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A GERMAN CYCLIST BRAKE

Ingeniously on a Swiss Mountain That Made Some Americans Stare.

"We Americans traveling abroad are apt to be very proud of our reputation for cleverness," said a tourist who went bicycling in Europe last summer. "And no doubt we have reason to be. But I am going to tell you how I had some of the conceit taken out of me."

"We were going through Switzerland and had reached the close of the first day's descent toward Geneva. The road had been too steep to coast without the aid of a brake, and as we were afraid to use our breaks for fear our tires would not last us through our trip, we back pedaled all the way."

"As we were sitting after supper on the veranda of the lodge, discussing the fatigue of our unusual exercise, and dreading the morrow, which meant more of the same sort, our attention was suddenly called to a cloud of dust descending the mountain side. Then we saw a cyclist, coasting as nice as you please, towing a good-sized sapling by a rope tied to the rear of his wheel, which acted as an effective brake without injury to the tires. One of the boys ejaculated: 'Well, why didn't we think of that?' The rest were simply dumb. That man was a German. I now take off my hat to our German brethren of the wheel."

Rest Destroyers.

The worrying habit.
The overwork habit.
Habitual overeating, or taking food at bedtime that is difficult of digestion.

The "wide-awakes" who cannot sleep themselves and disturb the rest of others.

The "fond mother," who awakes the baby to exhibit him to a friend.

The "early-to-bed" who interferes with the "late-to-bed's" morning nap.

You Must Remember:

That sleepiness is an indication of the need of sleep, and, so far as possible, the sleeper should be allowed to awaken naturally.

That brain workers, nervous people and children require all the sleep they can get—ten to twelve hours of the twenty-four, usually.

That stimulants and narcotics will in time prove sleep destroyers.

That sleep that is alike restful to mind and body can only be induced by natural methods.

Incubating Peacocks.

Visitors to the new states of the far west are generally prepared for any phenomenal showing in the line of agriculture, stock-raising and the like, but once in a while they are taken by surprise.

An easterner who was spending his summer vacation on the ranch of a relative in Colorado, went out one morning to inspect a large incubator in which the young chicks were hatching. In one corner of the incubator a neglected peach seed, encouraged by the warmth of the atmosphere, had burst, and a tiny sprout, several inches long was growing out of it.

"Great Caesar!" exclaimed the eastern man, as this caught his eye, "do you hatch out your peaches in this country?"

Woman Dies at 124 Years.

Margaret Bouhan, better known as "Peggy Bowen," probably the oldest person in the State, is dead in her late home, at Chicopee Falls, Mass. "Peggy" was 124 years old according to her own testimony, and her husband, who wrote to her birthplace, Eveland, County Cork, Ireland, and ascertained that the records showed that "Peggy" was born in that village in 1773. "Peggy" was married in Ireland in 1862, her husband being only forty-two. They came to this country in 1865 and settled at Chicopee Falls, where they occupied a house of one room. Up to within two years "Peggy" retained her faculties.

Unique Japanese Custom.

Among the rites which are practiced in far Japan and which doubtless do much to keep the Japanese women in that sweet and meek state so attractive to the masculine mind, is one called worshipping the mother-in-law.

Before a Japanese bride is married she is put through a course of ceremonies before which the initiation into a college secret society is a mere trifle. One of the most important and most imposing of these ceremonies is the adoration of the mother-in-law. The poor little bride prostrates herself most humbly before the arbiter of her future nance.

Bernice.

The following young people visited parents and friends here Christmas week: Miss Theresa Hannon, Greater New York; Patrick Hannon Jr., Ransom, Pa.; Misses Katie and Theresa Leonard, Waverly, N. Y.; Misses Mary E. Lowery and Charlotte Lang, and Mr. Dunn, Waverly; Misses Nellie Haley and Prudie Collins, Elmira; Misses Bridget and Nellie Walsh and Annie Gilroy, Towanda; Andrew Kelliker, Frederick Wood and Miss Katie Brogan, Sayre; Wm. Thurston, Greater New York; Miss Flora Thurston, Mansfield; M. Dougherty, Long Valley; and Miss Nettie Fitzgerald, Towanda.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Kurkendall visited friends in Franklin Xmas, Warren Watson of New Albany, has moved to this place.

Benj. Helsen has moved to his new house in Mildred.

The ball given under the auspices of the St. Patrick C. T. A. society of this place on Thursday evening, Dec. 30, was a social and financial success.

John Bowles and John Crowley attended the dance at Long Valley Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Parr visited friends in Sayre New Years.

The members of the St. Francis Church choir deserve great praise for the music and singing at the St. Francis church Christmas morning. They accompanied Rev. Fr. Enright to Laporte where they won the praise of all who heard them.

At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick C. T. A. society of this place Jan. 2nd, the following officers were elected: President, P. H. McGee; Vice President, James Long; Recording Secretary, Wm. Ably; Corresponding Secretary, Robert McGee; Financial Secretary, John Burnes; Treasurer, John Dempsey; Marshal, Michael Donovan.

David Wilhems child is very sick.

L. L. Lowery visited friends in Dushore Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Francis Hope of Dushore visited friends here Sunday evening. "I wonder why?"

Estella.

Cold as Christmas is an old adage which was filled to the letter this time.

And now with twenty inches of snow the log and bark haulers are happy.

Sunday morning the thermometer registered fifteen degrees below zero at this place.

Both grades of our school started up again with a full attendance Monday morning, after the Holiday recess.

C. J. Fuller who has been at Canton Bradford Co. the past week taking a course of treatment for his eyes under Dr. Davidson returned home Monday evening.

One of the worst snow storms that we have experienced for many years commenced Friday morning and kept it up with increased fury all day and most of the night accompanied by a heavy wind which drifted the roads full. It is impossible to tell the exact depth of the snow, but it must be from 20 to 24 inches.

We have had no mail since Friday. Only once in ten years have we missed two mails in one week till now.

Mrs. Hattie Smith, nee Brown, is dangerously ill at the home of her parents at this place.

Miss Ida Rightmire, of Grover, Bradford county, spent the past week visiting her sister, Mrs. C. J. Fuller, at this place.

Miss Nellie Webster, who is learning the dressmaking trade at New Albany, spent Christmas week visiting her parents at this place.

Miss Emily Haze of Towanda, is spending a few days with her parents and many friends at this place.

Geo. B. Norton has moved his family from the Dr. Chaffee place to a part of J. J. Webster's residence.

Prof. J. Nelson Thompkins, of Scranton, is visiting his parents at Bethel and many friends in this place. OBSERVER.

Dushore.

Johnny Deegan of Wyalusing spent Christmas with his parents at this place.

Stirly Kisner and Harry Hunsinger of Sayre visited relatives here last week.

Charley Scureman of Towanda is visiting his parents at this place.

Mrs. M. A. Scureman is recovering from her recent illness.

Ed Baumgartner, our blind newsboy is critically ill. He is some better at this writing.

Miss Emily Pomeroy is home from Jersey City during the Holidays

Ed Cannon expects to go to Montana this week to make it his future home unless he presses on to Klondike.

Fred Glover and Miss Cora Dieffenbach were married at the residence of the bride's parents on Thursday last.

A. D. McHenry has accepted a position with J. O. Frost's Sons of Towanda as traveling salesman.

Arch Garey of Elmira Heights accompanied by his nephews, Arthur and Charley Garey spent Christmas with relatives here. A fishing trip to Nigger Pond was a part of their program.

The Institute last week brought a lot of fine looking school ma'ams to our town. As a means of increasing one's acquaintances the Institutes are a grand success.

The Increase of Homes.

One of the best possible facts in the latter-day progress of this country is the increase in the number of homes. In crowded centers of population, such as New York, and one or two other cities, the flat and the hotel must always be necessary, for space is too valuable to be monopolized by the humble. But even around the very large cities there are being built thousands and thousands of suburban cottages and country residences, and all through the length and breadth of the country, in the towns, villages and cities artistic homes are increasing at an astonishing rate. If any one will take the trouble to look up the literature on the subject he will find that in this country there are more than a hundred papers devoted to these home builders, giving them each week plans and suggestions. The number of books upon low-priced architecture, written in the past fifteen years, exceeds the total for a century previous. A wider education is being spread, and the gain in every way is enormous.

A man who owns his home is a better citizen, even if there is a mortgage on it. There is a feeling of personal partnership in the protection of property and the preservation of public order which makes him stand for what is best in law and government. It is the best possible thing for his wife and children; best for him and best for the country.

Bogus Oysters.

The municipal authorities of Paris are just now engaged in the suppression of an altogether novel form of food adulteration which is assuming phenomenal proportions. Real oysters are expensive in Paris, and so, with the object of suiting slender purses, artificial oysters on the half shell have been invented, which are sold at twenty cents a dozen, and they are so cleverly made and look so nice and fresh that, once lemon juice or vinegar has been added, they can not be distinguished from the real article, especially when white wine is taken in connection therewith. The only genuine thing about these oysters is the shell, the manufacturers buying second-hand shells at a small cost, and fastening the spurious oyster in place with a tasteless paste. The municipal laboratory has not yet proclaimed the ingredients of which these bogus oysters are composed, but has announced that they are of a harmful character.

A Big Prize in Sight.

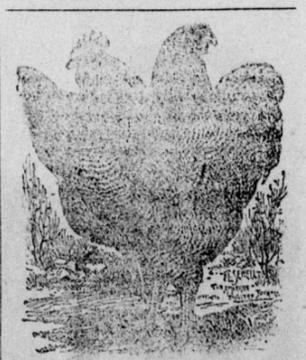
M. Ostris, a well-known French philologist, has shown his interest in the Parisian exhibition of 1900 in a tangible way. He has just deposited at the Bank of France a sum of \$20,000 which he has placed at the disposal of the Parisian press syndicate to reward the exhibitor of the most meritorious work in the exhibition from an artistic, industrial, or humanitarian point of view.

He Listened to All.

Fontenelle listened to everything, and he offended no one by disputing anything. At the close of his life he was asked the secret of his success, and he replied that it was by observing two maxims: "Everybody may be right and everything may be so."

A Famous Dike Marsh.

Addison, Me., is famous for its dike marshes, which for many years have been a source of income to its people. The estimated crop of hay yielded by these lands this season is 450 tons.



Very fine thorough-bred Banded Plymouth Rock birds for sale. These are dandies, it will pay you to get them for breeding. Come and see them or send for circular.

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(Cut this out for reference.)

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One word in regard to foot wear:

Our shoe department was never more complete and if you will favor us with your attention for a few minutes when it is open we will convince you that we have the most carefully selected line of fine and heavy boots and shoes ever brought before the public. Our crockers we have just received some very pretty designs in Decorated Dancer Sets, which we invite your attention. The buying of every product has always been a special feature of our Business, and we still continue to pay the highest cash prices for Butter Eggs and Wool.

E. G. SYLVARA, DUSHORE, PA.

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