

## WIVES WHO NEVER SPEAK.

Tales of Several Spouses Who, During Their Natural Existence, Remained Mute.

A Korean woman is not permitted to speak or nod on her wedding day, says the New York Herald. Should she transgress she at once becomes an object of ridicule and loses caste. She must remain obdurate to her husband's entreaties; neither threat nor prayer must move her, for all the household is on the qui vive to catch a single muttered syllable. Sometimes for a week or more she does not speak, and even then, when complete silence is broken, only puts her tongue to the most necessary uses.

Although no such universal custom is prevalent in the western world, extraordinary cases are not wanting. In the early forties a Mrs. Jones, living in Pennsylvania, undertook, for a wager of \$150, to remain mute for the first month of her marriage. Her husband, who naturally was not in the secret, was so much incensed at his bride's behavior that he left her before the period of her ordeal had expired, only to return later when apprised of the real reason for this unusual silence.

On the anniversary of their wedding day a Brussels couple named Dupont quarreled so bitterly that the wife, in a burst of passion, swore that her husband should never again hear the sound of her voice. She would there and then have quitted the house, but her now penitent husband implored her not to leave him. To that extent only did his entreaties prevail, for she kept the letter of her oath and never in her spouse's presence did she unloose her tongue. In other respects she conformed a model wife, and may be her strange resolution contributed not a little to the harmony of the household.

A Brunn woman whose husband was in hiding from the authorities inadvertently betrayed his whereabouts to a neighbor who was secretly in the pay of the police. As a result he was taken and received a term of imprisonment. So much did his wife take to heart this misfortune brought about by her gossip, that she resolved for the remainder of her life to remain mute; nor did she even make an exception in her husband's favor, for, although she received him on his release with the utmost affection, she maintained an obdurate silence, which remained unbroken till her death, which took place three years later.

## MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS.

Youthful "Dude" Tourist Silences Stage Driver Who Hated to Be Interrogated.

Wallace Cummings used to drive the old stage which ran between Bridgton and Portland, says the Boston Herald. One day Wallace had as a passenger out of Portland a young city chap, or dude, as Wallace called him. The scenery along the route was both beautiful and diversified; the young man was much interested, and as he sat on the box, or post of honor, beside Wallace, literally plied him with questions as to what mountain that was, and what river this was; etc.

The old driver, who detested this sort of interrogation, stood it as long as he could. Finally he blurted out: "Say, stranger, if you'll mind your business I'll mind mine."

Thus snubbed, the young man relapsed into silence.

They had driven about ten miles farther when they came to a long hill, where the driver was obliged to ply the brake. As he shoved his foot toward it he immediately noticed that the mail bag which had always been there was gone. Evidently it had been dropped off along the road.

Wallace stopped his horses; then, breaking the long silence, he said: "Say, stranger, did you see that mail bag slide off?"

"Yes, I did; some ten miles back," calmly remarked the young man.

"Well, why in thunder didn't you tell me?" gasped the astonished stage driver.

The "dude" looked him squarely in the eye for a moment, and then he drawled: "Say, driver, you mind your business and I'll mind mine."

The rest of the journey was driven in cold silence.

## CHINESE TOMB COMPLETED

Bones of Dead Men Dug Up, Polished and Put in Jars—Hold Peculiar Rites.

The new tomb of the Soon-on-Tong association in the Firemen's cemetery at New Orleans, La., is complete. The finishing touches have been put to it, the members of the association have assembled within it and blessed it, and incidentally five large earthen jars, representing as many departed Chinamen, have been deposited there. Of course, the jars do not contain whole Chinamen. Each vessel is only a trifle over a foot in height and about eight inches in diameter. Consequently no accommodation for a real live Chinaman is afforded. What used to be a Chinaman is contained in each of the jars, which closely resembles a large preserve jar.

The five vessels containing the bones of the five Chinamen were placed in the tomb the other day. On that day the members of the Soon-on-Tong association assembled, and, after salaaming, praying and singing for half an hour, during which they also managed to consume a large quantity of incense and sacred colored paper, dedicated the new tomb and deposited the remains of five departed brethren. Few persons would believe the jars represent coffins, but they do in a sense. The five Chinamen whose remains are contained in these vessels have been dead for years. Recently their remains were disinterred, the shrouds in which they were buried were burned and the bones were taken out and placed in the jars. Before being placed in the jars, however, the bones were heated over a fire until very dry, and were then scraped and sandpapered until as smooth as knife-blades. Next they were placed in jars. After that the vessels were sealed up and labeled, and recently they were placed in the new tomb.

The services held at the tomb were not seen by outsiders. When a stranger approached the ceremonies were stopped and the Chinamen stood stolidly by awaiting the departure of the trespasser. The Soon-on-Tongers were busy holding court in memory of their departed brethren, and wanted no interruption on the part of outsiders.

The new tomb is of brick, covered with plaster, and its facade resembles somewhat a Chinese laundry ticket. Forty ordinary vaults for coffins and eight vaults for the jars are contained in it. There are also two fireplaces. One of these, the larger, is used to burn the clothes and effects of deceased Chinamen, and the other is for incense and the sacred colored paper. It is a large affair, and said to be unlike any tomb in the United States. When a member of the association dies the casket containing him will be placed in one of the coffin vaults. After he has lain there a number of years his remains will be disinterred, his bones will be polished and then he'll be bottled up and labeled and placed in one of the jars.

## Conditions in San Domingo.

The city of San Domingo seems to be in a bad way as a result of the general conditions. Congressman Ransdell, of Louisiana, who recently returned from a visit to the island, says there is hardly a trace of business in the place. Most of the houses are vacant and few people are seen in the streets. Everywhere are ruins, and especially impressive the ruins of fine business blocks. A very large brewery built about 15 years ago has been abandoned and is rapidly falling into decay. Intelligent people told the senator that the real population of the republic of Santo Domingo, with its 18,000 square miles, is 200,000 and not, as usually stated, 600,000. "It is one of the fairest spots on the universe," Mr. Ransdell asserts, "but political, social and commercial conditions are frightful."

## The Easier Way.

Never argue with a man who disagrees with you. Congratulate yourself because of your superior wisdom and let it go at that. —Chicago Daily News.

## Progressive.

Bessie—But is he a fellow who gets ahead easily?  
Carrie—Goodness, yes; Tom says one highball will do it.—Puck.

## Press Notes.

The three year old boy of Andrew Thompson had his leg broken last Sunday by a wagon wheel falling on it. Dr. Waggener was called to attend the little fellow and made him as comfortable as possible. The break is between the knee and ankle and is thought it will heal without any serious after effects. —Dawson Newsboy.

A Kansas paper gives the following description of a good citizen: "A good citizen is a man who takes pride in his home town, pays his honest debts, speaks well of his neighbors takes his home paper and pays for it, who doesn't squeeze every 25 cents piece until the agonized scream of the eagle can be heard for a mile. He will measure 12 inches for a foot every day, will bathe and change his shirt once a week, and will see that the woman he loves does not have to use a hedge fence for a clothes line or break up ash barrels for fuel." —Hiawatha World.

Again the season is upon us when cornhuskers are as much to be desired as great riches. —Auburn Herald.

It is the same old story, Jerry Simpson is getting much praise now that was withheld while he was on earth to enjoy it. Fairbury News.

"Yes," acknowledges the Republican wife of a Wichita man, "my husband's a Democrat but really he isn't one of those mean kind of Democrats." —Wichita Eagle.

If there are any other worlds to conquer, pass them up to our president. He can ride on both the top and bottom of the sea, dares the yellow fever mosquito to bite, invades the den of the grizzly and makes the grafters realize that he will permit of no foolishness. Hurrah for Teddy. —Blue Springs Sentinel.

The barn on H. D. Weller's farm where W. E. Marts lives, was burned to the ground Wednesday afternoon Mr. Marts was in the cornfield at the time, and his family away from home. Rev. Poot and a couple of others were at the cemetery, and were the first to notice the fire. They hastened to the barn, but the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building or contents. Four or five tons of hay were in the barn, and spontaneous combustion seems to be the only theory of the origin of the fire. Three spring colts had been put in the barn at noon, and they burned; also harness, collars, etc., and a stack of straw near by, making Mr. Mart's loss \$175 or \$200. He had insurance on the colts. The barn was built about ten years ago, and was large enough to hold ten horses, and had a cow shed built onto one side. Mr. Weller's loss will be partly covered by insurance. —Stella Press.

"You editors dare not tell the truth," said a clergyman to the Chapman Lookout. "You are right," the editor replied. "And the minister who will at all times tell the bare truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy the pulpit more than one Sunday, and he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry." The minister went away looking very thoughtful, while the editor turned to his work. —Roberson Index.

President Roosevelt emphasized the fact, all along the line of his trip, that the Panama canal is going to be built and that it benefit the entire country. The railroads say through their representatives that the Panama route is not feasible and have some other objections to the location of the great waterway but the President is so emphatic when he states his belief in the project and the good that will be derived from it, that most of us will continue to believe that he is right. —Beatrice Express.

## Market Letter

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Monday, 6, 1905. Cattle receipts last week were 71,000 head, a decrease of 15,000 head from the previous week. It was a good thing for shippers of short fed steers that the run was lighter, as the tendency of prices on this class was decidedly downward, and a run as large as we have three bunches of prime steers, at \$5.65 to \$6.00, were received, bulk selling at \$4.50 to \$5.25, while a good many sold down around \$4.00. The class above \$5.50 sold steady between \$5.00 and \$5.50 steady to 15 lower and from \$5.00 down to \$3.75 they sold 15 to 25 lower. Western and Panhandle grass steers, selling below \$3.75, held about steady. It was a good week for butcher stuff, selling 10 to 20 higher, stockers and feeders sold higher middle of the week, but closed dull, veals firm, but heavy calves and stock grades 50 to 75 cents lower, and almost demoralized.

The supply today is 19,000 head, market on cows firm and active, stockers and feeders steady, slow and shade lower on killing steers. Of course, reasons for weakness in short fed steers is their lack of maturity, and the fact that they still have a fair run of good Colorado and Southwestern steers to compete with. Bulk of the short fed steers sell at \$4.40 to \$5.15, while the limit on prime steers is about \$6.00. Cows and canners range \$2.00 to \$2.80, with good heavy cows up to \$3.75, and prime heifers upwards to \$5.00, but very few of these are coming. Light veals still bring \$5.50 to \$6.25, heavy ones 25 lower than a week ago, at \$3.75 to \$4.50, stock calves 50 to 75 lower than a week ago, at \$2.50 to \$4.00. Bulk of the stockers and feeders sell at \$3.00 to \$3.75, top last well \$5.25, the usual percentage down around \$2.40 to \$2.75. Under present conditions, the market will do well to remain steady this week.

Hog receipts keep up, 61,000 last week supply today 7000. The market is fluctuating mildly, but packers evince eagerness whenever the price gets below \$5.00, and the market immediately responds with a small advance. Prices strong today, top \$5.00, bulk of sales \$4.90 to \$4.97, medium and heavy weights at the ton, light hogs up to \$5.95, pigs \$4.65 to \$4.80.

Sheep and lambs declined 15 to 25 cents first of last week, but sheep regained all their loss before the end of the week, lambs closed 10 to 15 lower. Run was better last week, including a good many fat sheep from native territory. Supply today 6000 head, marel steady, Lambs bring up to \$7.60, yearlings \$6.00, wethers \$5.72, ewes \$4.35, these prices for prime fed natives and westerns, bulk of sales ranging down 50 cents in each class.

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## No Poison in Chamberlain Cough Remedy.

From Napier New Zealand, Herald: Two years ago the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales, Australia, had an analysis made of all the cough medicines that were sold in that market. Out of the entire list they found only one that they declared was entirely free from all poisons. This exception was Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, made by the Chamberlain Medicine Company, Des Moines, Iowa, U. S. A. The absence of all narcotics makes this remedy the safest and best that can be had; and it is with feeling of security that any mother can give it to her little ones. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is especially recommended by its makers for coughs, colds, droup and whooping cough. When taken in time it prevents pneumonia. This remedy is for sale at Kerr's Drug Store.

## Col. Marion's Sale Dates.

Nov. 20—Coupe Bros., Short horn cattle, Meltz pavilion at Falls City.

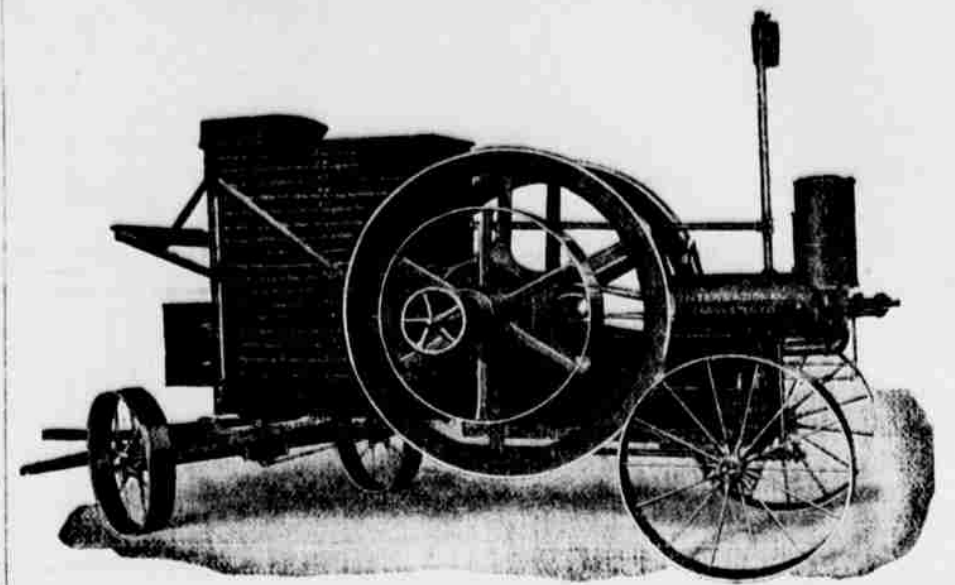
Col. Harding of Poland-Angus cattle at the Prairie Lawn stock farm north of Humboldt, Nov. 22.

Nov. 29—Mrs. Gardner, two miles southwest of Hamlin, Kas.

Dec. 14—C. Gaston, two miles east of Morrill, Kansas.

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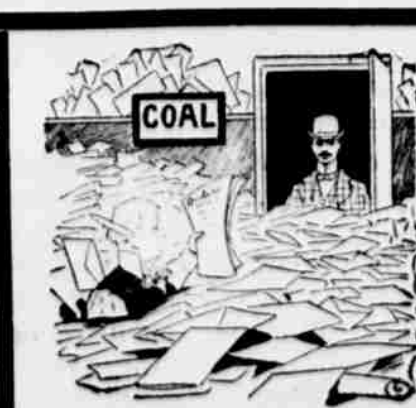
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