

IRISH HORSES AND ATHLETICS.

Climate of Emerald Isle Seems to Strengthen Strain.

The history of horses, especially of thoroughbreds, goes to prove that parts of Ireland and Australia are the very best cradles for horse breeding...

ETIQUETTE OF THE PUNCH.

Matter That is Sometimes a Difficult Thing to Decide.

To punch or not to punch is one of the most difficult questions in life. There is an etiquette of punching, but it does not always help a man much...

Compensation.

When Wilson Hobart married Hetty Lewis there were many people who predicted domestic troubles, even tragedies...

Tortoise Shell.

The finest tortoise shell comes from the Indian Archipelago, but a good quality is also obtained on the coast of Florida...

Not the Same Article.

Little Herbert had had an attack of stomach trouble and was admonished to be careful what he ate...

Simplicity in Furnishing.

The reign of bric-a-brac is ending. That confusion of our rooms, as it were, externalizing the confusion of middle-class minds...

A Discouraged Digger.

"I see they say that when a diamond passes a certain size it is worth no more than a smaller one."

KNEW NOTHING OF FEAR.

Boy's Play Went on During Horrors of Fight at Sea.

The fearlessness of children in times of great danger is very well illustrated in a story told in London many years ago about a small boy whose father was a sailor...

SELF-LIGHTING LIFE BUOYS.

Distinctive Feature Carried by the World's Fastest Ship.

One feature of the big Lusitania which attracted crowds when she was open for inspection was the automatic life buoy which is fastened between decks on a slanting frame...

Its Identity.

See the two gentlemen! They approach rapidly from opposite directions, and meet abruptly with such force that each tumbles down on his back...

Brought a Rush.

"Yes," related the old postmaster at Bacon Ridge, "times were getting rather dull around here, so we had to resort to some press agent tactics like you show fellows..."

Prayer of a Good Indian.

O! Powers that be, make me sufficient to my own occasion. Teach me to know and to observe the rules of the game...

Fully Prepared.

Mrs. Stubb—John, what in the world are you doing with those boxing gloves in one hand and the remnants of dinner in the other?

The Excitement Plan.

"The payments ain't so hard." "What terms?" "A dollar down and a dollar when ever the collector catches me..."

TRAINING OF HUNTING DOG.

Simple Methods That Will Cure Animal of Gun Shyness.

Any dog can be cured of gun shyness if you take enough trouble and exercise enough patience, declares Joseph T. Graham, in Ousting. The process proceeds on the inference that, since he is alarmed because of memory or fear of disagreeable circumstances, he must learn to associate the gun with the agreeable...

LIVES HIS LIFE APART.

Aged White Peacock Refuses to Associate with Fellows.

The agricultural school which the Countess of Warwick founded in Essex, England, ten years ago, and which is to be closed forthwith on account of lack of support, was founded for the purpose of supplying a sound education to boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 17 who intended to follow rural pursuits...

Back to Nature.

Queer things result from this recent day craze of city folk to get into the country to live. Volney T. Malott and family are among those who are thinking of the delights of getting back to nature...

Three Sherwoods.

Mrs. Catherine Sherwood, at the age of 62, gave birth to triplets, who were named respectively Franklin, Francis and Frederick. They all became sea captains and all lived to be more than 70 years old...

Use Lime Stone.

For soils that puddle easily, that is, that glaze over easily after a rain, ground limestone is one of the best things that can be applied.

TRAPPING IN A CAVE.

Coon, Rabbit, Opossum, Fox, Skunk and Weasel Caught There.

"The cave on the Warriors ridge in Port township is a wonderful work of nature. The entrance is so small that one would take it for a fox den, and a man has to lie flat down in order to get into it..."

TRICKS PLAYED BY FATE.

Melancholy Man of Opinion He Has a Kick Coming.

"It's curious," said the melancholy man, "how things have a habit of happening at the wrong time. I'm not referring to calamities; I suppose there never is a right time for calamities..."

Never Go Empty Handed.

"That is what mother used to say to me many times when I was a child. If I was going upstairs, I must look about me and see if there wasn't something downstairs that belonged upstairs that I could carry up and put into its place..."

Odd Use for the Tongue.

"I'll tongue it out for you," said the conductor, and he bent over his associate, ran his tongue over the pupil of the man's eye, and in a jiffy had put the cinder on the cinder...

Cup Plates.

"These cup plates assure us that this 100-year-old china service is the real thing," said an antiquary. "They stopped making cup plates 100 years ago..."

The Comparison.

Lesec and Lemaigre, who were both as thin as laths, were discussing a mutual friend. Lesec—'I met our friend Durand this morning. He has grown so thick..."

She Knew It.

"My dear," said the head of the house, looking over his morning paper at his better half, "there is a crisis coming in China..."

Encumbered.

"So your daughter is going to marry a 'tittle,'" said the old acquaintance. "No," answered Mr. Cumrox, "it's worse than that. She's got to take a fellow that I don't like along with it..."

WORLD CENSUS OF JEWS.

Only Two Countries Have Greater Number Than America.

In the American Jewish Year Book just issued by the Jewish Publication Society of Philadelphia, the Jewish population of the United States is given as 1,777,185. Only two countries have a greater Jewish population...

WANTED NO MORE SISTERS.

One Girl Had Had Enough of Censorious Remarks.

"I didn't think you'd get so angry because I said I thought you ought to wear gray suede shoes with your gray dress instead of white ones..."

Worship the Cow.

In the Nilgiri hills of southern India there dwells a race of men, the Todas, who devote the whole of their career to the worship of the cow or, to be precise, of the buffalo...

Hourglasses for Pulpits.

The 20-minute sermon is a purely modern invention, as is proved by the number of pulpit hourglasses that are still to be found in many old churches...

Remember the Pioneers.

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A Family Puzzle.

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Decorations Not Necessary.

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WATER FROM SAND DUNES.

Source of Part of the Netherlands' Drinking Supply.

The supply of water for Amsterdam and The Hague is collected from sand dunes bordering on the sea. In the dunes near Harlem, where they have a width of nearly two and a half miles, the summits are 20 to 23 feet above the sea level...

DUCKS ON A SPREE.

Trick of Young Girl Yields Good Financial Returns.

The 15-year-old daughter of a farmer living on the shores of Chesapeake bay, where wild ducks are found in greater numbers than anywhere else in the United States, has proved herself a better hunter than any of the men who make a living by it...

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In the World of Letters.

"I'm glad that spelling reform crabs has subsided," said the proof-reader. "I must confess it had me worried. 'We got off easy,' answered the copy-holder; 'suppose there had been a decree ordering us to take up Volapuk or Esperanto?'"

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