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DEATH BOARDS.

Curious Custom That Prevails in Eastern Bavaria

In the eastern part of Bavaria, says a writer in the World Magazine, as in the borders of Bohemia, lies the so-called Bavarian forest. This part of the country, although it boasts beautiful scenery, is seldom visited by tourists, probably for the reason that the climate of the region are little known even in Germany. This part of Bavaria has been in many ways untouched by civilization, and owing to its seclusion from the outer world some very strange customs are still in vogue, strongly reminding one of the middle ages.

One of these strange customs, strictly observed by the population, is the way in which they keep alive the memory of their dead by the erection of what are called "totenbretter," or "death boards." These are wooden planks cut in the shape of tombstones and roughly painted. Sometimes they bear also the image of a saint. They are erected—often in a row of thirty and more—on the roadside, in fields and meadows, near chapels and crucifixes, in the village streets—in short, everywhere; they are even nailed to houses and barns.

They do not mark burial places, as might be supposed. As soon as a person has died the corpse is put on a board, and there it lies until it is put into the coffin shortly before the funeral. These boards, then, are the so-called "death boards," and after the funeral they are cut into a suitable shape and decorated with an inscription containing the name of the deceased, his age and in most cases some lines of poetry.

These short poems, which are, of course, meant in sober earnest, are occasionally very amusing. The boards are then stuck somewhere near the road or in the fields, where they sometimes accumulate to an alarming number. In the poorer districts these boards are not always cut and painted, but are simply deposited just as they are at the foot of some crucifix, where they remain untouched until they molder away.

AN ALL AROUND ORDEAL.

When Papa Was Getting Ready to Attend a Banquet

Papa was going to a banquet. It was unusual for him to attend banquets, but he had to go, for the children had begged of him for a week to all who would hear.

Now it was the night of the banquet, and papa was getting ready, and the once quiet and orderly house was much upset.

"Run out," said mamma, "and don't bother your father while he's dressing." Papa was shaving and at the same time committing a speech to memory in case he should be called upon for something impromptu.

The tiny trickles of blood down his chin showed where the speech was getting the better part of his attention. On the bed lay a clean white shirt, and across a chair hung papa's dress clothes. He hadn't worn the dress clothes for two years and was considerably stouter now.

After while the children, cringing interestedly at the door, heard entertaining things.

"Confound the shirt!" howled papa. "I know I washed my hands, but the neckband's all dirty." Mamma's voice scolded him.

Through the keyhole the children saw papa struggle into his coat. The stiff shirt rose almost to his ears, and a high collar nearly sawed them off. "Doggone it!" wailed papa. "The sleeves of this coat are a mile too short."

Then his shoes hurt him; he couldn't get his feet right; his handkerchief was hopelessly missing, and finally he stood miserably in the middle of the floor.

His face was red, the perspiration poured down his nose, his thin hair stood up, and he was about the most uncomfortable looking person the children had ever seen.

"Now, then," said mamma, with a sigh, "you're doted. You have no idea, dear, how nice you look."

"Oh, yes," papa snarled, "I look nice, I don't think." Then he found his hat and a light coat and stalked stiffly and uncomfortably out. The children, hiding behind the stair railing, saw him depart.

"Gee," said the little boy, "when I get big I won't go to any dinners. They can bring him."

"You'll have to," said his sister wistfully. "Men always have to go to dinners. But they dress up funny, don't they?"—Galveston News.

A REAL POISON PERIL.

Venom of the Most Deadly Creature in This Country

One venomous creature there is in this country which may justly be called the most deadly in the west. Proportionately to population more victims fall to it yearly in the United States than to the dreaded cobra in India. Some 12,000 Americans are killed every year by its bite. Three hundred thousand more are made seriously ill from the after effects. Unfortunately the virus works so slowly that it is called the "silent killer" and is not often detected until the victim is not sick at once. The bite is forgotten, but ten days or two weeks after the subject falls into a fever. His blood is poisoned within him. Eventually in extreme cases he becomes delirious, succumbs to a stupor and dies.

Yet because there is nothing horrid to the sensation loving imagination in the malaria bearing mosquito public inertia or ignorance tolerates it with a grin and permits it to breed in city and country alike throughout the length and breadth of the nation. Compared with it as a real menace all the combined brood of snakes, scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas and other pet bugaboos of our childish romanticism are utterly negligible, as are figment to reality, as shadow to substance. It is perhaps characteristic of our wryly humorous American temperament that we should have investigated the important danger with all the underlying subtleties of horror and have made of the real thing a joke to be perennially bailed with laughter in a thousand thoughtless prints.—Everybody's Magazine.

The Drummer

Drummers seldom pay much, pay their bills, usually beat shams, dodge much here and more courage, but are born scoffers. They have good memories, much humor and a fund of stories limited only by time. They can preach a sermon, lead in prayer, make a stump speech and have an opinion upon every known subject from prize fights to the nebular hypothesis.—Commercial Traveler's Magazine.

Firmness

"When my wife makes up her mind," said Mr. Meekton, "there is no use of arguing with her."

"But every woman changes her opinion sometimes."

"And Henrietta is particularly resolute when she makes up her mind to change her opinion."—Washington Star.

A Healthful Town

"If this town is as healthful as you say it is, why do there happen to be so many doctors' signs in evidence?"

"They are nearly all the signs of eye doctors. The people are so healthy here that they stay up nights enjoying the climate and injure their eyes."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Evidence of Faith

Mrs. Brooke—Have you any faith in life insurance? Mrs. Lynde—Yes, indeed, I've realized \$100,000 from two husbands, and they weren't very good ones either.—Judge's Library.

Descriptive

Stella—Would you say she was a well dressed woman? Bella—No; she looks like a Wall street bear who has covered in a desperate hurry.—Puck.

Manufacturing sorrow is one of the worst of sins

No Exposure For Him

The member of the legislature of whom some graft stories had been circulated was about to build a house.

"You will want a southern exposure, I suppose?" asked the architect.

"No, sir," said the man. "If you can't build this house without any exposure I'll get another architect."—Tonkers Statesman.

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GET OFF THAT FENCE.

I saw a rooster on a fence. He seemed to have no feet. He looked to be just as fat as I right. But knew not which was best.

A fowl had scratched in left field. A pullet on her right. And each was urging that her field Was very best in sight.

"Come down to me," called old antique. "I'm quite old, but know This is the field your grandpa scratched One hundred years ago."

"I'm quite lean, too old to lay. My toe nails are all scratched away; But oh, beware of pullets gay! And modern ways that do not pay!"

The pullet winked her bright right eye And said: "To see and plump. This field is full of juicy worms. Come to my arm, new-jump!"

But that good rooster halted there. When quickly swooped a hawk. Bore him through air to his high lair. Where he gave his last squawk.

Oh, business man, get off that fence! Beware of that old hen who's fat. Who gets off that old hen's back, "To advertise don't pay."

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A "WHIZZER" FOR WORK.

"Don't tell me dogs haven't brains," said a farmer as he patted old Rover's head. "Why, when Rover run the tread power to churn butter he knew enough to stop when the butter came and was never fooled once. That's a knowin' dog, but he ain't chargin' since we got our little whizzer."

This little whizzer was a three-horse-power gasoline engine that did the washing, churning, grinding, pumping and many other stunts around the farm.

It started the whizzer to whizz, and while it was turning water to the barn at a 200 revolution rate he continued: "That whole riggin', engine, mill and all, cost me \$200, and it's worth a big sight more to see Sully take it easy on washday and have a bathtub in the house."

Yes, that little whizzer has made a big difference on many farms. What

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

In shipping birds a distance place apples or potatoes, cut in half, in the box. These will substitute for water on the journey.

The practice of shipping dressed fowls to market on ice is a good one if they are quickly sold, but they can't usually be kept over to the next market without deteriorating if exposed.

In looking for ice on old stock examine the roosters first, as they dust least and the crawlers will be found mostly round the vent. In examining chicks pick out the weakest first, as these are where you find lice worst.

If you take eggs to the store, if the buyer is going to sell them as your eggs, demand that he shall keep them separate. He may mix them with rots and spots and your name defame. Best profits made with private trade.

Ventilation is an important adjunct to success in rearing fowls. Beware of that stuffy smell in brooders and colony coops. We often take the roof off our colony coops on hot summer nights, and our young stock is as bright as a new dollar in the morning.

State inspectors have been going the rounds of Pennsylvania markets and invariably commending the butchers to stop people handling meat on the stands.

An Oxford (N. Y.) fowler declares he has made his hens lay black eggs by feeding them a mixture of coal dust. We advise him to quick get a patent on the process, for such eggs will have a tremendous sale with the fellows who can't eat ordinary eggs without decrying their manliness.

Never mix another's eggs with yours if you are selling guaranteed eggs. If you can't supply the demand for your fine eggs and butter don't let greed influence you to supplement your supply from other sources and sell it as your own. You'll sell a bad lot, be caught—then what? In the end Mr. Greedy gets needy and seely.

Petitions have been made to the American Poultry Association for the admission to the standard of Columbian and Partridge Plymouth Rocks, Rose Comb Barred Rocks, Assels, Barred Minorcas and "Thoroughbred Games." "Thoroughbred Game" is simply a fake name for Pit Game, and the cockers who are pushing the battling breed will get a knockout.

Those who are waiting for the new standard in view of the increased cost of its publication, have been wondering if the price would be higher than the last one. Authorities assure us that this de luxe poultry criterion will be the same, \$1.50. Four thousand Standards of the last edition were sold in ten months for \$6,000. These sales were made during its revision—the edition was exhausted—which shows the interest in poultry and is a pointer for all poultry pessimists.



OUR WHIZZER AND BONE CUTTER

A novelty these days smoking traction engines were as they went from farm to farm to thrash.

Our grandfathers were "scart to death" for fear they'd burn the barn down.

But many farmers have their own whizzer now to thrash the wood, cut fodder, turn the grindstone, make cider, etc.

Yes, thanks to the whizzer, Farmer Brown may take a bath in his own tub every Sunday morning.

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DON'TS.

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Don't misrepresent or you'll repent. The customer who comes again to you is he to whom you give his honest due.

Don't let the pippen be a turkey trap. All bugs like turkey meat, ever that big one who loses the whole seat.

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