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AN ODD FISH.

Killer Marine Monster a Natural Enemy to Whales.

While operating at a fishery in Admiralty island, Alaska, one summer my attention and the attention of the fishing crew were almost daily attracted to a large marine creature that would appear in the main channel of Seymour canal and our immediate vicinity. There are large numbers of whales of the species rorqual there, and the monster seemed to be their natural enemy. The whales generally travel in schools, and while at the surface to blow one would be singled out and attacked by the fish, and a battle was soon in order.

It is the nature of the rorqual to make three blows at intervals of from two to three minutes each, and then sound deep and stay beneath the surface for thirty or forty minutes. As a whale would come to the surface there would appear always at the whale's right side and just about where his head would connect with the body a great long tail or fin, "judged by five fishermen and a number of Indians, after seeing it about fifteen times at various distances," to be about twenty-four feet long, two and one-half feet wide at the end and tapering down to the water, where it seemed to be about eighteen inches in diameter, looking very much like the blade of the fan of an old fashioned Dutch windmill.

The great club was used on the back of the unfortunate whale in such a manner that it was a wonder to me that every whale attacked was not instantly killed. Its operator seemed to have perfect control of its movements and would bend it back until the end would touch the water, forming a horseshoe loop; then with a sweep it would be straightened and brought over and down on the back of the whale with a whack that could be heard for several miles. If the whale was fortunate enough to submerge itself before the blows came, the spray would fly for a distance of a hundred feet from the effect of the stroke, making a report as loud as a yacht's signal gun.

What seemed most remarkable to me was that, no matter which way the attacked whale went or how fast (the usual speed is about fourteen knots), that great club would follow right along by its side and deliver those tremendous blows at intervals of about four or five seconds. It would always get in from three to five blows at each of the three times the whale would come to the surface to blow. The whale would generally rid itself of the enemy when it took its deep sound, especially if the water was forty fathoms or more deep. During the day the attack was always offshore, but at night the whales would be attacked in the bay and within 400 yards of the fishery.

I do not know of any whales being killed, but there were several that had great holes and sores on their backs. Questioning the Indians about it, I was told that there was only one, that it had been there for many years and that it once attacked an Indian canoe and with one stroke of the great club smashed the canoe into splinters, killing and drowning several of its occupants.—Forest and Stream.

Siam.

The worth thing that can happen to a man in Siam is to get into debt, from which there is never any escape, owing to the exorbitant interest charged. Once in debt there is no appeal, the debtor being stripped of his clothes and compelled to work in fetters, generally for the rest of his life, to pay the interest. Drunkards are not permitted to give evidence in the law courts of Siam. The Buddhist priests, clad in yellow robes, are to be seen everywhere in Bangkok, and it is quite common for young men to enter the priesthood, which affords them an easy and luxurious existence, owing to the liberality of the populace toward any one sanctioned to the service of Buddha.

A Chinese Columbus.

The belief in a Chinese Columbus was first allowed by scholars only in the first half of the last century. The claim is that a Buddhist priest in the fifth century crossed the Pacific to this continent and returned, making a written report of his discovery. The report still exists. It was translated into French in 1791 by M. de Guignes. It gave a narrative of a voyage eastward by a priest for 20,000 li, where he found a country which he named Fusang. People similar to the Indians were described, as well as American plants. The only doubt about the matter is as to the distance meant by 20,000 li. The priest may have reached only some island in the Pacific ocean.

Well Timed.

"That was a great sermon you preached this morning," said the old churchwarden, "and it was well timed too."

"Yes," rejoined the parson, with a deep sigh. "I noticed that."

"Noticed what?" asked the puzzled warden.

"That several of the congregation looked at their watches frequently," answered the old man, with another deep sigh.—London Telegraph.

An Unpardonable Fault.

Figg—Goodman is dead. He has led a most beautiful and a correct life. Everybody praises him. Fogg—But, confound him, he trumped my ace once when we were playing partners at whist.

Sorry He Spoke.

Caller—What did sister say when you told her I was here? Tommy—She said, "Oh, thunder!"—Boston Traveler.

Rhythm and time in the art of music have to come from the heart, not from the machine.—Dr. Joachim.

ANIMALS' WANDERINGS.

Rats the Most Migratory—Lemmings Race With Death.

The fable of the country mouse and the town mouse has a foundation in fact. Mice occasionally migrate in large numbers when food grows scarce and travel considerable distances to fresh houses. Farmers in a part of Perthshire had a good reason to become aware of this fact when a couple of years ago vast swarms of mice invaded their cornfields at harvest time.

But the mouse only travels when it has to. The rat, on the contrary, seems to take a yearly outing in very much the same fashion as do human beings. Rats are the most migratory creatures in the world. Whole troops of rats leave the towns at the end of summer and spend a month or two in the country, apparently in order to enjoy the change of food, which the county affords at that time of the year in the way of fresh fruit and grain. Before the cold weather sets in they are all back in their old quarters.

Reindeer migrate with the same regularity as swallows. They move south when winter sets in, but as soon as ever the snow begins to melt they travel steadily north, sometimes for as much as a thousand miles.

To end a holiday by deliberate suicide is so strange a phenomenon that for a long time naturalists looked upon the stories of the migration of the lemmings as an improbable fiction. Yet the facts are beyond dispute. At irregular intervals these rat-like creatures start out from their homes in the fastnesses of northern Scandinavia in huge droves, numbering tens of thousands, and travel steadily southward. Death pursues them in a hundred forms. Hawks and other birds of prey hover above them. Foxes, wolves and man decimate them. Thousands are drowned in rivers. Yet the rest struggle on until they reach the sea. They do not stop. They plunge in, swim out and struggle on until at last their strength fails and they drown. Not one ever returns from this journey of death.—London Answers.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

When an attorney offers to settle, listen.

Some men try to get business by fighting people.

The successful business man is one who knows what people will not do.

When a man gets discouraged and quits, the doctor says afterward that that was just the time when he should have held on.

When one of the town boys marries an out of town girl it creates more "feeling" than when a town girl imports a husband.

When a man wants to sharpen a knife he hunts up a whetstone. When a woman wants to sharpen a knife she takes a few swipes on a crock.

It often happens that the woman who has a reputation far and wide as a judge of a good bargain seems to fall down when she picks out a husband.—Atchison Globe.

Mediaeval Monarchs.

Almost every mediaeval monarch claimed the whole or a part of the dominions of almost every other and insisted on inserting his claim in his list of official titles. In treatises and all official documents the whole list was religiously copied, and as it often happened that the two negotiating monarchs had some of the same titles it became usual to insert a clause in the list, non praejudicando, in order to indicate that, no matter how absurd, inappropriate or untrue were the titles, they were understood to be inserted because they pleased the monarch who claimed them, that they did not confer a valid claim, and so no harm was likely to result from their use.

An Ingenious Scheme.

A story is told of a Chicago girl whose verses were always "declined with thanks" who hit upon the following unique plan for having them published. She would send a line of verse from one of her poems to the query column of some newspaper and ask from what poem such a line came, the name of the poem and of the author. A friend, also a rhymester, would send the querist's own poem to the paper with the desired information, and of course it would appear in print. The querist would do the same for the friend and so on until between them they had all their "poems" printed.

Feathered Barometers.

There are lots of birds which prophesy rain and storm in their actions. Crows, gulls, wild duck, snipe, plovers, woodpeckers, cormorants, wild and tame swans and most of the wading birds show great restlessness when stormy weather is approaching. They fly swiftly and often aimlessly up and down, fluttering from tree to tree and place to place, and usually scream loudly and harshly.—Nature.

Violated the Rules.

Assistant—Here's an account from your tailor among this morning's letters. He writes on the back that he wants a settlement at once. Editor—Return it with a printed slip stating that communications written on both sides of the paper are unavailable.

An Inherited Quality.

Mike (the cop)—Faith, an' phwat an ould fashioned kid thot is! Katy (the nurse)—Shure it is. An' no wondher thot she is, fer some av her ancistors lived nearly 400 years ago.—Judge.

Signs.

Gayboy—I guess my wife expects callers today. "What makes you think so?" "She began the day by making the house unfit for any one to live in."—Life.

FAMOUS ENGLISH WELLS.

Some Whose Waters Are Charged With Magic or Miraculous Power.

Though there are hundreds of wells supposed to possess magical power scattered all over England, the general public is ignorant of their locality or the romantic stories connected with each one. There may be a possible exception in the well of St. Keyne, in Cornwall, for Southey has made it famous in a witty little poem. The magic of its waters is such that the husband or wife who drinks first from it after leaving the altar will have the upper hand over the mate for their joint lives. The bride of whom Southey tells us did not wait till after the marriage ceremony to pay a visit to the well, but took the precaution of taking a bottle with her to the church.

Another well, in Monmouthshire, which has a peculiar fascination for the unmarried maidens is known is the "virtuous well." For generations the maidens of that locality have accredited it with marvelous powers in forecasting their futures. They have only to drop a pebble into its water and count the resultant bubbles, for each bubble represents a month of waiting for the day which will make them brides. In order to propitiate the genius which presides over the well it is necessary to decorate the brambles which shade it with bits of white cloth.

Then there are the so called holy wells which have many medicinal virtues. Such a one is St. Winifred's, at Holywell, which is accredited with cures that are almost miraculous. The legend of its origin is a very pretty one. It is said that twelve centuries ago St. Winifred, the winsome daughter of a Welsh chief, was wooed by Prince Caradoc, a prince of ill repute. She declined his persistent advances, and at last he killed her in a fit of rage. From the spot on which St. Winifred's lifeblood fell there gushed forth a stream of crystal water which has worked miracles in her name for so many centuries.

Practically all the ills to which the flesh is heir can be cured by one or another of these wells. St. Ninan's, in Cornwall, is said to restore lunatics to sanity, but the patient must be immersed in the water and held there until the breath has nearly left his body. This seems a heroic measure. But even this is not so severe as the treatment which must be endured if a madman is to be cured at Llandegla well, in Wales, for after the victim is nearly drowned he is trussed like a fowl and laid under the communion table of the neighboring church for the night.

THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

The first chrysanthemum show was held in Norwich, England, in 1829.

The Philadelphia Horticultural society held the first chrysanthemum show in the United States in 1883.

The first chrysanthemums brought to Europe were taken from China by skippers of the tea trading ships.

After the chrysanthemum is potted leave it for a little time in the shade. Then give it all the sun that is possible.

The chrysanthemum was introduced into England 200 years ago from China. It was grown first in Holland after its emigration.

The chrysanthemum is one of the easiest of garden flowers to grow, but it needs careful tending after it is brought into the house in pots when the frost comes.

The Change of a Name.

How family names change in the course of many years is illustrated by the conversion of "Boteville" into "Thynne." An English deed bearing date in the closing days of the fifteenth century shows three brothers then flourishing—John Boteville of Boteville and Thomas and William Boteville. The trio are distinguished from all other Botevilles by the explanation "of the Inne," or family residence, the title to which had come to their joint possession. John's grandson was known as Ralph Boteville-of-the-Inne, from which the transition to Ralph Thynne is easy. His descendants have been Thynnes ever since.

Why Leaves Turn Brown.

The green matter in the tissues of a leaf is composed of two colors, red and blue. When the sap ceases to flow in the autumn the natural growth of the tree is retarded, and oxidation of the tissues takes place. Under certain conditions the green of the leaf changes to red. Under different aspects it takes on a yellow or brown hue. The difference in color is due to the difference in combinations of the original constituents of the green tissues and to the varying condition of climate, exposure and soil. Maples and oaks have the brightest color.

Compromising.

Charles—She is suing her late employer's estate for $50,000. Henry—On what ground? Charles—On the ground that on four different occasions he said to her, "We are having fine weather," with the accent on the "we."—Brooklyn Life.

A Broad Hint.

The Barber (lathering customer and gazing out of window)—I tell you, sir, the man who shaves himself keeps the bread and butter out of some poor barber's mouth. The Customer (fiercely)—And incidentally the lather out of his own!—Puck.

A Big Gorge.

Mrs. Newrich (back from the honeymoon in Switzerland)—Do you remember, dear, that lovely gorge up in the mountains? Mr. Newrich—I do. It was the squarest meal I ever ate.

Self respect is the cornerstone of all virtue.—Sir John Herschel.

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When she discovers she is jealous.

When he grows economical with his kisses.

When she begins to nag.

When he becomes sarcastic about the food.

When she does not mind coming to breakfast in curl papers.

When he tells her how pretty some other woman looks.

When he begins to eulogize his mother.

When a meal becomes so quiet that she can plan a whole frock between the courses.

When he begins to go to his club.

When she begins to hunt up her old friends and enjoys calling on them.

When he comes in late for dinner.

When she she forgets to come home from the matinee in time to greet him before dinner.—Minneapolis Tribune.

NORTH AMERICA.

Originally Mapped as an Extension of India and China.

"Uneducated Americans," says a correspondent of the London Times, "pronounce the name of their country Amarica, calling themselves Amaricans. In so doing they not only yield to a natural craving for a finer euphony, but, quite accidentally, I presume, are more correct etymologically than educated Americans. Amerigo being the Italian form of the Gothic Amalaric, contracted to Amaric. This personal name means 'strenuous in labor, resolute in action,' an appropriate motto to add to the Washington armorial in the national device of 'America.'

"Brazil was the original America. Down to the first quarter of the sixteenth century our North America was still mapped as an extension of India, Tibet, China and Japan, with Brazil as an island, separated by the islands discovered by Columbus from 'the new world of Greater India' and named 'America provincia' and again 'America vel Brasilia.'

"Not before the middle of the sixteenth century was the term 'America' extended to North America, with the addition 'vel Nova India.' In brief, the Americas were both mere windfalls in the heroic secular quest after 'spiced' India. This is the redoubled debt the Anglo-Saxon race owes India."

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