

HE SOLD THEM.

The book agent had square jaws but so had the woman at the door. And there was a sinister look about her lips.

"But madame," he tried to say. "I don't want none of your old books, she snapped.

"But this is on 'Social Manners. and—"

"Get out," said the woman, taking a tighter hold on the broom.

"Well," said the book agent, "it's just as the woman next door said."

"What did she say?" asked the woman at the door, her face showing signs of interest for the first time.

"Oh, she said that a woman like you would have no use for a book on manners—"

"She did, did she," yelled the woman at the door. "The husky. Just give me two copies, and I'll send one over to her with my compliments. How much?"

"Ten and six per volume. Ah thanks."

Sometimes men know more about women than you give them credit for.

THE GAME OF ALLITERATION.

Young folks at a social gathering can find amusement in a game called "alliteration." This game consists in the construction of sentences or stories, wherein every word begins with the same letter.

In order that there may be system in the work, each player should have a separate letter. Pencils and paper are necessary, of course, and the productions ought to be read by one person at the end of the game.

Here are some specimen bits: "Alexander's aunt ate an artichoke, and afterwards advised all against artichokes."

"When Willie went West, we wondered what he would write."

"Dainty deeds daily done dearly delight dutiful daughters."

"Each eager enthusiast exults every Easter, eagerly examining each Easter egg."

"Busy bees brightly buzz by brilliant bowers, borrowing burdens by burrowing brown bodies below beautiful blossoms."

THE TOWN TATTLE.

In every community there is a fool, a wise man, a man with a loose tongue, a thief, a man of small principle and a man with no principle at all.

The most contemptible of these is the man with the loose tongue. More harm can be done in a day with tattling than can be remedied in a year. Don't tattle. If you hear a report about anything and you intend to repeat it, tell only what you know; do not add a paragraph and start it on a new journey.

Often the friendships of life-long friends are broken and their lives made miserable by this one thing—tattling. Be careful how you speak, and to whom you speak.

The man who does his duty will not fail to make some people think hard of him. And the man who fails to do his duty will not escape the same trouble.

"You durned old plug," said the farmer to his balky horse, "you actually ain't worth killin'—unless," he added, after second thought, "unless I could manage to git you killed by the railroad."

When you hear a man assert that "every man has his price," you may be reasonably certain that you have found at least one man who can be bought.

A countryman presented himself at the clerk's desk in a hotel, and after having a room assigned to him inquired at what hours meals were served.

"Breakfast from 7 to 11, luncheon from 11 to 3, dinner from 3 to 8, supper from 8 to 11," recited the clerk, glibly. "Jeru hy!" ejaculated the countryman, with bulging eyes. "When am I a-going to git time to see the town?"

A Washington newspaper says: "Commander-in-Chief Street, of the Union Veterans' Union, has offered to the President the services of 10,000 men of the union for the defense of the country. They could be ready for action in forty-eight hours." And yet most, if not all, of this Sparta's band of warriors hold are now drawing pensions for disability.

If entitled to their pensions, in case of war they would be a source of weakness, rather than of strength to the army.—Alexandria Gazette.

Little cares and troubles are the most dangerous. You may dodge an elephant, but you cannot dodge a gnat.

"I declare Mrs. Squilding is as pretty as a picture," remarked Mr. M'Swilling.

"No wonder," replied his wife, "she is hand-painted."

LOVE IS THE KEYSTONE OF A WOMAN'S LIFE.

Her fondest hopes rest upon this tender emotion; her highest pride is in her capacity to awaken the love which makes a happy wife; her noblest ambition is to become a loved and loving mother.

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JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRACY.

As many of our readers may never have seen the sixteen principles of Democracy as laid down by Thomas Jefferson in his inaugural address, and as they contain the same Democracy as enunciated time and again, by William J. Bryan, and embodied in the Chicago platform of 1896, we quote them for our readers.

1. Equal and exact justice to all men of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political.

2. Peace, commerce, honest friendships for all nations; entangled alliances with none.

3. The support of the State governments in all their rights, as the most competent administration for our domestic concerns and the surest bulwarks against anti-republican tendencies.

4. The preservation of the general government in its whole constitutional vigor as the sheet anchor of our peace at home and safety abroad.

5. A jealous care of the rights of election by the people. A mild and safe corrective of abuses which are lopped by the sword of revolution where peaceable remedies are unprovided.

6. Absolute acquiescence in the decision of the majority, the vital principle of republics, from which there is no appeal but force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.

7. A well disciplined militia, our best reliance in peace, and for the first moments of war till regulars may relieve them.

8. The supremacy of the civil over the military authority.

9. Economy in the public expense that labor may be lightly burdened.

10. The honest payment of our debts and sacred preservation of the public faith.

11. Encouragement of agriculture, and of commerce as its handmaid.

12. Diffusion of information, and arraignment of all abuse at the bar of reason.

13. Freedom of religion.

14. Freedom of the press.

15. Freedom of the person under the protection of the habeas corpus.

16. Trials by jury impartially selected.

We commend the careful study of the above to that class who say there are no principles in politics.

"For five weeks I lived on cold water so to speak," writes a man who suffered terribly from indigestion.

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CASTORIA.

Do not despise the small talent; they are needed as well as the great ones. A candle is sometimes as useful as the sun.

COST OF SABLES.

How the Price Advances After the Skins Leave Siberia.

It is to be wondered whether the elegant lady wrapped so snugly in her winter furs gives a thought, even a passing one, to the subject as to where the magnificent sable skin which she wears around her neck originally came from.

Up in the great watershed dividing Siberia and Mongolia lives a peculiar race of people, half Chinese, half Tibetans. Few Europeans have ever seen them; in fact, with the exception of one or two enterprising explorers or geographical enthusiasts who have crossed the Altai range, European eyes have never gazed upon the aboriginal Syots of northern Mongolia.

Sable hunting in the Siberian mountains of northern Mongolia is conducted almost exclusively to the Syots and other native races, and it would surprise a good many fur dealers in England to know the prices which are paid by the Siberian traders to these poor aborigines for the skins they collect.

The Siberian trader, knowing his market, makes periodical journeys into Mongolia. It is safe to say he does not take a kopek of money with him, but he drags behind him a well-stuffed caravan loaded with tea, tobacco, gunpowder and shot, strings of beads for the women and roughly made moccasins for the men. In due course he will come across a Syot encampment.

The trader sits on his wagon and hatters cheerfully. With the eye of a connoisseur and with fingers rendered deft by long practice, he sees and feels the smooth, warm skin of the little animal.

The small black one—well, a two-ounce packet of tobacco is enough for that. That large black one—a handful of shot and an equal quantity of gunpowder. A packet of tea for a lovely skin with a long black stripe down the center. This one, in fine skin, but a little bit hurt by the shot entering the back—well, only a string of beads for that.

In their original undressed state it is safe to say that the skins do not cost the Siberian trader more than a few pence each on the average. As the poor sable travels further westward, however, he gets dearer and dearer. In Tomsk one can get very good sables for something like five or six rubles—about 13 shillings. In Omsk few are sold under ten rubles—\$11 shilling. In Moscow 100 per cent goes on. In St. Petersburg no one except the middle class or a functionary would wear a sable under 15. In Paris and London a real Siberian sable skin will fetch anything up to \$20, but the imitation sables of the present day have done much to depreciate this wonderful trade.—London Mail.

PATENT COW FOR HUNTERS.

It Carries Them Quietly Into the Midst of Unsuspecting Game.

It is a well-known fact that birds and wild animals know what other animals they have to fear.

The birds that fly from a man or a dog will hop around a cow, even walking right under her.

Man has now taken advantage of this fact to facilitate the slaughter of birds and other game.

A Wisconsin man has invented a patent cow for hunters, and the specifications have been received at the patent office.

The invention presents the perfect outward semblance of a most peaceable and amiable cow, but the forelegs and hindlegs are, in fact, the two pairs of legs of two men. They are armed with guns and have a plentiful supply of ammunition.

The patent cow moves along like an ordinary, harmless animal until it is in the midst of a lot of birds, when it comes open and the two men inside blaze away.

The specifications state that the invention consists of a hollow decoy animal adapted to be supported and held in an upright position and operated by an inclosed hunter, for whom the decoy forms a concealing shell or blind.

The device, in its make-up, comprises an essential element a flexible outer shell of canvas or other suitable material, decorated exteriorly to represent the animal in imitation of which the decoy is constructed, and said shell is adapted to be supported or held in its distended position through the medium of a collapsible metal framework, which allows the covering and framework of the decoy to be folded into a small space for transportation.

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