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JULIAN RALPH. The New York Reporter whose "Dutch Barber" sketches became famous. NEW YORK, Oct. 22. — Mr. Julian Ralph, of the New York Sun—whose interviews upon current topics with an imaginary dutch barber so well known a few years ago have been revived of late—is not yet forty years old, but for something like fifteen years he has been acknowledged by all of his colleagues and contemporaries as the most accomplished newspaper reporter in New York.

Mr. Chester S. Lord, the shrewd and capable managing editor of The Sun, has said of Mr. Ralph that he can write on a greater variety of topics than any other man he has known, and do more work at a sitting than six average reporters can write in a day of twenty-four hours. On at least a dozen occasions he has written a page or more of The Sun at one sitting, and in one instance was the quality of the work sacrificed for quantity.



Then, again, nothing ever bores him. He is always himself interested, and therefore, when he writes, he is always interesting. He looks with his own eyes, and he is such an experienced observer that at a glance he sees all that is before him, and that, of course, includes a great deal which the casual or careless spectator misses entirely.

Mr. Ralph has been a frequent contributor to all the great magazines, and to this work he brings those qualities which have made him pre-eminent as a reporter. His vacations he spends in travel at home or abroad, and he never fails on these trips to gather material of which he makes delightful use.

Colonel John A. Cockerill Described. Colonel John A. Cockerill is a fine specimen of manhood. He is athletic, well built, erect, carries himself in a soldier's fashion, and has, as one of his feminine admirers puts it, "just the back for a dress coat."

According to an Australian paper 500 Chinamen make an excellent living in Sydney as professional gamblers, their gains being so considerable that they are able regularly to remit large sums to China.

A New Business. There was a gentle tap on the corner of the editor's desk, and the busy man ceased for a moment the death dealing work of his blue pencil.

"Good morning," said a soft little voice from a bunch of whiskers on a mild little man.

"How are you," replied the editor, without the slightest indication in the tone that he cared a continental how the little man was.

"May I have a few minutes of your time?" inquired the little voice pleadingly. "What is it?"

"I have something you may need in your business." "What? Money?" inquired the editor curiously.

"No," said the little man, "not money, but something else. Did you ever hear of a neologizer?"

"Something to clean clothes with? To keep out the flies? To destroy cockroaches? To keep paste sweet? To destroy moths? To make old butter young? To remove freckles or tan? To cure fits? To eradicate hair moles?"

"No, no," said the little man, "not any of those things. I mean a neologizer—a word for words, a word for words, a word for words."

"Hold on a minute," interrupted the editor. "I'm not the man you want to see. Let me introduce you to our funny man."

The editor took him back and stepped outside to listen, and five minutes afterward he heard a dull thud on the floor and a scattering and then the funny man, with a handful of whiskers, came out and asked the janitor for a dustpan and a broom.—Detroit Free Press.

He Died Game. A man from the west was telling about the manner of dealing out justice to thieves in that section.

"There was Coyote Bill," he said, "the worst in the business. He came into my place one night, stole a pair of boots, an overcoat and fifty dollars, then went to Hardin's stable, stole a horse and got out by midnight."

"And he got away?" "Not much. We were after him in three hours, and by noon we had him shot full of holes; but he was no coward, and he shot three of our party before we finished him."

"Anyhow, he was game and died with his boots on," put in a fellow who was none too good himself.

"No, he didn't," said the story teller in flat contradiction. "They were mine."—Detroit Free Press.

Creating an Impression. Chollie (glancing at bill of fare)—I'd order quail on toast if they had it, Bella; but they haven't, apparently, so I guess we'll have some plain.

"Water—we have quail on toast, sir, although it isn't on the bill." Chollie (sotto voce)—Shut up!—Life.

Thoughtless Man. She was very rich, but slightly passe, and he was poor.



How to Prevent Crust in a Teakettle. Keep an oyster shell in it, changing it as soon as it is well covered with crust.

How to Be Healthy, Wealthy and Wise. Before the days of good lamps, illuminating gas and the electric light there was much truth in the old rhyme which enjoined man to be very economical of daylight, but nowadays one can be healthy, wealthy and wise without imitating the habits of the barnyard fowl.

How to Take Care of Goldfish. Poor results in the care of goldfish are said to be caused by one of three things—bad water, handling the fish or starvation.

How to Clean Matting. Wash it with a cloth wrung out of salt water or sprinkle it with Indian meal, and then sweep thoroughly.

How to Make Paper Comforters. Fasten two layers of soft paper or newspaper between two sheets of cheap calico or cheesecloth. This will make a warm and very light coverlet for winter use.

How to Keep a Pipe Sweet. A pipe should not be smoked too continuously. When a bowlful of tobacco has been burned the pipe should be taken apart, the bowl cleaned, the stem swabbed out with a straw or wire and the joints wiped free of nicotine.

How to Keep the Finger Nails in Order. It is a very bad habit to scrape the finger nails either on the out or inside with the blade of a knife.

How to Have in Every Room a Place for Scraps. A scrapbasket is not needed in each room, but some place where tiny order destroyers, such as bits of lint, ravelings, lime or paper can be dropped out of sight, is worth having.

How to Deal with a Case of Poisoning. Salt and mustard are the great reliance for many reasons. They are found in every house; they can be given instantly; they produce vomiting quicker than other substances in common use.

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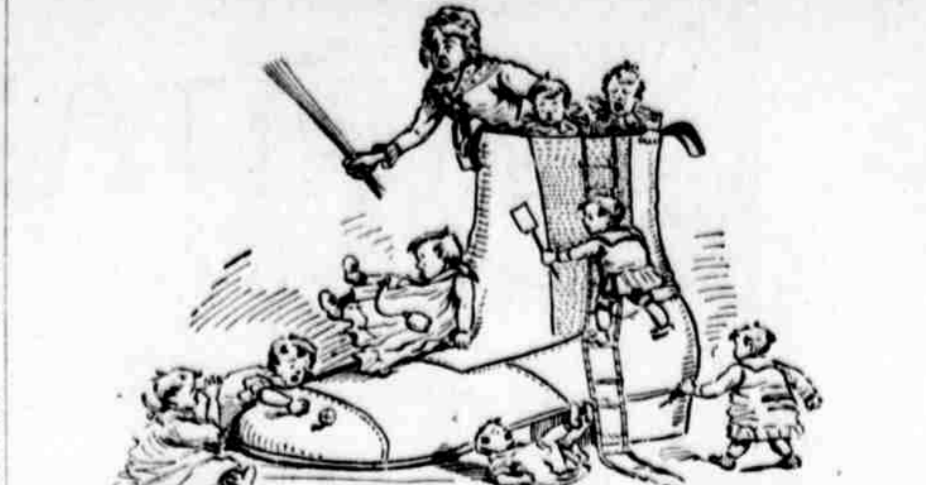
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