

# Saint Mary's Beacon.

**STRAY BITS.**—King Edward is rapidly doing away with many customs to which his mother was attached. Her Hindoo attendants were sent back to India as soon as the funeral was over, and now a stop has been put to the services in German in the German Chapel Royal which date back to the early Georges.

Secretary Hay's chief summer amusement is fishing, but his pleasure in the sport is mostly an esthetic one, and a friend recently said of him: "He'll take his Walton along and get so deep in that book—which he knows by heart—that he'll let most of the fish get away. It's the theory, not the practice, that he really likes."

When the present Emperor of Germany was born, January 27, 1859, the babe was described to the expectant crowd before the palace by Field Marshall von Wrangel in these words: "As sturdy a little recruit as heart could wish to see." "So intelligent and pretty and good and affectionate," was the latter description by Queen Victoria of this her first grandchild.

Many stories are related of the young King of Spain. At a recent function, in which only young people joined, a pretty girl of sixteen who had danced several times with little Alfonso, presented her cheek to him for a salute. Instantly he straightened up and presented his hand to her. "I don't kiss girls," he said; "I kiss my hand instead. I am your King."

The many charming anecdotes told of Prince Edward of York all point to his unusually keen powers of observation and his intense wish to appear grown up and to do as older people do. A short time ago, when asked what he would like to do to celebrate his birthday, the reply came without a moment's hesitation: "Go for a drive in an omnibus with all the other people."

It seems from a story going the rounds that the young King of Italy has not the calm indifference to the public opinion of his ally—the German Emperor. A courtier suggested to him that he should disguise himself as a student and go into the cafes, just as Peter the Great did. "Yes," said the King, Peter the Great had the right to hang those who said any thing disagreeable, and I have not.

Professor Ludwig Horienburger is the latest advocate to the end of bringing it about. This planet, he says, has jumped its orbit and is wobbling around in space like a drunken man. This irregularity, the professor explains, causes the summers to become hotter and hotter and the winters to be colder and colder. Before long, he thinks, no one will be able to make the transit from one extreme to the other, and then the human race will expire.

## THE TRAINING OF WILD ANIMALS.

"Ainslee's Magazine" for January contains an article on training wild animals for exhibition which is like to make any thoughtful person indulge in some novel reflections. It is curious, for one thing, that such an article should only have become possible within the last fifteen or twenty years. In 1860 nobody would have thought of writing on the subject in the style adopted by this writer but he would have thought of bothering himself about the question whether mosquitoes suffer from malaria because they live in swamps.

The peculiarity of the article consists in the fact that the author seems very much inclined to take the animal's point of view. He describes with faithfulness the methods used to make elephants stand on their heads and lions pose in tableaux, and then he directs attention to the intrinsic absurdity of such exhibitions. He says:

"I fancy you shall never know what fools menagerie animals think we are until the tables shall have been turned and a lot of men captured by them and put on exhibition. I should like to see the show (from a very private box). I fancy I can hear the jungle people gravely declaring that merchant princes and heads of corporations are stupid and treacherous because they can't and won't learn to hang by one foot from a tree limb."

Now, such a view as this would have been absolutely impossible before the humanitarian movement of the last generation set in. One person here and there might have taken it, but no magazine would have thought of offering such a thing seriously to its subscribers. It all goes to show that public sentiment on the subject of animals is changing, and that, more and more, people are coming to feel that the way to know wild animals is not under artificial conditions, but in their woodland homes, or places as nearly like these as can be contrived.

**TWO TOLD ON ROOSEVELT.**—President Roosevelt was once traveling in Idaho and passed a bookstore, in the window of which was a copy of his "Winning of the West." Going into the bookstore he inquired: "Who is this author, Roosevelt?" "Oh," said the bookseller, "he's a ranch driver." "And what do you think of this book?" asked the President. "Well," said the dealer, "I've always thought that if he had stuck to running a ranch and given up writing books, he'd have made a powerful more of a success at his trade."

There is, says the Philadelphia Press, another story equally good, that the President delights to tell. On one occasion, when he was speeding over the Pennsylvania railroad en route to Washington, a fond father held his boy in one arm and a copy of Judge in the other. A cartoon of an Irishman on the warpath, knife in hand, and savage teeth displayed, loomed up before the small boy. "I know him!" said the boy. "Oh, I guess you don't!" said the father, suspecting nothing, and seeing no cause for alarm. "Yes, I do," persisted the bad boy; "I know who he is and what he is. He's called Teddy Roosevelt, and he fights the Indians standing on horseback, and what he can't cut to pieces he tears with his teeth."

**A STORY OF MARK TWAIN.**—"I met Mark Twain on a river steamer when he was a very young man," said an aged westerner. "At that time he was rather a gaunt young fellow, with sleepy southern manners and a drawl peculiar to the river town in Missouri. Something in my appearance attracted his attention, for he stared intently at me whenever we met. It so happened that I wore on one foot an Indian moccasin, having been injured shortly before."

"Finally I demanded, with some irritation, whether he had ever seen me before. He looked me over and drawled:

"Well—your—face—is—familiar, then he dropped his eyes to the deck with a troubled frown; 'but—I—can't—recall—your—feet.'"

**SENATOR MASON'S EXAMPLE OF THURP.**—"I was standing in the lobby of the Auditorium in Chicago," remarked ex-Congressman P. J. Somers recently to a writer in the Milwaukee Sentinel, "talking with Senator William E. Mason of Illinois, when a tramping-looking fellow came rushing in, and, addressing him, said:

"Billy, lend me \$10; I have a chance to make \$3 in fifteen minutes."

"Billy went down in his trousers, fished up a \$2 and a \$1 note, and passed them over to the man."

"I want \$10 to make the deal," remarked the man as he stretched forth his hand for additional financial aid.

"You said you could make \$3, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, you've made \$3, and I'm \$7 ahead. See!"

"The man saw the point and regretfully withdrew."

A melancholy author went to Dumas and moaned that if he did not raise three hundred francs he was afraid he would have to charcoal-smoke himself and his two children. Dumas rummaged his coffers at once, but could find only two hundred francs.

"But I must have lost three, or I the little loves are lost," said the author.

"Suppose you suffocate only yourself and one of them, then?" said Dumas.

"I never lose my temper when a man insults me," said Broncho Bob.

"But you didn't waste any time on Coyote Bill."

"No. But I didn't lose my temper. I've learned by experience that nothing keeps a man from shooting straight like losing his temper."

—Washington Star.

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