

ALL FAULT OF THE WOMEN

Car Conductor Says They Bander Necessary His Call of "All Aboard."

"Yes, I'm willing to admit," said the commanding officer of an Anacostia car, according to the Washington Star...

"It ain't the men," said the seemingly disgruntled man, "they're generally in as much of a hurry as we are..."

"The Star man to whom these remarks were made got off in quick time, and the car rolled along."

CONVICT DOCTOR'S SECRET

Assured Cure for Leprosy Possessed by Distinguished European Physician.

After ten years' imprisonment in the great penitentiary here, following a conviction for poisoning, Dr. Urbino de Freitas, one of the most distinguished of European physicians, has had his sentence of 25 years commuted...

Throughout his long confinement the doctor is said to have jealously guarded a secret he had discovered—an assured cure for leprosy...

When the doctor was first arrested Lisbon society received a shock. The charge against him was of poisoning the five little brothers and the sisters of his wife, who stood between him and a large fortune.

GRAVESTONE ALARM CLOCK

Queer Superstition of Indians of Catholic Faith in Southern California.

The Indians of Pala, in the foothills of the Coast range in the southern part of the state of California, were converted to the Catholic faith by the Jesuit Fathers, who founded a mission among them...

Believing that the dead must remain for some time in the grave, they observe exactly the hour at which the spirit departs, and the rude wooden cross over each grave in the cemetery states the exact hour, minute and day on which the person died...

American Ice Cream Habit

When I was in New York, states a London News writer, the extraordinary amount of ice cream devoured by Americans was proved to me by the large area devoted to the department stores to the sale of this popular refreshment...

Compulsory Education

An Englishman who has incurred a sentence of penal servitude for forgery referred to the period, when addressing anyone ignorant of his incarceration, as "his seven years' study of monasticism at the request of his sovereign."

Deceptive Appearances

"It doesn't pay to bank on appearances," remarked the wise guy. "That's right," agreed the simple mug. "Sometimes a fellow wears a yachting cap who actually owns a yacht."

Comes Natural

It is just as natural for a woman to flirt as it is for a man to flatter.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DIAMONDS

Gorgeous Display of Gems by American Ladies at London Royal Turnout.

Only an expert in the value of precious stones could determine which of the American women who attended the special operatic performance in London in honor of the king of Spain presented the greatest array of costly gems...

SWAMPMEN OF NEW GUINEA

River Dwellers Who Are Unable to Get About on Dry Land to Any Extent.

The British administrator of New Guinea describes a strange tribe of ape-like men which he discovered living in the inaccessible swamps in his district...

MANY BUSINESS ABUSES

Practices in Germany Which Are Injurious to the Mercantile Class.

The chamber of commerce for the Sorau district, Prussia, has forwarded two memorials to the ministry of the interior of the German empire, praying that legislative action be secured to prohibit certain abuses in business practice...

Watches Out for Children

When a child is born in certain English towns there is a race for the health department, especially if the event has occurred in the poorer district.

Good Stage Elocution

It was one of Joseph Jefferson's distinctions that he was not only an advocate, but an example of good stage elocution.

Not the Same Wife

Kilson-Gaylord's wife used to be awfully stout, and now she is quite thin. What caused the change, I wonder?

CHANGING PRICE OF WHEAT

How Revolutionary Moves in Europe Affect the American Market.

Just before the Russian battleship sailed into Odessa, with the red flag at her masthead, and the rioting began, wheat in Chicago sold for July delivery at 89 1/2 cents per bushel.

How would the wheat market be affected by a successful revolutionary uprising in Russia? First comes the fact that in 1904, despite the war, Russia led all the world as a wheat producer and exporter.

Neither result has come about, and neither is probable. But one can get a glimpse at the possible meaning of revolution. Perhaps, however, the most remarkable of all the war's commercial consequences is the mere fact that Russia, during its progress, rose to unprecedented heights in its capacity to feed the world.

DANGEROUS PRESCRIPTIONS

Old Formulas Treasured by the Ignorant Often Work Positive Harm.

There must be an immense number of old medical prescriptions stored away in domestic cupboards in England, whose use would not only no longer benefit patients for whom they were originally intended, but would work positive harm to them.

"Old prescriptions are treasured by the ignorant," said a chemist. "Ten-year-old prescriptions are frequently brought to us to make up, and only yesterday I made up a harmless one dated 1894."

"What is really needed is a 'time limit' for prescriptions. The doctor should be required to mark on his prescription the number of times it may be made up, and when that number is reached it should be canceled."

WILLING TO PAY THE COST

This Man Admitted He Had Twice as Much Contempt for the Court as Anybody.

The following anecdote is told of Gen. Gilman Marston, a once famous New Hampshire lawyer.

Gen. Marston was attending court at Dover, when a young attorney made a motion that was denied by the court. The young man remonstrated against what he thought was the wrong ruling of the judge.

The French Shake

What the French call "le shake-hands" has its importance in psychology. A student has given the fruit of his inquiries into this branch of science to a Paris journal.

Cashier Saw Him

Edward C. Stokes, governor of New Jersey, recently invited a friend to dine at a Treator restaurant, and afterward discovered that he had forgotten his pocketbook.

Statistics of Illiteracy

In Germany there are seven illiterates to the thousand. In England there are 18 in France 46, in Belgium 101, in Italy 34.

FLASHES FIGURES OF FIRE

New Cash Register Gives Further Protection Against Dishonest Clerks.

Washington.—A cash register appears to be an essential piece of apparatus in all mercantile establishments, and the elaborations and embellishments that have been devised for the greater protection of the purchaser and the seller have made this device the most complicated piece of mechanism in use by the general public.

Not content with the protecting feature already provided, one of the largest manufacturers has just secured a patent which affords still greater protection for both parties to a transaction.

Whenever a sale is registered the amount of the sale is flashed out in large figures on a conspicuously located electric sign, so that there does not appear to be the slightest opportunity for false registration without detection.

MAIL BOXES TO BE GREEN

Aluminum Color Is Found to Be Destructive After Having Been Given Long Trial.

Washington.—Green soon will be the color that will guide writers of letters when they wish to commit their missives to the care of Uncle Sam.

"There's nothing like green," declared Assistant Postmaster Hubbard yesterday. "Green retains its vitality and freshness much longer than does aluminum."

SUSTAINS BULL-FIGHTING

Young King of Spain Classifies Toreros with Players of the Drama.

Madrid.—King Alfonso has stamped bull-fighting with the seal of approval not to be questioned.

Recently the young ruler gave forth an edict to the effect that the Scriptural injunction that on six days only one may labor was the law of Spain as well as the law of God.

According to the proclamation the toreros rank with the players of the semi-sacred dramas, whose work is also exempted from the restrictions of the law, and they are officially declared to be artists, a fact which is no doubt gratifying to the heroes of the bull ring.

EARLDOM NOW EXTINGUISHED

Death of the Seventh Earl Cowper Without an Heir Ends the Line.

London.—Francis Thomas De Grey Cowper, seventh Earl Cowper, who was lord lieutenant of Ireland from 1880 to 1882, is dead. There being no heir, the earldom is now extinct.

The baronies of Dingwall and Lucas, which Earl Cowper held, go to his nephew, Auberon Thomas Herbert, son of Auberon E. W. M. Herbert, (third son of the earl of Carnarvon), and Florence, daughter of the sixth Earl Cowper, and the barony of Butler is shared by him with his sister, Ethel Anne Priscilla Herbert, and Lady Amabel, wife of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Walter Talbot Kerr, sister of Earl Cowper.

Mansion Bequeathed to Cats

Benjamin Dilley, a well-to-do man of philanthropic tendencies, who has just died at Wilkesbarre, in Pennsylvania, directed by his will that his large house should be reserved for his two pet cats, Blackie and Pinkie, as long as they live; and that they are to be cared for by his housekeeper.

As He Understood It

Wife.—This paper states that a woman in man's clothing was recently arrested in a Kansas town. Husband.—Served her right. A woman ought to have sense enough to keep out of her husband's pockets. —Chicago Daily News.

MORE WOE FOR POLAND

Her Industries Have Suffered More from War with Japan Than Rest of Russia.

According to United States Commercial Agent Harris at Elbenstock, Germany, the industries in Russian Poland have suffered more from the war with Japan than any other part of Russia.

"Up to the outbreak of the war," says the report, "Siberia and the Russian possessions on the Pacific were the best markets for this industry. To-day there is practically no demand for manufactured goods in any Russian territory in the far east either directly or indirectly influenced by the war."

"Another cause of the extreme business depression in Russian Poland is a too liberal use of the long-credit system, which has been participated in to the fullest extent by both the manufacturer and merchant.

FOLLOW LEADER TO DEATH

Sheep Deliberately Plunge Into Frozen Stream After Head of Flock.

"The most striking example of following a leader into the jaws of death I ever saw took place in Kent county," said a Kent county farmer, according to the Baltimore Herald.

OKEFINOKEE SWAMP BEARS

Put in Part of Their Time Preying Upon the Pig Pens of Georgia Farmers.

"The next time the president goes off on a hunting trip I hope he will come down our way," said S. B. Tison of Waycross, Ga., to the Washington Post.

"The great Okefinokee swamp begins not far from our town, and extends due south for a distance of about 40 miles, running over into Florida. Here in this vast tract of desolate bog and swamp are thousands of black bear and deer, and wild turkeys without number.

CHAMOIS DEFEATS EAGLES

Warlike Birds Attempt to Destroy Mountain Creature, But Are Beaten Off.

A desperate combat between two eagles and a chamois was witnessed on a snow-covered mountain near Fushu one day lately, relates a Geneva correspondent to the London Express.

The struggle continued for half an hour, after which the birds took to flight. The chamois remained immovable with head erect, gazing defiantly at the soaring birds until they were lost to sight.

Domestic Service in Brazil

Some curious facts about domestic service in Brazil are brought out in a consular report from Rio Grande do Sul. Servants will not sleep in the house as a rule, but expect to leave at seven at night and not to return till seven or eight the next day.

Poor Fellow

"Mersey me!" exclaimed Henpeck. "I left my evening paper in the car!" "Well," remarked his neighbor, "that's not much loss."

Scented Cloth

Scented cloth for ladies' dresses is now made in Paris. The fabric retains its fragrance so long as there is a fragment of the material left; indeed, you may tear, drench, or fling aside the perfumed gown, but its particular odor will still cling to it.

It Wasn't Recovered

"I saw your advertisement to the effect that you recover umbrellas. I'd like mine recovered." "Yes, sir; where it is?" "If I knew that I'd recover it myself." —Houston Post.

That's All

Astonished Traveler (36 years hence)—Why, this isn't Niagara falls, is it? Dejected Native—No, ma'am—just Niagara.—Chicago Tribune.