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Doubtful Reward.

Residents of Ludlow, Kentucky, are deriving much amusement from an offer of a reward posted on the bulletin board of the post-office. The notice was posted by permission of the postmaster, by an honest Dutch farmer named Hans Bog, who lives a few miles out of town. Here it is: "Round a vey.—One Red Vite Calf mit its behind legs was plack he was a She Calf. Aney potty dot pringa Dot Calf home pays me fife Tollar.—Hans Bog, tree mile Behind de pridge, Pleasant Run Creek."

Aged Knott County Woman Dies.

Aunt Margaret Combs, aged 86, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Squire Whittaker, on Rock-wood creek, in Knott county, last week, death resulting from old age and injury in a fall suffered some time ago. She was married three times and survived all her husbands. She was the mother of fourteen children and had probably more than 200 living descendants at the time of her death. She was the mother of state senator John Combs and G. P. Combs, ex-county superintendent of Perry county.

Missionary Well Known Here.

The following is a copy of a part of a letter which appeared in the Lexington Herald, written to Roy Thomas A. Combs, of Lexington, by Rev. S. E. Hager, who was raised in this town but is now a missionary to Japan. He has many relatives and friends in this county who will be glad to hear of his success. It will be seen that it was written nearly a month ago, so that the length of time it takes to reach the United States from Japan may readily be seen. The letter follows:

"No. 5, Kita No Cho, Yo Chome, Kobe, Japan, December 19, 1904."
"I returned to Japan in September, 1903. I came on to my old place in the city of Hiroshima. In June, 1904, Mr. B. G. Waters, the presiding elder of the Hiroshima district, returned on a furlough to America, and Bishop Galloway appointed me to succeed him.
"Our annual conference met in this city from August 25 to 30 last, and Bishop Galloway then appointed me presiding elder of the Kobe district and professor in the Theological Department in the Kwansai Gakkin, which is our college for boys.
"We have three districts, with a total membership of 1,212 Christians, and of this number 575 are in my district. The three large cities are Kyoto, with a population of 315,000; Osaka, with 1,200,000, and Kobe, with 240,000. These are occupied by us, and we have flourishing congregations in each. Osaka is the commercial center of the empire and the second largest city. We will soon purchase a lot for the erection of a new church in the western portion of the city. I am also trying to buy a lot which would build a church in Hiroshima. That city has a population of 130,000, and it is the headquarters of the army. From February to September this year I saw 400,000 soldiers pass through this city to the war. We have one of the finest schools in the empire at Hiroshima and a congregation of 150 people. Very cordially yours,
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FROZEN.

W. H. Peltry was in town Saturday on business.
John Sewell, of Frozen Creek, visited his sister, Eva, at Jackson last week.
Miss Margaret Murphy returned to school at Jackson Monday from a visit to her home at Frozen Creek.
Miss Eva Sewell returned to school at Jackson Monday. She had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Nathan Peltry, of Frozen Creek.

LOST CREEK.

C. J. Noble is very busy gathering ice.
J. D. Noble has been killing hogs this week.
Thomas T. Cope, of Jackson, was here on business Monday.
Jerry Noble, of this place, is visiting the Log College this week.
Lewis Fugate has bright fires in Stringtown this cold weather.
Richard Collie's eyes are improving very fast for the last few days.
Hiram Watts has succeeded in disposing of A. D. Noble in their law suit.
William Campbell has been very busy the past week painting his dwelling house.
James Noble and deputy sheriff S. H. McIntosh, of Clay Hole, were here on business Monday of this week.
Tom Davidson, Mart Henson, W. B. Collier and Taylor Gambill, all of the Meriday Hotel, were pleasant visitors at the home of Hiram Watts the past week.

FINCASTLE.

[Delayed]
Frank Kincaid sold his farm to Stephen Fraley.
Johnnie Cable left Monday for Berea to attend school.
Maud Kincaid visited Mrs. T. S. Shackelford, Sunday.
Lula Bailey visited her cousins, Rosa and Cora Kincaid, Sunday.
Thomas Shackelford went to Beattyville Saturday on business.
Fayette Smyth, of Radical, visited his aunt at this place last week.
Mrs. Mary Smith, of Sinking, was visiting in this neighborhood last week.
Elijah Williams and Laura Hays were married on the 14th of December.
Mrs. L. Shackelford, of Lee City, visited her relatives at this place during the holidays.
Mrs. T. S. Shackelford gave to her friends and relatives a fine Xmas dinner. All present enjoyed themselves very much.
Miss Ada Shackelford, who is teaching school at Hopewell, visited her home last week to see a sister before she started to school.
Miss Malissa Shackelford closed her school here Friday, December 30th. During the time she took a small boy aged eleven years through Rays did part arithmetic and he had never been through division before. Who can beat that?

TROUBLESOME.

Miss Minta Stacy, daughter of Levi Stacy, is very low with pneumonia.
Samuel Terry, of Robbins, is at this place again, shaking hands with his many friends, especially the girls.
A. J. Dobson, of this place, is making a success job hunting. He has caught three the past week with the aid of Culy Hudson and his dog.
Miss Rachel Owens, of Dwarf, has returned from Nashville, Tenn., and has resumed the teaching of her school at the mouth of Tom's Branch, near this place.
Old Uncle John T. Williams, of this place, the oldest and best citizen in this part, is on the sick list this week. Uncle John is 73 years of age and is the father of twelve children.
J. G. Muncy and E. H. Holliday were at this place on the 16th inst., looking after the interest of the Kentucky Coke & Coal Co. They are paying three dollars for the mineral and for land they are paying five dollars.
E. Whittaker, of this place, has just recently learned to catch opossums. He went to his smoke-house and to his surprise he found two large opossums robbing his hen's nest. They had got into a barrel and could not get out and he wants the boys to have the benefit of his experience.

Now is the time to subscribe for newspapers and magazines. We can save you money on any you wish to take.

The SPORTING WORLD

Jockey Hildebrand's Great Record.

Eugene Hildebrand, the California rider, broke the world's record for winning mounts during last season and will command his own price for 1905. The record prior to 1904 was 232 victories by C. Reiff and was made in 1886. Hildebrand's total for this year is 226 winning mounts. At the Oakland track last winter he rode fifty-seven winners. Then he went to the Los Angeles track and rode forty-four winners. When he traveled east he began riding at Aqueduct (New York) and followed in all the eastern tracks



EUGENE HILDEBRAND, AMERICA'S LEADING JOCKEY.

during the season. When he went to the Pacific coast in November he led the list with 165 winning mounts. On the California tracks this winter he rode two winners at Oakland and finished the year by riding thirty-two winners at Los Angeles, thus bringing his total winning mounts to 298. This smashes all records ever attempted before by a jockey in the United States.

Cornell Runners May Go Abroad.

A popular movement is being agitated among the students of Cornell university to promote an international cross-country meet between Oxford and Cambridge and an American team representing either the Intercollegiate Cross-Country association or Cornell alone. The former plan would be preferable as the American team would then be representative of all the eastern universities and not just one college, but in either instance, inasmuch as four Cornell runners have been in the first five to finish at the intercollegiate cross-country meet in the last two years, the team selected would be essentially a Cornell team.
The English distance runners have the reputation of being the best in the world, and a few years ago it would have been impossible to select an American team that would not be outclassed by them. The rapid advance made in American colleges, especially Cornell, during the last five years in distance and cross-country running causes many experts who have followed closely the meets of recent years to predict that the American team not only could hold its own, but would probably win if such a meet were arranged now.

Ban Johnson's Fear.

Ban Johnson is wrought up because the National league has voted to play a 154 game schedule, which will necessitate the American doing the same thing, although the latter had previously decided to cut to 140 games.
The American league president fears that there will not be time after the close of the season and before contracts expire on Oct. 15 to play a post-season championship series, but he has the remedy in his own hands in conjunction with Messrs. Pullman and Herrmann.
The schedules of the two leagues, which their respective presidents are authorized to draw up, can easily be made a trifle more compact than they were last season, when for every club there were breaks of from one to several days without games.
The regular season can be made to close a few days before Oct. 8, say on the 4th or 5th, giving ten days or more for playing off the series for the world's championship and any others that may be mutually arranged.

May Transfer Senators.

Negotiations are under way for the transfer of the Washington franchise in the American league to Baltimore. A difference of \$27,000 now stands in the way of the consummation of the deal.
The Hanlon-Frank interests, which now own the Baltimore club in the Eastern league, have offered \$48,000, while President Ban Johnson demands \$75,000 for the Washington franchise.

Belmont's Horses.

The second division of August Belmont's racing stable, the string that will represent the chairman of the Jockey club at Henning's (Washington) track, has been shipped to New York tracks, has been shipped to New York tracks, has been shipped to New York tracks. The string included about a dozen head and was shipped from Babylon, N. Y., in care of John Whalen.
Hogenson Wants Another Check.
William Hogenson, the Chicago sprinter, is anxious to get on a match race with Lawson Robertson, the national hundred yard champion. Hogenson claims that he lost the title at St. Louis last June on a "rank decision" by one of the finish judges.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Every Boy Needs a Trade.

Few boys take to tasks that require thought and persistent efforts. Yet skilled work is the only employment in demand.
Hedonists and common laborers get the markets everywhere. The tradesmen and artisans are the ones that get the easiest jobs and the most money. The others are always hunting work.
Should they accidentally stumble upon a job they cannot hold it. A superficial knowledge will not do. It must be thorough.
Boys, learn a trade while young. After you are twenty you will find few will be found who will take time and trouble to teach you one. When you are that old you will want a man's pay. If you don't know anything you don't get it. Know nothings work at odd jobs and are paid the lowest scale.—Gem.

Mental Arithmetic.

A very pleasing way to arrive at an arithmetical sum without the use of either a slate or pencil is to ask a person to think of a figure, then to double it, then to add a certain figure to it, to halve the whole sum and finally to subtract from that the figure first thought of. You are then to tell the thinker the remainder.
The key to the lock of these figures is that half of whatever sum you request to be added during the working of the sum is the remainder.
If you must tell the thinker to think of an even number or you will have fractions to add. Here is an example:
Think of 1
Double it 2
Add eight to it 10
Halve the first number thought of 5
Subtract the first number thought of 2
Remainder (half of sum added) 4

Drop the Handkerchief.

A ring is formed by the players joining hands, while one child, who is to "drop the handkerchief," is left outside. He walks round the ring, touching each one with the handkerchief, saying the following words:
I wrote a letter to my love,
But on my way I dropped it.
A little child picked it up
And hid it in his pocket.
It wasn't you, it wasn't you,
It wasn't you—but it was you.
When he says, "It was you," he must drop the handkerchief behind one of the players, who picks it up and chases him round the ring outside and under the joined hands. As soon as this happens the first player joins the ring, while it is now the turn of the second to "drop the handkerchief."

Roll the Ball.

Seat the children in a large circle. A small circle two feet in diameter is either drawn in the center or laid out with string. Each child in turn tries to roll the ball into the center, and some one keeps count of how many are successful. This emphasizes accuracy, careful judgment of distance, precision, courtesy for others and kindness. The arms and eyes are trained, and rhythm can be introduced by rolling to music.
This game, "roll the ball," can be varied by having the children stand and throw the ball into the ring or into a basket.

Geographical Puzzle.

In the following are to be found the name of a continent, the name of a country in that continent and the name of the capital of that country:
Utha Merl is a slim Austrian girl who came to this country with her parents about six months ago. A few days after her arrival she was sent to school and in three months was able to speak English quite well and could read a newspaper, using a dictionary, of course, from time to time. Now she can read almost anything, so Utha Merl can certainly be called a prodigy.

Conundrums.

How do you punctuate a fire to make it burn? Put a colon (colon).
Why is a dictionary like a ballroom? Because it is full of syllables (silly belles).
Why is the letter D like a sailor? Because it follows the C (sailor).
What English word of one syllable becomes shorter by adding a syllable? Short.
The Letters at School.
One day the letters went to school and tried to teach each other.
They got so mad they really read a book to pick one from the other.
A went in first, and Z went last—
The rest were all between them—
K, L and M and N, O, P.
I wish you could have seen them!
B, C, D, E and J, K, L.
E soon jostled well their letters;
Q, R, S, T—I grieve to say—
Were very naughty letters.
Of course ere long they came to words—
What else could be expected?
Till E made D, J, C and T
Decidedly delighted!

Now, through it all the consonants
Were ruder and uncourteous
When asked to meet the vowels
Were certainly the smoothest.
And nimble U kept far from Q.
With face demure and moral.
"Because," she said, "we are, we two,
So apt to start a quarrel!"
But spiteful P said, "Pooh for U!"
And, calling O, L, E to help (poor),
He really tried to hit her.
Cried A: "Now, E and C, come here!
If both will aid a minute
Good P will join in making peace,
Or else the mischief's in it!"
And smiling E, the ready sprite,
Said, "Yes, and count me double."
This done, sweet peace shone o'er the scene.
And gone was all the trouble!
Meanwhile, when U and P made up,
The consonants looked about them
And kissed the vowels, for you see,
They couldn't do without them.

Hard on Them.

Hicks—Isn't it awful the way Dumley brags of his ancestors?
Hicks—Yes, it excites my sincere pity.
Hicks—Pity? Nonsense, the chump doesn't deserve any pity!
Wicks—Oh, I don't pity him, but his ancestors.—Catholic Standard and Times.

THROWN AWAY

By BARRY PAIN

"I have been having a sort of row with mamma again," said my cousin Elsa.
"Then," I said, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself, as usual. And you won't be, also as usual."
"I happen to think," said Elsa, with rather more dignity than she possesses, "that in this case mamma was quite unjustified. Of course you take her side, and of course you think you are in the right. You always do."
"Quite so," said I. "Well, sob out your sad story. What is the entanglement—who is the man? No; on second thoughts don't tell me. As I observed to you at bridge last night, I don't like your weak heart declarations."
"So you think you're always in the right, do you?" said Elsa, with bitter triumph. "You begin by being all in the wrong anyhow. There is no man in the question. In fact, I have come to think now that I shall never marry."
"There," I said, "I am entirely with you."
"Frankly, I don't know a man who is worthy of me."
"I would sooner put it that I don't know a man who deserves you, though I know many men who are far from perfect. Well, if it was not for me, what was the subject of your trouble?"
"It was dress boxes."
"What on earth do you mean?"
"I wonder if there is anything about which you know anything," said Elsa reflectively. "Dress boxes are, as the name implies, boxes which hold dresses. The box in which your dress is sent home is a dress box. Do you think you can understand that now?"
"Yes, my child," I said. "What I cannot understand is how you or any other sane person can manage to have any kind of dispute with a mother or with anybody else about a rotten dress box."
"Dress boxes are not rotten; I hate that word. I hate almost all the words you use."
"That limits me," I observed.
"Dress boxes are very good boxes, very strongly and neatly made of cardboard and frightfully useful. You never know when you may want one."
"I didn't know that urgent necessity was hanging over me. But I'll take your word for it. Proceed."
"You have often called me careless and extravagant, and so has mamma. You are always in the right, aren't you? As it happens this proves whether you are or not. I always keep my dress boxes, and I always have done since I came to years of discretion."
"Years of discretion?"
"Try to be quiet and listen. I filled up the box room with dress boxes, and I had a lot more in the spare room wardrobe. In fact, I had them pretty well everywhere. There were 242 of them altogether. They were all good boxes that might have been used again. Last week I was Saturday-to-Monday with Mrs. Banquet (the boy rather believes he is in love with me, but I don't think he is really). While I was away mamma got an awful fit of energy and went about the house saying she wouldn't have anything any longer. Among other things she said she would not have my immense collection of dress boxes. Those were the very words which she used to my maid, and I don't think it was right. But what I really complain of is that she has had them all turned out, every one of them. I don't know where they are, and mamma says she doesn't know either, but she is thankful to say they are not in her house any more. It means the work of years undone. Suppose I wanted a dress box tomorrow?"
"To start with, you will not want a dress box tomorrow, and you know it. Secondly, if you did you would telephone to your dressmaker to send you one and all would end happily. Your mother was right."
"It's so easy to say that. Perhaps you will tell me why, if you can."
"Certainly. Dress boxes come in the category of things which mean work, vacillating minds seem to be too good to be thrown away. I should like to work out the cubic space occupied by the lost 242 and calculate for you what rent per annum your mother was paying to accommodate the rubbish. You must remember that dress boxes are not like the 1900 port."
"Really? What a lot of things you do notice! I've never tasted a dress box myself."
"Do not be silly, Elsa. I give you words of wisdom. The 1900 port improves with keeping and increases in value. It helps to pay its rent. Now, the dress box, as you know if you would not pater with your conscience, distinctly deteriorates in keeping. It gets dustier and dustier. The corner which is broken—there is always one gets broken worse. By people with clear, practical, sensible minds dress boxes are invariably thrown away. It is a sign of mental inferiority to keep that which is worthless. And leave that box alone, please."
Elsa had just opened a brass box on my writing table. It was full of small pieces of string.
"Why do you keep all these?"
"I sometimes want string."
"You've got a whole ball of it in a special case there. Don't you know it is a sign of mental inferiority to keep things that are worthless? Those bits of string ought to be thrown away, as your advice will be. And, I say, I told mamma you would take me to lunch."
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