

BRITISH PEER'S BAD HAT

Exciting Experience of a Penurious, Nobleman Preparing for Coronation Ceremony.

At the time of the queen's coronation the peers all sent their hats to Storr & Mortimer's, the court jewellers, that the measurements of their heads might be taken for the coronets which they were to wear at the coronation.

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD TIME

There Was Once a Man Who Thought Getting Drunk Was Great Joy.

How men differ as to their ideas of having a good time! There was a man once who thought that getting drunk was having a good time; another, that playing cards until 2 o'clock in the morning was the thing; another that lying around a club smoking cigars and drinking liquor was a fine experience; another that gadding about the country all day Sunday was a great joy, or that loafing about hotel lobbies for hours watching people come and go—and so on ad infinitum.

Old New Zealand Ways.

Rev. Francis Rawel, a Methodist minister in Auckland, New Zealand, talked before a meeting of the Cook County (Ill.) Teachers' association on "From Cannibalism to Culture."

Louis Napoleon in America.

It is noticeable that Princess Caroline, who subsequently knew the emperor so intimately, makes no reference to the visit of Louis Napoleon to America in 1837.

When One Has Fever.

In case of excessive thirst that arises from feverish conditions the use of half a lime poured over cracked ice or mixed with charged waters will give relief if slowly sipped a little at a time.

More Than Poetic License.

He—And aren't you fond of Omar Khayyam? She—Do you know, I'm not quite sure. It's so silly of me. I always mix him up with Hunyadi Janos.

MEETS UNUSUAL COMBINATION

Late Archie Williams Hands Jolt to President Cleveland's Attorney General.

Jim Orr, representative from Atchinson, and the late Archie Williams, one of the noted Western lawyers and for many years a Union Pacific attorney, were in Washington one time, and Williams decided to call on Attorney General Olney. The latter was a great stickler for dress and appearance.

ABOUT THE BIG TELESCOPES

Difference Between Big Glass at One End and Little One at the Other.

People sometimes wonder why a telescope has two glasses, one at the big end and one at the little end, and they want to know the difference. The glass at the big end is to gather light. It is simply a big eye. If it is a hundred times bigger than the eye in your head it will gather a hundred times more light. It gathers the rays of light coming from a star and bends them all into a common meeting point, called a focus, which is a picture of the star. You can look at this picture of the star with your naked eye if you like. But you can see it better and examine it more closely if you look at it with a small magnifying glass.

TEACHING IS POORLY PAID

Man Who Elects to Teach Need Never Expect More Than Living Allowance.

Pedagogy is advancing to the front among professional activities. As at no previous time, it is studied in colleges and universities, and is more and more enlisting the finest of their graduates. Teaching is slenderly paid. The man who elects to teach, whether in a preparatory school or a university, need never anticipate anything beyond a mere living allowance.

FLOWERS PREVENT SUICIDE

Missionary Says Roses and Carnations Have Saved Downcast From Self-Destruction.

Flowers are the most persuasive influence in preventing suicide. In the opinion of Mrs. E. M. Whittemore of New York, founder of the Door of Hope, through which more than 5,000 women and girls have passed. She is manager of the women's branch of the anti-suicide department of the Salvation Army in New York.

Artists' Blunders.

"I never saw an artist yet who could correctly paint a horseshoe," remarked a friend of mine pausing before a Broadway picture store.

Words They Missed at Spelling Bee.

Dr. Herbert Cunningham, who was reputed to be one of the best in the bunch at the spelling bee, balked at the first word given out and was sent to his seat when he failed to spell the third word put to him.

Down Comes a Dog Statue.

The borough council of Battersea, England, has decreed that the famous "brown dog" statue be destroyed.

MOBILE IS 200 YEARS OLD

Was First Capital of French Louisiana, and is Most Interesting City.

On February 25 many prelates of the Roman Catholic church, with Cardinal Gibbons presiding at the cathedral in Mobile, celebrated the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of that city by the French, under Bienville.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS IN 1819

Streets were Unpaved, Sidewalks a Rarity and Only Light in Streets Was Moon and Stars.

I confess I felt a little discouraged when I landed in St. Louis, it was not anything like as cleanly, or as well built as any of the towns of the west or south that I had previously visited.

MAORI TELEPHONE LINES.

The Maori of New Zealand is a fine fellow, and well liked by Europeans. That he is progressive is shown by the up-to-date methods which he adopts in farming, and when he indulges in the luxury of motor cars he always wants the best makes.

THE WHY OF LAWYER'S BUSY MONDAY.

"A lawyer gets more callers on Monday than on any other day of the week," remarked an attorney. "If he lives in the country his front door bell will begin to ring before he is out of bed, and if he has a city office there is likely to be a line of clients waiting."

IN CASE OF A FALL.

Not enough attention is paid to the falls of childhood. Mothers get so used to children tumbling around that they take it quite lightly unless bones are broken.

THE DIVORCE INDUSTRY.

The man and his wife had met a fellow traveler on a train and got to talking, as travelers do.

CONTRADICTIONS IN RUSSIAN CHARACTER.

One sees in this remarkable people more contradictory traits of character than in any other. To a stranger each person is as much of an enigma as the whole people; good natured even to sacrifice, yet withal cruel and without compassion; clever and with a brilliant mind, and at the same time capable of doing the maddest and most stupid things; courageous and most to do heroic deeds, yet capable of cowardly lying in order to evade some trifling unpleasantness, true and false, active and energetic, yet indescribably lazy; at once capable of the highest and lowest qualities, a mixture of the best and the worst—such is the Russian.—From Russians Von Racowitsch's Autobiography.

DICKENS MADE A COLONIST

For Forty-five Years His Son Told In the Australian Bush.

Forty-five years ago a keen, pleasant faced man in a green velvet waistcoat might have been seen on the platform at Waterloo Station, London. At his side was a young fellow of 20, his face flushed with emotion.

YES, THERE ARE FLATHEADS

Babies' Heads Are Bandaged in Asia Minor to Produce the Approved Shape.

People who are markedly broad-headed are more or less flattened at the back of the head. Some of the flattest headed people of the world are among the Armenians and the tribesmen in the highlands of Asia Minor and some of them practice the custom of bandaging the babies' heads in order to get them the approved shape.

KITCHEN OF OLDEN TIME

Size of Room Seems to Have Been of More Importance Than Its Fittings.

In olden days the size of the kitchen seems to have been of more importance than its fittings in detail. At Hurstmonceux, for instance, there was a kitchen 28 feet high, with three huge fireplaces, and a bake-house with an oven 14 feet in diameter; then there is an old Welsh kitchen at Penrhyn Old Hall, near Llandudno, dating from the fifteenth century.

INDIAN FRUIT-CUCKOO'S STRATEGY.

The Indian fruit-cuckoo, which, like all members of the cuckoo family, lays its eggs in the nests of other birds and thus avoids the trouble of hatching them, is said to exhibit a great deal of strategy in dealing with crows, its natural enemies.

THEY ARE TINKERING WITH PISA.

According to the findings of a royal commission appointed to investigate the present condition of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, it appears that, instead of being supported on a massive foundation, the tower rests on a ring-shaped masonry base, with an inner diameter of 24 feet 3 1/4 in. exactly the same as the inner diameter of the tower.

IN ITS DUE ORDER.

Champ Clark, at a dinner in Washington, pleaded indulgence for a somewhat rambling speaker.

FIRST ROBIN STORY OF 1911.

"There's a man out on my street who is going to get into trouble if he keeps up his awful jokes," remarked Billy Thompson, former councilman, the other day.