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TOP OF THE MORNING.

The latest statement of Mrs. Decker of Colorado shows that she's not a four-flusher.

It would be the very irony of fate if the weather bureau throughout the country had big plumber bills to pay.

It is reported that the Chinese revolutionists are afraid that if they cut off their queues they can't pool their issues.

Among those who are not entitled to vote are Chinamen, lunatics, and the fellows who fail to pay their poll tax. How about yours?

Those senators who are advocating an increase of the pension burden should have their own pensions of seventy-five hundred per taken away from them.

The statement that Col. Roosevelt is a great admirer of the violin will occasion widespread surprise, as the Colonel is generally considered to have a strong personal preference for the sounding lyre.

Judging from yesterday's dispatches, A. Carnegie acted more in an advisory capacity to the steel trust committee than in a testimonial one. Certain of his ilk have been telling others how to run the government about long enough.

CATS, TAILS AND CHINAMEN'S QUEUES.

The two greatest known consumers of mice as an article of steady diet are cats and Chinamen, and thereby hangs, not only one, but a great many tails—including cat tails, Chinese pig tails (or queues) and the following—or appended—tale itself:

There comes from American cities whose Chinese residents have cut off their queues the statement that all Chinamen thus depriving themselves immediately lose their predilection for mice as a food article—a fact which strongly argues that the Chinese queue, or pigtail, is originally responsible for the Chinese appetite for mice—a view of the subject well supported by the additional fact that the common house cat accidentally losing its tail is of no account as a mouser, while the Manx domestic cat, which is naturally tailless, knows nothing whatever of mice hunting or catching.

This close analogy between the tail of the cat and the queue of the Chinaman, is still further sustained by a similar slanting setting in the eyes of both cat and Chinaman; their kindred soft and stealthy physical movements; and the horrible lingual noises they each perpetrate.

N. B. The owl, also, is fond of ice, but the owl, too, has a tail, the pulling out of which would probably place it in the same non-mice eating class now occupied by the queueless Chinaman and the bobtailed cat. It can, also, be noted that the eyes of the owl have the slanting position common to the cat and the Chinese.

But the "Doctor" Didn't Bite.

From New York World.

Indians in New York are telling a good one on United States Senator John W. Kern. Last fall Senator Kern went abroad. Being away from Democratic influence, Bryan's running mate of 1908 forgot Jeffersonian simplicity for a time and blossomed out in a silk hat and good clothes to match. His appearance was so changed that he looked more like a minister than a statesman. A confidence man picked Mr. Kern out for an easy mark. Rising up to him with outstretched hand, the would-be despoiler said: "I am so glad to meet you, doctor. I have had the pleasure of seeing you in the pulpit." "Like hell you have," said Senator Kern, withdrawing his hand. The confidence man fled.

ANECDOTES OF ANIMALS.

A bear was looking for pointers in the locating of a bee tree. He found them and rolled over on the ground many times in great anguish.

A dog lost his bark. He ran against a tree and was again barked up.

A humorist, failing to catch a horse in a pasture, remarked "I seem to be getting the horse laugh." The horse replied, "Neigh! Neigh!"

A billy goat butted a locomotive. It was a pick-up for the goat.

A cat, hunting in the woods, had some fur pulled out by brambles. Said the cat, "This hunt is becoming fur-fetched."

Aiding a Weak Memory.

Fred C. Kelly in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In connection with an interstate commerce hearing in Washington, one recalls the case of United States District Judge Emory Speer of Georgia.

Judge Speer is an austere man, who knows no friends when he's on the bench.

An interstate commerce case was in progress before him some time ago, and, one witness had one of those faulty memories that have become so prevalent with the onward trudge of our modern civilization.

The witness remembered his name, age, and occupation, but those were about the only facts pertaining to the case that he could recall.

This got on Judge Speer's nerves after a time, and he hnd the witness stop down from the stand in front of the bench.

"You will kindly walk over to the clerk and deposit \$10," said the court sternly.

The witness couldn't dope out what was up, but he walked over and deposited \$10 with the clerk just to see what would happen next.

Once more the judge summoned him in front of the bench.

"I caused you to deposit \$10 in order to refresh your memory," he observed. "Kindly resume your seat. If your memory is still at fault, I may have to refresh it still further."

And after that the witness distinctly remembered everything he was asked about.

The microbe is tenacious of life, for, according to a French contemporary, Migula found the bacillus leposporus placed on a sheet of glass lived for five years. Germs of potato disease sealed in a tube were living after a period of eight years. In 1879 Bail, of Prague, after a lapse of eighteen years, infected a mouse fatally with some bacilli. Nestler investigated clouds of earth stored in a herbarium over half a century and found 89,204 living spores to the gram. Some earth wrapped in paper since 1824 and protected from atmospheric germs showed on examination 19,000 bacteria to the gram. Eighty-seven years is a ripe age even for a microbe.

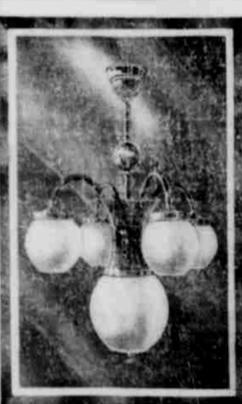
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