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NAPOLEONIS AWFUL HAND

One Theory of the has's Fallure at Walerio.

Napoleon, according to Al ander Dumas, just such the hans be did loos because Le wrote such a fir as i fran His generals could not read his notes and letters, typewriting had not been invented, and the trembling marshal afraid of disobeying and striving to interpret the indecipherable commands, loltered, wandered and did not come up to the scratch, or not to the right scratch. Thus Waterloo was lost. Cannot you fancy Grouchy Landing round Napoleon's notes on that sangting ry Sunday? "I say." crics the marsi al to his aid-de-camp, "is that word Gembloux or Wavre? Is this Blucher or Bulow?" So probably Grouchy tossed up for it, and the real words may have been none of these at which he offered his conjectures. Meanwhile on the left and center D'Erlon and Jerome and Ney were equally puzzled and kept on sending cavalry to places where it was very uncomfortable (though our men seldom managed to hit any of the cay allers, firing too high) and did no seof good. Napoleon may never have been apprised of these circumstances. His old writing master was not on the scene of action. Nobody dared to say. "Sire, what does this figure of a centiped mean, and how are we to construe these two thick strokes flanked by blots?" The imperial temper was pep pery; the great man would have torn off his interrogator's epaulets and danced upon them. Did he not once draw his pistol to shoot a little dag that barked at his horse? And when the pistol missed fire the great soldie threw it at the dog and did not hit him The little dog retreated with the lio. ors of war.

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Such was the temper of Napole r. and we know what Marlboro thought of the value of an equal: temper. Nobody could ask Bonapar to write a logible hand, so his gener lived a life of conjecture as to i meaning, and Waterloo what at a me cess, and the erreror net " linew ; Of all his seven or eight t. wries of his failure at Waterloo, his bandweiting was not one. Yet if this explanation had occurred to him Napoleon would certainly have blamed his pens, this and paper. Those of Nelson at Coper hagen were very bad. "If your gute are no better than your point" that Dat th officer wio came in unit flag of truce before the fight a . asked to put a message into will "- "you had better retire."--Andrew Let in Longman's Magazine.

HID BEHIND THE RULE.

One of Horace Greeley's Orders That defped His News Editor.

is an editor Horace Greeley had become weary of the constant representation of the word "the" in opening states One issue of his paper in particular easperated him. Almost every item 1 its opening paragraph begin w "the." This lack of judgment on the part of his writers in the choice of words received attention. Greeley wrote a note. This notice he requested to be posted in the editorial room and enneed copies of it to be sent to correspond ents. The order read:

"Under no circumstances must th word 'the' be used in the opening o subsequent paragraphs of a news article. In sentences within a paragraph it will be tolerated if used with mod eration. If you cannot write a para graph without 'the' to open it, omit." One day shortly after the issuance of his new rule Greeley entered the ed itorial room in a fury.

"How is it that we have nothing in today's paper regarding Holland's attitude toward the policy of the north?" he asked of his editor who had charg of the foreign news.

This editor was aware that he had omitted an important news item which at the time he considered as unimportant. But he was resourceful.

"Your rules and orders are jositive. Mr. Greeley, are they not?" asked the editor.

"Certainly!" shouted the family scribbler.

"Then tell me how I could have used 'The Hague' for the date line in the Holland dispatch without violating your positive order."

Mr. Greeley was sten, but he ma tered, "If you fellows could use judg ment, there would be no need for rules."



How the Distinctions Between in Two Are Defined.

A correspondent writes, says the Badminton Magazine, to ask me wh. a "pony" is-not the pony of the bet ting ring; he refers to the animal. The dictionaries which he has consulted tell him no more than that "a pony" is little horse," and he wants to know where the pony ends and the horse

loosely used. At Newmarket, where

the trainers seem to call all sorts of

your pony at S o'clock," is a familian

always portended the arrival o: an a

mal of quite 14.2. I have searched for

authorities for some time past and

only accidentally came upon one the

other day. A pony, I find it stated. is

strictly applicable to an animal under

13 hands. Above 13 and up to 13.3 the

creature should be known as a gave

way, and over 13.3 it becomes a horse.

This, however, is not the modern inter-

pretation, though when the phraseolo

was altered I do not know. According.

to the Hurlingham rules of polo, "the

height of ponies shall not exceed 14

hands 2 inches," and such an animal

according to my old time authority.

would be quite a full sized horse. One

be inclined to say that in general par

lance anything under 14 hands is a

"cob," for I could do no better than

suggest that a thickset pony from

about 13.3 to 14.2 would come under

the head. The term "cobby," at any

The Columbine.

There are some good reasons adduced

by those who favor the claims of the

columbine as a national flower. The

colors of the wild varieties are red,

white and blue. The flower is purchy

American, quite widespread, hardy.

graceful, beautiful. The petals are

perfect "liberty caps;" reversed they

are "horns of plenty." Columbine

comes from the Latin columba, a dove;

the peaceful derivation of the word

accords well with our national policy;

the name also recalls Columbus, the

great navig tor and discoverer. The

flower also lends itself well to a con-

Esan and His Copyright.

Once a month it was the custom of a

clergyman in a neighboring town to

little fellow said, "I think I can tell you

"Well," said the pastor, "tell me

"Esau was the fellow who sold his

what he did."

what Esau did."

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phrase to me, and in two cases

one might expect accurate definit.o.

STREET CRIES IN CAIRO.

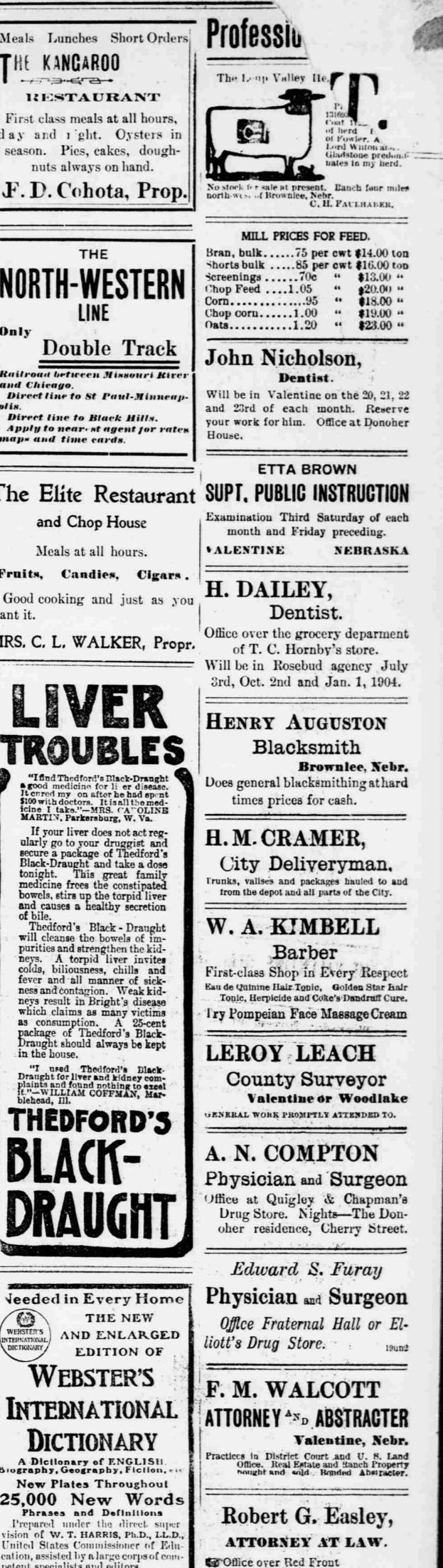
Sounds and Voices That Travelers Hear In the Egyptian City.

Take a chair outside a busy cafe near the market place and tram-center and watch street life. There are no hungry men, no starving, pinched child faces, no finger worn mothers, for this is a land of plenty, and the people's wants are few and simple. Thus sunshine and laughter spray a welcome fragrance over the novelty and romance of the gay city's streets. Here is a street melodist twanging a monster one stringed "something" and accompanied by a nose ringed girl who taps deftly on a species of tambourine. while bystanders ejaculate "Allah, allah!"-the Arabic word for applause. If not quite in accord with your prejudices concerning music, well, maalaish (never mind), it is not nearly so distracting as a street corner at home, and they will go away if you tell them to. The baboon, the donkey and boy are in evidence, with a score of performing tricks that are very original and certainly funny, and you console yourself with the hope of a minimum of cruelty in the training. A fruit seller, basket on head, with

luscious grapes and figs, saunters by. singing in a quaint minor: "O grapes, O sweet grapes, that are larger than doves' eggs and sweeter than new cream! O angels' food, delicious figs, bursting with honey, restorers of health!" There is a drink seller, bent under the weight of the odd shaped jar slung over his shoulder, a lump of ice projecting from its mouth, conjuring custom in a similar strain as he struts up and down, making the air resound with the rhythmical clap clap of two brazen saucers: "O refreshment of the weary! O quencher of parched lips! O blessing of heaven!"

Another street cry which may be heard in the main street of Abbassieh. a suburb, contains the following enticing announcement: "Tomorrow. O peo ple, I am going to kill a camel! The doctor says, it is young and healthy Oh, its flesh will be tender as the qu and juicy as lamb. Its price is but 11g plasters (7 cents) a pound. Do you love the sweet flesh of the camel? Then come early and be satisfied." Not the least picturesque figures in the streets are the city police, in their neat white drill and red tarbouches in summer and lue serge in winter.





GENERAL LAW PRACTICE

SICKRO M PHILO CPHY

Never confine a patient to ode p if you can obtain the use of two. Never play the plano to a slow perso If you can play on strings or sing. Nernitiond and fidget when a sle-Never complain that you cannot

a feeding cup if there is a teapot to t had instead.

Never read fast to a sick perso The way to make a story seen she is to tell it slowly.

Never judge the condition of you patient from his appearance during conversation. See how he looks .. bour afterward.

Never put a hot water bottle next tthe skin. Its efficiency and the pa tient's safety are both enhanced by surrounding the bottle with fiamel.

Never allow the patient to take the temperature himself. Many patients are more knowing than nurses where there is a question of temperature.

Hot Cross Buns.

In its early days, when, it is to be hoped, it was more toothsome than it is now, the hot cross bun played some part in converting the people of these islands to Christianity. Pagan England was in the babit of eating cakes in honor of the goddess of spring, and Christian missionaries found that though they could alter the views of the people in reference to religious inatters they could not induce them to withhold from the consumption of confectionery. So they put the sign of the cross upon the bun of the Saxon era and launched it upon missionary enterprise which has extended through the intervening centuries and survived till now.-London Tit-Bits.

SOUTHERN SUPERSTITIONS

If you kill frogs, your cows will "go dry."

Tickling a baby will cause the child to stutter.

To throw hair combings out of the window is bad luck.

To thank a person for combing your hair will bring bad luck.

No person who touches a dead body will be haunted by its spirit.

not die from poisonous snake b'te. me icine: Take a deep breath and then in 1890, succeeding the "Unabridged." The New and Enlarged Edition of th exp-1 the air from the lungs in little and some school land. Range for To kill a ghost it must be shot with A Him For the Future a bullet made of a silver quarter dollar puffs, like a donkey engine. Push out International was issued in October, "It is a source of great happiness 200 head of stock and is the best Get the latest and best all the air you possibly can, drawing To dream of a live suake means our 1900 **Clothes Cleaning!** me. mr dear," remarked Mr. Baxter t range now vacant. 200 tons of hay the abdomen in and up as far as it will We also publish his this r monthen. "that to eas mies at large; of a dead snake enemi-s Dyeing and Pressing can be cut on this ranch and there Webster's Collegiate Dictionary dead or powerless. ever with it it hfulness point to you go. The doing of this exercise will th Glossary of Scottish Words and Phrases probably strike you as being so pera womah w. h a past." is a good house, corrals, cattle sheds To dream of unbroken eggs siguifies Hats renovated and blocked. 1100 Pages. 1400 Illustrations. Size 7x1012 5-8 inches. feetly funny or silly that you will wind "Yes. James," replied Mrs. Bax trouble to come; if the eggs are broken. "First-class in quality, second-class in size." stable, two windmills with never tp with some of the real thing, which and me you happy, and as t WM. JOPLIN. the tr uble is past. Specimen pages, etc. of both books sent on application. WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE is, of course, better than the imitation. failing wells and stock tanks. Alin the second se If you boast of your good 1 allr. De Leave orders at Davenport & Thacher's. -Maxwell's Talisman. having to have everybody point to G. OC. MERRIAMCO. pound wood immediately with your tat so open water on a part of the a with a present."-New Y. or you will become sick. Publishers, range the year round. \$4,000 will DICTIONARY A Fatal Mis. Heraid. To cut a baby's finger nails will de-Springfield, Mass. Cholly-I would have bought a box buy it. Call at this office or write Ladies and Misses Skirts. form it. If the child is a month old, it TANKER COM NO SERVICE of candy this evening. Gladys, only even luvestments in Mist Orders taken for Ready-Made I. M. RICE, will cause it to have fits. you're training for a basketball game. -Would you like to live you The Valentine Bottling Works Tailor Skirts at reasonable prices. To allow a child to look into a mirror Valentine, Nebr. you know, and-- · 1.117 before it is . month old will cause it to Indiguant Malden-I'm not doing anyputs up eleven different kinds of MRS. ELMORE. hat I'd like to spend of 1 have troat le in teething. thing of the sort! I the money I've spent .- Sure ; Very conservative in all matters are drinks. A child will have a nature and dispo-17 Cholly (turning pale)-Then I've got the Turks, and especially slow to adopt sition stallar to those of the person who my girls mized :- Chicago Tribune. We have LOTS of Milk and If you need a gun or some antmodern improvements of any kind. first takes it out of down. Inhospitable. Cream. Best quality. Let us sell munifion call on the Red Front To hear a reteech avi is can huc. is positively the most in the west ice cream ever sold as a reg-When a man quits smoking and goes you some. RED GATE DAIRY. Merc. Co, they can supply all your To prevent bearing its cry turn the al e art de of commerce was shipped le i un I ever saw." pockets inside out and set the shoe to chewing he is not much of a hero .-i merchant named Tudor in I i. ver knew him even to up MARK D. CYPHERS, Prop. wants. 40 mles upward. Atchison Globs. tertain an idea."-What to Eat. 15.3. He sent a loss to Martinique · 20/11 .2101 .06... 12 KB Pt up been an .The interior a 2 3 ...

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begins. The term is, of course, very

FRUITS AND FLOWERS

animals popies. "I will send round From a twenty-year-old mulberry tree 218 pounds of leaves have been picked in a year.

> String bea. - may be obtained during the entire s mmer by planting once a month for st cessive supplies.

Some trees are much more unfavorable to the 'rowth of plants beneath them than .. e others. The worst are the yew and the ash.

Whenever water is given to pot plants enough should be used thoroughly to wet the soil around the roots. Mere sprinkling of the surface does little good.

flowers to keep add a very little camphor to the water in the vase and see how much longer its freshness will be retained.

cannot, of course, go against the Hur-On of the most satisfactory plants lingham nomenclature, but I should for h use culture is the yellow oxalis. It will blossom freely if given sun and water, and its bronze brown foliage pony. I am glad my correspondent d'1 sets off its pretty yellow bloom rarely. not ask for an exact definition of a

> Peppermint For Sleeplessuess. A physician declares that he finds peppermint water an efficient remedy for sleeplessness. This is a very simple cure, and it will not bring forth from the organs of professional opinion any declaration of unsafeness. It is added that a mixture of spirits of chloroform and peppermint water giv. of the magnificent new Pacific Main en in hot water to the victim of insomnia will produce sleep, but perhaps in the case of the admixture of chloroform water may claim a decided share in relieving the trouble. It is at least easy to try peppermint water, and the theory of it., action is believed to be founded on its effect in withdrawing blood from the brain by attracting a fuller flow to the stomach.

> > He Asked A-miss.

"What's the trouble, my boy?" queried the minister of a young member of his flock. "You look sad."

man. "I asked Miss Silverton to be my wife, and she declined the bonor." "That's too bad," said the parson.

catechise the Sunday school. Among 'But it's in accord with the Scriptures. the questions asked was, "Who was which says. 'Ye asked and received not Esau?" Several responded, but none of because ye asked amiss." the answers was satisfactory, and, as "Well, what would you advise me to the paster was about to tell them, one

don' quaried the youth. Next time ask a widow," replied the

; o d man, with a suspicious twinkle in 43 44 his eye .- Chicago News.

Imitation Laughter.

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copyright for a mess of potash."-Phil-Cut a dog's "dew claws" and it will Valentine, This is a perfectly splendid liver Nebraska. adelphia Ledger. The International was first issued 6 quarter sections of Deeded land

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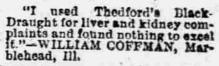
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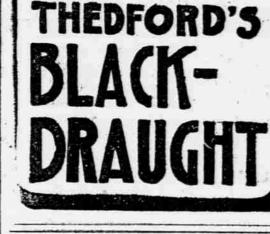
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