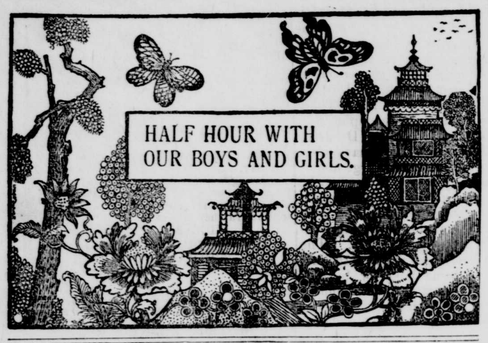


MONKEYS AS CASHIERS.

In Siam, an Ancient Asiatic Kingdom, Simians Are Employed to Test All Coins.

We do not often hear of monkeys being useful. We hear them called "odd," or "comical," or "amusing," or "mischievous," as well as a great many other things; but we do not hear the monkey often alluded to as "that useful animal, the monkey!"

Now, the Siamese people don't think that way. They don't reflect how amusing a monkey is. They find out what a monkey can do, and make him useful by making him do it. There are plenty of monkeys in Siam. They are of all sizes, large and small; and the large apes of Siam, we have heard, are used by the Siamese merchants as cashiers in their counting-rooms. Think of making apes useful in such a way as that! To keep them for cashiers in a counting-room!

We are not told that these apes are expert in making change, or that they are able to keep the merchant's ledger for him. Siamese merchants probably do not have complicated account books; yet there must be some limit to a monkey's powers of mind—even in Siam. I do not think the Siamese merchants expect quite all that of their ape cashiers, although they may be more wonderful creatures than we in America have any idea of. No; the way apes are made useful is this:

In that far-off, dried-up, little oriental country, quite near China, you know, there are large quantities of counterfeit coin in circulation; and the counterfeiters of Siam must be most proficient, for we hear that it is the hardest thing in the world to detect the



TESTING A COIN.

bad from the good money. The merchants are often deceived and frequently swindled. The smartest men they could employ were deceived, too; for the bad money was such a wonderful imitation that the closest scrutiny often failed to find the difference between a good and a bad piece.

In this dilemma some Siamese merchants called to their help some one who was always thought not so smart as a man—a monkey. And these "large apes of Siam" proved such a success at their new avocation that the custom of employing them for the purpose of detecting bad money has become universal. The ape cashier of Siam holds his situation without a rival!

He has a peculiar method of testing coin. Every piece is handed to him and he picks up each bit of money, one at a time, and meditatively puts it into his mouth, tasting it with grave deliberation. If the coin is good he declares the fact plainly. He takes it from his mouth and carefully places it in its proper receptacle beside him. He has pronounced judgment and everyone is satisfied that the judgment is correct. But, if the coin is bad, the cashier makes known his verdict in an equally unmistakable manner. He throws it violently from his mouth to the floor, shaking his head with as much disgust as the merchant himself might feel at being imposed upon. With loud chattering and angry gestures he makes known his displeasure at being presented with a bad piece of money. The merchant himself could not express it better.

Now, how does a monkey know what a man cannot tell? Ah, that is his secret. He never reveals it. Perhaps he is afraid if he should make known all the mysteries of his profession his occupation might be gone, and people would once more prefer men for cashiers in place of the extraordinary apes employed by the merchants of Siam.—Eva Lovett, in Independent.

ANTS AND THEIR WAYS.

If the Busy Little Things Were Large Enough They Would Rule Everything.

If ants were large enough they would rule the earth. As it is, they predominate the politics of their own sphere, and have many human characteristics, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The longest time for which an ant sleeps is three and a half hours. On awakening they stretch their legs, yawn and then carefully clean themselves by applying their legs to their mouths and rubbing them over their bodies, very much in the style of a cat washing her face; after which they comb and brush their heads and bodies with the natural comb which nature gives them.

The most remarkable thing about this is that almost every necessity for which we are obliged in our case to employ more or less complicated mechanical contrivances is provided for by the physical structure of the ants.

Ants clean themselves both before and after sleep and also after eating. Frequently one ant will lick and brush another all over, limb by limb, the ant operated on sprawling on her back, relaxing her muscles and abandoning herself to the enjoyment of the operation.

They are great hunters, attacking snakes, lizards, rats, mice, centipedes and beetles.

Bryant Revised.

The melancholy days are come,
The saddest ever yet,
When we put our overcoats in hock
Our summer suits to get.
—N. Y. Journal.

CRANE THAT DANCES.

How an Animal Keeper in the Chicago Zoo Developed One of His Pet Birds.

The guinea hens, the white turkeys and the sand-hill crane are learning steps in a skirt dance at Lincoln park. The sand-hill crane has become past master of the art and if you have never seen him ask the animal keeper who has charge of the birds, the squirrels and the goats to have "Sand Hill" dance for



DANCES TO RAG-TIME MUSIC.

you. This attendant seems to be the only one who has any influence with the bird. The sand-hill crane is an intelligent, high-toned bird—the swellest in the bird inclosure. When the keeper slaps two knees and whistles rag-time tunes "Sand Hill" dances in the most approved crane style and it is astonishing to see this bird with the long neck and bamboo legs jump about, flap its wings and kick first one way and then another. The keeper says he taught the crane this feat by tossing its food in the air, for which it would jump, and at the same time he would whistle. Finally it would jump about at the sound of rag-time melodies and hand clapping. Its peculiar, jerky movements give it the appearance of doing some strange dance.—Chicago Daily News.

MATTERS OF INTEREST.

Postmaster J. A. Caldwell, of Felton, died Friday. He was fifty years of age. Death resulted from cancer of the stomach.

Commissioners of Preston were elected last week as follows: J. Frank Lednum, A. W. Sisk, W. H. Hollis, Walter Todd and T. H. Fluharty.

At Marydel Mr. Heathers and Mr. Christopher are both about to commence the building of dwellings. In addition to this, an extensive canning plant and a large storehouse are in course of erection.

Under a recent law of the General Assembly of Delaware gypsies cannot camp in the State and carry on their business of fortune telling and horse trading without paying a special license of $50 a year to the State.

Milford reports that 150 to 180 boats are actively engaged in sturgeon fishing, employing nearly 300 men. Up to the date of this report very few fish have been caught, though the price is higher than in former season.

If everything the newspapers say be true a Caroline countian has discovered a new way to hatch fish eggs. As the story goes, he fills duck egg shells with fish eggs, stops up the hole with wax, an and old duck does the rest.—Chestertown Enterprise.

Dover not wishing to be outdone announces that the first Coffin Trust was formed when the Secretary of State granted a charter to the Stein Casket Company of Delaware which, however, is a New York concern. The new company estimates its capital stock at $100,000, and is to engage in the manufacture and sale of coffins and undertakers' supplies.

A cow belonging to a farmer who resides near Bridgeville escaped from her pasture and took a stroll down the track towards the hobo encampment. The farmer did not discover the cow's absence for some time, and after a great deal of searching he came upon her in the camp surrounded by a crowd of boboes, who were hanging on to her horns, legs and other parts of her anatomy, while one of the band milked her, using an old felt hat for a milking pail. Tramps have become such a nuisance at Seaford that all caught begging are placed in the lock-up.

Farm Notes for May.

This is the best month in the year for the annual cleaning. The hens are now running out, hence the coops are empty during the day except for the layers. Clean out all old litter. Spray the woodwork of the entire coop with kerosene, then when it is dry whitewash the coop, everying but the roosts, adding an ounce of carbolic acid to each pail of wash. Put in fresh litter, clean out the dust boxes, and scald the drinking fountains. Give special attention to nest boxes during May. Clean often, at least each week, and kerosene them thoroughly before renewing litter. Set all hens that are broody, hatch all the chick possible that they may grow strong and feather out before cold weather. Give your old stock and young, early hatched chicks free grass [illegible] the grass is young. feed your laying stock fertile eggs.

Is Rasin in the Saddle?

If the diagnosis of the Democratic situation, as given in last week's News, be correct, Mr. Rasin is to return to power in the municipal government of Baltimore. On that day, under a scare-head local entitled "Democrats, Beware!" the News declared that the selection of Mr. W. Starr Gephart as president of the First Btanch City Council would be tantamount to a confession that Rasinism is still with us. Democrats in cancus have resolved upon that selection. If there be any virtue in logic, and if the News speaks the truth, we are left but one conclusion.

In view of these facts, the News today will have to do one of three things: Deny that Mr. Gephart represents Mr. Rasin, and thereby stultify its own utterances of last Wednesday; admit that Rasin is in control, and thereby contradict its ante-election assurances, or seek refuge in inconsistency by admitting both propositions under a cover of silence.—Baltimore American.

Senator Dodson Again.

In various ways and at all times several Maryland Democrats are on the alert to thwart the wishes of the people for political purposes. For sometime past a class of politicians have been endeayoring to declare Senator Dodson's seat vacant. As concerns Hon. Henry Clay Dodson, State senator from Talbot, who, it has been alleged, entered upon the duties of a Federal officer, namely, deputy collector of internal revenne, a local Republican authority, says:

"The Republicans of Talbot county are not ready to admit that the Democratic central committee has stated the case correctly, or that Mr. Dodson has accepted a position under the government of the United States. I am informed that he fills a position under Mr. B. F. Parlett, collector of internal revenue, and is paid out of Mr. Parlett's own pocket. This being the case the matter is put in an entirely different light, and the the court would probably hesitate to grant the mandamus asked for."

They Are Undecided.

The Independent Democrats, who so materially aided the cause of Republicanism in 1895, 1896 and 1897, expect to play a part in the approuching State contest. They are not, howeyer, ready as yet to declare themselves, or to indicate exactly the direction in which their influence will be exerted. They deem it too early to properly gauge public opinion, the surest of all political guides, and are waiting for time to develop perfectly the situation and demonstrate just where their forces can be employed to the most advantage. If Governor Lowndes, however, should be the Republican nominee, there seems to be but little doubt but that he would carry it as he did four years ago. The Independent Democrats of the State are frank in saying the Governor, if nominated, has a fine chance of re-election, basing their belief largely on the efficiency and popularity of his present administration. It is generally conceded that he is a model Governor.

Now They Wish They Hadn't.

"Act in haste and repent at leisure," is an old but true saying and is coming home to the independent voters of Baltimore city in a hurry. They were warned and told that there was "a negro in the fence" before they voted for Hayes, and now that it is too late, have found it out to their sorrow. Baltimoreans are beginning to see what a mistake they made in turning Republicanism and good government out on May 2. Already the tricksters are at work so as to begin plundering as soon as the Democratic reign begins. Here is evidence from the Baltimore News.

"The old Democratic boss whose low cunning and corrupt practices made him rich and drove the party from power in this city is today busily and stealthily at work to secure a controlling influence in the First Branch City Council.

"Eager to get back into the business of plugging corporations and greedy for the plunder which for past three or four years has not flowed into his coffers, Rasin is striving as only he can strive to put himself in possession of a portion of the machinery of the city government."

If the Democratic yoke is beginning to gall so soon what will it be when Hayes gets into office and "Boss Rasin" begins to plunder in earnest?

The First Family Quarrel

In the Democratic campaign is now on at Elkton; it being the first by reason that no other county in the State has held primaries. A Cecil county correspondent to the Baltimore World, says: Red hot and still aheating are Democratic affairs in Cecil county. Fuel was added to flames that scorch well-meant but premature "favorite-sonism" movement by public statement of Hon. John S. Wirt, denouncing action of county committee in calling convention, electing delegates and instructing some to support Wirt for gubernatorial nomination.

"Convention was out of order and delegates selected will have no right to seats in State convention, which has not yet been called by State committee," said the Hon. John S. "I requested convention should name no delegates, and neither asked nor desired that it should indorse me as a candidate. I had no voice in the matter, and haven't even decided to be a candidate. Should I so decide, as a sincere party man, I am certainly entitled to have some consideration in selection of delegates, who should be chosen in a regular way. With all due courtesy to that convention, under no circumstances would I accept the support of the present delegation. Should I become candidate a public announcement will be made, and the ion submitted to voters of Cecil y in regular manner."

Murdered a Man and His Wife.

Humphrey Taylor, a negro living near Lydell, is said to have killed a man and his wife and field. The negro is accuse, on good evidence, of having assaulted L. Rosenstine and his wife so badly that the man is dead and woman is not expected to live. The murder was most brutal. It is believed robbery was the incentive.

Louis Rosenstine and his wife conducted a small store at Lydell, Montgomery county. The house was ransacked and numerous articles taken. The attack was made with an iron rod, also a sharp instrument. Both victims were mutilated about the head.

Gov. Lowndes a Candidate.

While in Baltimore the other day Governor Lowndes, when asked the direct question whether he aspired to a second term in his present position, frankly admitted that he did. The governorship, he said, was an honor from the people of Maryland worthy of being coveted by the best of men. Without entering into any self-laudation the Governor, in the course of an interview, rested his claims for a renomination on the achievements of his adminstration, and in this connection said:

"To understand the items of State accomplishment to which I point with greatest pride it is necessary to recall some of the voluntary failures on the part of the Democrats. It is not difficult to remember a number of important and very desirable measure for which the popular voice clamored for a long while, and which never obtained a successful recognition until the present administration was put in power. All of the Legislation which now stands as special ornaments to the statue-books were placed there by the Republicans under the hearty approval and assistance of this administration. The election law, the primary law, the free school book law, and various other beneficial enactments, all of which have been blocked under a Democratic regime, are the acts of Republicans since my tenure of office. Besides, an examination of all the departments, from the highest to lowest, will disclose a healthier state of good order than has existed for years. Every line has improved, while the financial balances are in the best condition ever recorded in the history of the Commonwealth. All of these things, together with others well-known, contribute to make up the general aggregate of performances upon which I rely for popular approval."

Maryland is All Right.

Rev. M. H. A. Van Der Valk, editor of the New Provincial Journal, published at Groningen, Holland, has been on a tour of inspection over the Eastern Shore of Maryland in company with Secretary Van Der Hoogt, of the bureau of immigration. In explaining his visit to Maryland, Mr. Van Der Valk said:

"The people of Holland have heard much of the resources and the beauties of this State through Mr. Van Der Hoogt, who recently lectured throughout the Netherlands on Maryland, and my people have delegated me to visit Maryland and report to them personally what advantages this State offers for immigration. I have made a close inspection, not only of the land, but of the people generally. On my trip I have been accompanied by my brother, Mr. L. Van Der Valk, who is an expert farmer.

"I first visited Wilhelmina Colony, in Caroline county, where a number of my countrymen are located. I was agreeably surprised and pleased to find them happy and fairly prosperous. I examined the soil, which seems especially adapted to the growing of vegetables and small fruits.

"After leaving Wilhelmina we visited Wicomico and Somerset counties. I was particularly gratified with the section of Somerset county near Westover, where a number of my countymen have located. It is, indeed, a charming spot. The soil there, I found, was different from that examined in Caroline county, being particularly well adapted for grazing purposes and for stock. Our people, you know, are great cattle raisers and butter and cheese producers, and this particular part of Maryland would be an ideal spot for them. Both my brother and I found that the soil of Somerset was identical with that in the best part of the Netherlands.

"The cheapness of the land here is in striking contrast with high prices at which land is held in Holland. Two and one-third acres of such land as I found in Somerset would rent for $200 per year in Holland. I am told here that for $200 we could purchase outright about five times that amount of land. This will be one of the strongest inducements that can be offered to my countrymen.

"The conditions existing in the Netherlands are entirely different from those in Maryland, and you will pardon me if I say that the coming of a number of my countrymen to this State would revolutionize the method of farming here. I do not mean this as a reflection on Maryland, whose people I have found most hospital and kind, but the manner of cultivating the land is entirely different. Owing to the scarcity of farm land and to high prices the Holland farmer is compelled to cultivate every inch of territory, while in Maryland I have noticed much land which apparently is left uncultivated. I represent at least fifty families, and on my return I shall report to them that all the good things we have heard about Maryland are true, and shall advise them by all means to make for themselves homes in this country.

"I am satisfied that in the fall there will be a general movement from the Netherlands to Maryland, whose advantages I consider unsurpassed.

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6.59	9.50	Downes	8.31	4.40
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7.07	10.00	Denton	8.22	4.30
7.16	10.15	Hobbs	8.12	4.15
7.23	10.23	Hickman	8.06	4.05
7.27	10.27	Adamsville	8.02	3.58
7.31	10.32	Blanchard	7.58	3.53
7.37*b*	10.40	Greenwood	7.52	*b*3.45
7.44	10.55	Owens	7.44	3.25
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