

RODENT RUNS RIOT.

Wonder why women are frightened by rats? That's one thing we never could understand. We recall an exchange of courtesies between a man and wife one night in a restaurant, and the courtesies were curious and conflicting, and were fast leading up to the riot standard, the woman "holding her own," and even more than that, when a rat ran across the room. That settled the dispute. The woman jumped on the table, among all the dishes, showing ankles and lingerie that would have made a Dutch danseuse dizzy with delirium. But the row stopped and the laughter began, says the New Orleans Picayune. The latest rat story, however, comes from Brooklyn, and it runs like this: During a matinee performance at one of the theaters, while the house was crowded, a rat appeared in one of the aisles, and consternation seized the crowd instantly. Women jumped on orchestra chairs, danced the highland fling and other flings, screamed and acted like mad, while the rat ran riot through the rows of seats. At one stage of the stampede all the women screamed together; that put the show out of business. The actors lost their lines, the women lost their reason, and the rat lost its life. Why are women frightened at rats, and still wear them in their hair?

Owing to the stealing of pet dogs and their sale to a medical college, the women's branch of the Anticruelty Society in Philadelphia have demanded a law putting scientists who purchase dogs under the same police supervision as pawnbrokers, claiming they are far too lax in their acceptance of animals so brought to them to accord with property rights. In a discussion of the kind lately one physician attached to such an institution admitted that no questions were asked about where animals brought to him came from, as the purchasers preferred not to know. This virtual admission of receiving stolen pets will probably arouse dogowners everywhere to demand similar restrictions.

Mushrooms are cheaper in New York than they have ever been at any other time in the history of the trade, the fact being due to a rapid development in recent years of mushroom farming by suburbanites. It seems, therefore, that not all the suburban farmers have been devoting their entire attention to the raising of aquats.

A woman arrested in New York as a shoplifter explained that her house was being painted and that the fumes of the paint had gone to her head, making her irresponsible for her actions. Yet some pessimists declare that the present practical age is lacking in imaginative power.

Some iconoclastic professor has discovered that the Sphinx was built to preserve the countenance of an old Egyptian king and not merely to give a splendid model in impassivity to reactionary senators engaged in standing pat.

Somebody has discovered a substitute for radium, but it is almost as expensive as the real thing, hence a majority of the radium users will no doubt refuse to listen when they are offered something "equally good."

The stage dancer who walked on her toes down the 45 flights of stairs in the Metropolitan Life building probably would resent being asked to climb two flights to a dressing room flat-footed.

The feet of American women, say the shoe manufacturers, are growing larger. The average woman who wears a No. 4 shoe 10 years ago now wears a No. 5, or better still a No. 6.

A Washington judge has ruled that street pianos and organs are vehicles and must carry rear lights after dark. And this, too, although they play nothing but light music.

"Waists are to button down the front this summer," says a fashion note. This being so, husbands ought to be able to grab off a little vacation this summer, also.

The case of the American millionaire who served twenty days in Belgium as a vagrant is the ripest illustration of "they cannot put you in jail for this."

There was a time when baseball had to divide the limelight with race-track gambling and prize-fighting. The owners of baseball teams made less money then.

Roast dikkik, fried koodoo and giraffe steaks are to be served at a banquet in New York. That shows how great is the suffering of New Yorkers because of the lobster famine.

Luther Burbank, the plant wonder, believes he can cure boys of truancy. What's he going to do, produce a spineless youngster, now?

There is a woman in New Mexico who killed a wildcat by jumping upon its back. Sometimes the term "weaker sex" sounds ridiculous.

After all is said, as good a breakfast as there is, at any time of day, is the strawberry shortcake.

New News of Yesterday

by E. J. Edwards

Would Have No Go-Betweens

Thomas L. James' Story About Grant That Shows Light on the Peremptory Removal of Marshall Jewell From the Cabinet.

"Twice in my experience as an officer under the administration of President Grant I found him to be of the most unflinching integrity, and most loyal in his support of administrative officers under him who were trying to do their duty. One of these occasions was when, after an interview with him occasioned by his summons to me to call upon him at Washington, he said to me: 'Mr. Postmaster, you are absolutely right in your attempt to establish a civil service in the New York postoffice. Don't pay any attention to the politicians. Always remember that you have a firm supporter in me.'"

"The second occasion was one which I recall with pleasure. It was the relations with Postmaster General Marshall Jewell," continued Thomas L. James, postmaster of New York under Grant and Hayes and postmaster general under Garfield. "There have been many surmises as to the reason for the peremptory demand made by President Grant upon Marshall Jewell for his resignation as the head of the postoffice department. Jewell himself professed never to know the reason of his dismissal. I think I can throw some light upon it incidentally while showing you what sort of man I found President Grant to be."

"It was in the winter of 1874-5 that there appeared at the New York postoffice an inspector whose home town was Oshkosh, Wis.; he had never been in New York until that time. He began to make a most drastic investigation of the postoffice, and I aided him all that I could."

"It happened while this inspection was under way that Gen. La Rue Harrison, who was chairman of the committee of the postoffice department whose authority was over inspections of this kind, called upon me. I asked him what the meaning of this peculiar inspection was, and I told him frankly that I was sure some political purpose was behind it. General Harrison smiled queerly for a moment, and then said half confidentially that Postmaster General Jewell wanted to cut down the appropriation for the New York postoffice \$30,000. He clearly intimated that there was politics behind this purpose."

"In reply I said that I would do everything in my power to reduce the surplus of the post office; that an inspection was not necessary to

that end. I summoned two of my subordinate officers, and told them that the postmaster general wanted to cut our appropriation by \$30,000. They replied that it could be done, but that it would involve some severe hardships among the employees. But the cut was made, and Marshall Jewell had the \$30,000 to use elsewhere."

"Within a month or six weeks I discovered what the politics was back of the cut. At that time Connecticut held its elections in the spring. Jewell used the \$30,000 in Connecticut. He increased the postal service and the number of clerks, and in other ways which were lawful utilized the whole of that money, his real purpose being to strengthen his party in Connecticut. But it didn't avail, for the Republicans were beaten at the election."

"General Grant must have heard of the use made of the \$30,000, for he sent for me some weeks later, and I had hardly entered his office in the White House before he asked: 'Mr. Postmaster, wasn't it the understanding between us when I appointed you postmaster of New York that there shouldn't be any go-betweens? I will not have go-betweens interfering with myself and the presi-

dential appointments. Why did you fail to come to me at the time this Jewell matter was in progress at the New York post office? I would have stopped it instantly.'"

Elkins Helped Reveal Fraud

He It Was Who First Supplied the Information That Resulted in Uncovering the Huge Star Route Postal Swindles.

"Sometimes, when I have heard of the great service rendered by the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia through the drafting of what is now known as the Elkins law, the most effective instrument for the prevention of railroad rebating, I have thought of another great service rendered by Senator Elkins of which the public never had any knowledge. The time has now come when I can tell the incident."

"I think it was on the second day of March, 1881," continued Thomas L. James, postmaster general during the Garfield administration, "that Mr. Elkins, whom I had learned to know well when he was a delegate to congress from the territory of New Mexico, called upon me at my office in the New York postoffice. After the greetings of cordial friendship were over, Mr. Elkins explained that he wanted to send a telegram to James G. Blaine, and he presumed he would

receive an answer within an hour. He added that the telegram referred to something that concerned me."

"When we returned to the postoffice after luncheon, we found a telegram there awaiting Mr. Elkins' return. Hastily reading the message, he said that he had telegraphed Mr. Blaine, who was to be secretary of state in the new administration, to know if there were any change in General Garfield's cabinet plans, and Mr. Blaine had replied that there had been none. Then Elkins said to me: 'You are to have a great opportunity, and a very difficult and perhaps dangerous task before you, as soon as you enter the postoffice department.'"

"You doubtless have seen in the newspapers lately a good many vague intimations that the government is being wronged by the star route contractors. I tell you, Mr. James, that these reports are true. I know from personal observation in New Mexico that the government is being robbed by star route contractors, and government officers are being bribed by these contractors. I can furnish you some details. The first thing you do after you have got fairly well acquainted with the postoffice department should be to make an investigation of the contract department. Tear it up. The contract department is exploiting star route service to the amount of millions a year, when no service is given, and then the contractors are whacking up with some of the postoffice authorities. You will run counter to some very influential politicians. I am here to tell you, however, that you will have absolute support from the president, from Mr. Blaine as secretary of state, and from Mr. Wayne MacVeagh, who is to be attorney general."

"Mr. Elkins thereupon gave me some information regarding the frauds. Upon that information I was able to base the investigation of the contract department of the postoffice department. We speedily uncovered huge swindles. I have estimated that the government was robbed of some where between six million and eight million dollars by these frauds."

"We prosecuted criminally the leading conspirators, but we found it impossible to obtain a jury at Washington which would convict. But we broke up for good and all the star route swindle—a service that was due in the first instance to the information given to us by Stephen B. Elkins. It was one of the greatest services rendered to the government of which I have any personal recollection. But until now, President Garfield and his cabinet were the only ones, excepting Mr. Elkins himself, who knew that it was through the initiative of Mr. Elkins that this work of reformation was begun."

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Personal Exploits in the Great Civil War, Told by Veterans

AMOUS examples of courage under arms are usually those displayed in some desperate sortie or some very spirited, if brief, action. The courage

demanded to face imminent danger for days or weeks without faltering, though less celebrated, is certainly of as high an order. It was courage such as this which made possible the long, tedious siege of Petersburg, perhaps the most trying campaign in its way of the entire war. The life behind the bombproofs is vividly recalled by J. H. Campbell.

On the Mississippi

THE most continuous fighting in the navy during the war was probably encountered by the smaller boats engaged in keeping the lower Mississippi open to Union expeditions. The river was of course well supplied with forts, many of them very powerful ones, but the banks were in addition lined almost continuously with small guns, cannon and sharpshooters. Charles Just, commander of Rowles Post, New York, who spent the greater part of the war in this region, in recalling these days, said:

"We didn't so much mind the forts, although they were bad enough, as the bushwhackers. Any southerner with a gun or a pistol could fire at us with comparative safety from the shore trees and bushes. As a result there was a continuous peppering of shots from off shore day and night. One was never safe for an instant. The bullets raked our decks from several quarters at once, no matter what our position. They used minie balls and occasionally they would bring up

"Bloody Angle"

THE most deadly battle of the entire war, Pickett's famous charge, is recalled by scores of soldiers. One of these veterans, who was wounded on the third day at Gettysburg, J. B. Block, of the Summer Post, New York, carried the bullet he received until very recently.

"We stood behind Pickett's charge," said he. "It is a matter of history, of course, how frightful the loss was. Later, when we came to count the cost, we found, as all the world knows, that some of our regiments had lost 75 per cent. of all the men who went into the fight. I am told that there is no such loss recorded elsewhere in military history."

Ready for Duty



HE HAD \$400.00 IN CASH IN 1903; NOW WORTH \$8,000.00.

My parents were originally Canadians from Essex County, Ontario. I was born in Monroe County, Michigan, from which place I moved to Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, where I farmed for 22 years. I sold my farm there in the summer of 1903 and in September of that year came to Canada with my wife and eight children. I had about \$400 in cash, team of horses, a cow, a few sheep and some chickens. I took up a quarter section of land near Jack Fish Lake, Meota P. O., and later on purchased for \$2,000.00 an adjoining quarter section. I have now 48 head of cattle, a number of horses, good buildings and consider my holding is worth at least \$8,000.00. My children have raised from \$300 to \$500 worth of garden truck each year since we have been here. I have never had a poor crop and have never had one frosted. My wheat has averaged from 25 to 30 bushels per acre with one or two years considerably more. My oats have always yielded well up to 50 bushels per acre and once or twice as high as 85. My cattle have never been stabled in winter, and do not need it. I consider that this country offers better opportunities for settlers than anywhere I have ever been. I am sure that almost any person can come here and buy land at say \$15.00 per acre and pay for it in one crop. My experience is that if a man farms his land in the right way he is not likely to have his crop frosted."

Most of the settlers in my district are Americans and Canadians and I know lots of them who came here with little or no capital who are now doing well, but I do not know of any who have left through disappointment, or becoming discouraged, have returned to their former homes.

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Merchant Almost President

How Abbott Lawrence of Massachusetts Was Nearly Nominated for Running Mate to Taylor in 1848.

Every president of the United States, at the time of his election, was either a lawyer or else had gained great military renown. Yet there was a time when, but for the narrowest chance and the queerest sort of political sentiment, a manufacturer and merchant would have been nominated for vice-president upon a ticket with a candidate for president who, two years after his inauguration, died.

It was in 1848. The great Whig leaders of that time had pitched upon General Zachary Taylor of Louisiana as the man for presidential nomination who would be more likely to appeal to the voters of the United States than any other Whig. General Taylor had gained renown in the Mexican war, and after its termination had retired to his cotton plantation in Louisiana. He himself was reported to have said that he didn't know exactly where he stood politically, he wasn't sure whether he could properly call himself a Whig or not, but he was a protectionist—and that was enough for the party leaders, one of the most prominent among their number being Thurlow Weed. Indeed, it was Mr. Weed who first suggested General Taylor for the presidential nomination, and he it was who convinced his fellow leaders that they could make no wiser choice.

"After we had decided upon General Taylor," Mr. Weed was fond of telling in the closing years of his life, "we all accorded felt that it would be well to select for the vice-presidential honor a man from New England. We also felt that the candidate should be a strong advocate of the principles of

protection so strongly advocated and supported by Henry Clay, and so, finally, we decided upon Abbott Lawrence of Massachusetts as just the man we were after."

"Mr. Lawrence was a manufacturer of cotton goods. He had utilized the water power of the Merrimack river, built great mills upon the banks of the river and thus founded the city which bears his surname. He was a splendid man—a public-spirited citizen, a man of much cultivation, and one of the leaders of the development in manufacturing interests in the United States. We were sure that the presidential ticket of Taylor and Lawrence would appeal to a majority of the voters of the United States, and when, prior to the assembling of our convention, the split came in the Democratic party which resulted in Martin Van Buren being nominated for president upon a Free Soil platform we were more than ever sure that our ticket, as agreed upon in conference, would be elected."

"But we had overlooked one little thing. Shortly before the convention met a Louisiana Whig wrote to us saying that it would never do to have Abbott Lawrence on the ticket, and for one reason. General Taylor, he said, was a cotton planter; Abbott Lawrence was a manufacturer of cotton goods—it would never do to have cotton at both ends of the ticket."

"It had never occurred to us, but we saw instantly the force of the argument. Therefore we reluctantly abandoned Mr. Lawrence and at the last minute Millard Fillmore of New York was selected as the Whig candidate for vice-president. And that is why he and not a manufacturer and merchant, through the constitutional succession, became president of the United States in July of 1850."

Muscles May Move Themselves.

Albert von Haller, a Swiss surgeon of the eighteenth century, was the first to point out that the muscles of our bodies have an automatic action. Before Haller's time it was believed that the muscles could not contract or swell up by themselves, but were drawn up by the nerves of volition. Haller discovered that this is not so, but that a muscle, if irritated, will draw itself together automatically, even when it is quite separated from the nerves, and this has since been proved to be true by a great number of experiments.

So that though it is true our nerves are the cause of our moving, because they excite the muscles and so cause them to contract, yet the real power of contraction is in the muscle itself. The body of man is full of wonders, not the least of which is this automatic power of contraction in all muscles.

Broke 'Em Both.
The society page tells us that the latest big wedding "begared description." We have private advices that it did the same thing to the bride's father.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

How Dutch Grasp Africa

Roosevelt Says That the Englishmen as Settlers Are Far Behind the Boer Farmers.

What I saw a year ago in East Africa was illuminating. In British East Africa the men who discovered the country, who annexed it, who started to settle it, who are governing it, who have made it what it is, are the English. But the men who are breeding its future citizens and masters are the Dutch! The Englishmen there are fine fellows; they are doing excellent general work; I like and admire them. But as settlers they are hopelessly behind the Boer farmers whom I met, because they have very small families, and most of them do not look on the country as their permanent home. Of ten settlers of each nationality, the ten Englishmen will be the leading men in the present life of the colony; but the most of them are looking forward to going "home," as they call it, to

England; only three or four of them will be married, and those will among them have only five or six children. The ten Boers think of Africa as their home; each is married, and almost every one has a good-sized, probably a large, family; and, unless conditions change, the future is theirs, so far as the white race in that part of Africa is concerned.—Theodore Roosevelt, in the Outlook.

Superstition Just Plain Fear.
But superstition is plain fear without any cause, and is utterly demoralizing. If a man is afraid to overeat it makes him healthy; if he is afraid of ghosts it makes him a fool. If he is afraid to lie or do a mean act it promotes growth and makes him more manly; if he is afraid to be happy or to leave the house in the morning or to have the house in the morning starting off with his left foot instead of his right it stunts his manhood and makes him childlike.