

A Bad Lot.

The Paris Faigaro tell the story of a famous horsebreeder Lupin, to whom a friend one day showed a list of horses that were to compete for a prize, asking his opinion as to which he should bet on. Lupin scanned the list carefully and exclaimed with an air of conviction "Among all these horses I do not see one that is able to get there first."

Do not forget to water the calves and yearlings in the back lot.

Don't worry over trilles; the mountains are harder to get over than the mole hills.

Navy blue and lavender combine successfully if just the right shades are selected.

The photograph that palpably flatters is the only one a woman considers a good likeness.

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"I have sold Ayer's Sarsaparilla for more than 25 years, both at wholesale and retail, and have never heard anything but words of praise from my customers; not a single complaint has ever reached me. I believe Ayer's Sarsaparilla to be the best blood purifier that has been introduced to the general public." This, from a man who has sold thousands of dozens of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, is strong testimony. But it only echoes popular sentiment the world over, which has "Nothing but words of praise for Ayer's Sarsaparilla."

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On The Farm.

In nearly all cases it is unwise to discard all the old sows at a time and supply their places with young untried ones. If you have fences on your farm see that they are properly kept up. Broken fences and tumble-down gates are sure indications of indifference in the owner.

One reason why many fail to make as they might is because of lack of attention to details.

At Danvers, Mass, there is a pear tree still bearing which was planted in 1639.

Saved by Two Girls. Whatever may have been the origin of the fabled mermaids, "sea girls," the real mermaids are certainly found in the Sandwich Islands. That a strong man, much less a young woman, can be so much at home in the water as to fight and kill the fiercest native of that element on its own battle-ground seems incredible, but a recent traveler in the islands tells the following story as an experience of his own:

It happened upon my last visit to the Sandwich Islands. I am a very expert swimmer, and nothing pleases me better than a plunge into the salt water. The temperature of the islands is delightful, and I could not resist the temptation to take a swim.

I prepared myself and plunged in. After I had been in the water for half an hour, I pushed out over and beyond one of the reefs which surround the islands. All at once I realized that something was going on on the shore. There were quite a number of natives there, and they appeared to be greatly excited.

Suddenly two native girls swam out behind me with long knives between their teeth. I looked round, and to my horror I saw a shark making for me with terrific speed. An instant later the girls had dived, and the shark had nearly stopped. The water around him was red with blood. The girls came to the surface again, and again they dived and plunged their long knives into the monster. At last he lay still on the top of the water, quite dead. The natives dragged him ashore, and found that he was one of the largest of his species.

But for the wonderful bravery of these girls I should not be here to-night to tell you this story.

Good Story Told on Choate. Dwight Lawrence, librarian of the Senate, was down from Albany recently, says the New York Sun, and this is his latest anecdote:

Joseph H. Choate and Edward Lauterbach, the noted Jewish barrister, were associated in a suit a short time ago and won. As the jury left their seats Mr. Lauterbach turned to Mr. Choate and said:

"Choate, we won this verdict because we happened to know more law on this subject than our adversaries."

"Yes?" queried Choate.

"Our clients are rich, you know, a corporation, and all that," rejoined Lauterbach.

"Yes?" again queried Choate. "What do you think we ought to charge, Lauterbach?"

"Oh, \$750 apiece."

"Tut, tut," broke out Choate, impatiently, and he repeated: "Tut, tut! You let me handle this bill, Lauterbach. I'll collect for us both."

A short time afterward Mr. Lauterbach was in Mr. Choate's office in Wall street, and Mr. Choate handed him a check for \$1,500 as Mr. Lauterbach's fee in the case, and said:

"Lauterbach, what do you think of that?"

Mr. Lauterbach looked at the check, stroked his beard for an instant, and, looking intensely at Choate, replied:

"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

How Many?

Someone has been calculating the number of stitches that go to the making of a coat and waistcoat. The result is appalling. No fewer than 43,000 separate and distinct stitches are required, as thus: Machine stitches for the coat 41,294 and 7,925 for the vest; hand stitches on the coat 13,456 and on the vest 3,033; bastings on the coat 1,792, and on the vest 1,469; being in all 31,542 stitches on the coat, and 11,727 on the other article.

The Difference.

Tommy: "Pop, what's the difference between a bonnet and a joke?" Tommy's Pop: "A bonnet is something you tell a friend and a joke is something a friend tells you."—Philadelphia Record.

The handkerchief is a very essential article in the summer toilette.

Anchovy sandwiches are a delicious addition to the picnic luncheon.



Way to Get Good Roads.

Batavia (N. Y.) taxpayers are greatly pleased with the experiments made in roadmaking with a steam road roller. It is found that the machine will put in the best of condition 500 feet of roadway in a day at a cost of \$9.53. In no other way can dirt or macadamized streets of a city or village be kept in good condition so cheaply. Every small city and village ought to have a road roller. No investment can be made that will pay larger dividends than good roads.

Better Roads.

Whether public sentiment ever become powerful enough to compel the adoption of sensible methods in the construction of permanent country roads, the improvements in the machinery for road making have certainly made the construction of good roads possible at a less cost than at any former period. In the old time the broken stone spread upon a macadamized road was usually avoided by those driving over it during dry weather, the clay or gravel sides of the roadway being preferred. The broken stone would be worn down to a smooth track only when the wet weather of the fall and winter made the sides of the road impassable.

The invention of the steam stone crusher and the ponderous steam roller has changed all this. The stone is now crushed at the quarry at a much cheaper rate than it could be done by the old-fashioned method of breaking it with hand hammers. When it is spread upon the roadway the heavy steam rollers do in a single day the work of many days and thousands of heavily loaded wagons under the old system. The crushed stone is rolled and compacted into a solid mass at once, and with a top layer of finer stone, the surface is rolled as smooth as that of a gravel road in dry weather. Under the modern system, the macadamized road becomes a model driveway, so far as the surface is concerned, as soon as it is completed, and for stability has no equal.

The illustrations of the ease and comparative cheapness with which good roads can now be constructed, which are furnished in the suburbs of every large city, should be sufficient to serve as object lessons for all the country. A good stone quarry can be opened in any township in any county in this commonwealth, a steam stone crusher at the quarry will furnish an unlimited amount of the best material for a good roadbed, and a heavy steam roller will complete the work, if properly handled. In plain terms, good, substantial roads are possible in all sections of the commonwealth, and if once constructed would be found to be cheaper in the long run than the existing country highways which are a succession of quagmires a part of the year, inches deep in dust the rest of the time and good roads never.

To secure good roads constructed upon sound principles it is necessary first that the present patchwork system of keeping roads in repair by scraping clay from the gutters into the center of the roadway to be returned to the gutters again by the combined action of rain, frost and heavy travel shall be abandoned as an utter waste of work and money. The next essential is that the most important highways be selected first for permanent improvement, and that each highway so selected shall be completely macadamized within township or county lines before another is attempted. One highway in a township improved after this manner would work a revolution in our entire system of road making, and lead to the utter abandonment of the cheap and nasty roads that now disgrace our State and nearly every other State in the Union.—Philadelphia Times.

Street Cars in Naples.

"I was in Naples last summer when the first electric street car was put in operation, and was stoned by the populace," said Dr. W. O. Terry, of Sacramento, Cal., at the Arlington. Dr. Terry has been in Europe for two years, mostly in Germany, pursuing a surgical course, and is now going home to practice his profession.

"The new style of street cars," he continued, "give great offense to the Neapolitans, simply because they were an innovation. The people over there resent everything that is new, regardless of merit. Naples is one of the toughest places in Christendom, anyway. It is a rare thing in that town to meet with any one who seems to recognize the bath as an institution of civilization. Men, women and children revel in dirt, particularly the latter. Boys and girls of ten years are often seen in public without a single garment to hide their nudity. The ordinary refreshments of life, as practiced in America, are unknown there. The public conveyances are crowded with passengers so redolent of garlic that it is often preferable to get out and walk. Doubtless everybody eats garlic in order to keep from being overcome with its odoriferous scent, as a matter of protection.

"But worst of all in Italy is the terrible drain of taxation and the corruption on the part of men in high official

position. The railroads, for instance, which ought to bring in large revenues to the government, are a source of expense. The explanation is that everybody connected with their operation is engaged in stealing. The charge is made openly, and I never once heard it disputed."—Washington Post.

Tranquil, But Severe.

"My boy," said the examiner, in the friendliest of tones, to a lad who had just finished a piece of Latin prose, and was about tremblingly to place the composition in the gentleman's hands, "my boy, I looked over your shoulder while you were writing; you have every reason to be satisfied with yourself, and with care, will get a scholarship easily, and a good class in 'Mods' as well."

The examiner whose kind manner reassured the nervous boy had been sent by the University of Oxford to test the classical attainments of the Bath schoolers. He was six feet in height, very thin, very tranquil, with that studied softness which seemed to conceal a severity that could be merciless. That side of his character showed itself a few hours later. Mr. Escott describes the exhibition, in his book, "Platform, Press, Politics and Play."

It was winter; the Avon was frozen over, and examiner and examinees were skating over the surface, the former no less at home upon steel skid feet than in the teacher's chair hearing a recitation in Greek.

An overgrown lad, whose ignorance in Greek grammar had been detected by the examiner, thought he would obstruct the examiner's progress and send him sprawling. Fancying that his act was not observed, he placed in the path such obstacles as happened to be at hand. Along swept the examiner, and as he came to the obstruction, lifted with a single stride his tall form across the barrier.

"My young friend," he called out in a voice heard by all, "the next time you want to play any of those monkey tricks, try them on one of your own heels. And now, remember that you have in front of you for to-morrow the verbs in M, which may present difficulties to you, greater even than this truck and bronostick did to me."

The laugh was turned against the ill-mannered lad, who, as his conqueror left the river, shouted, "Three cheers for the examiner!" The man was Mr. Perceval, Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and to-day Bishop of Hereford.

Odds and Ends.

The amount of money held by the various London banks is not far short of £250,000,000.

Scarlet fever kills yearly, on the average, about 21,000 persons, chiefly children not exceeding 10 years of age. Richard Young is the pleasantly suggestive combination of the names of a couple married in Camden, Me., a few days ago.

A book of critical essays on Zola, Dumas fils and Maupassant, by Count Tolstol, has just been translated under Tolstol's supervision, from Russian into French.

At an early date a cargo consisting of 120,000 song birds will be sent off from London to the Cape Colony, to be released there, with the object of acclimatization.

A horse dealer in West Woodstock, Vt., has owned 452 horses during his life, and has never told a lie about a horse. One who has dealt with him was so impressed with this remarkable fact that he recently gave him a hatchet.

Some time ago the Supreme Court of Ohio decided that Miss Nellie G. Robinson, a lawyer of Cincinnati, could not be appointed a notary public. She has now applied to the Supreme Court of the United States for a decision on the question and the case will be considered by Justice Harlan.

"It's a Lee!" A good anecdote survives, but it passes through many transformations. In the Atlantic Mrs. Lathrop, in "Some Memories of Hawthorne," her father, tells an anecdote which she heard when a child from a Mr. Beacock, a frequent visitor of the family during the Liverpool consulate of her father. Doubtless some of our readers will recognize this old friend in a new dress:

A Scotchman, at an inn, was walking disconsolately about the parlor while dinner was being prepared. A distinguished traveler—Dickens, perhaps—was dashing off a letter at the center-table, describing the weather and some of the odd fellows he had observed in his travels.

"And," he wrote, "there is in the room at the present moment a long, lank, red-headed, empty-brained nincompoop, who looks as if he had not eaten a square meal for a month, and is stamping about for his dinner. Now he approaches me as I sit writing, and I hear his step pause behind my chair. The fool is actually looking over my shoulder, and reading these words—"

A torrent of Scotch burst forth right here: "It's a lee, sir—it's a lee! I never read a word that yer wrote!"

College Education Free.

Instruction is absolutely gratuitous in the universities and faculties of France. They are open without reserve to strangers as well as to native students and the grades established are the same for each. It is required, however, that both foreign and native students should give evidence of certain preliminary study.—Baltimore News.

Baptist Publication Plant.

The Baptists of the United States have more money invested in printing and publishing machinery than any other denomination.

A man never complains of a girl being cold if she shows her incisors to some other fellow.

Eastern Bells.

The oldest bell of which we have record is the To, struck with a wooden clapper and mentioned in the Chinese sacred books. It was used by government criers to clear the road at funerals and to announce the spring month.

In China bells were used as musical instruments together with drums at imperial banquets, minor sacrifices and official ceremonies. The fabulous emperor Hwang-Ti was said to have made 12 musical month bells.

Redomestication of the Elephant.

The European "elephant herd" is, generally speaking, the property of the large circus owners, and these prefer the Indian elephant, which they allege to be more docile and more reliable for their purposes than the African species. The trainers say that the latter have bad memories, and that this makes them uncertain performers in a ring. They will learn a few tricks without difficulty, but when called upon to perform in public they sometimes seem to forget their accomplishments, and either stand still or bolt to their stables.

It has been recently pointed out that this lack of memory, or perhaps of brain power, in the African when compared with the Indian species may possibly be accounted for by the descent of the former from the mastodon, an earlier extinct type than the mammoth. The teeth of the African elephant correspond with those of the mastodon, while in the Indian elephant they are analogous to those of the more recent mammoth. When kept in England the African seems to have less respect for "humans" than the Asiatic, and is less trusted by its keepers, who seem to look upon it as unsafe. But is this only a comparative estimate of a creature judged by the side of one which has long held the first place among domesticated beasts of burden? Dr. Schaler, who has summarized the general experience of the Zoological Society for nearly twenty years, gave it as his opinion that they are quite as intelligent as the Indian species, though, perhaps, not equally docile.—The Saturday Review.

Rice cut-throats are dainty luncheon dishes for hot weather eating.

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Personal.

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Weather Signs.

When the finger nails are dry and brittle the indication is for fair weather; when they are tough and pliable and can easily be cut without breaking, rainy weather is probable within the next few days.

Carpets drawn very tight when laid upon the floor furnish a tolerable barometer. When a storm is about to break the threads contract with such force as sometimes to tear the fabric or draw out the tacks.

The stay-at-homes can get a lot of comfort out of a bath tub and porch if they only make up their minds to do so.

Even though pearls are considered the emblems of tears they are in great demand in all articles of jewelry.

The lily is the July birthday flower.

A bicycle luncheon basket is a late device.

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De adence in literature is a topic very greatly discussed these days.

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