat? Would B. and D. get engaged, and would C. and D. get divorced?

This time last year—well, it was a long time ago, and we were a much younger then. We shall never be like that again, any more than 35 will be 18. That old, light-hearted world is gone forever; and when the good times come once more, we must look for a world not light-hearted, but high-hearted. It will have its pleasures. There will be opera and ballet; there will be fine clothes, and good things to eat and drink; we shall dance and laugh and dally with love. But in the new life these will not be the most important things. They will be recreation amid a deal of hard work that will call for steady doing, solace for hearts that ache, as hearts never ached this time last year.

The first national bird census shows that the densest bird population is at Chevy Chase, near Washington, D. C., where 161 pairs of 34 species were found nesting on 33 acres.

Russian railways represent a mileage of 46,000, just twice that of the railways in the United Kingdom.

Why Not Live In Herald? From the Christian Life. Our God is willing to light up our ordinary roads, even the byways and back streets of our daily life. Few of us spend our days in the main streets. Most of our life is passed in very quiet ways, often in trudging along very rough and rutty roads. Well, we can go along them all "by revelation," with God's soft light of grace falling upon the deep ruts and the sharp stones. In every path of duty we can have these revealing rays, warm and sunny with the very love of God. Every way can be illumined, and in the heaviest and most murky road the place of our feet can be glorious.

Freak Exhibits In Archives At Honolulu, H. I.

By MYRON K. DAVIS, Company C, Eighth Infantry, Manila, Philippine Island.

In the archives at Honolulu are many freak petitions that were put before the legislature in the early days, some of which, with a little revising, might be adopted at the present time.

The following articles written nearly a century ago, show the native "up-to-dateness" of political issues and legislative reforms, as well as commercial interests. Here is one under the heading of "Public Notice," that is practiced a great deal in our own cities, though the subject is given little publicity:

Public Notice. "January 29, 1863. 'Know all ye Hawaiians, foreigners and Chinamen of every description, that we the undersigned make known to all of you, that, we the people who make salt, have raised the price of the barrel of salt from \$2.00 to \$2.50. The price of salt that was raised before is now a quarter. As pot and other things have been raised in price, so we have raised the price of salt.

"If any person objects to this notice, we will have him up before the judge and this notice shall become a law from and after its publication in the Hekili-Pakijika. (Star of the Pacific). Consequently we have affixed our name unto.

"Signed, 'Kiphe and Others.' Easy Divorce Solution. Another under the same heading might settle the divorce question if the women would adopt this means of advertising their husbands:

Public Notice. "January 29, 1863. 'Kupuaaha, my husband, has deserted me. He took from me all my clothing that I have earned with my own hands and I am now very poor. He still desires me to return other things that he gave me. Extraordinary! As if I were a strange woman, you the people look at this shameless husband.

"Signed, 'Mele Pi.' Some of the bills that went before the legislature were often "sidetracked" in some such manner as about to be related: In 1851 a petition was laid before the house of representatives of the legislature of Hawaii, beseeching the king and his honorable legislature to enact a law so that marriage between old men and young women, and young men and old women, would be prohibited.

The endorsement on this petition shows that it was "respectfully received and referred to the standing committee on lands, roads and internal improvements."

On May 7, 1852, a petition was laid before the house by a number of residents of Honolulu, praying that the legislature abolish the attorney at law. The house, however, seemed to think that the said attorneys were necessary evils and on the report of a select committee, to whom the petition had been referred, it was tabled May 10.

As there is no island at this time this petition must refer to the "wearies" of the islands: On May 27, 1853, the house received a petition from the residents of Koolau-poko, Oahu, praying that "Sleeping during the day be prohibited except in the house of a physician." It was also on the same day another was laid before it, praying that "The tax of good, quiet dogs be abolished."

Here is a petition that has in some respects always been in force, according to many physicians: On June 12, 1853, a petition was laid before the house, praying that government officials be not paid salaries; that the chiefs be the only ones to receive pay for their services.

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JOHN'S DEDUCTION AT FAULT

Result of Bright Youth's Reasoning Brought Consternation to His Employer.

John was the new boy at the boarding house. His mistress was scolding him because he never surmounted an obstacle.

"John," she said, "when I sent you for a two-pound loaf of cake and they had none, why in the world did you not bring two one-pound cakes? That would be exactly the same thing."

John seemed to grasp the knowledge. His mistress thought so until the next day.

She was going on a journey, and being a large, stout woman, told John to engage her two seats in the Bus. When John returned she asked: "Did you have any difficulty?"

"No, madam," replied the hopeless John, "but I could not get them both together, so I got one on the inside and one on the t-p!"

His Bid.

Between the blonde young woman on the other side of the car and her stout neighbor next to the left there intervened a space perhaps four inches in width. Clinging to the strap just in front of the blonde woman was a cheerful individual whose uncertain footing was, it seemed, not wholly due to the jolting and jerking of the common carrier. Presently he fastened an ingratiating smile upon the young woman.

"Madam," murmured he, "if you'd lemme sit down in that place there by you I'd-I'd vote for woman suffrage."—New York Evening Post.

Well Earned.

"How did you happen to get that medal you're wearing?"

"I got it for saving an umpire's life. I had a pop bottle in my hand when he called Sweeney out sliding to the home plate with wha' should have been the winning run, and I didn't throw it."

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WANTED TO SEE THE RESULT

Little Willie Evidently Had at Some Time Beheld a Slot Machine in Operation.

There are some very funny things in a big store besides the things the girls say about the floor walker or the fancies the ribbon-counter boys have about the personalities of buyers and heads of departments.

For instance: The other day a small lad, with an unmistakable stamp of the country, was trailing his mother along through a big store. He was hanging back and she was pulling. The boy never had been in a big store, and the place was full of many wonders.

All of a sudden his pulling and lagging became a stubborn and pronounced utter stoppage.

"Come on, Willie," said the mother. "Aw, maw, wait," begged the boy. "No," protested his mother. "What's the matter with you?"

"Look!" cried the boy. He was pointing to a young man leaving an employees' time clock, which the young man had just punched.

"Wait, maw," continued Willie, "I want to see what he wins!"

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Shrapnel is also playing a most important part in aerial warfare, and of these antiaircraft shrapnel, all of which embody the same general essentials, there is perhaps none more effective than that known as "Ehrhardt antiaircraft shrapnel."

Rich Loot. Brown was happily rambling through the land of dreams one night when he suddenly awakened to find the long barrel of a pistol unpleasantly close to his face.

"Utter one word," cried a strong voice back of the formidable gun, "and you are a dead man."

"I'm not saying one word," was the meek rejoinder of the submissive Brown.

"What I want," continued the burglar, without lowering the pistol, "is every single valuable that you have in the house, and I want them quickly."

"All right, old man," promptly replied Brown, digging up a slip of paper and handing it to the burglar. "Here is the combination to the refrigerator."

One Advantage.

"Traded your motorboat for an aeroplane, eh? What's the idea?"

"Well, there's this about an aeroplane—even if the engine does break down, you're bound to land some where."

After passing the spring chicken a woman makes a goose of herself.

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Compiled for the Benefit of Visitors Who Without Proper Guidance Might Get Into Trouble.

All persons are prohibited from playing with the animals. If you are a monkey, don't recognize your friends at the zoo. Fraternizing with animals is considered a serious offense, no matter if the animal shows more intelligence than the one trying to torment him.

It shall be unlawful to stroke the whiskers of Caesar, the male lion, or to pull the tails of any of the lions at any time. Visitors must not interfere with the food that is given the lions or put their hands into the mouths of the beasts.

Making eyes at the baboons and shaking hands with the monkeys are not permitted at any time. Visitors must not pull the horns of the buffalo or strike the ears of the ostrich. Children are warned not to ride on the backs of the deer.

Violations of these park regulations will be punished by solitary confinement in the dog pound for six months—Springfield News.

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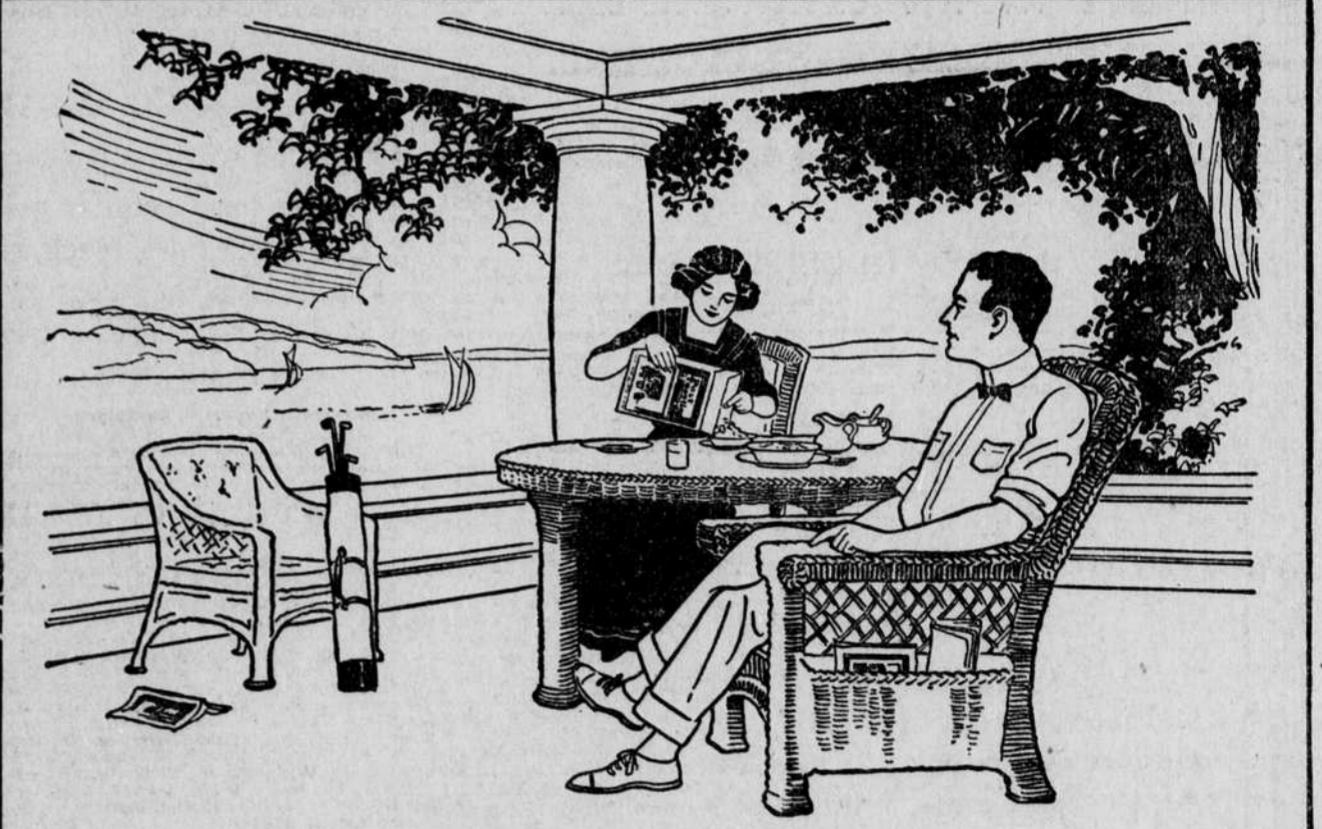
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