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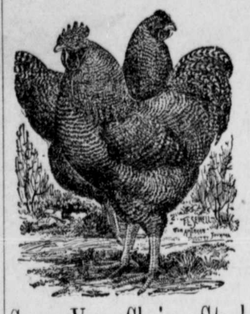

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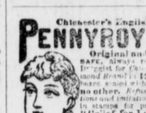

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Some of the People Who Seek Fame Through Uncommon Channels.

"I think if all the cranks in this country were corralled," remarked the clerk in the treasury department, "and put under a shed somewhere it would require one bigger than all the buildings at the World's fair."

"Would there really be anybody to do the corralling?" inquired a pessimistic old party, who thinks there is none good—no, not one.

"As I was saying," continued the treasury clerk, "it would take the biggest shed on earth, and still there is a new kind. This time it is a man or woman who has been sending in 10 cents at a time as a contribution to the conscience fund, with a name signed in full, and there is no such name on the treasury books and never has been. I suppose it is merely some crank who thinks he or she will get that name in the papers and have that much fame out of it."

"That's silly enough," chipped in a postoffice inspector, "but I heard of the oddest chap on my last trip down south. You may not know, or, if you do, don't pay much attention to the fact, that there is a fine of $10 for sending written matter through the mails under any rate except 2 cents an ounce. Very likely you have sent enough stuff written on papers, books and so on to bankrupt you if you had the fines to pay, but Uncle Sam is easy, and I don't know of a case where anybody ever had to pay the fine. In this instance a man came into a certain office down south and gave the postmaster $500, being the amount of fines he owed the government for violation of postage laws as far as he could recall them. He was a young man, and he stated that he had violated the law while in love with a girl to whom he sent papers and books occasionally, and, though he wrote to her every day, he couldn't let the others go without writing something on them. The postmaster didn't know how to act in the premises, and just what he would have done finally nobody knows, but the next day the young man's father came to the postmaster and told him that his son had been jilted by his sweetheart, and it had crazed him. This was an explanation which satisfied the official, and the money was returned."

"Ugh!" grunted the pessimistic old party, in no wise affected by the pathos of the little story. "Only a crazy person or an idiot would ever think of settling square with Uncle Sam for a little bunko game like that."—Washington Star.

MARCH HAS ITS VIOLETS.

And There Is a Bright and Cheerful Side to Everything.

Edward W. Bok, under the title of "The Odor of Spring Violets," writes most forcibly in The Ladies' Home Journal on the theme that there is a bright side to everything—even to March, the most disagreeable month of the year, for it has its spring violets. "It is true," he writes, "that it is difficult sometimes to see the bright side of sorrow, sickness and death. And yet there is distinctly a bright side. No sorrow comes to us without a reason. We never know our friends until sorrow or illness comes to us. We never know what loving kindness and thoughtfulness mean until we stand in need of them, and our hearts seem to beat against the walls of a cold, merciless world. We learn something from every grief and from each pain which comes to us. We learn to distinguish between friends, and what more priceless possession is there in the whole range of knowledge than this? What develops us more than trouble? Virtues of heart, which we never dreamed of as existing within us, reveal themselves when we are sorely tried. That is why sorrow and trials are given us—not to give pain, but to develop us, to better equip us for something unknown which lies in the future, and which we could not meet or understand unless we had first gone through certain experiences.

"We are far too apt to regard actual blessings as calamities, to look upon the dark side of things. Some sorrow comes to us, and we rebel. It never occurs to us that perhaps we need the experience which sorrow alone can give. Illness comes, and we fret. But we cannot always be well. Ailments are very often given to us to make our appreciation of good health the keener. God has an aim, a direct purpose, in everything he does. His blessings come in different forms. Nor are these forms always such as we would choose. Lessons can be more effectively taught in innumerable cases through sorrow than through pleasure. We should never know what a pure, beautiful color white is if we did not have black to bring out the contrast. We want only pleasure in our lives. When sorrow comes, we rebel and refuse to recognize it for what it so often is—a blessing in disguise. We cannot always have it June. There must be March. Yet March has its spring violets."

AS AN ARMY RATION.

Beans Briefly Considered by an Old Army Veteran.

"Take it altogether," said the old soldier, "I think I liked beans the best of the army rations. Hard bread, of course, was essential, and we expected to get that anyway, but I am speaking now of the comparative luxuries on the army bill of fare. I should prefer corned beef, if that issued in the army had been uniformly of a desirable quality. But often it was of a hardness more like that of quartz and of a saltiness past belief by those who have never tried it.

"Salt pork—well, fat salt pork, even of the best quality, is not desirable as a steady diet of food, and we got more salt pork than any other meat, and it was most always not of the best. In fact, no old soldier will ever forget the salt pork of the army. But his recollections of it will not be surrounded by an aurora borealis of delight.

"Not everybody liked beans, but according to my notion they were the best of the army rations, all things considered. If we had a piece of pork to put in the kettle, so much the better. But we had salt anyway, and bean soup, with hard bread to break into it, and a cup of coffee made a meal that had decided elements of hopefulness in it.

"It is true that sometimes when we had beans day after day for days together some of the men would get tired of them. But you would grow tired of ortolans, wouldn't you, if you had too many of them?

"I always used to be glad when we had beans, and to this day I like now and then a dish of bean soup, and I never eat it without pleasant recollections of the army."—New York Sun.

A Poet's Chivalry.

The poetry of Longfellow reveals its author's sensitive, chivalrous spirit, so that those familiar with his verses will read without surprise this story told by Mrs. Phelps-Ward in her "Chapters From a Life:"

Longfellow was reading aloud a poem one day to Mme. Modjeska, whose eyes filled with tears as the reading proceeded.

"I shall never forget," observes Mrs. Phelps-Ward, "the tone and manner with which he turned toward her. 'Oh,' he cried, 'I meant to give you happiness! And I have given you pain.'

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DOGS OF INTELLIGENCE.

A Strict Sabbatarian and a Traveler In Hansoms.

The Ladies' Kennel Journal consists of a number of dog anecdotes selected from many sources, new and old. The stories are arranged to illustrate different features of the dog's character. Here is an example of what is called a dog's "tenacity of impression," vouched for by an Edinburgh minister:

"One sacrament Sunday the minister left his house to the care of the servants, who thought it a good opportunity to give a party. During the day the dog (a Newfoundland) accompanied them through the garden, and indeed wherever they went, in the most attentive manner and seemed well pleased. In the evening, when the time arrived that the party meant to separate, they proceeded to do so, but the dog, the instant they went to the door, interposed, and, placing himself before it, would not allow one of them to touch the handle. On their persisting and attempting to use force, he became furious and in a menacing manner drove them back into the kitchen, where he kept them until the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson."

From which it would appear that some dogs are Sabbatarians. At all events, he seems to have been of opinion that revelers in a manse on sacrament Sunday were out of place.

Another story, illustrating the reason of a dog, is quoted as having been told by William Robson of Penshaw, the owner of the animal. The dog was in the habit of going about in hansom cabs with his master. One day, after being lost, he went home by himself in a hansom.

"The cabman rang for his fare, and, thinking he had somehow captured the runaway, I inquired how and where he found him. 'Oh, sir,' said cabby, 'I didn't hail him at all; he hailed me. I was standing close by St. James' church looking out for a fare, when in jumps the dog. I shouts through the winder. He wouldn't stir. So I gets down and tries to pull him out and shows him my whip, but he sits still and barks as much as to say, "Go on, old man." As I seizes him by the collar I reads his name and address. My fine gentleman settles himself with his head just a-looking out, and I drives on till I stops at this gate. Then out jumps my passenger, a-clearing the doors, and walks in as though he'd been a regular fare.'"

The driving in cabs dog is by no means a rare variety. It is told of Lady Ashburnham's collie that, after jumping into a hansom, he so plainly intimates that he wants his collar read that, as one cabman said, "Blowed if he didn't ask me to."—Westminster Budget.

GRANT AT WEST POINT.

A Good Record as a Student and a High Record as a Man.

He was brevetted second lieutenant of the Fourth infantry and ordered to report to his command at Jefferson barracks, St. Louis, after a short vacation.

The entire army of the United States at that time numbered less than 8,000 men, and the supply of officers was embarrassingly large. It was the custom, therefore, to brevet graduates second lieutenant.

He graduated twenty-first in a roll of 39, with a fair record in all things—a good record in mathematics and engineering and a remarkable record as horseman.

More than 100 had entered with him, but one by one they had dropped out till only 39 remained.

Apparently Grant remained markedly unmilitary throughout the four years' course. He served as a private throughout the first two years. During the third year he was made sergeant, but was dropped (promotions at that time were made for soldierly qualities and had no exact relation to excellence in studies), and during the fourth year he served again as private.

The first year he took up French and mathematics, and though the course was severe, including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, application of algebra to geometry, etc., he stood fifteenth in a class of 60 in mathematices and forty-ninth in French and twenty-seventh in order of general merit. The second year he climbed three points in general merit and stood twenty-fourth in a class of 53. He stood tenth in mathematics, twenty-third in drawing, but was below the middle in ethics and French. In his third year he rose in his drawing to 19, and was twenty-second in chemistry and fifteenth in philosophy, which was a very good standing indeed. He rose to 20 in general merit, 16 in engineering, 17 in mineralogy and geology, but was a little below the average in ethics, artillery and infantry practice.

In general, it may be said that he left the academy with a good average record as a student and a very high record as a man.—Hamlin Garland in McClure's.

TESTING A WATCH.

How English Timepieces Are Tried as to Their Regularity.

There has been watchmaking at Coventry as long as there has been a watch trade in England, which is for the last 200 years or thereabout. There used to be three centers of the English trade, these being Liverpool, Coventry and London. Now there are practically but two—Coventry and Birmingham. The test of a good watch is that it should obtain a Kew certificate, and of the watches that go to Kew 75 per cent are from Coventry.

At Kew no watch has yet succeeded in getting the 100 marks which signify perfection, but Coventry has come nearest, with 92, and is always well to the front. The Kew test is no light one. The watch is tested in every position and its rate registered, not only per day, but per hour. It is hung by its pendant, hung upside down, hung on each side, placed dial down and back down and at any number of angles, and to finish up with is baked in an oven and frozen in an ice pail. No wonder that a watch with a Kew certificate is a comfort to its owner.

When it is considered that it makes 18,000 vibrations an hour and must not vary a second a week, while a quarter turn of its two time screws, meaning the millionth of an inch, will make a difference of 20 seconds a day, the delicacy of its adjustment will be appreciated, as will also the risk of intrusting its repair to any but skillful hands.—Jewelers' Review.

Chew for a few moments a cracker containing no sugar and notice how sweet it becomes. This is the sugar into which your saliva has converted the starch of the cracker.

When a dentist in China is pulling a tooth for a patron, an assistant hammers on a gong to drown the cries of the victim.

It is just as well to know that ophelia, a new color, is a pale mauve.

What use is there in eating when food does you no good—in fact, when it does you more harm than good, for such is the case if it is not digested?

If you have a loathing for food there is no use of forcing it down, for it will not be digested. You must restore the digestive organs to their natural strength and cause the food to be digested, when an appetite will come, and with it a relish for food.

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SHE'S WELL EDUCATED.

A Woman Who Has Learned Entirely by Careful Listening.

The wonderful development of certain faculties in the cases of persons who have lost the use of some of their natural functions, or of others whose faculties have not been fully developed, has long been a matter of remark, but it is not alone the outside observers who appreciate the provisions of nature for the benefit of the unfortunates. The sufferers themselves often appreciate this fully, and in some instances, after years, grow to depend so much upon their acquired faculties as to be afraid of a change, even if they have the chance of one.

An illustration of this is given by a woman in Brooklyn who never has learned to read or write. In no way could one discover this except by her own admission or by putting her to a direct test, for she is one of the best educated women in the country, conversant with languages, art, literature and all the current topics of the day. She is rich, too, and could afford all the services of the best teachers if she but chose to learn to read, but she refuses to do so.

When this woman was a child, her parents lived far from schools, so she had no chance then to learn to read or write. As a mere child she began to earn her own living, and again the chance for schooling slipped away. Then she married and the cares of a family took up her time. By the time the babies were off her hands, her husband had grown rich, and then she began her real education, and now, as a widow, she continues it. Her companions read to her and talk with her about all the topics which interest her. Years of such work have stored her mind with a rich treasure of knowledge, and there is not a page of a book that has been read to her that she is not familiar with. Her stores of knowledge are at her instant command. Why will she not learn to read? Because, she says, she fears that this wonderful memory, which is now such a treasure house to her, might be impaired if she were to do anything to weaken the demands upon it.

What such a memory can do is well illustrated in the case of a tailor of this city who cannot read or write. He is probably the most widely known man in his business here, as for many years he has done business with New York's firemen and policemen. Almost every man of these two bodies has dealings with this tailor, and each month between the first and the tenth days he visits every station house and engine and truck house in this city to collect his dues. He has acquired considerable wealth, and it is said of him that in all the years he has dealt with the firemen and policemen he never was known to make a mistake of a cent in any man's account, although all his records of transactions have been kept in his head.—New York Sun.

WHEN GRANT WAS POOR.

A Time In His Career When He Needed the Wherewithal.

General W. H. L. Barnes, one of the leaders of the San Francisco bar, at a meeting of the California commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, told the following story about General Grant. It was told years ago to General Barnes by Captain Richard L. Ogden, once a clerk in the office of the United States quartermaster at San Francisco, and General Barnes recently copied it from Captain Ogden's diary.

It was that when Grant resigned his commission as captain, at the age of 32, being then in Oregon, he went to San Francisco on his way home and presented to Captain Ogden a certificate of per diem service on a court martial amounting to about $40. The certificate was incorrectly drawn, and Grant with a look of despair asked Captain Ogden's permission to sleep on the lounge in the latter's office, saying he had not a cent to his name. He slept on the rickety office lounge, and Ogden agreed to cash the certificate personally and to send it back to Oregon for correction. Grant had expected to buy passage for himself to New York in the steerage, but Ogden went with him to the Pacific Mail steamship office and procured for him a cabin passage pass, or what was the nearest to it the steamship company could give, for Grant had to pay his railroad fare across the isthmus. This, however, left him $15, and Grant was very grateful.

The diary quotes him as saying to Captain Ogden: "This is a great luxury and what I did not expect, and I am indebted to you for it. The prospect of ever being able to reciprocate is certainly remote, but strange things happen in this world, and there is no knowing."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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