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Balzac and Berthet.
Balzac, the great French novelist, once received a lesson in good manners from a younger and less distinguished associate. The hint came with good grace from the younger man, Elie Berthet, because it was deserved, and because Berthet himself was a person of courteous manners and gentle and amiable disposition. Berthet had written some romances which became so popular, and he so distinguished himself in journalistic work, as to become an assistant editor of The Siecle.

As the assistant of M. Desnoyers, the editor of The Siecle, he had been introduced to Balzac. But though Balzac had many interviews with M. Desnoyers, and was often in the office, he never paid the slightest attention to Berthet. He did not even speak or bow to the young novelist.

One day Balzac took some copy to The Siecle office, and was greatly disturbed because M. Desnoyers, whom he wished to see, was out.

Soon after he left the office he met Elie Berthet. He went up to the young man, and without touching his hat or otherwise saluting him, touched him on the arm with one finger and said:

"Ah! you tell Desnoyers that I have left the copy at the office."

Without a second glance he turned away. Berthet delivered the message and the editor replied:

"I am not likely to forget it. He has sent me word by three persons already."

Three days later Balzac and Berthet met at about the same place. Berthet did not take off his hat. He touched Balzac on the arm with one finger and said:

"Ah! he says you have sent him word by three persons already."

Then he walked on.—Youth's Companion.

Cold in Alaska.
"My experience with Alaskan winters was rather disappointing," said a member of the Alaskan boundary survey. "The greatest degree of cold we experienced was 50 degs. below zero, and that was when Mr. Turner extended his trip up along the boundary line to the Arctic sea. From what traders and missionaries told us of previous years it would seem that the winters of 1889, 1890 and 1891 were exceptionally mild."

"Even at the low temperature of this region the growth of vegetation is surprisingly rapid, but as there are only three months of growing weather this can be easily accounted for. I found grasses six feet high along the Yukon and Porcupine lowlands—a more remarkable fact when you consider that the Porcupine extends many miles above the Arctic circle. There were also salmon berries, blueberries, currants and raspberries in profusion and hundreds of acres of cranberries. Of the latter fruit the Indians store large quantities for winter food."

"When the work of tracing and establishing the boundary was completed the party set up a monument of rough stones, about twelve feet high, as a visible mark of the dividing line between American and British possessions. Of course there is a check on this in the shape of a securely concealed stone, properly marked, at the head of the base line, near the main station. When we were about to break camp it occurred to me that no photograph of the monument had been taken, so I took a camera and sighted it and then climbed on top of the rocks and had a curious native 'shoot' the machine."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Spring Riding Saddle.
Most of those who have done much horseback riding have sad recollections of having had at one time or another to jog along for weary miles on the back of an ill bred, straight patterned nag, whose every step jarred every nerve in the body and aroused the most pronounced feelings of resentment. According to the inventor of a new saddle, such memorable incidents as these need never more occur and the horseback riding of the future will be pure, unalloyed delight.

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France, Germany and Russia.
Till 1870 France held the supreme control of the peace of the world. No sword could be unsheathed in Europe without her consent. Napoleon III was the great arbiter. A frown from him darkened the horizon. The day after he expressed regret to Baron Hubner at not being in accord with Austria, the stock exchanges were in a panic, and Austria and Prussia concluded a hasty peace before the master had time to show dissatisfaction. Since the war of 1870 this role has ceased to belong to France. Germany has usurped it, and her claim to it is what has revolted the czar, who remains alone, striving by his deliberate isolation to neutralize the unwelcome supremacy of Germany, allowing France to render him apparent homage in order to emphasize his attitude, but really knowing himself to be doomed to immobility as long as he remains outside the allied empire.—De Blowitz in Harper's.

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