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THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL AND THE PRESS.

The postmaster-general has issued an order which will meet with the hearty approval of the newspapers of the country without regard to party.

Postal accommodation was not one of the strong points of the late administration. In fact, as everybody is aware, it had a genius for disorganizing the postal service and depriving it of its efficiency.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker has rescinded the obnoxious order. He did so, it is understood, on the application of Russell B. Harrison, who, being a newspaper man, was able to speak feelingly on the subject.

Postoffice Department, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5, 1889.

Hon. Russell B. Harrison, Executive Mansion.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo in reference to the carriage of manuscript for publication by private express or trainman, and to advise you that the postoffice department has never insisted that it is unlawful to carry by express or private carriage such manuscript as is intended for publication.

JOHN WANAMAKER, Postmaster-General. This is just and sensible, and not only will be read with great satisfaction by newspaper men, but will meet with the general approval.

THE EXTERMINATION OF THE BUFFALO.

At the present time, outside of the National Park, where about two hundred and sixty buffaloes are now harbored, there are not over three hundred, probably not as many, left in the whole United States.

in the western part of the Indian Territory and Kansas. Those in Nebraska have since been killed by the Sioux. Of the thousand that once inhabited Texas only two small bunches remain.

A Nervy Suicide.

The suicide mania is making great ravages in the Austrian army. Shortly after the death of the crown prince an officer of the Prince of Wales' Hussars blew his brains out.

Some Interesting Statistics.

It is said that each year 15 people out of every 1,000 marry. Of each 1,000 men who marry 861 are bachelors and 139 widowers.

He Settled It.

During the year 1884 I was located in St. Louis, and on several occasions had observed a fine St. Bernard dog stalking with dignity up Chestnut street.

A King Who Eats Off Gold.

In one respect, at least, King Humbert of Italy surpasses in domestic magnificence all the other sovereigns of Europe. According to a Paris letter he breakfasts, lunches and dines off golden plate.

The Royal Circus at Biarritz.

The aboriginal inhabitants of Biarritz have been considerably astonished and diverted by the demeanor and costume of the Highland gillie who sits on the box of the queen's carriage and who, by the way, is the individual who succeeded John Brown as her majesty's "personal servant."

Don't disgust everybody by hawking, blowing and spitting, but use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy and be cured.

MARKSMEN IN THE ARMY.

THE DISCIPLINE THAT MAKES OUR SOLDIERS EXPERTS.

The Country Has Not a Large Military Force, but the Boys in Blue Are Remarkable for Their Facility in Handling the Rifle—How They Are Taught and Trained.

The United States has a very extensive territory, yet it has the smallest regular army of any civilized power of nearly equal territorial extent.

THEY BEAT THE WORLD.

The rifle used is the ordinary Springfield field service pattern, a breech loader, carrying seventy grains of powder and 500 grains of lead, common service sights that never get out of order.

Our little army may be deficient in many ways, but in the matter of rifle shooting to hit and with the object of hitting to kill (the business in which the soldier is presumed to be particularly efficient), it certainly stands first in the world.

The Congregation Smiled.

A story that goes back to the meeting-house in Wrentham is one of a worthy man named Habbakuk P., a resident of the town and a faithful attendant upon worship, who had been blessed with four wives, one after another.

He Never Struck His Children.

"I have never struck my two children," said a young American father the other day, "though I have often been emptied strongly to it, and sometimes would not have blamed any parent for doing so."

SOLDIER LIFE.

Three roll calls a day, reveille, retreat and tattoo (if a cavalryman, stables twice a day); drills Mondays or Fridays, dress parade every evening, and target practice whenever weather permits.

Sharp Hotel Clerks.

A hotel room clerk must not only know every room in the house, even to the kind of furniture, lights, air, etc., but he must be a quick, keen judge of human nature to know just where to assign a guest who has never visited the house before.

Are Animals Superstitious?

Do animals see ghosts? Of course there are no ghosts, but that makes no difference. Science and philosophy agree that it is not at all improbable that nothing really exists and that nothing is, except perturbations of brain cells.

That many animals reason, draw logical inferences beyond the operation of instinct, is pretty well settled. When a dog or a horse has exhausted all its experience in attempting to account for certain phenomena, does it conclude that the thing is supernatural or out of the order of explicable phenomena?

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"Mr. Habbakuk P.—desires the prayers of the congregation that the death of his wife may be sanctified to him for his spiritual good."

Then, when the congregation was between stupefaction and explosion, the layman went on with the services at a rapid rate. He was at a loss to know why the congregation seemed to be throughout the remainder of the service on the point of laughter, but at dinner Mrs. P.—, the pastor's wife, explained to him that Habbakuk P.— had three cows from the front in the broad aisle with his brand new wife, and he had had an old notice that Mr. F.— had probably been using for a book mark ever since the death of wife No. 3.—Boston Transcript.

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