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VARIETIES.

—Rambling notes—bank bills.

—A compound word—rum-punch.—*Boston Post.*

—A dentist's sign—Drawing, music and dancing.

—A crooked politician never votes the straight ticket.

—A go-as-you-please race—the women.—*McGregor News.*

—The more butter goes down the faster the price goes up.—*Free Press.*

—No man is obliged to put up with a hotel keeper he doesn't like.—*Boston Post.*

—On a capital of $900,000 the cotton mills of Augusta, Ga., pay a dividend of twenty-eight per cent.

—Americans wear more watches than any other nation. We have the system of tick to a perfection in this country.

—The New Orleans *Picayune* says that bald-headed men are like kind words, because kind words never dye.

—When you send a communication to a newspaper always tell the editor he need not publish it if he doesn't want to.

—Only one year more to Presidential election. How the four seasons of the year do chase each other into the dim closets of the past!—*Free Press.*

—A Nebraska monument to a horse thief is simply a stake at the head of a grave and a sign reading: "It would have been cheaper for him to go afoot."

—How quietly flows the river to the sea, yet it always gets there. This is a good point to remember when you are trying to rush things.—*New Haven Register.*

—Advice to bachelors: Never marry a woman unless she is so rich that you would marry her if she were ugly and so handsome that you would marry her if she were poor.

—The person who devotes his time to the benefit of mankind in this world, without receiving a cent's reward, when he dies will receive the reward of ascent. —*Whitehall Times.*

—It is not strange that writers sometimes get puzzled in their choice between "that," "which," and "who." Relatives are more or less troublesome.—*Transcript.*

—A Philadelphia woman attempted suicide by drinking coal oil, but as she failed to apply a lighted match to her mouth the affair proved a dismal failure.—*Philadelphia Chronicle.*

—If boy's boots were made of cast iron, covered with tar and gravel and then painted four coats and varnished, mothers would still have cause to wonder how on earth "that boy" got his feet sopping wet.

—Jonas Saunders, of Indiana, tied a cow's legs to keep her from kicking over the milk pail, and when she tried to kick she fell over on him and broke his back. There is such a thing as being too smart.—*Free Press.*

—The boy who doesn't leap over seven hitching posts, kick a lame dog, snatch a handful of navy beans in front of every grocery store, knock over a box or two and work the handle of every pump on the sidewalk on his way home from school, is either lazy or doesn't feel well.—*Keokuk Gate City.*

—Years and years ago it used to be said that a girl might be willing to be kissed when she voluntarily put a boy's hat on her head. This cannot be true, for hundreds of pretty girls are now wearing the little round Derby hats, and looking well under them.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

—A young lady who had been married a little over a year wrote to her matter-of-fact old father: "We have the dearest little cottage in the world, ornamented with the most charming little creepers you ever saw." The old man read the letter and exclaimed: "Twins, by thunder!"—*Keokuk Constitution.*

—A Denver girl, for diversion, not only engaged herself to marry two men, but appointed the same day, hour, and place for a secret wedding with each. The suitors were somewhat disconcerted by each other's presence, as well as by the girl's absence, but they finally came to an amicable understanding to despise her.

—Says the Cincinnati *Commercial:* "This is the season for duck hunting. Young men will take notice. The ducks that are most worn now on the left elbow are those with dark hair and black eyes. But there are some ducks with large blue eyes and golden hair that are quite too awfully magnificent."

—An Arizona Judge has just shown his appreciation of modern improvements in fire-arms by shooting and killing an editor. The editor's partner immediately shot the magistrate, and was himself waylaid and extinguished the same night by some parties unknown. The total bag for the day's sport was a Judge and two editors. Altogether it was a great day for Arizona.

—When little Bob asked his sister's beau for a cigar, his future brother-in-law snubbed him with the remark: "Young man, a strap would do you more good." Next night Bob's sister and her young man got their hands, chins, and clothes smeared with coal tar while lingering at the front gate, and little Bob, when questioned on the subject, said he couldn't tell a lie—"It must have been a tramp."—*Puck.*

A Russian Romance.

Count Scheremetieff, a descendant of one of the most ancient Boyard families, possessed more than 100,000 male souls, as serfs were then called in Russia, the women not being counted either in census or tax lists. Among these serfs there were many who had been allowed to go into business for themselves. Some of these had made fortunes, others had even become millionaires. The conditions of the Count's inheritance forbade his selling any male serf his freedom. Among this number there was one who had established himself at Riga and was at the head of a great banking house of that city—an ancient house which had existed under German control for a century, and was well known and highly respected in all the European cities.

The serf who was now at the head of the house, felt his humiliating position very keenly. His sons were excluded from alliances with families who were their equals in fortune and education, for no daughter of these families would wed a slave, even if he were ten times a millionaire, as the Russian law compels the wife to accept the social position of her husband.

The banker, who had almost despaired of obtaining his own freedom, journeyed every year to St. Petersburg to sue for that of his children. The freedom of the daughter was cheerfully granted, for Count Scheremetieff was of those chivalrous noblemen whose motto is noblesse oblige. There are many such in Russia, the descendants of the old reigning houses of the Empire. These nobles lent an almost unanimous support to the project of Alexander II. for the emancipation of the serfs, although the carrying out of the measure cost a large share of their fortunes.

Upon the banker's last visit to St. Petersburg he had offered the Count half a million rubles for the freedom of his sons. The Count had refused as usual, but he had allowed the banker great attention, inviting him to dine at his house, where he was treated as a peer by the elite of the Russian nobility.

A few months later, early in the spring, he returned sad and despairing to St. Petersburg. His eldest son having been sent to England on business connected with the house, had become acquainted with the daughter of a leading manufacturer. The young people were deeply in love, but, under existing circumstances, they could not marry The banker resolved, if necessary, to sacrifice his whole fortune to purchase the freedom of his eldest son. Upon his arrival he found the Gulf of Finland blockaded with ice, thus shutting of all communication with the interior.

Knowing the Count's extreme liking for oysters, the banker purchased a keg on the route and took them along with him. The Count had some friends to breakfast, but the delicacy he most cared for was lacking, and loud wails arose from him and his guests in consequence. In the midst of the general lamentation our banker entered, and the Count invited him to stay to breakfast.

"You have come again with that everlasting frain," said the Count, laughing. "I remember hearing you sing it in my father's lifetime, when I was but a child. You don't know what a chance for gaining your freedom has just been opened to you, but you have missed it, as I have my oysters."

"What chance?" asked the banker, with a deep sigh, and yet with a gleam of hope in his eyes. "Perhaps your honor is in a monetary embarrassment. What sum do you require?"

"Go to the deuce with your money!" answered the Count; "I despise it. But if you had only brought some oysters."

"What would you do were I to bring you some?" asked the banker, his heart throbbing violently.

"What would I do?" returned the Count, sure that there were no oysters in St. Petersburg, and feeling perfectly safe in making any promise in this regard no matter how preposterous. "What would I do? I would give you your liberty. Then I should not only have my oysters, but my ears would be forever free from this eternal hue and cry of yours."

"Would you truly give me my freedom and fortune with it?" cried the banker, eagerly. "Are you really in earnest?"

"I was never more so in my life," laughed the Count. "For this once I will transgress our old family law, but only on one condition."

"Name it!" cried the banker, eagerly.

"You are to bring me the oysters this very day, and not order them from Riga."

"Do you pledge me your word of honor?"

"Yes, my solemn word of honor," replied the Count, still laughing at the absurd idea of finding oysters in St. Petersburg, when his servants had for the last twenty-four hours been seeking them in vain.

"I take you for my witnesses gentlemen," said the banker, hastening to leave before the Count had time to repent of his promise.

"O, yes, we are your witnesses; but hurry and bring us your oysters," cried the merry guests, laughing as they foresaw the banker's discomfiture.

"They shall soon be forthcoming, gentlemen," he answered, as he hastened away.

Upon the banker's visit at St. Petersburg he always lodged at the Count's hotel with his chief intendent. He had not far to go, and in a few moments, when the guests were making themselves merry over his illusion, the door opened, and he entered rolling a keg of oysters. The Count looked blank, and the guests began to clamor for the oysters immediately.

"Hold?" cried the banker, "I do not doubt your honor's word, but I am a man of business, and I prefer to have the agreement made in writing. I may die of joy, and your honor may die of chagrin, before the promise is carried out. Give me the writing and I will deliver you the oysters."

So saying, he opened the keg, displaying the largest and finest Holstein bivalves imaginable.

"The banker is right, Count," exclaimed the guests; "but end this business quickly, for we are suffering the horrors of Tantalus. Order pen, ink and paper."

"O, I will save you the trouble," said the banker, and, taking a piece of white chalk from his pocket, he wrote the following agreement upon the stave of the oyster keg:

"I, the undersigned, in consideration of a stated recompense, hereby declare my serf, M. N., and family, residents of Riga, free henceforth and forever. Signed in the presence of the witnesses:——

"Now," he added, presenting the chalk and stave to the Count, "your honor and those gentlemen will do me the favor to sign this document, while I, for the last time, discharge my office of serf, and proceed to open the oysters."

The Count put a good face on a bad matter; he signed, and the guests followed him. Then the gentlemen shook hands with the banker, and congratulated him on his good fortune. But the Count would not allow his former serf to play the role of servant, he compelled him to take a seat at the table. The decanters were filled with champagne, after they had all drank to the health of the now free citizen, the gentlemen turned with great zest to the oysters, which were soon finished.

The writer of this sketch has himself seen the original decree of emancipation written with chalk upon the oaken stave; enclosed in a gold frame it occupies the place of honor among the many fine pictures in the banker's drawing-room. There it will always hang, reminding the wealthy and honorable family of those old days of serfdom, which, God be praised, are now over.—*From a Volume of Russian Sketches, written by a Russian.*

The Indian Summer.

The delicious season popularly called "Indian summer" usually appears about the 1st of November in this latitude. Climatologists tell us that the area of its geographical extent not only covers the northern parts of the United States and Canada, but also the far northwest. It is certainly a very characteristic and periodical phenomenon in all these high American latitudes, as it is in central Europe, though probably in a less marked degree; and there are reasons for believing that it exerts its softening influences up to the Arctic circle, tempering the first waves of winter cold that descend upon Arctic America. But it does not appear to lavish its charms on the far south or lower latitudes of the United States, where, indeed, they are not so much needed. Although it is often prolonged into December, when a calm, hazy atmosphere fills the sky through which the sun, shorn of his strength, sinks day after day, like a globe of fire, the Indian summer, at the provincial observatory in Toronto, Canada, has been occasionally recorded as early as the 6th of October. The average date of its distinct appearance there, deduced from fourteen years' observation, is October 27.

Search for explanation of this phenomenon has not escaped scientific investigation. As either pole of the earth is turned toward the sun after the vernal equinox, the solar effect increases in the direction of that pole until the thaw of the winter's accumulated ice sets in, when an interval of cold occurs, caused by the rapid absorption of solar heat, and thus the frequent "cold spells" of the later spring months have been accounted for. When, on the contrary, either pole is turned away from the sun after the autumnal equinox, the converse process takes place; the higher parts of the continent are chilled, and the ensuing condensation of the vapor in the air liberating its heat raises the temperature, and thus an interval of fine and comparatively warm weather or "second summer" follows. This simple explanation of Indian summer first advanced by Admiral Fitzroy, is corroborated by the fact that the increase of temperature attending it is in the higher latitudes of America, where it is described as sometimes "oppressive"—just where, of course, the earth's crust in October is undergoing the most rapid refrigeration, where ice is forming and consequently the heat of condensation is most freely liberated from the lower atmospheric strata. The heat generated by condensation is familiar to all who reflect on their sensations when a shower is being formed in the clouds by this process on a sultry day. Were it not for the comparative dryness of the air in the interior of the continent, or rather, if it was moist enough at this season, the cooling of the soil would produce cloud and rain, instead of the "dry fog," as Indian summer is technically called.

The phenomenon in question has, it would appear, been more the theme of poets than of physicists. But, of minor importance in a meteorological point of view as it may seem, its further study and investigation might furnish a clue to the explanation of some problems of our climate which are yet unsolved. The fine particles of dust which often fall on vessels in the open Atlantic, near the Cape Verde Islands, when subjected to the microscope, have proved tallies on the winds, serving to fix the direction of the "trade winds," from the African coast, and thus to clear up one of the great questions of ocean meteorology. Many not less striking examples of seemingly unimportant phenomena leading to important discoveries abound in the history of science. We may, therefore, apart from the consideration of its general interest, hope that the signal service will be able to give some attention to the beautiful feature of our autumnal weather. If the explanation of the phenomenon above given holds good, and "Indian summer" is consequently an expression or indication of the cold-determining forces of terrestrial radiation going on within the polar circle on the eve of winter, it would seem not irrational to inquire, might not full "Indian summer" observations in the fall of the year furnish meteorologists with one valuable clue toward forecasting the character of the coming season? Such a result realized would doubly repay all the labor and cost of the necessary research.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Curing a Balky Horse.

A correspondent of the Toronto *Globe* would cure a balky horse as follows. "I would prepare myself with a good strap—I want no whip; perhaps he has got a taste of that already, and still he is master. But some fine day when I was at peace with myself and all around, I would hitch him to the buggy, turning his head to the village. He goes half the way very well indeed; then he begins to consider he has gone far enough in that direction and stops. I step down; he expects me to use the whip. He is mistaken. As a criminal I treat him on the silent system. I push him back a little out of the way. I show him the strap, putting it up to his nose. I go to the off side and buckle it to his off fore leg, close up to the breast, throwing the other end over his shoulder; I then raise his near fore foot and fix it with the hoof nearly touching the belly. This done, I say: 'Now, old chap, you stand there.' I don't smoke so I take a paper from my pocket, and finding a place where I can sit down and he see me I begin to read. This is something he did not bargain for, and the novelty of standing on three legs somewhat diverts his mind from the cause that stopped him. I think this is the chief point to be gained and the most humane. He now shows signs of a wish to go, but that does not suit at the time, as I have yet to look over 'John Caldigate.' When the strap is taken off I show it to him, caress him a little, and we move on without irritation. The strap will now become a part of the harness for a month or two, till at last the sight of it will act as a talisman."

Down in the Well.

A woman who lives in Ashville, Ala., writes to the *Ægis* of that place, of the miraculous rescue of her three-year-old boy from drowning. The child fell down a well, the depth of which was thirty feet. The mother saw him go down. She says: "On reaching the well I was just in time to see him rise to the top of the water. I was alone, save three other little children whom I sent for help. I had, amid all the anguish of my soul, presence of mind enough to let the bucket down and tell him to take hold of it, which he did. After some minutes he let loose, from weakness, sank again, except his little head. I lowered the bucket lower, telling him to take hold of the rope. He ran his hand through a ring tied on for the purpose of sinking the bucket and caught the bail, and there he held on for one and a half hours, begging me all the time in his baby talk to come down and help him out. I would say: 'Hold on, Bobbie.' 'I will,' he would reply. At length a lady came to my assistance, and we took a rope and made a noose on the end of it, and, letting it down, told him what to do. He put his foot through the noose and drew it up around his knee. I asked him if he could hold on. He said he could hold on to the bucket 'daw me out.' He holding the bucket, the rope around his leg, I telling him not to let go, we drew him up until I could reach his little, shivering hands. Thus I saved my little baby from drowning. Safe to my breast I clasped his little shivering body, and praised God for His mercies."

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