ODDS AND ENDS.

Homer was the son of a farmer.

Brandy was first made in France in 1310.

The health resort is a good stand for the undertaker.

Ten per cent. of the population of India are widows.

Men used to be considered old when they passed fifty.

Marry your son when you please, your daughter when you can.

Roomy hearts have more genuine hospitality than roomy houses.

The first pair of spectacles were made by Spina, an Italian, in 1299.

Find the collar that suits you and then buy a dozen or two of that kind.

Cork and bamboo penholders will be found a relief to persistent writers.

Clams and oysters on the half shell are now served on ice plates molded for the purpose.

Any girl can make an engagement, but it takes an expert to know how and when to break it.

The Bible contains 3,586,489 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books.

A newspaper in Paris is reported to be experimenting with type of glass with gratifying results.

The total gifts to Yale during the past year have been $600,000, while Harvard received $500,000.

The Eskimos manufacture fishnets from strips of seal hide and from thin slices of whalebone.

A copy of the first edition of the "Vicar of Wakefield" was sold a short time ago for nearly $480.

For a burn take sweet oil and lime-water (equal parts), mix and keep the burn well covered with it.

An edition of Shakespeare in words of one syllable is under contemplation for use in primary schools.

A Persian potentate owns a pearl of 12½ carats which is quite transparent. It is to be had for the sum of $200,000.

One man in Wicomico county, Md., on the eastern shore, shipped this season nearly 22,000 quarts of huckleberries in a single week, and a near neighbor of his shipped nearly as many. Smart berry pickers earn two dollars a day picking huckleberries.

Young Englishmen Wear a Fringe.

There is no doubt that the fringe across the forehead that is now so universal is exceedingly becoming to the male; we notice it imparts just that touch of delicate softness to the contour of the face which the revolutionized development of the sexes at the present time seems to call for. Our women are becoming stalwart in body and robust in mind, and coincidently our men are displaying a delicate diminution of muscle and a mild amiability of disposition which, when accompanied by a softly whiskered face and gracefully fringed forehead, are quite irresistible.

It has long been foreseen by women that a change of characteristics and places between them and men was the order of development of the near future. The men, too, have now discovered this, and the enthusiasm with which they have taken up their new role argues well for the peace of the domestic hearth and the well being of our future woman governed estate. The new departure began, where it was inevitable that it should begin, among the cultured classes, and at Oxford and Cambridge more especially; but so rapid is the spread of culture in these days that it has already extended to the middle and lower classes. Let Allah be praised!

The butcher's young man, calling the other day, had a fringe which was positively ecstatic—long, silky, shiny, with beautifully perfumed marrow, its ample flow concealing all his otherwise too obtrusive forehead, and its extremities kissing with touching affection the pimply skin stretched out over his nasal bones—he was truly a "thing of beauty," and to some muscular Phyllis he will doubtless be a "joy forever." It was almost impossible to imagine anything more glorious even in the way of Greek gods.—London Hospital.

Buried Alive After All.

In Ireland the custom used to prevail of burying the dead as soon after their certified decease as possible. It is very probable that many were thus buried alive. It is related that a certain Dr. Walker, of Dublin, entertained such strong views upon this question that he never wearied of discoursing upon it, and even wrote a pamphlet embodying his views, which was widely circulated. While conversing one day with his friend Mrs. Bellamy, a celebrated actress, the lady informed him that she herself would take care that he should not be committed to the cold embrace of mother earth until indisputable evidence was forthcoming of his death, provided his decease preceded hers.

Some time afterward the doctor contracted a fever, of which it was supposed he died. In spite of the opposition he had raised to the prevailing custom, he was buried the day following. Mrs. Bellamy was at the time in Ireland, and, hearing of his death and burial, she hastened to Dublin, and at once had his body exhumed. Her considerate offices, however, came too late. On opening the coffin it was found that the doctor had evidently revived since his interment, for he was found lying upon his side.—Yankee Blade.

Mad Dog Scares.

Scarcely a day passes in New York and vicinity, or in fact in any of our large towns, but that some dramatic incident is chronicled in the daily press with a "mad" dog as the heavy villain in the cast. Though in many of these cases, we might say in nearly all of them, the dog is no more mad than its persecutors, still as so many injuries arise from these scares the matter should seriously command the attention of our city authorities. It has been shown that the existing regulations and mode of doing away with the curs of the street are well nigh useless. The situation calls for larger safeguards to protect the public. We would remind those who should know better that human beings treated as many dogs are treated would generally lose their mental balance and be liable to become dangerous. Torturing muzzles, constant chaining, neglect in feeding, thirst and many other acts of carelessness on the part of owners all contribute to put the dog in an unnatural condition.

If the dog is a denizen of the street its peculiar actions attract an excited crowd, and the dog, driven to extremities, loses all control of its passions, and finding every man's hand against it uses the only weapon nature has given it to defend itself with.

The carelessness and ignorance of how much there is in common between the nature of man and brute is largely responsible for the increase of these seemingly rabid dogs. It is the neglected, half starved and persecuted dog who is in special danger of becoming wild.

In all this great city it is a matter of comment that there are so few drinking troughs for horses, and it is a most exceptional case when a trough is low enough to allow any but the largest dog to drink from it. There is a wide scope for philanthropy in this respect.—Forest and Stream.

Wild Cattle in the Northwest.

In several parts of Washington and British Columbia are herds of wild animals descended from domestic ancestors. For instance, in the western edge of Washington, next the coast, is the remnant of a herd of cattle which for years has roamed through the woods and over the prairies there.

Long ago a military post was maintained on Gray's harbor, and adjacent was a large amount of cleared land, cultivated by soldiers as a farm. The troop owned a good many cattle, which pastured on a part of the garrison ranch. For some reason or other the post was abandoned and the soldiers found it impossible to take their cattle with them. So the animals were left there, and since there were no settlers in the vicinity to look after them the herd grew wild.

In spite of the fact that the heavy forest afforded but a small amount of pasturage, and notwithstanding the depredations of black wolves, which then infested the woods along the coast, the cattle increased in numbers very rapidly and were a constant annoyance to early settlers. Fences were broken down, crops were destroyed and tame cattle coaxed off to the woods. Many of the animals were killed by parties organized to exterminate them, and the remainder of the herd was driven into the skirts af the Olympics and into the coast range south and east of Gray's harbor. But every now and then the hunter for elk, which abound in these mountains, comes upon a bunch of wild cattle almost as fleet as the deer.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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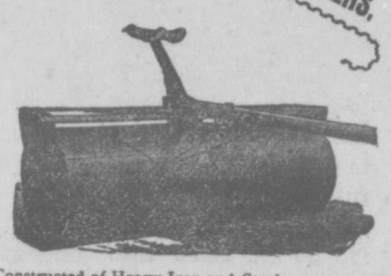
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