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The oldest sovereign in Europe is the King of Denmark, who is 80. Next comes the King of Sweden, 75, followed by the Emperor of Austria, 73, the King of Belgium, 69, the King of Roumania, 65, King Edward VII, 62, the Sultan of Turkey, 61, the King of Greece, 58, the German Emperor, 45, the King of Portugal, 40, the Czar, 36, the King of Italy, 35, the Queen of the Netherlands, 23, and the King of Spain, 18.

Dr. Robert Collyer, the veteran Unitarian preacher, was ordained to the ministry in England while following his trade as blacksmith. By invitation he occupied a pulpit in the town where he was working. Next morning an old shoemaker, a thoughtful and earnest man saw him going to work. "I heard thee preach, Bob," said the old man, "and I don't think thou'lt ever make the preacher we want 'ere. Thou wants to reason over much, and that will never do. We want our preachers to preach from the heart, not from the head; to say 'Thus saith the Lord,' and be sure about that. Thy preaching may do for some folks, but it wint do for us."

"Heloxyle" is the name given in Germany to peat fiber compressed and hardened by a special process into sheets, tiles, plates and blocks for various building purposes. It is used for lining walls, ceilings, window and door frames, to underlay wooden flooring, and even as flooring itself. It has about the consistency and atomic weight of sound cork, and is an almost perfect nonconductor of heat, moisture, sound and vibration. It is impregnated with some material which renders it practically incombustible. It is one of the cheapest of all building materials in Germany, is light to transport, clean and easy to handle, can be painted, nailed or glued together, and from a sanitary standpoint is a nearly ideal building material. A floor of heloxyle, covered with a rug or carpet, is a luxury of warmth, stillness and comfort in a modern dwelling.

Shortly after issuing an order that all tobacco must be kept in the original boxes until sold John W. Yerkes, commissioner of internal revenue, went into a cigar store in Washington and asked for a piece of his favorite plug. Like many Kentuckians Mr. Yerkes is fond of a chew at times. The salesman handed out what was ordered, but when the commissioner tried to cut the stuff it crumbled into dust almost. "Yes, it is pretty dry," said the man behind the counter, "but we can't help it. We used to be able to take a few pieces out and keep them in a moistening box, but some darned fool up in the internal revenue office decided that was illegal and we can't do it any more. Beats all what idiots get appointed to office." "Well, that certainly was a fool ruling," replied Mr. Yerkes meekly, and he slipped away with his brittle piece of plug tobacco.

A good story relating to Charles Darwin is told by Miss Daisy Leiter who recently returned from London. "Two English boys," said Miss Leiter, "being friends of Darwin, thought one day that they would play a joke on him. They caught a butterfly, a grasshopper, a beetle and a centipede, and out of these creatures they made a strange, composite insect. They took the centipede's body, the butterfly's wings, the grasshopper's legs, and the beetle's head and they glued them together carefully. Then with their new bug in a box they knocked at Darwin's door. 'We caught this bug in a field,' they said. 'Can you tell us what kind of a bug it is, sir?' Darwin looked at the bug and then he looked at the boys. He smiled slightly. 'Did it hum when you caught it?' he asked. 'Yes,' they answered, nudging one another. 'Then,' said Darwin, 'it is a hum-bug.'

The Democrat is constrained to wonder why it is that when a leader of a great party goes out to select a member of his cabinet, or an appointee for some good, fat government job, that he as a rule selects some man who is a high official in a great corporation, or a man who has been an attorney for one all his life. Such was the appointment of of Olney, the chief solicitor for the bondsmen of the C. B. & Q., in Boston by Grover Cleveland. Such was the selection of Judge McMill, of Creston, for a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Such was the selection of Romans, of Sioux City, for the same position. Such was the selection of Shaw, of Iowa, as secretary of the treasury, and such is the selection of Paul Norton, Manager of the Santa Fe system, to secretary of the navy. The Democrat blames no one of these men, but it seems that it must be corporation influence which places them in positions of trust in the affairs of this government. Are there no other as smart men in the different parties to fill these positions, whose whole life has not been a study of how to beat the masses of the people, for the interests of the corporations and the money power? This is a conundrum which some good republican paper, orator or corporation democratic journal may explain to us, with our full permission.—Ottumwa Democrat.

The Skipper's Wooing. (The latest society fad is the skipping party, at which persons of all ages ply the ropes with enthusiasm, for pleasure and for health.) "Will you walk into my parlor?" said the hostess to the guest. "To the largest and the barest and the emptiest and best." There are others there before you, and the ropes are flying fast. You can join the skipping army till the hour of midnight past. "We have done away with dancing, we've abolished bridge and whist. And of all our old amusements there is none that will be missed. When the skipping ropes are flying and the merry music is heard, the guests are glad to greet the clumsy or unwieldy who have faltered at twenty-two."

"There are marions staid and portly, who are skipping into youth; There are men in 'corporations'—I am telling you the truth— Who are growing strong and active, and becoming a part of the world; There's a duke who does his thousand, and an earl who tracks him. "Oh, forsake your foolish pleasures that can bring you little joy; And adopt the new amusement that is never allowed to die; Throw aside all childish pastimes that have held a man among your fellows—be a man and learn to skip."—London Chronicle.

When hens are laying eggs freely remember that they need egg-producing food. Meat scraps are good and some poultry foods give excellent results.

The latest thin gwe have now, says Practical Farmer in the Homestead, is "homogenized" milk. It is milk that has been heated to 185 degrees and then forced against a porcelain plate under high pressure. This breaks up the globules of cream until they are so fine they will not rise to the surface. It is said that milk treated in this manner has been kept for six weeks without getting sour or showing any cream on the top of the milk. Science is doing great things if this be true.

Things Worth Remembering. A bushel of wheat weighs 60 pounds.

Two heaping bushels of corn on cob will make one struck bushel of shelled corn.

To find number of tons of hay in a load, multiply together the length, width and height in yards and divide by twenty.

Never give as date to a note or bill a Sunday or legal holiday. It renders it null and void.

Dairy Dots. As a protection against consumption it is proposed to inoculate every calf in Germany with specially prepared tubercular bacilli, on the plan of vaccination, in order that the animal may not contract tuberculosis.

The government standard of milk is fixed at not less than 12 per cent. of total solids, not less than 8 1/2 per cent. of solids not fat, and not less than 3 1/2 per cent. of milk fat. The standard of condensed milk contains not less than 28 per cent. of milk solid, of which one-quarter must be milk fat. Standard cream must have at least 18 per cent. of milk fat.

Drainage Conditions. The excessive rainfall of the past two years has made much land in Iowa unproductive on account of inadequate drainage. Farmers and land owners throughout the state will be interested in a recent bulletin published by the State Experiment Station at Ames. The bulletin treats of the Drainage Conditions in Iowa, compiled from valuable data secured by the Soils Department of the Division of Agriculture, supplemented by exhaustive notes and tables on drainage engineering, prepared by the Civil Engineering Department of the division of engineering.

The publication is of especial value to the farmer and to the drainage engineer, and is an instructive handbook for students and others interested in this important line of investigation.

A copy of this bulletin, No. 78 of the station, may be secured by addressing a request to Director C. F. Curtis, Iowa Experiment Station, Ames, Iowa.

Shelter for Dairy Cows. While passing through Hardin county on a recent trip to attend a farmer's institute, we noticed a herd of cows and young stock endeavoring to secure their breakfast in a corn field. The day happened to be a cold and disagreeable one. Sleet was pouring down and the old cows were standing in a humped attitude while consuming some of the dried up fodder. There is no question but what the flow of milk went down to nearly one half the usual quantity on that day. Such methods are not calculated to give good results, if one wishes to get a good supply of milk during the winter while dairy products are a good price and while the farmer is not so busy with other work. We sincerely hope that the rising generation will learn to take better care of their cows as well as their corn stalks. What is the use of keeping cows when they are not giving enough milk to pay for their board? Stop such careless methods. Shelter those dairy animals and feed them in a barn or a sheltered feed lot. A task that is worth doing is worth doing well. What do these farmers think would become of the European farmer if he took no better care of his crop and his stock than such methods indicate? He would starve in less than a year. Will it not pay Iowa farmers to become more frugal? Could they not make good use of some extra profit? Build a silo next year and fill it with good corn and clover hay; feed and water your cows in a warm barn and we guarantee you will never go back to present wasteful methods.—Farmers Tribune.

FAMOUS FOR FAT.

Daniel Lambert, Who Died in 1869, Got Two Ounces to Wash.

The fame of Daniel Lambert as a champion among fat men in England, if not in the world, still remains unrivaled. Daniel was born at Leicester in 1770 and died in 1869 at Stamford. The grandson of a celebrated cock-fighter and addicted to sport throughout his life, his dimensions were not extraordinary, and his habits were not different from those of other lads until he was fourteen years old. When twenty-three years of age, however, he turned the scale at thirty-two stone, and, although he is recorded to have been then able to walk from Woolwich to London, at the time of his death, in his fortieth year, he had attained the prodigious weight of fifty-two stone, or 728 pounds, and was more or less helpless. He was a modest man, and when he had achieved physical greatness fame was thrust upon him. He was for a long time unwilling to be made a show of, but he gained a more than local reputation, and people traveled from far to see him, resorting to various devices in order to be allowed to do so. At length the prospect of profit overcame his resolution, and for four years before his death he exhibited himself in London and in the provinces.

He was apparently a man of some wit, for once, before he permitted the public to gaze upon him, an inquisitive person had gained access to his presence by pretending to be a fellow sportsman interested in the pedigree of a mare, whereupon Lambert promptly replied, "She was bred by impertinence out of Curiosity." Before the days of Daniel Lambert, Edward Bright of Malden was a well known fat man, although his name no longer lingers as a household word. He died in 1790 at the age of thirty years, weighing forty-two stone and seven pounds, and is stated to have been an active man till a year or two before his death, when his corpulence so overpowered his strength that his life was a burden and his death a deliverance. Both Bright and Lambert seem to have been genial, good humored fellows and very popular among those who visited them. Indeed popularity seems to be the lot of the corpulent in fact as well as in fiction. The heroes of fiction, however, have the advantage in the matter of Daniel Lambert, and the names of Daniel Lambert and the fat boy of Beckham sink into insignificance beside those of Falstaff and the fat boy in "Pickwick."—London Standard.

Applied Science. When James Russell Lowell was minister to England, he was guest at a banquet at which one of the speakers was Sir Frederick Bramwell. Sir Frederick was to respond to the toast, "Applied Science." It was long after midnight when the toast was proposed, and several speakers were still to be called. Rising in his place, the scientist said:

"At this hour of the night, or, rather, of the morning, my only interest in applied science is to apply the tip of the match to the side of the box upon which alone it ignites and to apply the flame so obtained to the wick of a bedroom candle."

A moment later Lowell tossed a paper across the table to him bearing these two lines:

Oh, brief Sir Frederick, would that all could catch Your happy talent and supply your match!

—Youth's Companion.

A Pair of Misers. Mr. and Miss Dancer were reputed the most notorious misers in the eighth century. The manner in which this couple were found after death has been disposed of their wealth was even more strange than could have been their method of acquiring it. The total value was £20,000, which was thus divided: Two thousand five hundred pounds was found under a dunghill; £500 in an old coat nailed to the manger in the stable; £900 in notes was hidden away in an old teapot, the chimney yielded £2,000 stowed in nineteen different cervices, and several jugs filled with coin were secreted in the stable loft.

England's Magna Charta. That shriveling parchment, the charter of English freedom, was saved, it is said, by the veriest chance from the scissors of a merciless tailor. Struck by the great seals attached to a piece of paper the tailor was cutting up, Sir Robert Cotton stopped the man and gave him fourpence for the document he would have destroyed. It is now in the British museum, lined and mounted and in a glass case, the seal a shapeless mass of wax and the characters quite illegible.—London Mail.

Said Maid to Mistress. "Where have you been, Jane?" "I've been to a meeting of the Girls' Friendly society, ma'am," was the maid's reply.

"Well, ma'am, she said I wasn't to give you warning, as I meant to. She said I was to look upon you as my thorn—and bear it."—New Yorker.

Willingness. "But would you die for me?" persisted the romantic maiden. "I would," replied the frank and elderly suitor. "Even now I am using a high priced preparation warranted to restore hair to its original color."—Detroit Free Press.

That Musical Ear. Praxiteles—"You perhaps wouldn't think it, but De Bowler, the musician over there, plays entirely by ear. For a—Is it possible? Is that what makes 'em so large?"—Tit-Bits.

His Luck. Lowcads (despondently)—I might just as well be dead. What good am I, anyway? Why, I believe that I've been refused by every girl in town! Henpeckle (excitedly)—Touch wood! Touch wood, quick, or your luck will change!—Smart Set.

Men and Dogs. "When I hears a man sayin' dat he likes dogs better dan he does human folks," said Uncle Eben, "I can't help suspectin' dat maybe he's picked out de kin' of friends dat's as good as he deserves."—Washington Star.

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