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THE OUTLOOK,

Present indications point to early activity among the farmers and mechanics, notwithstanding the long severe winter through which we have just passed. Already there are signs of restlessness on the farm and in the shop—tokens of renewed confidence in the reward of honest toil. At the beginning of Spring, farmers, mechanics and housewives will need new implements and new appliances in the prosecution of their work. Farmers will need the

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STUPIDITY OF SHEEP.

The Way These Exasperatingly Foolish Animals Court Death.

A sheep herder gives some of his experience in handling sheep on the western ranges in the following:

We have to watch them every minute, and if vigilance is relaxed for an instant the entire flock is likely to commit suicide. In handling most animals some degree of self help or intelligence can be relied on to aid the owner in saving their lives, but sheep seem to set deliberately to work to kill themselves.

If caught in a storm on the plains, they will drift before the wind and die of cold and exposure rather than move 100 yards to windward to obtain shelter in their corral. To drive sheep against the wind is absolutely impossible. I once lost over 1,000 head because I could not drive them to a corral 200 feet away.

In the corral they are still more foolish. If a storm comes up, they all move "down wind" until stopped by the fence. Then commences the proceeding so much dreaded by sheepmen, known as "piling." The sheep will climb over one another's backs until they are heaped up ten feet high. Of course all those on the bottom are smothered. Not one has sense enough to seek shelter under the lee of the fence, as a horse or dog would do.

Again, if a sheep gets into quicksand its fate teaches nothing to those that come immediately after, but the whole flock will follow the leader to destruction. No more exasperatingly stupid animal than a sheep walks.

A RABBIT CAT.

The Manx Tailless Feline Was Once a Seacoast Freak.

It seems probable that the tailless Manx cats originally came from Cornwall. They managed to survive longer as a distinct breed in the Isle of Man than in Cornwall, the predominance of the common tailed cat being of course aided in the latter district by the fact that, although remote, it is part of the mainland of England, whereas new cats could be carried to the Isle of Man only by sea. The Manx cat which first attracted modern attention was a very different animal from the variously colored specimens which now take prizes at cat shows. It was always of the color of a hare and had fur like a hare.

Like a hare, too, it always moved its hind legs together. Its chief food was crabs caught on the beach, and when transported inland from the seacoasts it very seldom, if ever, survived long. No cat of this kind has been seen for many years in the Isle of Man, though there are plenty of tailless cats, its crossed descendants, to be purchased there. Wherever it originally came from, the Cornish or Manx cat was more nearly a separate species than any kind of show cat now existing. It was a seacoast animal, with fur, color, absence of tail and method of locomotion obviously adapted by the inheritance of ages to its habit of catching crabs and other small life behind the ebbing tide.

To Avoid a Tie Vote.

In the history of our comic literature there have been many genuine "Irish bulls" recorded, but rarely one that is of a neater brand than that encountered at a political gathering on Locust street above Broad, in Philadelphia, says the Record of that city. A convention of delegates had been called to revise the rules of the party, and in order to expedite matters a delegate moved that a committee of fifteen be appointed to draft the proposed rules. Before this was adopted another delegate suggested that a committee of fifteen would be unwieldy and proposed an amendment reducing the number to eight. This was agreed to, but before its adoption an aged delegate, with a rich Milesian brogue, arose and solemnly proposed, "Misther Chairman, I move yer that the committee be incr'ased to noine, so that in case of a tole vote there'll be a majarity of wan."

Not Without Distinction.

A note of family pride was struck in the conversation between three small Reading boys the other day. The parts played by their respective grandfathers in the civil war were being depicted by two of the boys in vivid colors. The career of each, it seemed, had been halted by confinement in southern prisons, and it was on the latter fact that the lads laid particular stress. The third youth, unable to match these recitals with any military achievement of his own forefathers, preserved an envious silence for awhile and then, not to be outdone, said disparagingly:

"Why, that's not so much. My Uncle Bill was in jail a long time, and he was never in the army at all!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Four Kinds of Liars.

The late Sir Frederick Bramwell was famous both as a witness and arbitrator in engineering disputes. It is recalled that his brother, the late Lord Justice Bramwell, on giving advice to a young barrister told him to be careful of four kinds of witnesses—first, of the liar; second, of the liar who could only be adequately described by the aid of a powerful adjective; third, of the expert witness, and, finally, of "my brother Fred."

The Surgeon's Charges.

"I hear you're dissatisfied with your doctor's bill."

"Yes. I don't think he's entitled to $250 for that operation."

"Why not?"

"Because if he was he'd claim more."—Philadelphia Ledger.

People grow old by thinking themselves old. As surely as they think this it will come true, for thought is creative.

A Clever Fish.

The salmon seems to be gifted with much intelligence, or "hereditary foresight," as it is occasionally called, which is more particularly acute when danger signals are abroad, says William G. Harris in Field and Stream. They have been known, when congregated in the upper pools, to become frightened by poachers approaching them with net or spear and to immediately dash down stream to a distance of thirty miles in one night, not stopping until they had reached pools so deep that they could not be taken with the appliances of the poacher. They seemed to know that if they went higher up the stream their doom was sealed.

When coming from the sea in schools and on entering the estuary they have been seen with an old leader at the head of the school, the rest forming a triangle about two and a half feet below the surface of the water, and on calm days, guided by the old patriarch, they would swim around the fishermen's nets, never approaching them nearer than ten or twelve yards.

Standing an Egg on End.

Any fresh egg can, without being boiled, be balanced on either end by any one possessing patience and a steady hand.

In order to save time the egg should be placed for a short time on the end upon which it is desired to balance it, so as to allow the yolk to settle; then both forearms of the person making the experiment should be rested on the edge of the table and the egg should be taken between the three fingers and thumbs of both hands and slowly turned around until the center of gravity is found. This experiment may at first require a little time, but after a little practice it will be found very easy to do. It would be well to try it first on the tablecloth and then on the bottom of a plate.

It is conceded, of course, that the present century is far more advanced than that of Columbus, so it is only to be expected that different ideas should have been formed, even as to the balancing of eggs.

A Defense of Dancing.

It is not necessary in these days to defend the claim of the dance to a place among the arts. As soon as we have got rid of the Puritan prejudice on the point (and one may hope that this no longer exists for the intelligent part of the population) the claim is too overwhelming to need apology, for if we take art to mean the production of beauty then the case only needs stating to be conceded, while if we understand it as self expression in some concrete form we shall find that the dance, which is a kind of fusion of music, painting and sculpture, is pre-eminently capable of giving expression beyond the possibility of words to the basic, and therefore largely inarticulate, parts of our nature—the hunger of the spirit and the joy of life.—London Outlook.

Genesis of Life Insurance.

Life insurance originated in 1706 in London. In that year there was formed the first life insurance company. It was called the Amicable Society For a Perpetual Assurance Office. It was a mutual benefit concern.

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Swinging Round the Circle.

In the journey of life we often travel in circles. Therefore do today the good that is in you. Plant your blossoms. You will come back to them by and by. It is the beauty of the things that you do today that has most to do with making beautiful your tomorrow. One of the blessings of the sunset is in reaping the memories of what was planted in the morning.

The First Corset.

The first corset—not counting ancient modifications of the Grecian zone and girdle—was introduced into France by Catherine de' Medici. It was a strange affair and fashioned after the style of a knight's cuirass. The framework was entirely of iron, and the velvet, which decorated the exterior only, served to hide a frightful and cumbersome article of torture.

Good Scheme.

Hicks—You keep duplicates of all your old love letters? What an idea! Wicks—Yes; when I have done something particularly foolish I just read over one of those letters. It is quite encouraging to know that I'm not nearly so much of a fool as I used to be.—Boston Transcript.

The Literal Truth.

Dunns—What do you mean by sending me word that you were not in? Debts—I didn't. I sent you word that I was out. Dunns—Well, and what did you mean by that? Debts—Exactly what I said. I am out of cash.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Amplifying Him.

First Guest (at banquet)—Is this diamond backed terrapin? Second Guest—That's what the caterer calls it. First Guest (tasting it)—Well, he's a prevaricaterer.—Chicago Tribune.

Sentence Suspended.

"Her voice was tried by a famous singing master."

"Was it found guilty?"—Princeton Tiger.

Getting in debt is like sliding down a greased pole; getting out is like climbing the same pole.—Augusta (Ga.) Herald.

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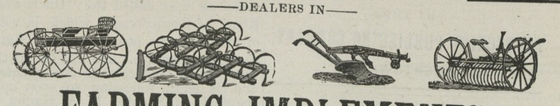

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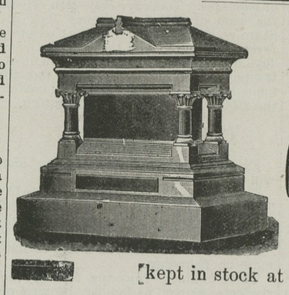

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