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Washing Little Indians.

We were camped at the Hot Springs on the Lo Lo trail, made famous in Indian annals by the escape of Chief Joseph and his band of Nez Perces. Just above us was a large camp of Flatheads who were making their fall hunt. One morning we were awakened by shouts and cries. Evidently there was great excitement somewhere, and we promptly jumped up. It was just after daylight and cold clouds of steam were rising from the big basin shaped pool at the foot of the granite wall, from which poured a thick stream of boiling water. The pool was so large that at the lower edge the water was almost cold. The nearer you approached to the place where the water burst from the rock the better chance you stood of getting boiled.

At the edge, at a point where the water was of a comfortable temperature, stood two Indians, one on the bank and the other on a stone in the water. Near by were a dozen other Indians guarding a number of little Indian boys and girls who had nothing on and were howling and crying.

When we looked out of the tent the two Indians at the pool had an Indian boy, one holding him by the feet the other by the hands, and were gravely swinging him backward and forward through the warm water, while he yelled at every dip. As soon as they had finished with him he was set upon the bank, and ran to the willow brush near by.

Then the noise redoubled, for each child in the group guarded by the Indians feared that it was his turn. They all tried to escape to the brush, but their elders pursued and caught them, until the very last one had been put through the cleansing process.—New York Sun.

Big Field Guns and Their Effect.

If you insist on high velocity you have to add so much additional machinery to your gun carriage and have to so greatly strengthen its construction that you destroy its mobility, while even if you gain a long range you are still unable to make use of your most efficient projectile at it. Moreover, since the remaining velocity of its shrapnel is a truer measure of the value of a gun than its initial velocity, and the two are by no means directly proportional, it does not follow that we benefit as much as we might expect by submitting to these disadvantages. Thus, the 12-pounder has an initial velocity of over 1,700 feet per second and a remaining velocity at 3,000 yards of 862 feet; while the 13-pounder, with an initial velocity of only 1,560 feet, has at the same range a remaining velocity greater by six feet per second than that of its rival.

One of our highest authorities on field artillery has, indeed, recorded his opinion, that, as regards the efficiency of shrapnel, we gain nothing by the increased muzzle velocity of "the best field gun in Europe" at all practical ranges. Moreover, it is the attempt to squeeze out the last few extra feet that does all the harm.—London Saturday Review.

Modern Education.

With all its novel modern powers and practical sense I am forced to admit that the purely scientific brain is miserably mechanical; it seems to have become a splendid sort of self directed machine, an incredible automaton, grinding on with its analysis or constructions. But for pure sentiment, for all that spontaneous Greek waywardness of fancy, for the temperature of passion and the subtler thrill of ideality, you might as well look to a wrought iron derrick.

Science found education blundering peacefully along, cultivating half of the mind with charming results and letting the other die of disuse; it worked the startling miracle of electrifying this dead half into life and bringing it to perfect activity, and straightway, satisfied with this remarkable achievement, it proceeded to neglect the ideal half which the classics had made so much of and caused it to perish. It has substituted a new sort of half man for the old one.—Clarence King in Forum.

Skill in the Wrist.

It is wonderful what a part the wrist plays in exercises in which physical skill and delicacy are required. After a man learns to play billiards well enough to be familiar with the cushions and the English, the important thing to cultivate is his stroke. It is the hardest thing about billiard playing to get a good stroke, and sometimes the greatest players "fall down" because they lose control of it. Now, the stroke wholly depends on the action of the wrist. Jake Schaeffer, or any good player, will make a shot of seven cushions with less apparent force than a beginner will exert in getting three. This is due to the superior wrist movement.

It's the same way with violin playing. The quality and touch all depend on wrist manipulation. So with curving a baseball. Great pitchers always work a strong wrist movement on the ball as it leaves the hand. If they didn't it wouldn't curve at all.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Good Story About a Saco Lawyer.

A Saco lawyer lost his office key and with it, on the same bunch, the keys to his safe and house.

There is a spring lock on his office door, and he concluded that he must have left it in his office and have come out and locked the door. He accordingly borrowed a long ladder and crawled through the back window of his office.

No keys were to be seen, and after cogitating over the peculiar state of affairs he at last let himself out, and there on the outside of the lock were hanging the keys.—Bangor (Me.) Commercial.

Beating the Earth.

The highest velocity ever given to a cannon ball is estimated at a mile in 3.2 seconds. The velocity of the earth at the equator, due to its rotation on its axis, is a mile in 3.6 seconds. Therefore, if a cannon ball were fired due west, and could maintain its initial velocity, it would beat the sun in his apparent journey around the earth.—New York Journal.

Society in Creede.

That there is a strong and distinct social caste in Creede, despite the practical democratic conduct of the masses in their business intercourse, was luminously exemplified by an event of no inconsiderable proportions at the Brainard & Bebee hotel on the evening of Feb. 22. It was the initial hop given by the fire company in commemoration of Washington's birthday. Tickets of admission were issued, and the closest vigilance was kept on those to whom tickets were given, lest some improper characters would gain admission to the dancing hall, which was the hotel dining room. There were present fifty-three ladies and about four times as many men. All the ladies were dressed in handsome ball costumes, and the decollete gown was there in force. The men—or a great many of them—wore the conventional swallow tail broadcloth.

The programme contained all the latest fashionable dances, round and square and they were executed with an ease and grace that would do credit to St. Louis. A fine Italian orchestra furnished the music and the hotel people gave a spread that was a marvel of completeness. The cards were handsomely embossed, and premiums are being offered for them by people who were not there, to treasure them as souvenirs of the first ball in Creede.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Fought Under Custer.

A very happy family reunion occurred six miles west of Muncie a few days since at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Russell.

For over thirty years a member of the family has been mourned as dead, but Wednesday he made a happy surprise to his old parents and friends with his presence. Ernest, the oldest son, a lad of sixteen, ran away from home in 1859, going to Minnesota, where he remained until 1862, when he enlisted in the civil war and remained until the close, when he joined the regular army under command of that gallant general, Custer. Nothing was ever heard of the young man until his name was by mistake placed in the list of killed in the great massacre at Little Big Horn.

The young man was severely injured in the fight, but recovered and lives to once more enter his home, where he will remain. Ernest well remembers the famous Indian fight, and relates the horrible spectacle he witnessed in a manner that chills a person's blood.—Cor. Indianapolis Sentinel.

Sunday Is the Proper Word.

At the town meeting in Sharon the much discussed question whether Sunday or Sabbath was the proper term to use was decided and the matter is no longer in doubt. A motion that the constables be authorized to enforce the laws against hunting and fishing on the Sabbath was made, and an amendment was made that the word Sunday should be substituted for Sabbath. This caused a heated discussion of nearly an hour, in which many took part. The amendment was carried by a small majority and the word Sabbath was changed to Sunday, and the motion as amended was carried.—Boston Journal.

Damages for Grief.

A new cause has arisen for a lawsuit. A woman in France was notified by the authorities of a lunatic asylum of her brother's death. She went to the funeral and ordered a handsome tombstone. Her mother was so grieved at her son's death that the plaintiff had to give up her situation to take care of her. Then she learned that the directors of the asylum had made a mistake, and that her brother was alive. After unsuccessful efforts for compensation she has gone to the court, claiming heavy damages for grief and injury.—New York Sun.

An Indignant Burglar.

On a recent morning about 3 o'clock a burglar visited Johnston's drug store, corner of Tenth and O streets, and instead of entering through the regularly provided doorway after ringing the night bell, he climbed over the transom and was about to help himself, when his noise aroused the clerk, who threw his boot at the intruder. "You've got a cheek to throw your boot at me," was the remark of the burglar, who said "Good night" and departed.—Washington Star.

A Big Job Ahead.

A bureau of press clippings in London has received the royal "command" to furnish twenty distinct sets of newspaper cuttings from every periodical in the world, so far as obtainable, referring to the death of Prince Albert Victor. The sets are to be pasted each in a separate album. The section directed to American clippings should make a very edifying collection, if the bureau is faithful in obeying the command.—New York Sun.

Onto the Bold Counterfeiter.

A letter addressed to Secretary Foster, and dated at Garret, Ind., has just been received, in which the writer states that "there is a man in this part of the country who is manufacturing counterfeit money;" that "he has a machine to print bills, from ones up to twenties, and they look perfect." The writer goes on to say that he will locate the man if it is to his interest.—Washington Cor. Indianapolis Journal.

The Mennonite German colony in Irving Lane county, Or., received an addition of twenty members in one family which arrived there a few weeks ago—mother and father, of middle age, and eighteen robust children. They came from Marion, S. D.

One of the horses belonging to the New York fire department got loose the other night and ascended the stairs to the second floor, and nearly frightened the driver into spasms by playfully poking his cold nose into the latter's face while asleep.

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