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It keeps the average man hustling to change clothes as often as the weather.

First thing we know, some fashion designer will be creating a slit bathing suit.

At last the automobile with the cow-catcher has come. It was only a question of time.

A damage suit may not be a cheap suit, but it is nearly always due for a little shrinkage.

Some men can hardly wait for pay day to come around. Other men are indifferent. Married.

Become not alarmed over your afflictions, for most of them pass quickly, notably, the cubist art.

In Indianapolis a split skirt tied up traffic. It might be well if some one would tie up the split skirt.

Did you ever observe that the man who does things has no "Do It Now" sign posted up near his desk?

A market report says that cheese is at a standstill. But most connoisseurs of cheese don't like it that way.

What a nice feature act for vaudeville would the perfect babies of the six leading cities of the country make!

A Berlin judge has ruled that a betrothal is not binding. Looks like a fine opening for a woman's rights party.

What, by the way, has become of the old-fashioned fellow who was once upon a time referred to as a muck-raker?

An unsportsmanlike exchange suggests the addition of another column to the tabulated baseball score to record bonehead plays.

Another exemplification of "the easiest way." Florida woman has gone insane because she couldn't solve the hired girl problem.

Washington beau brumel has come out with a feather in his hat, and it is safe to assume that he is spending his father's money.

Leased wire report from New York says the "stop, look, listen" gown is the latest creation there. Many of us are doing the same thing.

New York woman is suing her husband's second wife for \$25,000 damages for loss of his affections. Rather high for second-hand article.

Bulgarian coats are said to be popular with the men in New York. Well, if the bow behind hats become popular there's a chance for this new fad.

Now that the college student is about to obtain his degree will the A. B. mean as much to him as a sheep skin or as an indication of time "At bat."

A Texas man who lost an umbrella had enough faith in human nature to advertise that it. Investigation has proved that he only recently moved to Texas.

Wise as Solomon or any other experienced married man is the judge who told a husband it was wrong to leave letters where his wife could find them.

What has become of the old-fashioned swain who carefully removed the cigars from his vest pocket and placed them on the mantel when calling on his best girl?

In a contest for women only in Paris it was decided that the worst trait a man could possess was selfishness. Many a man will now pay his wife's bills in silence.

Every man who buys a pair of white trousers and a cap with an anchor on it does not own an 18-foot motorboat, even if he does tell every one he is going on a cruise.

Germany is now offering tourists air rides to assist in seeing the sights. To riding, sailing and swimming, flying is now added to swell the joys of the summer vacation.

"Constant Reader" assures an eastern editor that it is worry that produces the bald pate. In that case how does he explain the apparent exception of the bald-headed row at musical comedy?

There is one thing about the plan of that preacher who is sending out talking machine records of his sermons for the stay-at-homes. The machine can be shut off when the audience is tired.

The same fellow who is playing ball with the kids in the lot next door is the same "boy" who grunted about a lame back every time his wife suggested that the sidewalk needed shoveling last winter.

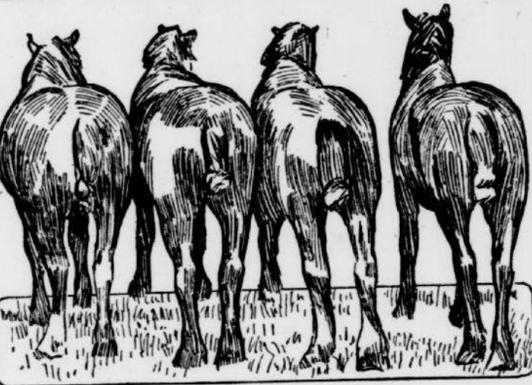
Because he married an American girl at Yale, a Chinese student has been made the victim of the first Celestial bigamy prosecution. Besides establishing a valued legal precedent, the case shows that little goes on in this old world of ours in which the U. S. A. is not involved.

The paprika highball (whatever that is) is to become immensely popular down at Washington, according to the dictates of the pure food department.

According to an old adage, there is a time for work and a time for play, but the ball player seems to have time for both at the same time.

Anxious inquirer: Webster's dictionary falls to state whether the stick carried by a police woman remains a billy or becomes a nanny.

RAISE THE STANDARD OF HORSES ON FARM



Seven-Year-Old Percherons.

(By A. S. ALEXANDER.)

While some farmers are beginning to appreciate the importance of using sound, pure-bred stallions, the equal importance of using sound mares is not yet generally understood. When a mare by reason of unsoundness is no longer fit for anything else, she is often set aside for breeding purposes and so long as this absurd and ruinous policy persists, the penalty will be paid in the prevalence of unsound horses on our farms. For corroboration of this, one has only to examine the brood mares on a number of farms. The unsound mares will be found numerous and many of their adult offspring are similarly affected. The following letters from farmers will help to demonstrate the lack of comprehension of the principles of horse breeding.

"I have a thirteen-year-old mare that has a knocked down hip, the heavens

and behind when she walks. Her knees are bowed backward. Eats well. Would she do to breed from?"

Emphatically, NO!

The following suggestions may be outlined for the guidance of farmers in conducting their horse breeding operations.

Commence grading up the farm horse stock by mating carefully selected, muscular, pure-bred registered stallions. Continue year after year to use the best obtainable pure-bred males of the character and breed first chosen and never out-cross to any other breed.

Do not use any stallion that is unsound, unsuitable, partially impotent or not registered in a stud book recognized by the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Do not breed from any mare that is deformed, sick, diseased, unsound, unsuitable, a poor milker, or a cross mother.

Properly feed, shelter and care for the pregnant and nursing mares and from birth until ready for market, nourish their offspring in such a way as to prevent stunting and insure perfect development.

Encourage the working of pure-bred stallions sufficient to keep them healthy, muscular, prepotent and prevent pampering, weakness, partial impotence and actual sterility and so tend to insure vigor, strong constitution and health in their offspring at birth and throughout life.

As soon as possible stop working scrub horses on the farm and in their place use grade horses of good quality and character, well fed, properly groomed, furnished with attractive, nicely kept harness and hitched to modern implements, wagons and carriages.

Organize township and county associations for community breeding of horses of the same blood, character and quality and to more readily obtain pure-bred stallions and mares and insure a profitable market for surplus horses.

Encourage representative exhibits at the county fairs, of pure-bred stallions and mares and grade mares, gelding, farm teams, and young stock by pure bred sires. Discourage the grading of mongrel or scrub stallions or their progeny.

Boast of the betterment of the horse breeding industry and do nothing to retard its progress.

FEED FOR WORK TEAM IN SUMMER

Bad Management to Stuff Horses During Idle Season and Starve Them Later.

One of the worst mistakes a farmer can make is to feed heavily during the winter season, when work is slack, and to feed slightly in summer when work continues all day and every day. Only last week, says a writer in an exchange, I saw a team owned by a young, but at the same time rather opinionated farmer. This team was fed during the winter season all the grain and forage they would consume.

As the season advanced the price of grain and hay became higher. Money might have been a little tight perhaps, at any rate feed was sold that should have been kept. The working season arrived. Crops must be put in and cultivated, feed was short, and the teams suffered.

When I saw them they were living skeletons, and depreciated 75 per cent, so far as cash value was concerned. This seems to me to be mighty poor management stuffing your work horses in the idle season and starving them at the very time that they need the best care.

Just think a moment, dear farmer, of the plentiful food that the women-folk prepare for you three times daily, and most especially during the harvest season, and then imagine how the horse must feel that pulls a plow, binder, mower or wagon, all day, and on insufficient feed!

There is no economy, or even business sense in feeding sparingly during the long, hot and busy summer season. A pair of strong, well-fed and well-kept horses or mules will do the work of any four head of half-starved ones you can pick up.

Rye for the Silo.

Rye may be cut for the silo when it is in blossom and the most advanced heads are in the dough.

Stimulant for Flowers.

Weak liquid manure is just the stimulant most flowers need when they bloom. Do not stint them in this respect.

Injurious to Cows.

No breed of dairy cows can continue as first-class dairy animals if the calves are allowed to run with the cows.

Aid to Flowers.

Another aid to profusion of flowers is plenty of water.

To Get Rich Milk.

It is not necessary for the cow to give only a small quantity of milk in order that the milk may be rich. One can use a breed that is famous for their yield of rich milk rather than to get rich milk from a low breed.

Picking Sweet Peas.

The sweet pea demands a daily stripping of every bloom. Producing seeds is done at the expense of blooms. However, flowers should be cut with sharp shears, never torn from the plant.

COST OF RAISING AMERICAN HORSE

Average Is Found to Be \$104.06 for United States—Interesting Figures.

Reports have been received from about 10,000 correspondents of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture upon the cost of raising colts to the age of three years. The average for the United States is found to be \$104.06; or, if we deduct the value of work done by the horse before he has passed his third year, namely, \$7.52, the net cost is \$96.54; this is 70.9 per cent of the selling value of such horses, \$136.17.

The cost varies widely by states, from an average of \$69.50 for New Mexico, \$71.59 for Wyoming, and \$82.47 for Texas, to \$156.60 for Rhode Island, \$149.98 for Connecticut, and \$141.80 for Massachusetts.

Itemized, the cost is made up as follows: Service fee, \$12.96; value of time lost by mare in foaling, \$10.06; breaking to halter, \$2.22; veterinary services, \$2.04; care and shelter, first year \$4.96, second year \$5.36, third year \$6.35; most of grain, fed, first year \$4.98, second year \$7.14, third year \$9.56; hay, first year \$4.14, second year \$6.61, third year \$4.48; pasture, first year \$2.56, second year \$5.41, third year \$6.21; other costs, \$6.01; total, \$104.06.

The total cost for all feed is \$56.20, being \$21.69 for grain, \$19.33 for hay, \$14.18 for pasture, and \$11.21 for other feeds. The total cost of care and shelter is \$16.69. Of the total cost, 54 per cent is charged to feeds, 16 per cent to care and shelter, and 30 per cent to other items, as enumerated above.

As more than half the cost of raising a three-year horse on the farm is chargeable to feeds, it is readily observed how important it is the influence of variation in prices of feed-stuffs upon such cost.

JOHN DRUMMOND, GENTLEMAN ADVENTURER

By Henry Collins Walsh
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TYPES are modified by their environment, and to suit the times. But they are eternal, and live by that perpetual adaptation to environment which Mr. Spencer tells us is the law of life. When we say "gentlemanly adventures," we immediately think of Raleigh and Morgan and Ponce de Leon, and such gentlemen of the old school, but they have their successors today, and will have till the love of adventure is dead in the human heart.

I have met several of these adventurers in the course of my personal wanderings. Here is one of them. After many days of traveling on muleback, through jungles and over mountains, in Spanish Honduras, I found myself at a little inn in Santa Barbara, a town situated in the interior. Here, one evening, I was indulging a cigarette and after-dinner coffee with my landlord and his lady, when in upon this peaceful scene walked John Drummond.

I had heard of him, and he was good enough to say that he had heard of me, and that he had come into Santa Barbara to take me out on his ranch, if I would accompany him.

I was obliged to refuse his invitation, but we remained together for that night and part of the next day, at Santa Barbara.

Aside from displaying himself in the altogether and showing me a body fairly perforated with bullet-holes, the visible reminiscences of many battles, he was reticent concerning his life and adventures, as such men usually are.

What I record about him I have learned through a friend of mine who has been much in Central America and who knows John Drummond well.

John Drummond, I have learned, was born in Mobile, Ala., but just when I do not know, nor can I tell anything of his early days, and it suffices to say that he really became interesting when the spirit of adventure led him into the unsettled country of Honduras. Here he became a soldier of fortune, and rose to the position of commander-in-chief of the army of Honduras, whom he helped into power; for the presidency of Honduras is won not by votes but by bullets.

Vasquez remarked to my friend that John Drummond was always absolutely loyal to whatever cause he happened to be enlisted in.

At the end of his enlistment he would fight just as well and loyally under the flag of a former opponent.

Well, Vasquez had gone out of power and was anxious for another term. In Honduras, this is a matter not of conventions and elections, but of uprisings. So Vasquez rose, and engaged Drummond to help him. Drummond was first sent to capture a quartelle, or small fort.

He stole upon it during the night and darkness. He armed his men only with daggers, and made them strip off every article of clothing. Nude, they stole into the quartelle, and immediately extinguished all lights. In the confusion and darkness, Drummond's men knew each other by the feel of the bare skin in the hand-to-hand combat that ensued, and in this way the garrison was quickly exterminated.

Drummond, with a small body of troops, then made a rapid march to the Atlantic coast and captured the principal port, Puerto Cortez. His force consisted of eight Texans and a few hundred native soldiers.

An army of government troops were stationed at San Pedro, a town at the end of a line of 40 miles of railroad which starts at Puerto Cortez and represents the entire railway system of Honduras.

One day it was reported to Drummond that the government troops were on their way from San Pedro on a banana train. He immediately took possession of an engine and tender, placing the latter in front of the engine. Then he barricaded it, mounted a small piece of ordnance and his eight lusty Texans upon it, and so went serenely forth to meet the enemy.

As soon as the banana train hove in sight, he let fly at it with artillery and rifles, and stampeded the invading army, who took to the woods in terror.

Drummond and his men returned in triumph to Puerto Cortez. Then an alleged gunboat—nothing but a con-

able to drink it." And one quart of this "excellent wash" of good strong ale for breakfast, we are told, put the queen in good spirits for the start of the day's work.

Few Mirrors in Japan.

It is only during a comparatively short time that the Japanese have known glass as accidentals know it, says Harper's Weekly. When the first railroads were built passengers in the coaches often put their heads through the glass, supposing the frames of the

Queen Bess Liked Her Ale Strong. What the London Chronicle calls Mr. Bryan's "teetotal hospitality" would never have done for Queen Bess. For wherever Elizabeth went there she had to go also—strong ale. Great were the trials of her host, the earl of Leicester, as expressed in a letter from Hatfield to Lord Burleigh: "There is not one drop of good drink for her here. We were fain to send to London and Kenilworth and divers other places where ale was; her own beer was so strong as there was no man

Held to His Prejudice. The London Chronicle says that Dr. Johnson would not have "bestowed his benediction upon the British committee for the celebration of the one hundred years' peace." "I am willing to love all mankind, except an American," he said. Miss Seward, who heard the remark, had the temerity to say: "Sir, this is an instance that we are always most violent against those we have injured," whereupon the great man, according to Boswell, "roared out another tre-

mendous volley, which one might fancy could be heard across the Atlantic."

Helps People to Mourn.

The late J. Milton Colton, a wealthy banker of Philadelphia, has devised a portion of his estate to the cemetery of the Presbyterian church at Abingdon, Pa. Mr. Colton gives the church \$50,000 for the employment of a special sexton, who shall keep the cemetery open from sunrise until sunset in order that those who wish to

mourn may do so every day in peace and solitude. The sexton is to live in the manse, and the church is also to be kept open every day during the same hours in order that weary worshippers may have a haven of rest.

Probably Not Be Shocked.

Bacon—As long ago as 1830 it was known that the sense could be stimulated by electricity.

Egbert—Don't suppose it would have any effect on my wife's sense of humor, though.



Drummond rode off at top speed. But his adventures were not yet over. He was captured by a squad of government soldiers near the borderland of Guatemala, the haven of safety he was seeking.

After a brief court-martial, Drummond was sentenced to be shot at sunset. He was backed up close to a low wall, beyond which were jungle and thick woodland.

Ranking as a general in the insurgent forces, Drummond asked permission that he be allowed to give the word of command to the soldiers to fire.

The soldiers stood ready with guns leveled at the doomed man.

"Ready—fire!" called Drummond, and fell just before the flash. The volley passed over him, and the soldiers beheld the amazing spectacle of a man whom they thought shot to death suddenly arising and jumping over the low wall.

Once in the jungle and protected by darkness, Drummond made his way over the borderland and found safety in Guatemala.

And as the wheel of fortune and revolution has turned since this episode, he is now a respected citizen of Honduras, and has various mining interests to keep his fertile mind from stagnating.

Plant of Many Uses.

In 1830 the congress of Mexico issued an order that none of the state documents should be indited upon any material other than the paper made from maguay. This is the national plant, and some have insisted that the very word Mexico was derived from the word mex-tli, which means maguay.

The Mexicans do well to be grateful to this product of their country, says the Ave Maria, for it is food and drink, house and raiment to the Mexican. Its other name is agave, or century plant, from the popular fallacy that it blooms only once a century, whereas it really blossoms every eight years.

The stalk of the blossoms reaches to the height of 25 feet and looks like a giant candlestick, for it carries often as many as several thousand buds.

Many fields of maguay miles in length are to be found in Mexico, and there is scarcely a bit of the plant which cannot be used in some manner.

Bananas From Brazil.

Brazil, encouraged by the great northern demand for bananas, is going to enter upon the cultivation of that fruit in a large way. An American company has been organized to operate in the state of Parana. From day to day the lands of the valleys of the Cubatao and Cubatoinho rivers are being transformed into banana plantations of great extent. The American company will sell portions of this land and distribute banana cuttings to agriculturists who will develop their plantations with full assurance of the ready transportation of their product. The company will buy or charter special vessels in sufficient quantity to transport this fruit.

Queen Wilhelmina and the Council.

The international council of women recently convened at The Hague was somewhat disappointed in not receiving a message of greeting from Queen Wilhelmina. The royal lady, who was at her country palace, is said to display no interest in the women's progressive movement. At the opening reception of the council a representative of Queen Emma, the "queen mother" was present to bring greetings and the wish for a successful meeting.

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Tetterine at druggists or by mail 50c. Soap 25c. J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga., Adv.

A plausible person isn't always the one who gets applause.

A successful politician is usually machine made.

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"Yes. Good looking, too."—Harvard Lampoon.

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HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

Already Supplied. An agent for automobiles accosted a man who was standing in the main street of the village.

"Now, sir," he said persuasively, after recounting the advantages of the various kinds of cars. "I should say a nice runabout would be just the thing for you."

"Thank you. I have one. She's in 'his store buying a new gown.'"

Not Practical.

In Oregon a law intended to prevent the marriage of the unfit has encountered a practical difficulty. It prescribed an examination of the blood as a precaution against tuberculosis and other diseases, but the fee fixed in the law was less than physicians would accept, and they say that for the work required \$15 or \$20 would not be too much. If fitness for marriage cannot be determined cheaper than that, the Caucasian must be, as Bret Harte put it, "played out." It is unwise to make marriage laws burdensome.—Springfield Republican.

Even in the Child Mind.

This incident was related by Mark Twain with great glee about a certain little girl friend who "shone as an authoress." One day she handed her devoted sympathizer the sheets of a story which read thus:

"A man was seated in a chair by the fire-side brooding over his troubles. He was sad because his wife was dead. Suddenly a specter appeared before him, and it was his wife. She said: 'Dear, I could not bear to see you so sad and discontented, so I have come to comfort you. You must not be sad. You must be bright and happy. It was best that I should leave you when I did, because I was going to get a divorce.'"

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