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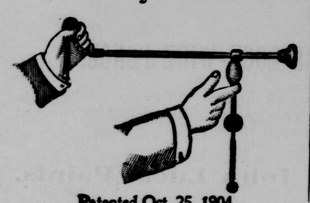
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Complaints Contracted by Passengers in the High-Speed Conveyances.

When railway trains were first heard of it was confidently predicted that they would produce alarming disorders in those who had the temerity to travel in them, says Cassell's Journal.

Needless to say, the predictions were wholly falsified; but there appears to be no doubt that certain maladies are induced by traveling in motor cars.

One of these complains is aerophagia, the result of inhaling torrents of air while traveling at high speed. Amongst the evils produced in this way are digestive disturbances, chills and bronchitis.

Then there is the dust, which causes irritation of the nose and throat, and injury to the skin and complexion.

To the list of ailments caused by high-speed motoring may be added strained eyesight and nervous depression. It follows, therefore, that the pastime is one to be pursued with caution by the fair sex, who have to face the additional terrors of wrinkled faces and stooped shoulders, the furher effects of unrestrained automobile driving.

Exploit with a Whale.

Two fishermen of Freemantle, Western Australia, named William Fraser and Thomas August, recently met with a sensational experience while sailing 17 miles off Dongarra at night. Fraser was lying asleep and August was running the boat under full sail. Suddenly the little craft came in contact with a whale, and the latter, becoming enraged, turned on the boat, and eventually sank it, leaving the two men and several spars, masts, and oars floating about in the water. Fraser was unable to swim, but August, who is a good swimmer, collected the floating timber and constructed a raft, on which he placed his companion. August then swam behind the raft and pushed it over the stretch of 17 miles to land, which was reached by 3 o'clock next afternoon. During the time on the raft the men had neither food nor water, and there are sharks in the region.—London Globe.

Landlady Hits Back.

"Some young men in this town," remarked Mr. Backboard, "are so fast they seem determined to beat everything."

"Yes," replied Mrs. Starvem, "and others are so slow they seem determined to beat their board bill."—Chicago Journal.

Kaffirs Have a Singular Way of Protecting Themselves in Trading.

In many parts of Africa the system of banking is as yet primitive. The natives of that part of South Africa which is to a great extent inhabited by bushmen and Hottentots have a peculiar system of banks. These Kaffirs, among whom this curious system of banking obtains, live near Kaffirraria, in the south of the colony country. The natives come down south from their country to trade in the several villages and towns in large numbers, stay with the Boers for a time and then return to Kaffiraria.

Their banking facilities are primitive and consist entirely of banks of deposit alone, without banks of discount or issue, and they have no checks. But still they enjoy banking privileges such as they are. From those who trade, of their own number, they select one who for the occasion is to be their banker. He is converted into a bank of deposit by putting all the money of those whose banker he is into a bag and then they sally forth to the stores to buy whatever they want.

When an article is purchased by any of those who are in the banking arrangement the price of the article is taken by the banker from this deposit bag, counted several times, and then paid to the seller of the article, after which all the bank depositors cry out to the banker in the presence of two witnesses selected: "You owe me so much!" This is then repeated by the witnesses.

QUAINT LAND AND PEOPLE.

Striking Features of the Island of Jersey and Its Racial Mixture.

The island of Jersey is one of the oddest corners of King Edward's realm. Anchored within sight of France, originally peopled by sturdy Normans, the Jersey folk of to-day present a strange racial mixture, forming a little world where French shrugs are to be seen on English shoulders, writes Frank Leigh, in Four-Track News.

Within Jersey's limited area of but ten miles one way and six in another may be found the most varied costal scenery, the richest foliage and rarest flowers, the narrowest of picturesque streets or lanes, the oldest of farmhouses, the quaintest of fisher and farm folk, the strangest of fish in the St. Helier market, and the largest cabbage-stalks in the United Kingdom!

Scores of bays, no two alike, indent the coast—some with pebbly beaches; others with white or red sand floors; some bounded by towering cliffs bearing ancient castles on their summits; some shelving gently from the uplands. White lighthouses warn the sailor of the ever-present danger from the sunken rocks lying in wait for their prey.

LUCKY NUMBER IN DICE.

Cubes Believed to Turn with Fives Up Oftener Than Any Other Side.

"Dice seem to have a fancy for fives," said a clerk in a cigar store. "We get sets of them frequently that show many more fives than any other number. We call it running to fives. The players seem to know this, and they nearly always select fives when they begin to roll. I have never seen the dice show partiality for any number other than fives, and I do not understand why this is. It is a fact, however," says the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"The five and six sides of a dice should be the least frequent thrown, for they are lighter, having more holes, but this does not seem to make any difference. The fives keep on coming just the same.

"Of course, if one number shows oftener than another it means that the dice are not properly made; but it does seem curious that this irregularity should always make the five side come up instead of some other. Since I have been here we have had a number of sets of dice that ran to fives.

"Another peculiar thing is that nine men out of ten who roll the dice in this game choose fives or sixes. It is the rarest thing that anyone takes one of the smaller numbers. It may be superstition, but if so almost all men are superstitious, for they will have nothing to do with aces or twos. And those who win almost always win with the larger numbers. Fives are the favorite, and are selected most often."

WHITE RABBITS AS PETS.

They Are Easy to Take Care Of and Are Very Satisfactory Little Companions.

"What do white rabbits most like to eat?" Almost everything. They are not in the least fussy as to diet, says St. Nicholas. For that reason, and for their attractive appearance and playful ways, they make excellent pets. Always have an ample supply of good, clean hay and oats before them. Good green food once or twice a day, and only in quantities that will all be eaten. If at any feeding they do not eat all you give them, omit the next feeding, and then give less thereafter. They are fond of almost any kind of grain or vegetable—in fact, anything that a cow or a sheep will eat; and they will devour almost any wild plant, except poison-ivy or wild parsnip. Among the favorite delicacies of the summer are clover, dandelion, plantain, blackberry briers and blackberry leaves.

Give them water once or twice a day. Some dealers and breeders may tell you not to do this; but if you love your pets, pay not the slightest attention to such advice. It is cruel treatment. Hay should be kept in a rack on the side of the hutch; oats, in a "self-feeder" or in a firm dish that will not tip over easily. Clean the hutch frequently, and cover the floor with a light layer of sawdust or of fine shavings.

NATURAL GAS IN ENGLAND.

Was Struck in 1832, But No Use. It Seems, Has Ever Been Made of It.

During the last summer, says an English magazine of 1832, a bore was put down at Johnstone, to the depth of 150 feet, for the purpose of procuring water. The boring was mostly through shale or till.

At the depth of 125 feet, or thereby, the workmen heard a noise proceeding from the bore, which they supposed to be from water rushing upward, but which proved to be from gas.

The bore was sunk 25 feet deeper, when an abundant supply of water was procured, so as nearly to rise to the surface. The supply of gas, however, did not fail. It continues to ascend through the superincumbent column of water with a hissing noise, and, when a light is applied, burns with a blue flame.

No analysis has been made of the gas, but from the accounts of the workmen it may safely be concluded that it is hydrogen. The quantity is so considerable as nearly to be sufficient to supply two or three gas burners of the ordinary size. It gives out little light in combustion, probably from the absence of carbon in its composition.

A Russian Idea.

In Russia if you don't pay your photographer's bill, he hangs your picture in his window upside down. Every Russian photographer's window has five or six of these reversed pictures in it, and there is always a little crowd of people outside craning their necks and saying: "Oh, that is Vasili Popoffsky. Won't he be ashamed?" "And look at Anna Olinsky. You'd think she'd be able to pay." "Is that Senia Gogol there? It certainly is. What a pity."—Detroit Free Press.

It Hurt His Feelings.

"I'll scalp that reporter," growled old Weston Nurox, over the morning paper.

"Why, popper," replied his daughter, who had had her coming out reception the night before, "I thought he wrote me up real nice."

"But he speaks of ye as wearin' 'some soft, clingin' material,' an' that reminds me too much o' the time I was tarred an' feathered out in Montanny."—Philadelphia Press.

He Called a Doctor.

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