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A SHORT BUT TRUE STORY OF A HORSE AND HIS FRIEND, THE CAT.

An Interesting Legend About a Queer Three Cornered Island and Its Harmonious Inhabitants of Men, Women and Children Without Noses.

In Mr. John Dimitry's entertaining book, "Three Good Giants," occurs the following legend of a queer three cornered island, known in the "long ago" as the "Island of the Noseless People." It was so called from the fact that the noses of all men, women and children were flat, and shaped like the ace of clubs. The island was small, but full of people. As ages rolled by, it was found to be of no use to try and keep up family names, for as there was no difference in the faces—since all, big, little, rich and poor, had the same kind of club nose dumped exactly in the middle of the face—nobody could claim any particular name. In their trouble they at last thought out a plan by which they could tell one from another.



A FAMILY OF CLUB NOSES.
 This was their plan, to call each other by the name of whatever one most wanted. In this way the people of the island became as one family. So loving did they grow under this new rule that each one seemed to have a certain right to his neighbor, and never spoke to him without putting "my" before his name. If a little girl, for instance, wanted butter for her bread she would call her mother "My Butter," and if her mother wanted her thread, she would call "My Thread" and bring her little girl running to find it for her. A young man would bow to a lady and say "A lovely day, my Evening Walk" and she would smile and reply, "Yes, my fair Nosegay." An old man would call to his son, "Hurry, my Staff," and the boy would answer, "At once, coming my Parse." A professor would call his class to write by ringing the bell for "My good Lessons," and each scholar would salute him with "Good morning, my Success."

Everything, even in the smallest matters, worked smoothly. There could be no bad marriages, because each one called for in the other what he or she most needed, and did not have. Young maidens sang and danced half the year round, since they were always calling each other "My Gay Holiday" and "My Rich Feast." The children too were happy and laughed and played from eye opening to eye shutting time. In course of time this happy family numbered 300,000 souls, at least the mayor of club noses so declared.

A Dog's Bravery.
 Two lads, one of 10 years old and the other about 11, went into a pond to get out a couple of ducks they had "winged." As one of the boys arrived within reach of the birds, the younger of them being up to his chin in the water, a piercing cry was heard from the elder boy, and the younger on looking saw a large snake swimming toward him, evidently with the intention of disputing his right to the duck. But the snake was not to have it all his own way, for a liver color spaniel, the favorite of the family, sprang into the water, seized the reptile and swam to the bank with it in his mouth, and although the snake bit the faithful animal in several places, he would not drop his burden until the boys were out of reach, and when he saw they were safe he went up to the lads and exhibited by his playfulness the joy he felt at having saved them.

The dog was treated for snake bite by every available means, but he died in a couple of days to the regret of all the family.

A Peculiar Friendship.
 A gentleman residing in the western part of New York state, who was fond of cats, one day discovered a stray puss at his door, and kindly gave her shelter. The cat soon settled down in her new home, but not until she had made a careful survey of the premises, including the stable, where one horse was kept.



STRANGE FRIENDS.
 Remarkable to say, between these two incongruous animals a strong affection soon sprang up. Pussie steadily refused a bed in the kitchen and passed every night mounted on the broad back of her friend, who, in his turn, never seemed completely happy until the cat appeared. On one occasion the horse was not brought home until a late hour at night, the puss, ever faithful, however, was waiting for him, sitting in the manger, from whence she at once leaped on his back, purring out her satisfaction to the amusement of the gentleman and the stable boy who witnessed the performance.

Railway Signals.
 One pull of the bell cord signifies "stop."
 Two pulls mean "go ahead."
 Three pulls mean "back up."
 One whistle signifies "down breaks."
 Two whistles signify "off brakes."
 Three whistles mean "back up."
 Continued whistles indicate "danger."
 Short rapid whistles, "a cattle alarm."
 A sweeping parting of the hands on a level with the eyes means "go ahead."
 A slowly sweeping meeting of the hands over the head signifies "back slowly."
 A downward motion of the hands, with extended arms, signifies "stop."
 A beckoning motion with one hand indicates "back."
 A red flag waved up the track indicates "danger."
 A red flag by the roadside means "danger ahead."
 A red flag carried on a locomotive signifies "an engine following."
 A red flag raised at a station means "stop."
 A lantern swung at right angles across the track means "stop."
 A lantern raised and lowered vertically is a signal to "start."
 A lantern swung in a circle signifies "back the train."

THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

Pay of Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Army 100 Years Ago.
 The following gives the pay of those who won independence for the American colonies. Considering the fact that they were paid in Continental shillings they didn't get enough for luxuries:
 Colonel, \$50 per calendar month; lieutenant colonel, \$40 per calendar month; major, \$35 1-3 per calendar month; captain, \$25 2-3 per calendar month; lieutenant, \$18 1-3 per calendar month; ensign, \$13 1-3 per calendar month; adjutant, \$18 1-3 per calendar month; quartermaster, \$18 1-3 per calendar month; surgeon, \$25, raised to \$33 1-3 June 5, 1777; mate, \$18 per calendar month; chaplain, \$30, raised to \$37 1-3 July 2; sergeant, \$8 per calendar month; corporal, drummer and fifer, \$7 1-3 per calendar month; private, \$6 2-3. Light infantry, same. Pay of artillery—Captain, \$30 2-3 per calendar month; captain lieutenant, \$20 per calendar month; first and second lieutenants, \$18 1-3 per calendar month; lieutenant fire worker, \$13 1-3 per calendar month; sergeant, \$8 1-3 per calendar month; corporal, \$7 1-3 per calendar month; bombardier, \$7 per calendar month; matross, \$6 5-6 per calendar month; sergeant major, \$9 per calendar month; quartermaster sergeant, \$9 per calendar month; drum major, \$8 1-3 per calendar month; file major, \$8 1-3 per calendar month; regimental paymaster, \$20 2-3 per calendar month.

The Harp of Ireland.
 In ancient times Ireland had a coinage of her own, nullified by an act of parliament about the year 1825, when the coin of England and the Emerald Isle was assimilated. On the Irish coin the reverse contained the bust of the reigning sovereign, and on the obverse was a harp, surmounted by a crown with the word "Hibernia" over it. At all times Ireland has been distinguished for the number and excellence of her bards and minstrels, vocal and instrumental performers. The harp was the instrument on which they played, and so, of course, was considered the national instrument. When Ireland was an independent nation—that is, up to the year 1172—her banner bore a rising sun. Hence its poetical title, "the Sunburst." It was Henry VIII who is said to have changed the arms of Ireland by placing three harps on her heraldic shield. They are to be found on the Irish coins of Edward IV, Richard III and Henry VII, and were really the armorial bearings of that country from the reign of Richard II, which began in 1377, down to that of Henry VIII, which closed in 1547. The harp was surmounted by a crown to show that Ireland, subject to England, had been a monarchy.

United States Justices.
 The justices of the United States supreme court are: Justice Miller, Iowa, who takes the Eighth circuit—Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas; Justice Field, California, Ninth circuit—California, Oregon and Nevada; Justice Harlan, Illinois (appointed from Kentucky), Seventh circuit—Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin; Justice Matthews, Ohio, Sixth circuit—Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee; Justice Gray, Massachusetts, First circuit—Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Justice Blaine, New York, Second circuit—Vermont, Connecticut and New York; Justice Lamar, Mississippi, Fifth circuit—Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas; Justice Bradley, New Jersey, Third circuit—New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. The chief justiceship is at present vacant.

United States Citizens.
 Citizens are of two kinds: Natural born and alien born. Natural born citizens are of two kinds: (1) Native, born within the United States of either American or foreign parents; (2) foreign, born without the United States of American parentage. Allegiance to the United States descends for one generation entirely outside of the United States. Alien born citizens are of three kinds: (1) Those naturalized voluntarily upon petition; (2) those naturalized involuntarily by the acts of others (minors); (3) those naturalized involuntarily by their own act (alien born wives).

Electric Power.
 There are three systems of applying electric power to operate railroads, viz: 1. A current conveyed by storage cells charged with electricity and carried in the cars. 2. An electric current conveyed by the dynamo to the cars by a wire overhead upon which rides a small metallic carriage connected with the cars by wires. 3. Current conveyed by a third rail, or an underground conduit, reaching the motor in the car by means of a collecting wheel or brush in contact with the electrical conductor.

A Shining Sea Creature.
 The sea mouse sparkles like a diamond, and is radiant with all the colors of the rainbow, although it lives in the mud at the bottom of the ocean. It should not be called a mouse; it is larger than a big rat. It is covered with scales that move up and down as it breathes, and glitter like gold shining through a fleecy down, from which fine silky bristles wave, that constantly change from one brilliant tint to another.

The Tempting Fruit.
 Different nations have given varying expressions as to the name of the fruit of the tree, the eating of which caused original sin. There is a popular belief that it was a pippin. The Spaniards believe the banana to be the fruit of which Adam partook, and hold it in religious reverence. The West Indian plantain is called the Adam's apple tree.

Independence of Greece.
 Greece gained her independence from Turkey in 1830 and by the protocol of London, 1830, was declared a kingdom under the protection of Great Britain, France and Russia.

Initial Letters.
 Letters directed to initials are not forwarded by postmasters. They are unmailable matter.

Alcohol in Wine.
 It may be laid down as a rule, says Popular Science News, that wine containing more than 13 per cent of alcohol is fortified, especially if, as in sherries, the alcohol is from 15 to 20 per cent, and in the case of port is from 17 to 21 per cent. The average amount of alcohol in the French red wines is 10.44 per cent, and in white, such as champagnes, about 11 per cent; in hocks and Meudels, about 10 per cent; in Spanish wines, about 17 per cent; in ports, 17 or 18 per cent; in Madeira, 16 or 16.1 or 16.2 per cent.

Ammonia for Acute Alcoholism.
 Subcutaneous injections of ammonia represent a new remedy recommended by foreign authority for acute alcoholism. It is directed to inject under the skin a mixture of one part of ammonia with two to six parts of water. Two or three minutes after the hypodermic an erysipelatous redness is observed around the puncture, and the next morning some soreness. It is claimed that the patient, conscious from alcohol, recovers consciousness within three minutes after such an injection.

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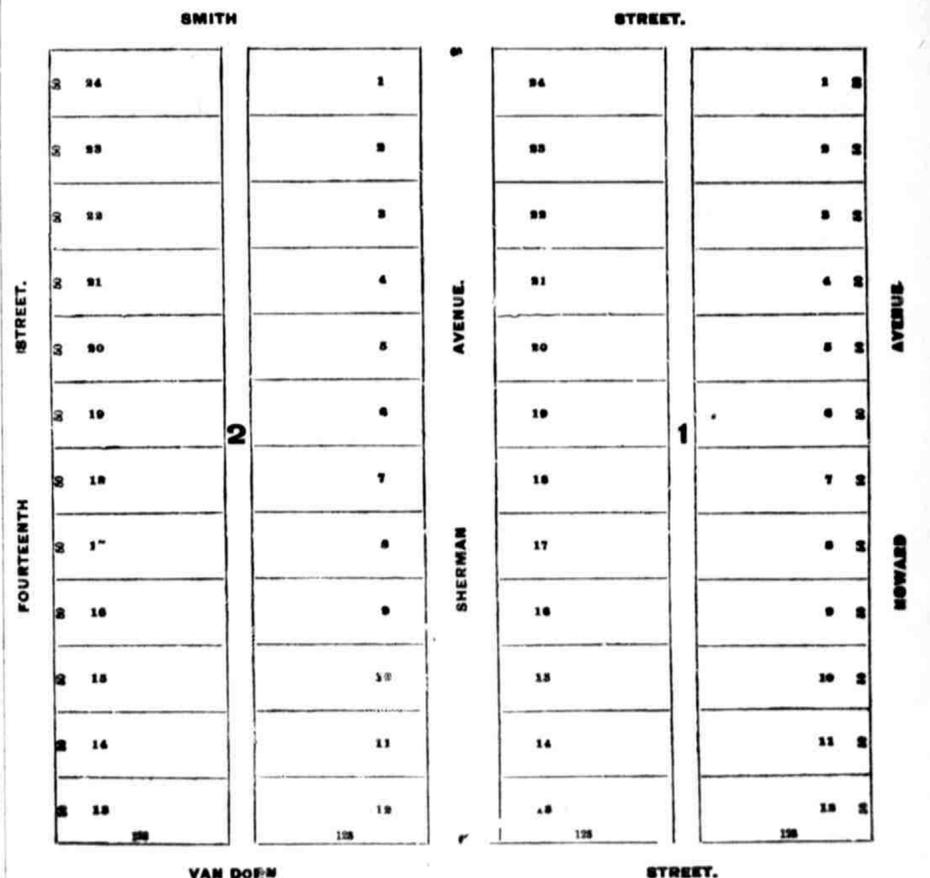
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