

INCIDENT OF A DEER HUNT.

Why Two Hunters Spared Their Quarry When They Caught Up with It.

The hunter had long been following the trail of a deer...

He had followed the single trail for nearly four hours...

The chase was a hot one, first along the margin of a little stream...

As the man followed, first at a slow trot and then walking...

The toes of the deer were no longer spread as they are when the animal is running...

The ground was strange to him; he had never hunted in that region before...

The doe worked along the side of this new watershed...

Suddenly he heard a plaintive cry; there was an answer...

The doe turned to caress it and then sank to the ground...

The hunter did not shoot. The gun was quietly lowered...

For some time the hunter waited, hoping to see a buck...

Across the ridge he saw through the leafless trees...

"Did you see?" he asked after he had attracted the other's attention...

"Yes," was the response. "I discovered the doe and was about to shoot when I saw the little one..."

This is a true story. Hunters are not always inhuman.

The Moon and Bad Seasons.

The state astronomer of New South Wales has recently shown a remarkable relation...

There is a lunar cycle of 19 years, or, to be more precise, of 6,939.69 days...

Mr. Russell's official observations for three periods of 19 years show that "rain comes in times in abundance when the moon is in certain degrees of her motion south..."

Whereabouts of Lathrus.

In the funeral sermon the colored parson said that the deceased brother was now "safe on Abraham's bosom..."

"How you know dey's room enough fer 'im dar? Ain't dat whar Latherus be?"

"Well," explained the parson, "hit may be dat Latherus is done waked up, en is gwine 'round takin' exercise..."

The Girl and the Wife.

A girl goes to lots of trouble to capture a husband, but after the capture she doesn't go to as much trouble to feed him...

When Men Come to Blows. Two men never come to blows unless they are angry and foolish at the same time...

THUS DID HE WIN.

An Up-to-Date Romance of the Football Field That Comes Out All Right.

This is a tale, vouched for by more than one person, although for obvious reasons the names of the hero, the heroine and the grim and hard-headed rich old papa have been necessarily left out...

Now, this young man is not particularly burdened with this world's goods, and among the other suitors were men of considerably more wealth...

Yet the young woman, with him more than the rest, favored him more than the rest. Perhaps it was his winning ways...

Highly elated, the young player bided his time. At last came the golden opportunity.

One Saturday afternoon several weeks ago his team was up against a powerful rival.

Conspicuous among his fellow players was the young man. He was a tower of strength to his team, and before the game was over...

And now," said the father, "tell me in what respect you differ from your rivals in seeking my daughter's hand?"

"That is easily explained," said the football player, without a moment's hesitation...

So pleased was the magnate with the young man's ready answer and his earnestness that he gave his consent then and there.

Relic of the Revolution. Secret Passageway That Was Used by Tory Leaders in the Revolution.

Tunnel workmen engaged in excavating at a farmhouse which stands on Scriber's Point, close to Long Island sound...

The passage leading from the garret of the house to the sound. The passageway, it is believed, was used in the revolutionary war...

The passage has been known to the older residents of Westchester, although few of them have ever seen it.

The builder of the old house was Isaac Wilkins, an Englishman, who settled in Westchester shortly before the revolution.

Notwithstanding that he married a sister of Lewis Morris, one of the signers of the declaration of independence, he was a hot Tory.

The house stands near a small creek leading to the sound. It is a two-story frame structure with shingled sides.

It has an immense chimney and fireplaces and was considered one of the finest houses in Westchester county when it was built, 137 years ago.

The upper stories are provided with porches, through which the inmates guarded their grounds.

The passage leading to the tunnel is in the garret. It is about four feet wide and is covered with a trap door.

Stone steps projecting from the outside of the chimney form a stairway all the way down to the ground, where a tunnel passes under the basement and runs out under the yard to the small tide-water creek.

The mouth of the cave and the tunnel years ago tumbled in and are now almost obliterated, but the passageway from attic to cellar is intact.

Armor-Plated Whales.

The remarkable fact that the earliest known ancestor, or primitive type, of the modern whale bore heavy armor on its back...

Dr. O. Abel. The plates occasionally found associated with remains of the primal form of whale, the extinct Zeuglodon, have generally been regarded as having belonged to gigantic turtles...

GEOGRAPHY EXTRAORDINARY.

Ludicrous Mistakes Made by Writers Who Are Unfamiliar with the Country.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Times informs his newspaper that "the Cape to Cairo line of the African Transcontinental Telegraph company has been constructed as far as Bismarckburg, Togoland..."

This may read all right to anyone who knows nothing about the geography of Africa, but if he should try to illumine the statement by using a good map...

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Perhaps some American school-teachers who visit the Alps have put a flea in the ear of that writer of geographies.

Treaties between various nations relating to boundaries will probably never again contain so many blunders as has been the case within the past 20 years...

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They were slightly up a tree when they discovered that the Rio del Rey is not a river at all, but is merely an inlet of the sea and not much of one at that.

CHINA'S CURIOUS CHICKENS.

Rooster Has Feathers Six Feet Long and Hen Wears a Long Pluffy Tail.

A United States army officer recently from China says an interior province of that country has produced one of the most remarkable curiosities in the shape of long-tailed fowls...

The rooster has feathers six feet long and the hen a flowing tail train 12 feet long, states an eastern exchange.

Authentic information has just been obtained in regard to them, which opens up the possibility of American fanciers importing and adding these rare and valuable fowls to their own breeding list.

All of these except the second variety have black tail feathers. As great a length as 18 feet has been reached. From seven to eleven feet, however, is the usual length.

The tail grows about four inches a month, and continues to grow while the bird lives, which is eight to ten years.

The hens lay in the spring and autumn, one bird producing 30 eggs yearly, which are hatched by other hens.

The tail feathers are not kept wound up, but are always allowed to hang free. When they touch the ground in the cage a bamboo is put a little way back, so as to form an arch.

Twice a month they are washed in hot water and fed on unshelled rice and greens. They like plenty of water and are wonderfully tame.

Jealous Artists.

A certain set of English artists are jealous of the decorative work done abroad, in France and in Germany.

At a time when British artists are received well in all countries, it is very regrettable that a lack of fair play should be shown by Englishmen to continental painters and craftsmen.

Not very long ago, when England was powerfully influenced by French art, many Frenchmen believed that nothing good in painting or design could be done by Englishmen, and now that this error has passed away...

A Famous Courtship.

The courtship in Williamsburg, Va., where Patrick Henry made his famous speech on the stamp act, is still in existence.

It is used for judicial purposes, and every Saturday morning petty offenders are tried there.

PURIFIED BY FREEZING.

It Is Said That Crystallization Drives Bacteria Down Into Frozen Water.

Whether water in freezing throws out the impurities held in solution is a question that has been much discussed. At a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health...

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REVEALS AN OLD ROMANCE.

Manuscript Discovered in Secret Drawer in Old French Clock Tells Odd Story.

The Cincinnati Enquirer's Gallipolis special says the discovery of a manuscript in a secret drawer of an old clock in the city reveals a secret of the French court and shows the reason of the visit to that city in 1789 of the duke of Orleans...

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SOCIETY IS CONFUSED.

Trouble Caused at Washington by Indefinite Calling Cards.

Christian Names and the Addresses Being Left Out it is Hard to Distinguish the Many Society People of Similar Name.

Either a trying and yet ludicrous state of affairs in social circles is being caused by the custom of using the surname simply prefixed with Mrs. or Miss, without either Christian name, initials, street address, or husband's title on visiting cards.

Among the women of official life who never attempt innovations likely to make confusion is Mrs. Stephen B. Ekins and Mrs. Eugene Hale, both of whom announce themselves by card in the old-fashioned way.

The wife of a member of congress in his second term was rather surprised after an afternoon at home to find that six Mrs. Smiths had called and from two to three people of like other names, and not a sign of any means of telling who was who.

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