PIGEON ENGLISH

How it Spoils a Beautiful Poem to be Translated into the English of the Heathen Chinee.

EXCELSIOR!

The shades of night was falling fast,
As through an Alpine village passed,
A youth who bore, 'mid snow and ice,
A banner with the strange device,
"Excelsior!"

His brow was sad; his eyes beneath
Flashed like a falchion from its sheath,
And like a silver clarion rung,
The accents of that unknown tongue,
"Excelsior!"

In happy homes he saw the light
Of household fires gleam warm and bright;
Above, the spectral glaciers shown,
And from his lips escaped a groan,
"Excelsior!"

"Try not the Pass!" the old man said,
"Dark lowers the tempest overhead,
The roaring torrent is deep and wide!"
And loud that clarion voice replied,
"Excelsior!"

"Oh stay," the maiden said, "and rest
Thy weary head upon this breast!"
A tear stood in his bright blue eye,
But still he answered with a sigh,
"Excelsior!"

"Beware the pine-tree's withered branch!
Beware the awful avalanche!"
This was the peasant's last good night!
A voice replied, far up the light,
"Excelsior!"

At break of day, as heaven ward
The pious monks of St. Bernard
Uttered the oft-repeated prayer,
A voice cried through the startled air,
"Excelsior!"

A traveler, by the faithful hound
Half buried in the snow was found,
Still grasping in his hand of ice
That banner with the strange device,
"Excelsior!"

The Same in Pigeon English.

TOPSIDE-GALOW!

That nightey time begin chop chop,
[illegible]
Inside house him can see light,
And every room got fire all right,
He lookey plenty ice more high,
Inside him mouth he plenty cry—
"Topside-galow!"

Ole man talkey "no can walk!"
By'm bye rain come—werry dark,
"Have got water, werry wide,"
"Meskey! my must go topside"—
"Topside-galow!"

"Man-man!" One girley talkey he,
"What for you go topside looksee!"
And one time more he plenty cry,
But all time walkey plenty high—
"Topside-galow!"

"Take care! that spoil'um tree young man,
Take care that ice! He want man-man!"
That coolie chin-chin he good night,
He talkey "my can go all right,"
"Topside-galow!"

Joss-pigeon man he soon begin,
Morning-tim that Josh chin-chin,
He no man see—him plenty fear,
Cos some man talkey—he can hear!
"Topside-galow!"

That young man die, one large dog see,
To muchey bobbery findey he;
He hand belong colo—all same ice,
Have got flag, with chop so nice.
"Topside-galow!"

MARRIED.

Mr. W. D. Ferree editor of the Polk County *Times*, and a former typo in this office, has taken unto himself a wife which was duly announced in the State Jounral. Like all newly much married men, Will thinks he has done a big thing and thus discourses about it:

We are married! And what does it signify to be married? Why, many things to be known, and many things not to be known. For a score of years and more we have been "stagging it," but at last have changed the life of "blessed singleness" for that of a married one. "Blessed singleness" is not always blessed; it is attended with many anxieties and sufferings of the the flesh. A person cursed with homeliness and awkwardness like ourself, if he can succeed in getting a fair damsol for a wife is really fortunate, and has achieved a great victory in that line. A person cursed with homeliness and awkwardness is compelled to undergo many anxieties of mind, for the maidens of now-a days "go much" on comeliness and style. A stylish young man is "the thing" for them, whether he be possessed of brains, virtue, stability, frugality, or not; in fact, brains, virtue, stability, frugality, and the like, are scarcely taken into account. So we were never cast in beauty's mould, but still have loved and wished, and acted wise, and acted the fool, up and down this wide, deep earth in search of a woman, and never found a girl who would have us, until now. We have tried many vocations in life, respectable we thought, to "fetch them," but the blamed girls didn't seem to appreciate us yet. Our last resort to gain their favor was to go into the newspaper business, but this didn't knock the homeliness out of us, either; and all around us, young men without a trade, without a cent, and with out manners, were gallanting the girls about, all because they possessed just what the girls wanted, beauty. And again, they had heard much about editors starving to death, and this was against us, too. Confound the newspaper men of the present age, who will make it appear that they are always "hard up," for it is a lie; there is not a person in the newspaper business but that is "lined with money," for how can he be otherwise when subscribers are so prompt in paying their subscriptions. But we must not digress from the subject.

Though there are many difficulties to encounter in single life, and one possesses many anxieties of mind, yet all this is nothing compared with the following four things, viz: "Popping the question," "asking the old folks," "standing up while the ceremony is being performed, and sleeping in a separate bed from one's wife "the first night." But somehow or other we overcome all these difficulties like a little man. The wedding was a quiet one. While the old folks were snoozing, and husbands were kissing their wives on retiring to bed, and the moon shown down on *terra firma* in all its eventide beauty, the "knot was tied;" and would not exchange our married life for a "prairie schooner" full of California gold.

BLACK JEWS.

Nearly 2,000 black Jews have a home in the city of Cochin, Hindostan, and its neighborhood. While they are not as dark skinned as Ethiopean negroes their color places them under a ban, for despite the fact that they are Israelites in the full sense of the word, and faithfully worship the God of their ancestors, neither the Israelites of Bagdad nor the white Jews of their own locality will intermarry or otherwise associate with them. Their statement of their origin is that when the conquest of the East Indies by Europeans opened a road to unlimited wealth, into which were attracted adventurers from all parts of the world, many young Israelites from Bagdad, Bassora and Yemen started out to seek fortunes. Establishing themselves in Hindostan they purchased female slaves from the natives, a number of whom became converted, and were married to their masters. From these intermarriages the present population of Cochin is descended.

Some girls, in kissing, purse up their mouths as if they were about to perform on the flageolet. This is decidedly wrong. Kissing is a luxury which should be indulged in with an appetite, and not nibbled at as if it were poison.

RECIPES, ETC.

Most of the mustard sold by grocers is not genuine. It may contain a little mustard, but is composed mainly of wheat flour, turmeric, and sometimes capsicum.

Cracker Pie.—Eight crackers pounded fine, on which pour boiling water to soften; eight table-spoonfuls of vinegar, eight of sugar, one lemon; if too stiff, add water.

—Molasses Candy.—Two cups molasses, one cup sugar, one tablespoonful vinegar, butter six of a hickory nut. Boil briskly twenty minutes, stirring all the time. When cool pull until white.

—Potato Custard.—Ten potatoes boiled soft, six or eight eggs, sugar to your taste, one cup milk, quarter pound of butter, nutmeg, essence of lemon, brandy and wine to your taste. Mash the potatoes very fine.

—A theory is promulgated that corn is the cause of chicken cholera—that it and hog cholera are most prevalent when pigs and chickens are fed almost exclusively on corn—that corn contains less of the phosphates and more of the fatty matter than other cereals, and this accounts for chicken and hog cholera.

—The only safe and effective treatment of obesity is a reduction in the quality of the usual food, an increase of exercise and a reduction of the hours of sleep. This should be gradually pushed until the reduction in weight is one or two pounds a week. This cannot fail, and will invariably improve health.—*Dio Lewis.*

—Excellent Johnny Cakes.—One cup meal, one of flour, one of sugar, one of milk, one egg, butter the size of an egg, soda and cream-tartar. Another.—Four tablespoons of corn meal, three tablespoons of flour, one teaspoon of soda, one egg, a bit of butter, cream tartar, one cup milk, small lump butter, two tablespoons sugar, a little salt.

—Veal Curry.—One pound and a half of veal cutlet from the neck, two tablespoonfuls of curry powder, two tablespoonfuls of flour, a little salt, pepper and cayenne, a large acid apple one small shalot, stock sufficient to cover it. Cut the meat into cutlets; take care to have a bone in each, and fry them a light brown with a little butter. The shalot should be fried at the same time. Peel and core the apple and cut it up; stew the meat, shalot and apple in the stock for half an hour, very gently; then add the curry powder and flour, having previously mixed them with half a cup of stock. Let it boil up twice, dish up the cutlets, and pour the sauce over them. This curry is excellent. It may be made in the same manner with chickens or rabbits; and should apples not be in season, a little lemon juice may be added just before it is boiled up. In India, the pleasant acid of fresh tarmarinds is used. As well-boiled rice is so essential with curry, the recipe for it is added here: Put on a saucepanful of water, let it boil *fast*; sprinkle in a little salt, and then the rice dropping it into the water with the hand. Do not cover the saucepan. When the rice is done, strain off the water, and set it on a cloth before the fire to drain. Toss it up a little with two forks, and serve it in a dish *separate* from the curry. Select large rice to boil for the curry, and of the best description only.

SAVING THE FAT AND FLESH.

The fat and flesh of all kinds of domestic animals are made of grass and grain, which cost money. In autumn, when feed begins to fail, and the weather becomes cold and stormy, animals will lose flesh, unless they are well fed and properly protected from cold and wet storms. Every pound of flesh and fat is worth, at a low figure, twelve and a half cents. Flesh or fat is actually worth much more than that sum, in most localities, as there is no bone, no hair, no hoofs, no horns, nor other waste in those parts of the animal. The fat is always wasted first. The flesh next. Now, then, every pound of fat and flesh that is wasted is a dead loss of twenty-five cents to the owner of the stock. When an animal consumes a pound of fat in maintaining respiration and animal heat, the waste is a dead loss, because it can never be retrieved.—The substance that composed the fat and flesh is gone. The grass and grain consumed in making it might just as well, in one sense, have been pitched into the Atlantic Ocean. In another sense it would have been been better to cast the grass and grain on the land as a renovator of the soil. Now to reproduce the number of pounds of fat and flesh lost will cost not less than another twelve and a half cents worth of grain. There you have twenty-five cents in cash for every pound of flesh produced. Every person who has half an eye cannot fail to see and appreciate this fact. It needs no further elucidation. The person, therefore, who has ten head of cattle, and allows each one to fall away one hundred pounds each, loses ten hundred quarters of dollars, or $250! A hundred pounds of fat and flesh would scarcely be missed in the appearance of some animals. And the same rule holds good with horses, sheep, swine, and all kinds of domestic animals.—Every pound of flesh lost is equivalent to so much money actually thrown away. There is the loss. No one can deny it. And there is the error in the management; and the grand, practical question is how to save that which has heretofore been lost?

Anecdote of an Elephant.

The "Leisure Hour," an English magazine, tells this touching story, as related by Major Brown, of the Fortieth regiment:

During the seige of Pondichery, in the East Indies, by the British army, when M. Lally was governor there, there were in the French garrison several war elephants; all of which, except one, died from the scarcity of provisions, and the survivor would have shared the fate of his companions but for his uncommon sagacity, which rendered him a favorite with everybody, and the object of general admiration. This animal, in the absence of his keeper, was one day amusing himself with his chain in an open part of the town, when a man who had committed a theft and was pursued by a great number of people, despairing of all other means of safety, ran for protection under the elephant. Apparantly delighted with the poor wretch's confidence, the creature instantly faced about and met the crowd, erected his trunk and threw his chain in the air, as is the manner of these animals when engaged with the enemy, and became so furious in defense of the criminal, that, notwithstanding all the gentle arts made use of by the surrounding multitude, neither they, nor even his mahout or driver, to whom he was fondly attached, and who was sent for to manage him, could prevail with him to give up the malefactor. The contest had continued about three hours, when at length the governor, hearing the strange account of it came to the spot, and was so much pleased with the generous perseverance of the honest quadruped that he yielded to the elephant's interposition and pardoned the criminal. The poor man, in an ecstacy of gratitude, testified his acknowledgments by kissing and embracing the proboscis of his kind benefactor, who was apparantly so sensible of what had happened, that, laying aside all his former violence, he became perfectly tame and gentle in an instant, and suffered his keeper to conduct him away without the smallest) resistance.

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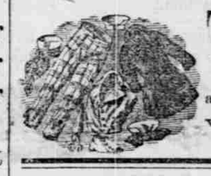

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