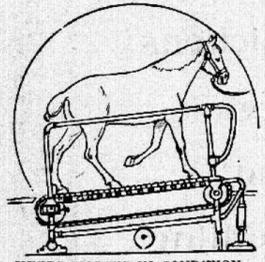




EXERCISER FOR HORSES

An invention in which owners of racing animals should be particularly interested.

One great difficulty encountered by sportsmen in shipping their running or trotting horses to foreign lands in order to compete with native-born animals for prizes and honors is maintaining the stock in good condition during the tedious journey across the ocean.



KEEPS HORSES IN CONDITION.

accompanying illustration, which seems to be practically an adaptation of the old horse power so long utilized on threshing machines.

Perhaps the most striking of all representations of two celebrated paintings, "The Crucifixion" and "Ecco Homo."

There are some instances where ladies have had the inscriptions on their wedding rings tattooed on their fingers beneath the ring.

Dependancy is the chief cause of suicide, and business losses are more potent factors in driving individuals to the commission of rash deeds than ill health, insanity, disappointment in love or strong drink.

Out in the Cold. Sunday-School Teacher—Why did Adam and Eve clothe themselves after the fall? Bright Scholar—Cause winter comes after the fall.—Puck.

Sensational Kite Voyage in English Channel

BEING pulled through the sea at the end of a kite string is an exhilarating experience, and the recent attempt of S. F. Cody to cross the fickle straits of Dover has proven that there is something about the location which exercises a peculiar fascination over experimenters with new forms of locomotion.

It was doubtless this feeling that led Mr. Cody to choose the channel passage as the supreme test for his kite drawn boat.

The boat is only 12 feet long and 4 1/2 feet in beam. Much space is taken up by the canvas decking, and it was a tight fit for the two passengers.

It weighs nearly 400 pounds and is constructed of canvas stretched on wooden ribs, and about 150 pounds of lead had been attached to the keel after the capsizing, which occurred when Mr. Cody went on a trial trip at Gravesend.

For the trip Mr. Cody used two kites 15 feet across, and once well up they flew steadily as if called to the sky. The power they exert is so great that the inventor was dragged feet foremost along the beach when flying one only half the size!

Both kites flew on the same line, which was made fast to the towing rope in the nose of the boat.

POWERFUL NEW RIFLE.

It Carries a Ball Ten Miles and May Have Important Bearing on Modern Warfare.

A great advance has been made in small arms by George E. Rounds, of Plymouth, Mass., which may have an important bearing on the armaments of the world and the battles of the future.

The result is a finished rifle of the Winchester model of 1895, short, like the old civil war carbine, but unlike it, it has a tapering barrel which approaches one-half inch in thickness at the rear end and is formed of a fine piece of nickel steel, which gives a maximum of strength.

From tests made it is calculated the gun fired at an elevation of 45 degrees will throw its projectile a distance of ten miles, while at shorter ranges its enormous muzzle velocity gives it a flat trajectory amounting to almost blank shooting.

TATTOOED WOMEN.

Famous Pictures, Crests, Automobiles, Phrases and Bad Jokes on Some Fair Intestimates.

Alfred South, of Cockspur street, who may be described as the pioneer of the tattooing art, has during his career operated on upward of 15,000 persons, including about 900 English women.

Perhaps the most striking of all representations of two celebrated paintings, "The Crucifixion" and "Ecco Homo."

Languages, too, have their due share of attention. Many women have written on their arms words belonging to various tongues—Assyrian, Chinese, Arabic, Religious subjects are very popular, especially with Roman Catholics.

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Another device is that of a figure of Cupid disappearing into the recesses of a powder pot, having cast aside his bow and quiver. This picture, which has been tattooed on the arm of one woman only, is entitled "Love Gone to Pot."

Porto Rican Coffee. The exports of coffee from Porto Rico exceed all other products in value.

grew dark, and black clouds hid the stars and all the sky, but still the ball would not shine.

"It is very strange," declared the rooster, as he sat and waited.

All the other chickens had gone to roost hours before, but still the rooster waited and watched.

Then the wind began to blow and the thunder to roll and the lightning to flash, and the first thing Mr. Rooster knew it was raining in torrents, and he was soaked to the skin, and most frightened out of his pins.

"I'll save the moon," he cried, and he grabbed up the ball and tried to run with it. When he reached the hen-house door the rain had stopped, and the wind had swept the clouds from the sky, and Mr. Rooster looked up and saw the moon smiling sweetly at him.

"So this isn't the moon, after all," said Mr. Rooster, looking down at the ball. "Well, I guess it must be one of the stars."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

WHEN A MAN SNEEZES.

English Surgeon Says It is a Sign of Good Health—Querer Oriental Customs.

It is reported that Mr. Johnathan Hutchinson has said that "when a man sneezes heartily he may know himself to be in the best of health," and that "no person in poor health was ever known to sneeze." The Scientific American, referring to this reported statement, falls foul of the English surgeon for making so dogmatic an assertion, when the contrary is so easily proved.

The journal in question then goes on to relate many old superstitions with regard to the ill luck attending sneezing, some of which, while proving nothing, are interesting. It appears that many savage and semi-civilized races of the orient have some curious customs regarding the sneeze.

When the sultan of Monomotopa sneezes, for instance, the fact is made known from the palace by a certain signal. Instantly every subject within hearing of the signal sets up a shout, the cry is taken up by others, and so extends until it runs through the confines of his empire.

Had the wind held the trip would doubtless have been accomplished, and although the results attempted failed of fruition, it was proved positively that a kite can pull a boat.



AMUSING PARLOR TRICK.

It is Called "Fettered and Unfettered" and Any Bright Boy Can Learn to Perform It.

The performer allows himself to be tied with a fetter (consisting of a band) as is shown in C of illustration. One hand is tied to the end of the band first, then the other. The band must be so long that the hands can move pretty freely.

Finally he slips his coat on again and asks somebody to cut the fetters, which appear to be intact and in the same condition as when they were tied at the beginning of the performance.

To perform this trick effectively, a cutaway coat should be worn, having in its back pockets the principal requisite, a second fetter. Besides this fetter a small pair of scissors is secreted in the same pocket. This pair of scissors serves to cut the band tied by the audi-

ence, for these fetters must come off to make room for the others.

After the hands of the performer are tied, he goes into the pocket with one hand, takes the pair of scissors and cuts the fetters. As his hands are tied behind his back, nobody can see this manipulation.

On each end a simple knot is made (a), then a loose knot in the shape of a loop (b), allowing the hand to slip for tightening around the wrists and loosening as the performer desires (a-b).

After the original fetters are cut and the coat is taken off the performer slips both hands into the loops and pulls them tight.

This fetter cannot be distinguished from the original one. By repeating this experiment, all sorts of variations in tying and untying can be shown, until finally this pseudo band is cut off by one of the audience.—Boston Globe.

SPIDER ENTRAPS BIRD.

A Brown Creeper Invades the Field Museum and Suddenly Comes to Grief.

"Will you walk into my parlor? Said the spider to the fly."

This time it was not the fly that the wily spider sought to entangle in his meshes, but a small bird, against which he felt he had just cause for grievance.

It seems that during the past season the Field museum at Chicago has been infested with large quantities of obnoxious spiders. They have festooned the ceiling and great columns of the building with yards of their shuttle-work much to the annoyance of the authorities.

The other morning, however, as a curator of one of the departments was passing, a guard remarked: "There's a bird for your collection! Looks as if it was done for."

The bird lay panting on his side at the bottom of one of the columns, as he took the little creeper in his hands.

The guard held a buzzing fly on the point of a pin to the bird's beak, saw it bite at it voraciously.

"Doesn't look as if he were going to die," said the scientist. "I wonder what the matter with him, anyway?"

Turning the bird over in his hand, he found it had been entrapped in a large spider's web, which had bound the wing and tail together in such a manner as to preclude flying.

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HAS A GOOD RECORD.

John Sharp Williams Well Liked by His Colleagues.

New Minority Leader in House of Representatives Abundantly Able to Take Care of the Interests of His Party.

If he lives until July 30 next John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the democratic leader in the house of representatives, will be 50. He is of slender figure, and a trifle above the medium in height.

Mr. Williams received a thorough educational training. He studied at the Kentucky military institute, and later at the University of the South, at Seawane, Tenn., and at the University of Virginia. Then he went abroad and attended Heidelberg university.

While at Heidelberg he mastered German sufficiently to converse fluently in it. He also studied French in his youth, and since leaving the universities he has kept up his researches both in German and in French.

Mr. Williams never held any public office prior to his election to congress in 1892.

Mr. Williams does not pretend to be a good parliamentarian. On the contrary, he has before and since his election as the minority leader candidly admitted that he is lacking in this capacity.

But Judge De Armond, of Missouri, is acknowledged to be a shrewd, careful and able parliamentarian. That is why at the request of Mr. Williams he was appointed by Speaker Cannon a member of the rules committee.

Throughout the session preceding the presidential election, Judge De Armond will virtually be at the elbow of the minority leader.

The New York Sun says that it is conceded on all sides that Mr. Williams is amply fortified by experience and ability to take care of himself and his party in any partisan debates that may arise.

His mind works quickly, he purposes to be ever watchful, and those who have measured lances with him know that he is no slouch in discussing the welfare of the nation.

A talk with Mr. Williams impresses the interviewer with the fact that if he has the support of his party he does not propose to engage in filibustering to the extent of wasting the time of the house. His policy will be signally different from that of some of his predecessors.

He purposes, however, to put the republican party on record at every stage, so that the country may know what is actually being done in the popular part of congress. This he believes can be done speedily and in order without a resort to tactics that prevailed in former congresses, when the rules were more lax and permitted filibustering to a degree nothing short of ridiculous.

INDIAN SUMMER.

It's Easy to Tell When That Delightful Season Ends, But When Does It Begin.

In the gentle and indefinite shading off of summer into autumn, when does Indian summer begin? Is it a genuine, authoritative Indian summer if no frost has preceded it? Or must the woods light up their banners to herald its advent? An Indian summer that is not born of a few frosty nights may suddenly backslide and become a reversion to summer itself, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

It cannot come scorching and sweaters as July, August and September, but veiled in blue mists or gray, every day, breaking in the same unvarying tints and tones and likewise temperature of the one before it, as if nature had saved her best in the bottom of the basket, and were hanging out an unspotted net every morning. Indian summer may continue long after the last leaf has fallen and been gathered to its companions in the brown windrows. It is not perplexing to discover when Indian summer ends. It is swept out and washed away in long, cold November rain, that stretches its warning streamers across the sky for days before it spreads its dripping wintry pall over the earth. But when does Indian summer begin?

Relic of Roman Rule. A most interesting memorial of the Roman occupation of England has just been sold under the auctioneer's hammer. This is the Roman station of Amboglanna, the largest on the famous wall which marked the limit of the Roman province. After an existence of 1,800 years the walls of the station, five feet thick, are in a wonderful state of preservation. The gateways are noble specimens of Roman work. Some of the wedge-shaped stones in the arches are still to be seen on the ground. The interior of the camp is marked with lines of streets and the ruins of buildings.

Marks Would Not Come. Small Willie was trying to write with a dull lead pencil that his mother had given him, but meeting with poor success he finally exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, the wood has slipped down over the lead, and the marks can't come out!"

THE GIANT OF GIANTS.

He is Twenty-Two Years Old and Almost Eight Feet High in His Stocking Feet.

According to scientists who have carefully examined him, the man whose picture accompanies this story enjoys the distinction of being the tallest person in the world. His name is Feodore Machow, and he comes of an old Russian family. He is now about 22 years old and is 238 centimeters in height. He especially surpasses all other giants now living in the length of his head, and in every other respect he is of the greatest scientific interest.

The New York Herald says that all the other giants who have been seen in Europe were from ten to 15 centimeters smaller than he is, their

average height, according to the late Prof. Virchow, was made a thorough study of the subject, being from 210 to 227 centimeters. Those who have not seen Machow can obtain an adequate idea of his height from the fact that the top boots which he wears, and which hardly reach to his knees, would cover two ordinary persons up to the waist and could be used by two 12-year-old boys as places in which they could completely conceal themselves. Moreover, the mattress on which he sleeps is nine feet long, and at every meal he eats three pounds of meat, together with a large quantity of bread, potatoes and other vegetables.

Improving His Style. Col. Henry Watterson, the editor, believes in good English, and not only writes it himself, but tries to get his young men to write it also.

The Philadelphia Post says that a bright young fellow who went to report a national convention with Col. Watterson turned in an article one night that was loosely written and somewhat slangy.

The colonel read it with portentous frowns. "Here, here, young man," he said, "this will never do. You must improve your style."

"What can I do to improve it, colonel?" the young man asked.

"Read, sir, read; read books," "Yes, colonel, but what books?" "Read Thackeray; start with 'Pendennis.'"

That night there was much excitement. Important news developed. Col.

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OBEYED INSTRUCTIONS.

Photographer Planted His Camera Where He Was Told To and There Was Trouble.

The city editor summoned the photographer of his staff, related Youth's Column's case, and said: "Col. Weiland's house is burning. Get out there as quick as you can with your camera and take a view of the ruins of the building, from the inside of the fence or over it."

"But," said the photographer, "if—"

"That's the point I want it taken from—right in the corner."

"But I think there's—"

"I don't care whether there's a better point or not. You know what I want. Hurry up! You are losing time."

The photographer took his camera and departed. A few hours later he had taken from the desired point of view.

"What is this?" asked the city editor. "That is a photograph of the ruins of Col. Weiland's house from the inside corner of the fence, near the street."

"I can't see anything of the house."

"I can't see anything of the house," "I used to tell you there was a big tree standing between that corner and the house, but you wouldn't let me."

Not at Home. Mrs. Nevich had been describing her visit to Turkey.

"I don't know, of course, you saw the Dardanelles?"

Mrs. Nevich—Why, no, we didn't. They had, but we were out—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

For 30c and This Notice the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., will send free 10c. 1 pkg. May 1st Carrot.....10c. 1 pkg. Best of Day Tomato.....20c. 1 pkg. Salzer's Flash Light Radish.....10c. 1 pkg. Salzer's Long Quick Radish.....10c. 1 pkg. Salzer's Queen of All Radish.....10c. Above six rare novelties, the choicest and finest of their kind, have a real value of 75c, but because we want you free together with Salzer's big catalog, well worth \$100.00 to every wide-awake gardener, all upon receipt of but 30c in postage and this notice. [L. I.]

Cruel Rejoinder. Cholly Nimrod—Aw—and when is the season I can't shoot?—

Guide—Can't you shoot a hundred and sixty-five days in the year?—N. Y. Sun.

An English Editor's Opinion. The English, next to the Americans, are the greatest travelers in the world, and while they as a rule insist upon having the best things to be obtained, they appreciate good service and beautiful scenery.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, having, with his wife, spent some little time in the United States during the summer, speaks most enthusiastically in regard to what they have seen. A few days ago he said to the editor of the Buffalo:

"Our stay in New York was a delightful one, and the picturesque grandeur along the Hudson and its surroundings was a source of much joy to us all."

"It has seldom been my good fortune to pass the time in such excellent sport as that furnished in your enchanting Adirondack Mountains."—Albany Times-Union.

"That young man," said the visitor, "behaves as if he knew more than you do."

"Naturally," replied the man, "why 'naturally'?" asked the visitor. "I am merely his father."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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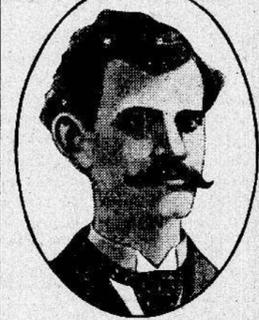
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FEODOR MACHOW. (Said to Be the Tallest Person in the Civilized World.)



JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS (Leader of the Democrats in the House of Representatives.)



COL. HENRY WATTERSON. (Famous Kentucky Editor, Lecturer and Story Teller.)

Watterson waited for his young man's report. It came to be 11 o'clock at night, and he had not submitted a line. The colonel started on a search and found the young man in his room with his feet on a table, smoking a cigar and reading a book.

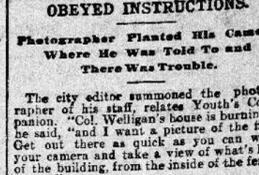
"Here, sir," shouted the colonel, "what are you doing? Where is your article? You have written nothing that I can find. What are you doing here loafing in this manner while the paper is waiting for the news?"

"Why, colonel," the young man replied with pained surprise, "I am carrying out your orders. I am reading 'Pendennis' to improve my style."

Discovers of Suicide. A favorite method of suicide in Japan lately has been to leap over certain waterfalls. So frequent have such occurrences become that police are now constantly stationed in their neighborhood, and large notice boards are erected bearing inscriptions in large letters, of which the following translation is an example: "Do not drown yourself here! Intended suicides are warned that heaven disapproves of the utilization of Kegan waterfalls for the purpose. This is certified to on the best priestly authority, and serious consequences in the hereafter are guaranteed. To drown here is also forbidden by the prefectural authorities."

Are Economical Housekeepers. The wives of French peasants are excellent housekeepers, and are noted for their thrift and tidiness. In most cases the earnings of the husband are small, but his wife is an excellent manager, and generally a capital cook. She evolves dainty dishes out of trifles; makes a leek or a cabbage, with a few bones, produce soup which is delicious; and transforms dried beans or macaroni, with an egg or a vegetable, into a nutritious and palatable dish.

Women as Store Buyers. About one-tenth of the buyers in New York wholesale stores are women,



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