

Camels as Beasts of Burden.

An interesting suggestion has just been made for the introduction of camels into the South of England as beasts of burden for farmers and others. For a number of years they have been used in Australia; and their docility and endurance in that country are highly praised. Laden separately, they take about 700 weight each; but, in a team, they are able to draw as much as a ton apiece. By the Australian squatters they are extensively employed, and in districts where water is scarce they are almost invaluable. The price of a young camel is from \$250 to \$350, and this sum is not deemed high by the inhabitants of the antipodes. The chief objection to their introduction into England is that the country is too wet, and camels never get along on wet ground. After a rain they are liable to slip and become useless. Horses also are much terrified by their appearance. A similar attempt was made to introduce them here some fifteen years ago, but the idea did not take.

It was late and she had been yawning for half an hour, but he did not take the hint. "I see," he said, "that Tennyson in his drama speaks of men as God's trees, and women as God's flowers. It is natural that he should compare women to flowers, but I cannot see why he should compare men to trees." "I can," she said. "You can?" "Yes; this is winter ain't it?" "It is." "Well," she said, with another yawn as she glanced toward the clock, "the reason he compared men to trees is that trees don't leave till spring." He was on his way home a minute later.—Boston Budget.

The Bienville New Era closes a magnificent article on education as follows: "Let us give our children every educational advantage in our power, but while doing this let us not neglect their moral training, and in selecting teachers let us see that they have the moral as well as educational qualifications necessary to fit them for the exalted and responsible position they propose to occupy."

The most original method of gaining notoriety yet devised is that chosen by John O'Mara, of Pittsburg, who challenges any man in the city, either to stand in the cold or sit on a block of ice longer than he will. He has just beaten James Cavanagh by twenty-two minutes, freezing one ear and two fingers in the match.

Give to the cows none but the best and purest food. With no other stock is this so essential, for the reason that it has been fully demonstrated by competent authorities that the milk is a very prolific source of transmitting disease germs from impure food, and especially from impure water.

LONGFELLOW'S ADVICE TO CHILDREN.—Live up to the best that is in you; live noble lives, as you all may, in whatever condition you may find yourself, so that your epitaph may be that of Euripides; "This monument does not make thee famous, O Euripides! but thou makest this monument famous."

If you are keeping cows for the dairy, or to give milk and make butter, keep only the kind that will give the greatest quantity of your specialty—butter cows, if it is butter; and if it is milk, then keep cows of the milk breeds, says the Pittsburg Stockman.

"If you would be truly happy, my dear," said one lady to another, "you will have neither eyes nor ears when your husband comes home late from the 'ub.'" "Yes, I know," answered the other, wearily, "but what am I to do with my nose?"

A chicken with a clipped wing made several ineffectual attempts to fly over a fence. An Irishman who witnessed the efforts of the "chick" laughingly exclaimed: "Begorra, she has a defective 'flew'."—Cleveland Voice.

The latest folly practiced by dukes and dundinos is to have themselves bled and thus secure a pale and aristocratic appearance. It is said that swell young men are more addicted to the practice than the young women.

Obituary notices in London now frequently contain the statement that by the wish of the deceased his relatives will not wear mourning.

The Yankee Marksman.

The following took place during the revolutionary war. Lord Percy's regiment was about commencing to fire at a target on Boston Common one day, when an awkward looking country boy that had outgrown his jacket and trousers, came up.

"Now, my boys, for a trial of your skill," said Percy; "imagine the mark to be a Yankee—and here is a guinea for whosoever hits his head."

Jonathan drew near the target. When the first soldier fired and missed he slapped his hands on his thigh and laughed immoderately. When the second soldier fired and missed Jonathan threw his hat and laughed again.

"Why do you laugh, fellow?" asked Lord Percy, crossly.

"To think how safe the Yankees are, if you must know," replied Jonathan.

"Why, do you think you could do better?"

"I don't know; I could try."

"Give him a gun, soldier, and you may return the fellow's laugh," said Percy.

Jonathan took the gun, and looking at every part of it carefully, said: "It won't burst, will it? Father's gun don't shine like this, but I guess it's a rather better gun."

"Why do you guess so?" asked Percy.

"Cause I know what that'll do, and I don't think 'ere," replied Jonathan. "But look o' here! you call that 'ere mark a Yankee; and I won't fire at a Yankee!"

"Well, you may call it a British regular, if you please," said Percy.

"Well, regular it is then. Now for freedom, as father says."

Jonathan raised his gun and fired.

"There, I guess that 'ere red coat has got a hole in it!" cried he turning to the soldiers.

"Why don't you laugh at me now, as that 'ere fellow said you might?"

"You awkward rascal, that was an accident. Do you think you could hit the mark again?" inquired Percy.

"I don't know, but I can try."

"Give him another gun, soldier; and take care the clown don't shoot you. I should not fear to stand before the mark myself."

"I guess you'd better try it."

"Why, do you think you could hit me?"

"I don't know, indeed; but I could try it."

"Fire away, then."

Jonathan then fired and hit the mark.

"Ha! ha! ha! how father would laugh to see me shooting at half gun-shot."

"Why, you rascal, you don't think you could hit the mark at twice the present distance?"

"I don't know. But I'm not afraid to try."

"Give him another gun, soldier, and place the mark further off."

Jonathan fired again and hit as before.

Calling in Arkansasaw.

A few months ago Colonel W. P. Grace, one of the most prominent lawyers of the State, had occasion to make a horse-back journey into a wild district lying between two great mountains of the Ozark range. One day while the heat was intense, he came up to a small log house surrounded by a fence of poles. An old fellow with long yellow whiskers, like the dead silk on an ear of corn, sat on the fence, engaged, it seems in killing buffalo gnats.

"How are you?" said the Col., reining up his horse.

"Little pearter than I wuz, but I ain't so powerful peart yet," slapping at a gnat.

"Will you be so kind as to bring me a dipper of water?"

"Dipper?" he repeated, contemptuously. "I aint seed a dipper sense I went down ter take a look at the legislature. Ef yer drink here, stranger, yer'll have to drink outen a gourd. Want it?"

"Yes I am thirsty enough to drink out of a straw hat."

The old fellow went into the cabin and soon returned with a gourd dripping with water. The Colonel took the vegetable vessel, turned it up, but only for a moment. Spitting out the water he returned the gourd and said:

"Put a thermometer in that water and it would run up to 150."

"Don't know about that, Cap'n; but put a wiggletail in it an' he'd caper around mightily."

"When did you draw it?"

"Wan't drawn; it was foted."

"When did you bring it from the spring?"

"Day afore yistiddy."

"Why haven't you brought some since?"

"Cause this aint give out yet, an' another reason is, wife she's down with the chills."

"Can't you leave her long enough to get water?"

"Tain't that, she aint able to go arter it. She tends to the water."

"How far is it to the spring?"

"Bout three miles."

"Which direction?"

"Fust one an' then tuther. Path's powerful crooked."

"Why don't you dig a well?"

"Weather's too hot."

"Why don't you dig one when it's cold?"

"Cause the ground's friz."

"How far is it to the next house?"

"Thar aint none."

"What's your name, my friend?"

"Patterson. What's your name?"

A New Rule.

Perhaps, boys, you would like to know the day of the week on which you were born. If there are a dozen or so of you in the family, your mother can't remember the day, your father don't care, your aunt nevet know, and your grandmother is dead, and so you must rely on some rule as follows: Set down the year of your birth less 1, divide by 4 (throwing away the remainder if any) and add to the date; also add the number of days from January 1st to the date of birth, divide by 7, and if 0 remains, Sunday is your birthday; if 1, Monday; 2, Tuesday; and so on.

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