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Decaying Homesteads of the South.

It is a sad sight to travel through the country and look upon the old homasteads yet standing—the rural residences of our Southern planters in ante bellum days. The farmers of today, with a singular unanimity of purpose have deserted these stately old manisous, turning them over to freedmen or using them as a place for storage of fodder or hay, and contenting themselves with a less pretentious little cottage erected upon come adjacent knoll. They seem to realize that the changed condition of affairs unfits them to inhabit the former homes of a past generation, and belonging to an age and a social condition that were forever blotted out by the civil war.—Atlanta Constitution.

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Eating Sea Urchins.

Coast Indians of the Pacific shores of British America devour raw sea urchins with great gusto, crushing them in their fists sucking out the orange colord cluster of eggs, which constitute the only edible part amounting to one or two teaspoonfuls and then throwing the thorny case aside. The minute eggs taste much like oysters and have been a favorite food as the natives of the bleak coast of Alaska for ages.

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Cast Iron Tunnels.

Two tunnels of cast iron for an electric railway have been built in London and put in operation for rapid transit They are three miles in length and lie between forty and sixty feet below the surface of the city's streets. The tunnels for the up and down lines are formed of cast iron from beginning to end, save where the stations are built, and their diameter is ten and ten and one-half feet, the tubes being formed of rings one foot seven inches long, made in sections and blotted togather. The tunnels were dirven by means of a short cylinder, a trifle larger in its inner. diameter than the exterior diameter of the cast-iron tunnel lining. This cylinder has a cutting edge, and is forced forward by hydraulic jacks, butting a circular way into which the lining plates are fitted, the narrow space between the lin ing and the soil being filled with lime cement forced in under high pressure. In their course the tunnels pass beneath the bed of the Thames and through the bed of an old water course, where loose, wet gravel offered some trying obstacles to be overcome.

Left His Voice Behind.

The curtain was down, the house was empty, the last few patrons were straggling out of the California theatre, and all the lights were out.

Chief Usher Williams was coming down the main staircase when a figure darted past him in the gloom, says the San Francisco Examiner.

"Where are you going?" he called and he grabbed the stranger by the coat tails.

"Where in thunder are you going to?" again asked Williams. "Don't you know the show is over and we're locking up the house? he dragged the man down a few steps into the light of the lobby.

Meanwhile the intruder gesticulated widly; his eyes rolled like marbles and he hissed at Williams like a snake.

Suddenly he bent over to the usher. "I lost my voice," said he in an almost inaudiblewhisper; "left it upstairs. Goin' up ter find it!"

William gaped in amazement, let go his grip on the man and followed him upstairs.

After a few moments' rummaging among the seats the stranger stooped down and picked up nothing.

"Found your voice yet?" called Williams.

"Yes, I'm all right now."

The chief usher nearly dropped. The voiceless stranger spoke with all the metallic resonance of a bassoon.

"What the dickens is your voice made of, anyhow?" he asked as he piloted the stranger down stairs.

"Silver," replied he, in the same stentorian tone. "See, here it is. I must have jerked it out with laughing and I never missed it till I got outside."

He pointed at an orifice at the side of his throat. The metal lips of a canula were gleaming there Without the metal tube he was silent as the mummy of Ramesis II. Egypt.

A Few Donts.

Don't say or write Austro-Hungary, exorts the Geogrgphical Magazine. The best writers prefer Austria-Hungary.

Don't call the Chinese "Mongolians." It is better to reserve the latter name for the people that live north of China proper.

Don't speak of a native of China as a Chinaman. You would not say that you had an Ireland man digging in your garden. It is better to call John a Chinese.

Don't say that New York city is located on Manhattan Island. Such a misuse of the verb "to locate" is trying to the nerves of lexicographers. Say New York city is situated on Manhattan Island.

Don't speak of China as our antipodes. Our antipodes in the point on the other side of the world reached by a straight line passing through the place on which we stand and the center of the earth. Our antipodes is in the ocean southwest of Australia A straight line from the United States to China would run through the upper part of the earth's globe, not through its centre.

Don't forget that Oriental names ending in "an" have the accent on the last sylable' as Teher-an, Bejochistan.

Don't say that the compass points to to the true north, for it doesn't except in certain places. The compass points to the magnetic north, which is at present considerably west of the north pole. When Lieutenant Greely was at Lady Franklin bay the declination of his needle was found to be very great the needle pointing toward the magnetic pole in a direction nearly southwest.

Don't say 'the Smithsonian Institute." The name is the Smithsonian Institution.

When you are writing a novel don't get your geographical facts so badly mixed as to reflect discredit upon your early training. In one of the popular novels of the day the Azores are alluded to as in a southern latitude. The writer also introduced his hero into the Antarctic regions in January, and speaks of the "inky blackness" of the nights he experienced there. Of course anybody ought to know that the month of January is in the height of the Antarctic summer, and the entire month is one continuous day.

A Timely Suggestion.

Col. Percy Yerger's little boy Johnny who is not as good at school as he ought to be, brought home a very poor certificate, which showed that he had been disobedient and lazy. The exasperated parent procured his cane and said:

"You are the worst little boy in New York. Now, Johnny, what ought I to do with this cane?"

"Pa hadn't you better take a walk with it? It's a walking cane, you know."—Texas Siftings.

At the Asylum.

Visitor, pointing to a sad-eyed, emaciated inmate:

"Victim of religious excitement, I suppose?"

"No."

"Dyspeptic?"

"No."

"Failed in business?"

"No."

"What then?"

"A man who tried to master the intricacies of the tariff question."—Texas Siftings.

A Cautious Marriage.

Ere long the couple appeared, followed by a crowd of citizens of the camp. The candidates stood up before the 'Squire, who began;

"Feller-citizens, this yer man and this yer woman have appeared before the court to be hitched in the legal bands of wedlock! If any galoot in the mob knows of anything that might block the game ef tuck to a higher court, let him now toot his bazoo or else keep his jaw to himself now and forever more. All in favor of my perceeding as authorized by law say "I."

Everybody said "I."

"Contrary, "No."

Nobody said "No."

"The motion carried unanimously, an' the court rules that there hain't nothing to prevent proceeding with the case."

"Now," said the 'squire, "grip your fins."

The candidates joined hands.

"Amos Peabody, do you solemnly swaar that ye'll freeze to Mandy forever, and pervide for her, and treat her svuar and white, accordin' to the rules and regulations sot down to govern sich cases in the laws o' the United States, so help your God?"

"Yas, sir, I do, sir."

"That fixes your end of the bargain."

"Mandy Thomas, do you solemnly swaar that you'll hang on to Amos for all comin' time: that you'll nuss him in sickness and be squar to him in wellness; that ye'll always be to him a good, true, honest, up and up wife, under the penalties proscribed by the laws for the punishment of sich offenses? Do you swaar this so help yer Fod?"

"I swaar I will."

"Then, by the power in me vested as Justice of the Peace in and for this precinct, I pronounce you, Amos peobody, husband, and you Mandy Thomas wife and realize ye to remain sich now and foreverm ore—unless sooner divorced."

The fees being adjusted the newly-made husband and wife, after receiving the congratulations of the assembly, started for their cabin up the creek.—New York Mercury.

Sarcastic Note.

Of course she was provoked when he passed her on the street without stopping to speak to her. He lifted his hat it is true, says the Chicago Tribune, but she recalled the time when he would have turned and walked several blocks with her, no matter how pressing his business. Hadn't they been sweetheart a few years before? Why should the fact that they had not met for three years so change him? Ought he not to be the more pleased to see her.

The more she thought of it the more she felt that he should have paid her some little attention, if only for the sake of old times, and when she reached home she was so angry that she resolved to make him repent his apparent slight.

The next day he received the following:

MR. FILKINS: I believe you have a photograph of me—one that I gave you several years ago in a moment of girlish folly. I have since regretted that I was so thoughtless in such matters. I will esteem it a favor if you will return the photograph at your earliest convenience. ETHEL DEANE.

She held that it was a cutting note and that it would bring him to his senses if anything would. She told her best friend that she had brought him up with a round turn, but she didn't tell her best friend anything about the following reply which she received:

"MISS DEANE: If you insist of course I will do as you wish, but it will be a great deprivation to the baby. The little fellow is passionately fond of pictures, and for nearly six months the photograph of you has been regarded as his especial property. Still my wife says she will take it away from him if you really need it. Very truly.

ALBERT FILKINS."

She didn't send for it. She didn't even bow to him when she next met him on the street. She didn't do anything except wonder when he was married and why she was so foolish.

When New Zealand Sinks.

It was formerly' say fifty years ago, uncommon for a new island to appear above or an old one to disappear beneath the waves of the Pacific ocean. Such occurrences were sometimes noted as often as two or three times a year and were so common as to hardly excite comment among navigators and scientists. Of late, however, the Pacific has been "pacific" indeed. It is thirty-six years since the last island disappeard, and exactly a quarter of a century since the last new one popped up its head in the "greatest of oceans."

But geologists argue that this is a suspicious silence, an omen of some monstrous catastrophe; that Dame Nature is simply resting for mighty effort. Sir Sidney Bell even goes so far as to predict that the whole of New Zealand and the greatepr art of Australia will be engulfed before the end of the year 1925.—St. Louis Republic.

The End of Human Life.

An interesting calculation has been made by a French geologist, to the effect that, taking into consideration the wear and tear on the solid land by ocean washing, rivers, wind and weather and leaving out of the calculation volcanic action, the world will in four and a half million years be completely under water and no dry land exist at all.

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People Who Do Not Use Salt.

Salt does not enter into the food of the poor Venetians. They never taste it, and the hospital for the scrofulous children at Lindo is filled by those who have not had this necessary article in their food. Every evening I have noticed a poorly dressed woman, accompanied by two small children, a boy and a girl, go to a point on the river and lean on the edge of the wall and fill a bottle with the salt water. Becoming curious as to the use made of it, I approached her, with an apology for the question, and asked what she did with the salt water. Turning upon me a sweet, sad face, she replied that this was the only way she had of giving her children the taste of salt which they required. The tax levied upon this article by the government placed it entirly beyond the reach of the poor. It is all right, I ask that a government should take from its people an articlr necessary to health?—Venice Correspondence.

A Convincing Experience.

In their occasional trips to town, farmers' sons are very apt to receive the impression that young men in cities not only have a less monotonous life than they, but work neither as hard nor as many hours.

One who had very decided opinions in this respect came to town last August and secured a position in the fruit department of an extensive dealer in "family supplies." During the unprecedented rush of the next few weeks, when fifteen hours constituted an ordinary day's work, and two or three additional ones were not unusual, he evidently did considerable thinking before he said to the proprietor, "Well, Mr. A——, I have concluded to quit next Saturday night."

"You have? What's the matter? Anything gone wrong?" asked Mr. A——, in his sharp, direct way.

"Oh, no! I suppose it's all right, but I ain't used to it. When I was to home, father always hired a steam threshing machine for two or three days every year, and just about worked the life out of everybody. Now I've been here seven weeks and you've threshed every day, and I've got enough of it."

Forgotten.

A pleasant story is told of how one of the Dukes de Nivernois showed himself willing to forgive and forget. His olive-branch was extended with characteristic French wit and grace.

The Count de Tressan was elected to the French Academy in 1789. He was surprised to learn that the Duke de Nivernois, whose enemy he had been, and against whom he had once directed a scathing epigram had spoken in his favor. He hastened to call on him and thank him.

The conversation turned on general subjects, and de Tressan found no opportunity to refer to the past or to make the embarrassed apology which he would, no doubt, have offered but for his host's tact. Just as he was leaving the Duke said with a mischievous but kindly smile:

"Ah, monsieur, you see how in growing old I have lost my memory.—Youth's Companion.

Mr. Flame (rejected)—"And am I to consider your 'no' positive and irrevocable?" Miss Icicle—"Well I don't know. Try me next summer and see."—Harper's Bazar.

Closefist, Sr.—"When I was your age I wasn't a mule, as you seem to be.' Closefist, Jr.—Evidently not; the father of a mule usually isn't."—New York Herald.

A street railway company in St. Paul has been sued for $30,000 on a charge of slander. Next some company will be charged with highway robbery for standing up its passengers.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Photography has now become of great assistance to astronomers in their study of the heavens. About 30,000 plates are at the Cambridge (Mass.) observatory, making an unparalleled collection of photographic records of every part of the sky.

The World's Oldest Rosebush.

The oldest rosebush in the world is at Hildersheimer, an old town in Hanover, capital of a Prussian administrative district. It was planted more than 1,000 years ago by Charlemagne, in commemoration of a visit made to him by the Ambassador of the Caliph Haroun-al-Rachid of 'Abrahan Nights' fame. After it had become a flourishing vine, a cathedral was built over it, the date of the building being doubtful. It is known however that a coffin-shaped vault was built around its sacred roots in the year 818, the vault bush surviving a fire wich destroyed the cathedral in 1145. The bush is now said to be 26 feet high and to cover 32 feet of the wall. The stem, after 1000 years' growth is only 2 inches in diameter.—St. Louis Republic.

Old Cheese.

Mamma—"What's the matter, my pet?"

Little Pet—'My tongue hurts tellible'

Mamma—"Did you bite it?"

Little Pet—"No'm; zee cheese bited it."

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An Ox Shoe in a Tree.

Thomas Connolly, a wodsman of Bell's Mills, Forest county, Pa., while splitting a chestnut tree into rails, found an ox shoe in the trunk of the tree a foot from the surface. The shoe evidently had been pounded into the tree when it was a sapling.

Her Explanation.

Recently a girl in one of the public schools of this city was asked by her sister to explain the difference between the words balance and remainder. Her answer was: "You can say 'A man lost his remainder and fell.'"

Peddler—"Is your mother in?"

Little Girl—"I havn't any. She's dead."

"How long has she been dead?"

"'Bout a year."

"Is your stepmother in?"

"I havn't any yet."

"Well, I'll wait."

Higgins (who has been coaxed into telling)—Well, my dear, I propose, firstly, to give you an exquisite little gold-handled knife.

Mrs. Higgins—A knife! Why, Algy, dear, edge tools cut friendship.

Higgins—Well, you know, my love, there's no friendship between us now. We're married.—Oil City Blizzard.

It is proposed to employ aluminum for the manufacture of the metal parts of photographic cameras and plate holders, owing to its extreme lightness.

Boiling the water at present furnished by the city is likely to make the person doing so liable to prosecution for cruelty to animals.—Chicago Times

If there is any danger lurking in the cigarette, the user thereof would naturally like to be permitted to smoke it out.—Philadelphia Times.

Successful Telephoning.

The transmission of the songs of "The Gondoliers" from the Savoy theatre, London, to the Masonic hall. Camberwell, proved interesting and successful. Some forty pairs of the new consolidated double pole Bell instruments were used, and the dialogues songs and choruses could be distinctly followed.

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