

WHERE WAS THE CAT?

Admitting the Meat, Owner Wanted to Be Shown Feline.

A certain family living in one of the suburbs of New York owned a kitten of which they were very fond. When they went away for the summer it was decided after various consultations to leave the kitten with the butcher, on condition that he should treat it with the greatest kindness and give it about a pound of meat a week, besides its daily allotment of cream. Some weeks after the family had closed the house for the summer the nominal head of the family visited the suburb to attend to some business matters, and decided that he might as well drop in at the butcher's to see how the kitten was getting along.

He found the kitten curled up in a corner asleep and apparently at peace with the world, but, far from being sleek or well fed in appearance, it was so thin that he felt constrained to call the attention of the butcher to the fact.

"Do you mean to say you have fed that cat a pound of meat during the last week?" he asked.

"I certainly have," responded the butcher.

"Put him on the scales and see how much he weighs."

The butcher did as requested, and gently deposited the kitten in the balance. The pointer indicated exactly one pound.

"Well, granted the owner of the animal, 'there's the pound of meat all right, but where's the cat?'"

TREES THAT ARE A MYSTERY.

One a Vegetable Freak and the Other a Greedy Monopolist.

California has one tree which is the personification of mystery. Found nowhere else in the world, it had a mysterious origin and thrives in a region of mystery.

The Mojava yucca is a vegetable freak which has developed into a species. It has the characteristics of several plants, to which no relationship can be traced.

It is an endogen, yet its bark shows concentric rings such as characterize the exogenous stems. It lives and thrives in great numbers in a region early devoid of vegetation, in a land of heat and thirst and barrenness.

Another tree in California which has a peculiar personality is the creeping oak of Monterey.

Nowhere in the vegetable kingdom can be found so true a representative of monopoly. This tree is of gnarly growth, its limbs, like those of the sycamore, bending and twisting in all directions.

Wherever a branch touches the earth it takes root and becomes, as it were, another trunk, though still a branch of the main stem, drawing nourishment both from the parent stem and from the new source. In this manner the tree is spread till it has taken possession of five acres of ground and it is still advancing.

Advice to Wives.

Nothing is so consoling to a worried man of affairs as to know that he can always find a harbor of refuge in his home.

Hence (advises an observant woman), the wife should seek always to make the home an abode of peace. Her troubles and perplexities should be reserved for discussion when he is comfortable and at leisure, and not sprung upon him the moment he enters the house at the close of his day's work.

Many men fight their way successfully through years of anxious toil only to be broken down at last by the frets and jars of ill-managed households and the incessant gabble of wives who insist on deluging them with their domestic grievances.

Not What He Wanted.

"I'm selling a new burglar alarm," said the gentlemanly agent. "Can I interest you in it? This contrivance will fix it so that everybody will be awakened the moment a burglar steps inside the house. It can't—"

"I don't want it. If you have any kind of a contrivance that will keep my wife from waking up when burglars break in, come around and I will talk business with you."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Necessary.

"I am afraid you are becoming a practical politician," said the sincere friend.

"I am," answered the eminent personage. "A statesman must be a mighty good politician if he wants to stay in public life long enough to put his theories into actual operation."—Washington Star.

Course of Dieting.

Family Physician—Nothing will do your daughter any good unless she controls her appetite for sweets and rich dishes. She must live on the plainest food, and very little of it, for some time.

Mother—Very well. I'll send her to the boarding school I used to attend. —N. Y. Weekly.

THE SPY.

I saw her drop a rosebud, and I thought she did not know; As she passed along and left it I beheld her cheeks aglow; The blushing rose had rested on the lovely maiden's breast, And its petals by her dainty little fingers had been pressed.

I watched the fragrant rosebud where it lay beside a chair, And because she was so winsome and because she was so fair, And because—because I loved her whom I had not dared to tell, I bent stealthily to claim it, vowing I would prize it well.

I had pressed my lips upon it and was turning to depart, Thinking I should always keep it safely hidden near my heart, When a friendly mirror showed me where she stood upon tiptoes In a little nook and gladly watched me as I kissed the rose.

Ah, what cared I for the rosebud? It had lost its charm for me; Joyously I caught the maiden ere she had a chance to flee; Nay, the rest shall be secret—if you'd learn it, find a nook That contains a lovely maiden who has told you with a look. —S. E. Kiser, in Puck.

ASTONISHED THE BARBER.

Quietly entering a barber's shop, the stranger removed his hat and coat, and taking a card from his pocket wrote on it:

"I want to be shaved." A barber stepping forward read the card, and, pointing to a chair, said to his brother artists:

"Deaf as a brass kettie and dumb as an oyster."

The man straightened himself out in the chair, when his manipulator began lathering his face.

"This cuss has a cheek like a stone wall," he said, when a general laugh followed.

"Stick a pin in him and see if he is entirely dumb," said another.

The victim remaining undisturbed, the following shots were fired at him by the delighted tonsorial artists:

"He needs a shampoo. His head is dirtier than a public-house doormat."

"Shave him with a stool-leg. Don't spoil your razor on that stubble."

"Gracious, what a guy! He'd make a good bird-frightener."

"He ought to rent that nose for a locomotive head-light," etc.

While all these complimentary allusions were flying about him the operation of shaving was finished, and the man arose and put on his coat, and then, turning to the astonished barber, said:

"How much for the shave and compliments?"

"I—I—I—I," gasped the astonished man, "oh, nothing—nothing—call again—excuse;" and as the stranger left the shop the discomfited barbers swore that they would never believe in a deaf and dumb man again until they had first fired a ten-pound cannon about his ears.

Hard to Open.

Dick—Succeed in touching the old gentleman for a ten spot this morning?

Jack—No; the money he carries is like the umbrella he carries.

Dick—How so?

Jack—Why, it's a close roll.—Chicago Daily News.

NOT AN IMAGINARY LINE.



Pedagogue—Now Snarker, junior, give an example, by reference to any familiar object, of what is meant by the word equator.

Snarker (rather at a loss)—Well, sir, er—er—it's like the—er—waistband on your trousers running round yer stummick, sir.

Willing Helpers.

He—Then it is settled that we are to elope at midnight?

She—Yes.

He—And you are sure you can get your trunk packed in time?

She—Oh, yes. Papa and mamma have both promised to help me.—Chicago Daily News.

Not Room.

The Bride—Oh, Algernon, are you certain, are you positive, that nothing will ever come between us?

The Groom—Nothing, dearest! Nothing can ever come between us so long as we live in this flat—there isn't room.

LAFAYTTE'S EARLY HISTORY

Below we reprint the proceedings of the second meeting of the first city council of the Town of Vermilionville seventy-one years ago:

SITTING OF MAY 13, 1836.

Ordained: That the ordinance concerning the merchants of the town of Vermilionville will go into effect Sunday, May 22, 1836.

Ordained: That the hotel keepers conducting saloons shall pay a tax to the corporation of \$10 a year, as saloon keepers, independent of their other taxes.

Ordained: That all persons living in the corporation shall keep their hogs and sheep inclosed; that all of the above named animals that shall be found running the streets one month after the passing of this ordinance, shall be seized and sold for the benefit of the town treasury.

It is further ordained: That when the banquettes of the town of Vermilionville shall be built, all persons who shall pass on said banquettes on horseback, in a buggy or cart, or whose horse, buggy or cart shall be tied on said banquettes, shall pay a fine of \$5.00 for each offense.

C. VOORHIES, President.
J. J. NEVEU, Secretary.

The Nickelodion.

Manager Carr, who has leased the Arcade, now the Nickelodion, states that he is greatly pleased with the opening last Sunday night under the new management, nearly four hundred people being present to witness the performance of Pinkie and Oeye Brown, vaudeville artists. A band furnished music for dancing.

Save your cash purchase slips of Mose Levy's, the Blue Store—they are valuable.

We will make you a specially attractive price in summer clothing, call and see us—Levy Bros.

Mrs. Ulysse Poimboeuf and children, Aimee and Arthur, and Mrs. H. Hardy, of Breau Bridge, left on the afternoon train Thursday for Marlin, Tex., to be gone three weeks.

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R. L. Underwood, advertising man for the Cumberland Telephone Co., spent several days during the past week in Lafayette.

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Bids Wanted.

In accordance with instructions from the School Board I will receive bids on the following transfer routes until Aug. 15:

Burke No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3.
Youngsville No. 1 and No. 2.
Broussard No. 1 and No. 2.
Carencro No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4.
Cormier, eighth ward, No. 1.

L. J. ALLEMAN,
Parish Superintendent.

Bids Wanted.

The Building Committee will receive bids on the construction of schoolhouses at Carencro, Milton, Alex Broussard's, second ward, and Cormier 8th ward. Plans and specifications may be seen in the secretary's office. Bids will be received until July 31 on the Carencro school and until August 16 on all others.

Bids for painting Guidroz and Verot school houses will be received until July 31.

L. J. ALLEMAN, Secty.
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