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JOHN PAUL JONES.

A British View of the Hero of the Bonhomme Richard.

John Paul, the Kirkcudbright market gardener's son, who elected to be famous as Paul Jones, has long ceased to be the interesting personage he was in the eyes of the naval authorities of this country when, in command of a rotten ex-East Indiaman known as the Duc de Duras and rechristened the Bonhomme Richard, he was a holy terror in the firth of Forth and when he had engaged and captured a British frigate in British waters after one of the most singular sea combats on record.

The some time "blackbirder" and smuggler whom the Russian Catherine decorated and advanced somewhat per saltum to the grade of admiral was a traitor, of course, in the view of the British government, but none the less a thorough seaman of quite unusual talent and originality, with a bulldog courage and tenacity to match. The Captain Jones, too, who sent Lady Selkirk back her plate, with his compliments, had the instincts of a gentleman.

More than the other countries he served, America has recognized his merits.—Pall Mall Gazette.

YOUR BLOOD VESSELS.

Keep Them Sound, and You Have the Elixir of Life.

Every age sees its earnest scientists still seeking how they may discover the elixir or the force which shall give us the energy, the vitality and the appearance of youth. A German who has been struggling with the subject is convinced that the secret lies in keeping sound our blood vessels. We are just as old as our hearts, he declares, and this is no pretty poetical sentiment, but a cold, scientific fact. As years creep on our arteries and the heart lose vigor, and we then begin to "age." Now, we can train this organ, it appears, to work better than it does. Like an old clock, if treated judiciously it will go on as well as a new one, but it does not do to give it any of the liberties of the latter. We must carefully regulate the exercise we take, the food we eat, the mental efforts we make, the muscular work we do. We should neither walk too much nor too little. We should get as much air as possible and never oversleep. We should never coddle, still less should we be rash about colds, fatigue, and so on.—London World.

Greeley a Lifelong Farmer.

"I would have been a farmer had any science of farming been known to those among whom my early boyhood was passed," Horace Greeley wrote in 1868. "Farming as understood and practiced by those among whom I grew up was a work for oxen, and for me the life of an ox had no charms." And in temperament Horace Greeley was a farmer all his life. He was born on a poor little farm in New Hampshire, and his childhood experiences of the vocation were those of terribly hard work and a meager living as its reward. It is no wonder that printing seemed more promising to him.—Oliver Bronson Capen in Country Life In America.

A Great Greek Scholar.

When Professor Jacob Cooper of Rutgers was examined for admission to Yale in 1852 Tutor Talcott said to Mr. Cooper, "How much Greek have you read?" "Over 3,000 pages," was the reply. "You don't mean that, do you?" said Mr. Talcott. "Isn't it 3,000 lines?" "No, sir," was the reply. "When I say pages, I mean pages." In later life he declared that if all the Hebrew Bibles in the world were destroyed he could reproduce the text from memory.

A Desperate Remedy.

Agent—I came to deliver your book on "How to Play the Piano." Lady—But I didn't order any such book. Agent (consulting his notebook)—Hav you a next door neighbor named Jones Lady—Yes. Is it for her? Agent—No she ordered it for you.—Cleveland Leader.

When They Could Not Agree.

Judge—It is your duty, gentlemen, to reason with one another. The Foreman—Some people can't reason, judge; they can only argue.—New York Press.

In talking some folk never stop to think, while others never think to stop.

AN OCEAN ENIGMA.

Mystery of the Fate of the Crew of the Ship Marie Celeste.

Undoubtedly the most extraordinary of all the mysteries of the sea is the fate of the crew of the ship Marie Celeste, a more fantastic creation apparently than novelist ever wove. She left New York in 1887 for Europe, her personnel being thirteen, including the captain's wife and child. Two weeks later a British bark sighted her in the Atlantic. There was no sign of life on board. A boat was sent to her, and a most exhaustive search proved her to be as silent as the tomb, as deserted as a pesthouse. Everything was in its place, even the boats at the davits. The hull was undamaged, the cargo untouched. Rigging and spars were intact; the sails were all set. The crew's weekly wash hung above the forecastle; an awning covered the poop. Binnacle and wheel and rudder were complete. The sailors' kits and dinners were seen in the forecastle. In the cabin was a sewing machine, with a child's garment under the needle, and on the table a half eaten meal. The chronometer ticked undisturbed in the chartroom; the cash box was unrified. The logbook, posted to within forty-eight hours of the visit, showed the passage to have been favorable; the ship's appearance proved there had been no storm. Evidences of a struggle or piracy or murder there were none. Yet thirteen people had disappeared as if spirited away by some supernatural agency, and from that day to this the mystery has never been unraveled, though the United States government spared no effort to solve it.—P. T. McGrath in McClure's Magazine.

AN EMPEROR'S FURY.

Paul of Russia's Order to His Regiment of Horse Guards.

On one occasion during a parade of his horse guards the Emperor Paul of Russia was extremely dissatisfied with the manner in which the troops performed their evolutions. At length, after a more than ordinarily stupid blunder on the part of the troops, the czar could stand it no longer, and he determined to preside over the drill in person. The troops were well aware that the czar's temper was on the verge of bubbling over, and the knowledge so unnerved them that things went from bad to worse until at last a blunder supervened—a blunder in which officers and men shared alike—which proved the climax.

Galloping up to the disorganized lines and reining up his charger at their head, livid with fury which he no longer attempted to suppress, Paul gave vent to the following original and effective speech: "Officers and troopers of the Imperial horse guards, right about face! Quick—march—to Siberia!"

The entire regiment, with unbroken composure and dignity, wheeled to the right and started off then and there upon their terrible march into exile. By the time they had arrived at a point lying some few days' march from the capital, the czar's temper having cooled down, swift couriers were dispatched after the exiled guards with news of the imperial clemency, and the troops were allowed to return.

Dagger Money.

In former times when traveling was not so safe as in the twentieth century the judges often needed an escort when passing from one town to another on circuit. It was the duty of Newcastle to provide such protection for the journey between that town and Carlisle. As time went on the actual provision of a guard was replaced by the payment of money for the purpose, and it was this contribution that became known as "dagger money." To this day the old custom is kept up, and at the Newcastle assizes the judge receives from the mayor a coin that is probably itself a curiosity and also serves as an interesting souvenir of this strange survival.—London Mail.

Spiders' Sight.

Experiments have been made to decide how far spiders can see and it has been determined that they have a range of vision of at least a foot. It is not always possible to tell, however, whether the lower animals perceive by sight or hearing or by the action air in motion has upon their bodies. Experiments tend to show that mice are sensitive to motions of the air which to human ears create no sound whatever.

Hard to Handle.

Citizen—What'll you charge me, Uncle Rastus, to cart away that pile of stone? Uncle Rastus—'Bout two dollahs, sah. Citizen—Isn't that very high? Uncle Rastus—Yes, sah, jes' for cartin' away de stone, but I gotter hire a man to help harness de mule.—Pittsburg Press.

An Economical Housewife.

"Why do you so often invite that old gossip, Mrs. Brown?"

"Oh, she always knows so many interesting things to tell that every one forgets to eat, and almost all the cake is left."—Fliegende Blatter.

Brief, but Effective.

Terse diplomatic correspondence between two Irish kings is recorded in Leland's history. "Send me tribute or else"— wrote Tyrconnel. "I owe you none, and if"— replied O'Neal.

Cheering Him Up.

"Well," remarked Hercules cheerfully as he gazed up at Atlas, "you seem to be bearing up pretty well, even if the whole world is down on you."—Princeton Tiger.

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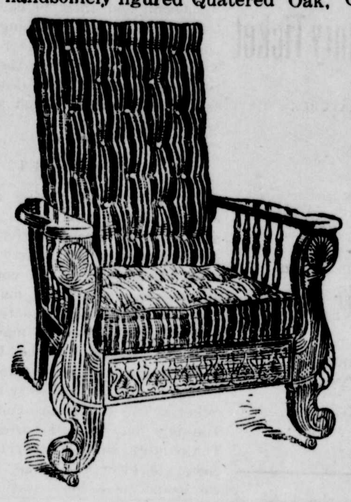
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