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"That man," said the ticket seller, as an old gentleman who had purchased a pasteboard good for a trip to Boston went out, "is a retired banker. Did you notice that he carried his money in a long morocco pocketbook? That pocketbook is always carried in the inside pocket of his coat, on the right side. It contains a number of bright, clean bills, all neatly smoothed and laid out at full length and right side up. He never folds a bill, I will venture a cigar.

"The young broker or wholesale merchant carries his money in a small case made of seal or lizard skin. He folds the bills twice. His roll is never large, but he has enough on hand to meet any emergency.

"The clubmen invariably carry a roll of clean five dollar bills in their vest pocket, where they can be easily reached. Some carry only gold. James Brown Potter favors gold, and usually carries a few quarter eagles in a small silver case, into which the coins fit without rattling. Lispenard Stewart usually has a roll of new bills in his vest pocket.

"The man who comes in and fishes from a deep trousers pocket a lot of one, two and five dollar bills that have been twisted up like a gun wadding I always set down as a sporting 'gent.'

"The farmer on an excursion to 'Bosting' counts up the price of a ticket in quarters and halves from a tan colored leather pouch that is tied up with a string run through small slits near the top. The seafaring man on his way to his home on the Maine coast carries the proceeds of his last trip in a calfskin wallet. It has been handed down from his father, or perhaps his grandfather, for it is black and shiny with age. It has a long strap passed through a number of cross straps. The cross sections seldom have more in them than tobacco dust or a frayed tax receipt that shows that he owns a house. But in the center of the wallet is a place where bills may be laid out straight and covered with a calfskin flap from either side.

"The man who carries change in his coat pockets has been a car conductor at some time or other. The fellow who draws ten cent pieces from every pocket in his clothes is a peanut man or vender of small wares.

"The women, too, have a variety of ways to carry their money, though their lack of pockets limits their vagaries in that direction. The young woman with fluffy hair, who has the price of her ticket rolled tightly in her palm, has a mysterious storage place for money somewhere. When she is not spending it she puts it where no man will ever go after it, but the place is accessible to her slim fingers in a second."—New York Press.

Reply from the Pew.

"Joe" Jones, one of Sam's numerous brothers, has enlisted in the ministry. His first sermon was preached in a country church at Pine Log before a large congregation of farmers, backwoodsmen and crackers. Sam's methods were followed with considerable success, but when Joe branched off on his own hook he struck a snag. He caused his hearers to wince when, slapping the Bible nearly off the pulpit, he exclaimed:

"A man what will cuss a oath'll steal!"

There was a lively shifting among the pews and much cautious looking around and head shaking. Joe saw, and determined to push his point.

"Brethren and sisters," he repeated, "I want to say to you that a man what will cuss a oath'll steal! What have you got to say to that."

An aged cracker arose at the back of the church and, fastening his glittering gray eye on Joe, drawled through his nose:

"All I got ter say is it's er gol dern lie!"

Joe was so discouraged that he rested on his oars two weeks before making any more bold assertions.—New York Tribune.

Registration in Germany.

In Germany the exigencies of compulsory military service require that a man should be registered from the day of his birth to that of his death. The government must be able to lay hands upon him at any time. A man can accomplish no civil act without producing his papers of identity. He cannot set up in business, nor buy land, nor obtain a situation, nor marry, nor get out of any scrape with the judicial authorities, nor leave the country without satisfying the police as to who he is, where he was born, who were his parents, etc.—London Tit-Bits.

Throwing Men Overboard.

In ancient Scotland the barbarous custom existed which cost Jonah so much inconvenience. When a ship became unmanageable it was usual to cast lots for the purpose of discovering who was responsible for the trouble, and the man upon whom the lot fell was condemned. Instead of human beings dogs used sometimes to be thrown into the sea with their legs bound.—Washington Star.

Not Alone.

Very stout persons may sometimes be noticed glancing at other stout persons with a pleased expression that seems to say, "Well, I'm not as stout as that, any way;" or, "There is some one who is quite as stout as I am." Evidently it is a consoling thought.—Youth's Companion.

Telling Diamonds by the Taste.

Diamonds and crystals can be distinguished from glass and paste by touching them with the tongue. The diamonds feel much colder.—New York Journal.

A DANGEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

He Shot Too Well and So They Took Him Out of Temptation.

"Away up in the Sierras, where the mountains rear their snow white peaks and stand like sentinels in armor guarding the gold that lies hidden in the rocky canyons below, I once saw an exhibition of rifle shooting which I have never since seen equaled," remarked a grizzled old man whose sands of life had nearly run, as he stood surrounded by a group of interested listeners in a well known Clark street sporting resort the other night. "What was I doing up there, you ask. Why, herding sheep, in order to get together enough for a grub stake, so that I might start out again on a prospecting tour.

"We had 10,000 sheep, divided into four bands, with three herders and as many dogs to each one of them, and we camped wherever night overtook us. I tell you I slept sounder in those days, rolled up in a pair of blankets and with a log of wood for my pillow, than I do now in the best bed that I can find in a hotel.

"We followed the old stage road that led up from Stockton through Sonora and Cherokee camp, and then struck out over a trail that led through the 'Big Basin' and up to the headwaters of the Tolumne river. It was in June and the air was full of the fragrance of flowers, while the sunlight as it flickered through the trees made a chessboard on the velvet green carpet that lay stretched out beneath the spreading oaks.

"We had long before left civilization behind us, when late one evening we came out of the woods into a little mountain meadow that was known as Crane's flats, and was the headquarters for a band of cattle herders. Most of them were Italians, but they gave us a warm welcome. One of them in particular attracted my attention. He was tall, lithe and muscular, and walked with the easy swing of a professional pedestrian. His eyes were of bluish gray, and he seemed to be a leader among his companions, all of whom were swarthy and dark eyed.

"'If you can get that fellow to show you some shooting you will see something wonderful in that line,' whispered one of my companions.

"'Who is he?' I asked.

"'Italian Joe,' was the reply.

"I had heard of Italian Joe before. At Sonora, at Cherokee, at the Confidence mines and in a hundred other places his fame as a rifle shot had been dinned into my ears.

"The next morning I asked him to give us an exhibition of his skill. Shooting was his weak point, and he consented. Unlike the coy maiden, who can sing, but wishes to be coaxed before she does, he had his notes with him. Taking a Colt's revolving rifle in his hands he paced off a hundred yards and pinned a common cap box to the trunk of a huge oak. Coming back, he wheeled as quick as lightning, and without sighting, apparently, he emptied the chambers. Six of the shots were in a circle around the edge, while the seventh was a plumb center.

"Loading again, he glanced about him. High up in the heavens a hawk circled warily through the blue, looking for something to prey upon. There was a moment of hesitation, a quick report and down came the hawk with a bullet in his head. Pennies, dimes and quarters that were tossed in the air came down with a bullet hole through them. He missed nothing that he drew a bead on. He could beat all the Carvers and the Buffalo Bills that you ever saw."

"What became of him?" asked an eager listener.

"He shot at a man and he didn't miss him, either. He was captured by a band of vigilantes, and when I came out of the mountains in the fall his skeleton, white and ghastly, was hanging to a tree at the entrance of the big basin. The vultures had picked all the flesh from the bones, and the sun, wind and rain had bleached them to a snowy whiteness. Pinned to a tree was this inscription, written with charcoal upon a pine shingle:

HE COULD SHOOT TOO WELL, AND WE HUNG HIM.

"Rather a ghastly comment on our so called civilization, was it not?"—Chicago Mail.

Effect of Gravitation.

If a man weighing twelve stone were to be transferred to the moon, the weight of his body, measured, at least, by the attraction which the moon would exercise upon it, would be reduced to about two stone. If his muscles and his frame remained the same, it would seem as if he would be able to jump over a wall twelve feet high on the small globe without any greater exertion than would be required to clear a wall two feet high on the earth.—Good Words.

Mountain Lions Are Great Cowards.

Mountain lions are the greatest cowards in the mountains, although people who are not familiar with them believe that they stretch out on limbs of trees and pounce upon unsuspecting travelers. I will guarantee to take an ordinary hickory club and chase any lion in the mountains, although I have one hide at home measuring nine feet from tip to tip.—Topeka Capital.

Amusement of Texas Engineers.

Engineers of railroad trains in Texas and most of the western states carry revolvers and often rifles in the cab for contingencies that might arise. They amuse themselves by shooting at the telegraph poles or any other mark while running at full speed, and attain wonderful skill in marksmanship.—St. Louis Republic.

The Oldest Banknote.

The oldest banknote now in existence is in the British museum, and was issued from the imperial mint of China at the beginning of the reign of the first Ming emperor. The first bank in Europe was at Barcelona, established in 1401. The Chinese banknote is supposed to date back to 1100.—New York Sun.

Going to Africa.

Great interest is exhibited in the proposed East African expedition of Mr. William Astor Chanler. The Tama river, which he proposes to follow, is inhabited along the lower part principally by the Wa-Pokomo, a race which subsists by cultivation. The banks of the river being low, the country on both sides is annually inundated, and the river thus acts as a liberal fertilizer. Mr. Chanler has no easy task before him, as some of the tribes to be passed in reaching Mount Kenia have had their suspicions and hostility aroused by the harsh and barbarous course of the German explorer Dr. Peters.

He will start early in June in company with Lieutenant Hohnel, of the Austrian navy, and Count Tolaki, with the object of careful scientific research and observation in that region. They will travel along the Tama river, resting for some weeks at the snowcapped mountain of Kenia, where they will make astronomical observations. After exploring the mountain to its summit if possible they will plunge into the almost unknown regions of East Rudolph lake. It was there that Baron Vecken was murdered, and that Reviol, Respoli and Ferrendi failed in their efforts to accomplish their aims.

The region abounds in warlike tribes. Mr. Chanler intends to enter the region from the west, after leaving Lake Rudolph, and proceed along the Tubba river to the sea. He expects to be absent about eighteen months. He will take with him his young servant, George Galmin, who accompanied him through Mashonaland. Mr. Chanler is full of hope and will go fully equipped for his perilous enterprise, which is expected to have most interesting and valuable results.—Philadelphia Leader.

A Tame Duckling.

The extraordinary sight of a duckling that has just shed its shell following a young woman about the house with all the affection of a pet dog is a domestic wonder in the family of Mrs. Carr. Ever since Easter morn the neighbors have been dropping in to witness the spectacle, and the fame of the singular attachment has attracted attention among people who are interested in natural phenomena of every description.

The little duckling has been in the family since Easter Sunday, when it was brought as a gift to Mrs. Carr's baby daughter, Serena, aged four years, who was delighted with her new pet. The duck at once struck up a long friendship for the domestic, Mary McCullough, and has been the young woman's constant companion ever since. Whenever Mary speaks the duck responds with the piping salutation and waddles after the young woman wherever she goes. The most astonishing thing about this freak of nature is that if any other inmate of the household attempts to induce it to answer, the webfooted prodigy maintains a solemn silence, but Mary has only to utter a word when the quacking begins and is kept up until she has ceased speaking.—Philadelphia Times.

Mary's Claim.

A little girl is reported to have died near the imaginary line in Oklahoma which divided the recently opened reservations from the remainder of the territory just as the signal was given for the grand rush for lands. The child and her father were alone and unknown, but the beauty of the one and the still, deep grief of the other moved the strong men of the frontier to acts of admirable sympathy.

A runner on a swift horse located a homestead, and returning placed the father of the dead girl in possession of it. The body of the child was transported to the claim and buried upon it. Afterward it was discovered the remaining one of the unfortunate couple was absolutely penniless, and a purse of money was given him with the hope that the claim will prove a haven of rest to him and that the homestead shall always be known as "Mary's claim."—Duluth Tribune.

Death from Ingrowing Toe Nail.

Some time ago there was published the story of the death of a Long Island physician from blood poisoning resulting from an ingrowing toe nail. A well known surgeon chiropodist said the other day to the reporter: "The death of that Long Island doctor is not the first I have heard of from the same cause.

"The cause of the disease is common and painful and usually directly traceable to narrow toed shoes. It causes pain as severe as a toothache and not infrequently, when neglected, results in blood poisoning. I know of an operation for ingrowing toe nail in an English hospital where the patient suffered so much pain that they gave him a mixture of ether and chloroform. The operation was successful, but when it was finished the physicians found that their patient had died from the chloroform."—New York Sun.

To Preserve an Alpine Flower.

The diet of the Tyrol last week passed a bill imposing heavy fines upon persons found selling any sample of the beautiful but rare Alpine flower called edelweiss, which has been pulled up by the roots on the mountains. A similar act was passed seven years ago by the diet of Salzburg, with a view to the preservation of the edelweiss plant, which is threatened with extinction in the Austrian Alps. In the Salzburg district the success of this legislation is, unfortunately, not encouraging.

Great Season for Herrings.

The herring fishing season on the Susquehanna river is finished, and the catch has been unprecedented. The pack will amount to over 60,000 barrels of salted fish. The season open April 8 and closed May 10. One fisherman caught 100 barrels of the fish with a dipnet in the outlet lock of the canal. It has been no uncommon thing this season to take 200,000 herring at a haul of one of the large seines, which, when paid out, encircles three-quarters of a mile or more of water area.—Cor. Philadelphia Record.

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