

WOODCOCK'S WHISTLE.

That Whistle Sound is Made by the Bird's Wings. At various times during the last few years I have read with interest...

Spooks Break Up a School.

Spooks have broken up a public school, the house standing empty and deserted. It being the Walnut Grove district, twenty miles west of Kalamazoo...

THE NEW FEET OF A STOCKING.

Stocks priced four centuries ago will value with their paper in good condition. But if the committee recently appointed by the Society of Arts in London to study the deterioration of modern paper is not seriously mistaken...

New Feet for Old Stockings.

A much felt want is filled at last. Every mother knows how much faster the foot portion of a stocking wears than the upper part. Re-vamping stockings with feet cut from the legs of old ones was never an entirely satisfactory expedient...

Refuse India-Rubber.

Goodyear's great discovery of the art of vulcanizing india-rubber needs a supplement in the shape of a process of devulcanizing old rubber so as to make it amenable to a second treatment. No perfect reclaiming process has ever been devised.

Tremendous Rainfalls.

A recent remarkable rainfall of 31.76 inches in twenty-four hours, which occurred in northern Ceylon, leads a correspondent of Nature to recall other records of heavy rains. The greatest annual rainfall known occurs, it is said, in the Khasia Hills in India.

Microbes for Toothache.

A German dentist named Dr. Herz has made a most valuable discovery, which is likely to prove beneficial to vast numbers of persons. It consists in an inoculant prepared from microbes he cultivates for the purpose.

Wood-Carrier for the Men Folks.

A common shorts bag, with a rope of the right length, its two ends fastened to the upper corners of the bag, makes a good wood-carrier when the kitchen box has to be filled. The rope is slipped over the shoulders, or over one and under the other arm, then the other end of the bag is held up apron-wise and the wood piled in. A huge armful of wood can be carried easily in this way.

A Business Matter.

She had risen several times to let a gentleman pass out between the acts. "I am very sorry to disturb you, madam," he remarked, apologetically, as he went out for the fourth time. "Oh, don't mention it," she replied, pleasantly. "I am most happy to oblige you; my husband is the barkeeper."

An Aristocrat.

Broncho Bill—Since Pistol Pete dug up that tree the boys hung his father on and planted it in his front yard he's got awful proud. Tenderfoot—Proud? What is there about that to make him proud? Broncho Bill—Why, he's now the only man in town with an authentic family tree.

Sentimental Refrigeration.

She—I cannot entertain the idea of marrying you. My heart is with our brave boys at the front. He—It's a good thing for the boys. They need all the ice they can get down there.—Indianapolis Journal.

A Gentle Rejoinder.

An old Scotchwoman, when advised by her minister to take snuff to keep herself awake during the sermon, replied: "Why dinna ye put the snuff in the sermon, mon?"

No Doubt of It.

Friend—I understand your wife's family trace their lineage back to William the Conqueror. Mr. Meek—I guess that's so. Old William was a terrible fighter, wasn't he?

The World's Highest Waterfall.

The highest waterfall in the world is Choloco cascade, at Yosemite, Cal., which is 2,634 feet high, or just half a mile.

A Land of Many Thirsts.

The Egyptian never travels without his goshah. He fills it with filtered water, and in the morning can command a pint or more of water cooled by evaporation through the unglazed clay. This precious fluid he does not waste on unsatisfied thirst.

A Chinese Permutation.

A story which, if not true, is not badly told, appears in the Boston Transcript, to the effect that while the bark Cape City was at Hongkong a Chinaman was engaged to paint the necessary name on each bow.

Guests to Hire.

A limited liability company has been formed in Halle, Germany, for the purpose of supplying hostesses with guests suited to their various needs. The following are some of the charges mentioned in the prospectus: Dancing men in evening dress, 2 to 50 marks; dancing men, good talkers, 2 to 30 marks; dancing men with monocle, 3 to 10 marks; cotillon specialists, 3 to 75 marks; old gentlemen, with decorations, 3 to 75 marks; retired majors for chaperons, 3 to 75 marks; nobleman to take hostess in to supper, 30 marks.

Curing a Horse of Kicking.

It is said that the following expedient will cure a horse of kicking: Put the animal into a narrow stall that has both sides thickly padded. Suspend a sack filled with hay or straw so that it will strike his heels, and let the horse and sack fight it out. Be sure to have things arranged so that the horse cannot hurt himself. The sack will be victorious every time, and in the end the horse will absolutely refuse to kick the sack or anything else.

Girls' Clubs at Hockey.

College girls in England have taken of late to a new old game—hockey. Boys know all about it. The girls of Girton College and Newnham College recently played a match game at Wimbledon. They wore short skirts, but as hockey is bad for the shins, each girl had clumsy leather guards over that portion of her anatomy, so that their appearance in the field was rather clumsy.

Something Rare.

A young colored woman of Oswego, N. Y., recently gave birth to a child with one white hand and a white foot, and its nose and the central part of its face is also white, giving it a most uncanny appearance. The physicians are of the opinion that if the child lives, the other part of its body will turn light or else the white spots will grow darker.

100,000 Dispatches a Year.

The British foreign office receives about 100,000 dispatches a year. That is, for every working day of the year over 300 dispatches come under the notice of the department presided over by the secretary of state for foreign affairs.

A Misnomer.

Madam—Well, Mary, what did you think of the pictures at the academy? Mary—Oh, mum, there was a picture called "Two Dogs," after Landseer; but I looked at it for nearly half an hour, and I couldn't see no Landseer.

The Important Detail.

Fred—There seems to be a lot more fuss made of Miss A.'s singing than of Miss K.'s, and I am sure Miss K. has by far the richer voice. Jack—Ah, yes; but Miss A. has by far the richer father.

But He Couldn't.

Judge—Have you anything to say before the judgment of the court is passed upon you? Prisoner—Beggin' yer honor's pardon, could you tell me where the Reds stand?

Europe's Electric Railways.

There are now 560 miles of electric railway in Europe, an increase of 125 miles in one year. The number of electric cars has increased from 1,236 to 1,747 in the same time. Germany has 250 miles of electric railway and 357 motor cars; France has 82 miles and 225 motor cars; Great Britain has 65 miles with 143 cars, and Austria-Hungary 45 miles with 157 cars.

A Pocket Bicycle.

A Frenchman named Leguir, who is an enthusiastic bicyclist, and has had untold trouble with train guards and baggage men when transporting his wheel on the railways, has invented for his own convenience a pocket bicycle. This name is not to be taken literally; the bicycle cannot be folded so closely as to go into a man's pocket. However, each wheel, after the rubber tiring has been removed, may be taken apart in four sections, and these sections clapped together, as a fan would be, so that the whole machine goes into a case of about the size required for five or six umbrellas.

The Largest Boiler Plate.

The largest steam boiler plate in the world was recently turned out at the Krupp works, in Essen, Germany. Its dimensions are as follows: Length, 39 feet; width, 11 feet; thickness, 1 1/4 inches; surface, 429 square feet, and weight, 37,500 pounds. Compared with this gigantic steel plate the one recently rolled by the Stockton Malleable Iron Company of England sinks into insignificance.

Know the Name.

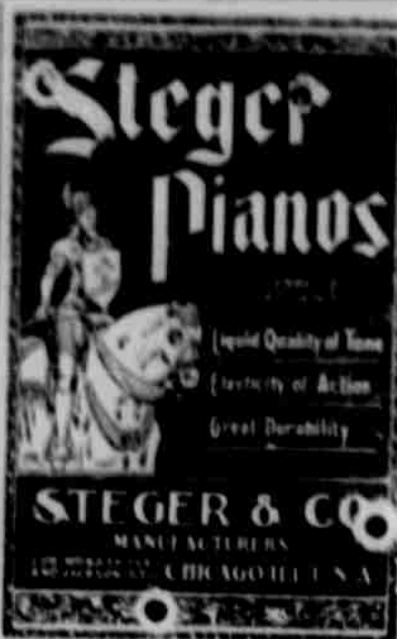
The late Archbishop of Canterbury had a favorite dog named Watch. Once, as he lay on the mat at the open door of the chapel, the Archbishop read impressively this sentence of the scripture lesson: "What I say unto you I say unto you all—watch." The dog sprang up, came forward, and lay down before the reading desk at his master's feet. One hearer, at least, heeded the lesson and responded.—Congregationalist.

Her Teeth.

A small boy, who noticed for the first time the gold filling in his aunt's teeth, exclaimed to the dismay of all at the table: "Oh, Aunt Mary, I wish I had copper-toed teeth like yours!"—Harper's Bazar.

Matter of Necessity.

Sam Singleton: "Do you honestly mean to say that you spend less money since you married?" Benny Dietus: "My dear fellow, I have to."—Brooklyn Life.



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