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**Management of Horses.**  
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 The horse, which is one of the most sensitive and delicate of animals, is greatly to be commiserated as he appears in the fashionable drive of Central park. He is treated as a part of the show of the parade, and he is at the mercy of the owner, who buys horses not because he likes them or knows anything about them, but because he must have an equipage, and he abandons them to the care of grooms and coachmen, whose sole aim is to produce a more "swell" effect than their rivals. For a "stylish" horse the horse is robbed of his natural ornament and defense, and is checked and trussed and tortured by a harness which encumbers his natural action and forces him into an artificial "gait."  
 Human knowledge and skill directed to an auxiliary animal like the horse should aim to develop his natural aptitudes. He should be treated as a humane and skillful gardener treats a tree in our modern landscape gardening, not as a tree was maltreated by the false and morbid taste of two centuries ago.  
 Such remarks do not apply to the lovers of horses who care for them with sympathy and intelligence, who comprehend their practical helplessness and acknowledge their faithful service. Such lovers permit in their stables no "fashions" invented by ignorant and inhuman grooms to produce "stylish action" to impress similar ignorance and folly.—Harper's Weekly.

**The Little Ghost.**  
 "The Poplars" is the name of the old Revolutionary homestead. It is a great, square, white, stone house built in the center of a thousand acres. The master of it was childless. His little boy had died a week before, and he had gone away. Every night a little figure in white with a light was seen flitting from window to window in the old library. When the servants, led by the gardener, assembled at the library door the light and the figure would disappear noiselessly and simultaneously. The light and figure were never seen in any other room of the old mansion, and now it was remembered that the dead heir had spent more time in the library than in any other room in the house.  
 When the master returned, toward the end of autumn, he was informed of it all. He hid behind the tapestry night after night, and one night he was rewarded by seeing a little white figure glide in, light a candle, climb up to one of the highest shelves, take down a rare old book and begin to pore over it. It was the gardener's son, and he is now the lord of "The Poplars," and the noblest landlord in the west of England.—New York Herald.

**Becher's First Home.**  
 One room served for entrance into the house, for parlor, study and bedroom; the other for the dining and workroom, writes Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher in describing the first home which she and Mr. Beecher had years ago in the west. The bedroom was so small that I was obliged to make the bed on one side first, then go out on the veranda, raise a window, reach in and make the bed on the other side. Not such very troublesome work after all, when one gets accustomed to it. The little kitchen, partitioned off from the veranda, was just large enough to allow a passage between the cooking table and the stove into the dining room without burning my dress, and my table was only divided from Mr. Beecher's study table by the partition.  
 For nearly seven years this was our home—a home full of cares and no luxuries, but a very happy home—for many reasons the happiest we ever knew, for we were less separated there. In Brooklyn, in later years, Mr. Beecher's public duties naturally drew him more away from the family circle, but in those days in the west I had him almost entirely to myself.—Ladies' Home Journal.

**Thrilling Adventure of a Miner.**  
 John Clarkson tells an interesting story of how he came near being devoured by a large army of rats in the Baker coal bank. It was his custom to cook his meal in the coal bank at dinner time. One day as he was sitting before a fire boiling his meat he was startled to hear the noise made by running rats. The odor of the cooking meat permeated the bank, attracted the attention of the rodents and they came tripping along to the fire at a lively rate.  
 John says he thought the "old bob" was after him. In a little while there must have been fully 500 rats gathered about him and his heart was in his mouth. He threw them a piece of the meat, and while they fought for it he stole away.—New Lisbon Patriot.

**Set Upon by the Gang.**  
 One of the Italian exhibitors of performing birds lost a green parakeet out of his cage the other afternoon on Park street. The bird flew up into an elm and chattered at the distracted Italian.  
 "Seenyore, seenyore, climb ze tree," he cried. But no one in the big crowd volunteered to "climb ze tree." It was the English sparrow that finally settled the business both for the parakeet and the Italian. A solitary English sparrow perched on the green bird, and set up a loud "cheep." In three minutes time fifty sparrows were mobbing the parakeet. He took wing with the noisy pack in hot pursuit.—Boston News.

**A Happy Family.**  
 A happy family dwells in an engine house in Madison, Ind., and the antics of the members afford amusement to the fire company. The family is composed of a coon, a cat, a pair of rabbits, two white mice and a shepherd dog. They occupy the same apartment, sport together and eat from the same vessel.—Yankee Blade.

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**A Crisis in Spain.**  
 Queen of Spain—Moi gracia! The baby king has the stomach ache.  
 Lord Chamberlain (excitedly)—Woo! Call the secretary of the interior.—Good News.

**Anglo-Saxon Table.**  
 A little difficult to cook in such terms in cookery or a bill of fare, there are some that one encounters constantly. Releve is no dish in particular so far as the style of preparation is concerned, but answers to the word "remove," and consists of a dish replacing another, a doubling, so to speak, of the same course before going on to the next. It is therefore not unusual to find in a large dinner a relevé de potage, relevé de rot, de gibier, etc. Entree is a made dish served after the fish or in its stead, where it is not obtainable, and preceding the rots or roast meat. After the latter comes the entremets, i. e., sweets or puddings.  
 The term hors d'œuvre is the most difficult to particularize. When cold it comprises all side dishes which are really accessories to the meal. As such they can be and are eaten indifferently either before or after the soup; they are always placed on the table when it is being laid, and are often left there until the entrees have been served. They consist of radishes, olives, caviar, boucharde, all manner of salt and smoked fish, sardines, anchovies and a variety of dainties.  
 Hot hors d'œuvre are almost unlimited; they are very acceptable at large dinners, and are generally served immediately after the soup and before the fish; they are often fried or baked, and are then usually such things as can be served on a napkin, such as patties, rissoles, croquettes, vol-au-vent, etc.; obviously, however, the series can be very much extended. At ordinary family dinners they are often served as and instead of an entree.—Providence Journal.

**The Boy Who Discovered the "Saw By."**  
 A few years ago a green country boy applied to the superintendent of a western railway for work, and, somewhat against the superintendent's wish, on account of the danger to life and limb attendant upon such occupation, was given a place as brakeman on a freight train.  
 On one of his first trips it happened that his train met another freight train at a station where the side track was not long enough to accommodate either of them. The conductors were debating which train should back up to a point where they could pass, when the new hand ventured to suggest that neither should back; that they could pass each other by means of the short side track if the thing was managed right.  
 The idea excited a good deal of laughter on the part of the old trainmen, but the boy stood his ground.  
 "Well, how would you go about it?" asked one of the conductors, confident that the lad would soon find himself against a stump.  
 The boy took up a stick and traced in the sand a diagram to illustrate his plan.  
 "Good gracious!" said the conductor, "I believe that will do it!"  
 And it did do it. Today every trainman in America probably knows how to "saw by" two long trains on a short side track, but it is not so generally known that the thing was never done until an inexperienced country boy, who is now the manager of a great railway line, worked out the problem for himself.—Washington Post.

**As an Expensive Infirmity.**  
 I happened to be in a Broadway optician's store and saw a good looking, well dressed matron with a slip of a girl and a small boy, all of whom wore spectacles. The lady gave some directions about a pair of glasses, and when she had gone I asked the optician whether defective vision is hereditary.  
 "Rarely," said he. "That lady has four children, and all of them must wear glasses. The father's eyes are sound. The mother and her children are afflicted with astigmatism, a defect of the vision which is almost as rare as anything that afflicts the human eye. It makes straight lines crooked and parallel lines fade into one. Special glasses must be made and ground to suit each person, and sometimes the respective eyes. They cost five dollars apiece too. So you see a large family of children with astigmatism costs a good deal of money in glasses alone. As the children grow up the range of vision changes, they break or lose their glasses oftener than adults, which increases the expense."—New York Herald.

**The Shark is a Slow Swimmer.**  
 One ill service nature has done the shark, namely, that of placing a triangular fin on his back which acts as a danger signal and gives warning of his approach. Happily, the shark has not been gifted with sufficient sagacity to be aware of this peculiarity, for had he been so he would unquestionably abandon his habit of swimming close to the surface of the water, and would, in that case, be enabled to approach his victim unobserved. The shark is a slow swimmer for his size and strength.  
 Byron observes, "As darts the dolphin from the shark;" but Byron was a poet, and does not appear to have been a close observer of the habits of inhabitants of the water, or he would have known that a shark would have no more chance of catching a dolphin than a sheep would of overhauling a hare. A shark will keep up with a sailing ship, but it is as much as it can do to follow in the wake of a fast steamer, and a torpedo boat would be able to give it points.—London Standard.

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