

ONE WAY TO FISH.

There are men who take their angling seriously; men of the rod and reel who make their own flies and bestow an infinite care on the selection of spinners and all manner of lures; men who heartily agree with the great Isaak Walton that just as no man is born an artist, so no man is born an angler.

One of the large British transportation companies has contracted for the construction of ten steamers for service between British ports and ports on the River Plate. These steamers will be equipped for the carrying of chilled beef, which is finding great favor in Europe, and will also have lavishly passenger accommodations for the increasing tourist traffic to South America.

Tramps and vagrants generally who are opposed to work of any kind will do well to keep away from the vicinity of Kansas for some time to come. The judge of the municipal court in Kansas City announces that he will sentence all vagrants brought before him to labor in the fields.

The avalanche on the Jungfrau glacier which claimed five victims was an incident of Swiss mountain climbing that is repeated often enough to give zest to the indulgence. Climbing glaciers is hard work, but tourists persist in it at heavy expense for guides because in addition to being fatiguing it is dangerous.

The figures officially reported from Panama leave no doubt that the Americans are making the dirt fly. The excavation exceeds all previous records, and the facts give assurance that nothing is left undone that can contribute to the completion of the great enterprise at the time appointed.

Suggestions have been made that Doctor Wiley investigate the theory of germ transmission by kissing, but there has been no call for volunteers for an experiment squad.

A German professor says that man is descended from four varieties of apes, and some we know haven't improved on the varieties very much, either.

The Danes are experimenting in the preservation of fresh fish in paper. Other people use it for embalming fish stores.

The agricultural department is about to conduct a war against the moths, but most women used their camphor ammunition months ago.

If you had started to save up for a rainy day, just think how much you would have saved this summer.

A St. Louis pickpocket gets \$50 from a doctor while he is doing an appendicitis operation. Our sympathies are herewith extended to the patient.

The Bulgarian king who made an aeroplane flight is not, however, the first of his line who has been up in the air.

For the first time in history, Newark, N. J., is interested in explaining that she is not the Ohio town of that name.

Seven snuff boxes were sold in London the other day for \$119,000. These prices were certainly not to be sneezed at.

A new \$10 counterfeit bill is in circulation. We understand that the germs on it are genuine.

London announces that women are going to wear snake skins. Some of them will have to take off a lot of weight first.

The World's Wonders

STRANGE THINGS FOUND IN VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE EARTH

England's Earliest Monument



To American eyes, Aylesford, a quiet Kentish village lying under the chalk hills near Maidstone, is venerable enough. The church with its square embattled tower, the gabled houses, more particularly the gray stone bridge, narrow of arch and low of parapet, all these are eloquent of the days when the pilgrims from southern England crossed the Medway here on their journey to Becket's shrine.

Beyond the river a mile nearer Canterbury stands a memorial of times more remote by a thousand years than the last of the pilgrimages. Three upright slabs of unheavened sandstone, capped by a fourth which measures twelve feet in length, inclose a space of some eight feet square. The country people call it "Kit's Coty House."

Kit's Coty House is a dolmen which has been partly dilapidated. The sepulcher has been opened, when or by whom, nobody knows; and its contents have disappeared. There is no inscription on any of the stones.

The names of Horsa, Hengist's kinsman and fellow-leader who was killed in the fight, survives in Horsted, where perhaps he was buried. The white horse, which was Hengist's totem, is now the heraldic emblem of the English county of Kent.

HONORED AS POTATO PIONEER



That Sir Francis Drake, first man to sail around the world, intrepid sea-fighter and bold explorer, should be honored and held as the man who first introduced potatoes into Europe was the idea of the people of Offenbach, Germany.

SARACEN TREASURES FOUND

Some interesting discoveries are reported in France. Recently in excavations at the Abbey of Pontigny, some tombs were brought to light, which are considered to date from the Plantagenets.

HAD EAR IN HIS POCKET.

Claiming damages for personal injury, at Lambeth county court recently, against a barber named A. Verbo of Southampton street, London, the plaintiff, John Tremayne, said that the defendant was cutting his hair and turned round as a customer and cut a piece out of his ear.

FISH DROPS FROM SKY.

The township of Red Bank, N. J., was the scene of a rather unusual occurrence one afternoon recently. While Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Adlem were chatting with friends on their porch in Broad street, they were startled by the flapping of a large weakfish, which seemed to drop out of a clear sky in the green lawn.

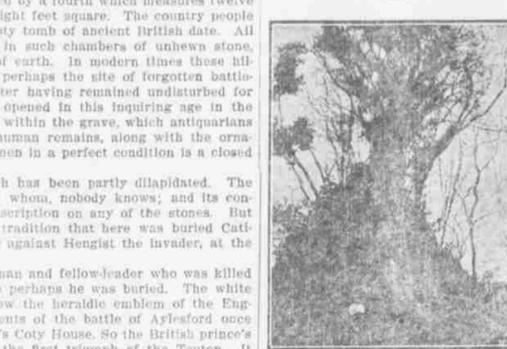
MOTHER KNEW.

Mother—I'm afraid Gwendoline is setting her heart on that young Penniless. Father—You think so? Mother—Well, he is not a fit person for her to marry. He is as poor as a rat and has no prospects.

PRISON CELL ROMANCE.

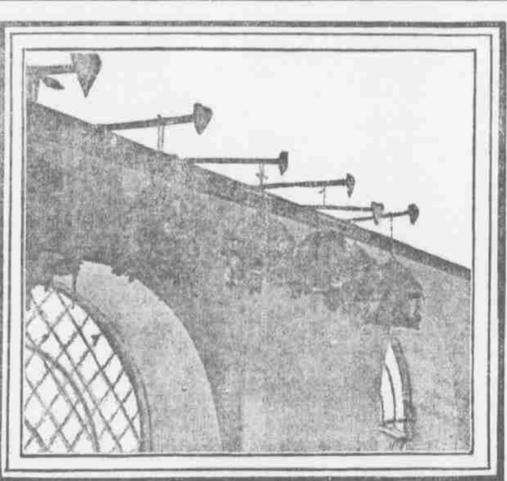
An interesting story has come to light of the way in which a man undergoing a sentence in Pentonville prison, tamed and made a companion of a pigeon. One bitterly cold morning just before Christmas, whilst the prisoners were at exercise, a pigeon, half-dead with the cold, fell into the yard.

ANT HEAP IN BELGIAN CONGO



In the Belgian Congo are to be found thousands of enormous chambered nests or heaps constructed by the industrious ants of that land. A great variety of choice ferns and begonia plants grow on these ant heaps, and in many cases they are covered with bamboo 30 feet high.

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NO CORSETS ARE WORN AT WEST POINT

discussion of West Pointers, "that many West Pointers acquire a figure of perfection of symmetry and a carriage the acme of manly grace, but these are due not to any ingenious appliances, but to the systematic drills and exercises that make the cadet, to a certain extent, an athlete.

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Odd News From Big Cities

Stories of Strange Happenings in the Metropolitan Towns

Uncle Sam Asks All to Swat the Fly



NEW YORK.—The whole United States government, with its vast treasury of wealth, its brainy statesmen and insurgents, its army and navy, its immense horde of high brows, against the poor little house fly? That's the line-up in a letter written by the health department for the purpose of extermination scheduled to set the nation by the ears and enlist the courageous support of every man, woman and child in this broad land.

Until the scientists got busy with their investigations the house fly was considered merely as a pestiferous insect, designed by the Creator of all things merely to take its bath in the sweet cream and maple syrup, among the late morning sleeper, skate about with abandon on the polished surface of shiny baldheads and practise the Morse telegraph code on the cleanest of windows.

'Gators and Insects Hunt New Home



NEW ORLEANS.—More than 1,000,000 acres of marsh land lying within 50 miles of New Orleans are to be drained, reclaimed and transformed from a wilderness into gardens, homes, lawns and towns. The work of reclaiming some 50,000 acres within the corporate limits of New Orleans is now well under way, while contracts have been let for the reclamation of fully 100,000 acres additional in adjoining parishes.

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No Corsets are Worn at West Point



WASHINGTON.—"I have often heard a question as to whether West Pointers wore corsets. It is absurd in a way, because should any effeminate youngster resort to such a thing it would be impossible to keep the affair a secret, and once known his school life would become a burden to him on account of the endless amount of criticism he would receive from his fellows.

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STORIES OF CAMP AND WAR

MUCH DELAYED WAR REPORT

Gen. Dan Macauley of Indiana Relates Humorous Incident That Originated in '64.

The following anecdote as related by Gen. Dan Macauley of Indiana affords a striking illustration of the humorous turn that often concludes a situation originally tragic. The beginning of the story takes us back to those stirring events of 1864 which had the Shenandoah Valley as the theater of action. Back and forth across that narrow straggled with picturesque setting strove those real-life heroes, Sheridan and Early, in the most dramatic, momentous duel of the war.

That last stroke of Early's, the surprise of the Union forces in the morning hours of the nineteenth of October, was so well conceived and so brilliantly executed it almost deserves success, and was close to accomplishment, but Sheridan's masterly counterstroke wrested victory from him at the culminating moment as effectively as Napoleon turned the tide at Waterloo.

The night before the battle, General Wright, then in command owing to Sheridan's temporary absence, ordered a reconnaissance to be made by one of his brigades. On its return it reported no enemy in sight, and this added greatly to the sense of security that prevailed among the Union troops. It was generally believed that Early had left the valley for good, encouraged by his recent defeat at Fisher's Hill and Tom's Brook, or was afraid to venture another open attack. Acting upon this mistaken impression it had been decided to return a large portion of our force to City Point to augment Grant's army.

General Macauley at this time was attached to Crook's corps as a brigade commander and stationed on the extreme left, the late President Hayes holding a similar position in the same corps. "My camp," said General Macauley "was prouder just before daylight by the noise of light firing. While it attracted some attention, we regarded it as picket firing only and of no consequence. But upon its continuance some moments longer a group of officers gathered and discussed its possible meaning, none of us, however, having any idea that it came from the enemy in force, especially after a recent defeat. At this juncture a report for general rode up and ordered me to send a staff officer to the place from which the firing evidently came, as if the trouble was found to be serious, to order a regiment that was stationed there to hold its position at any cost and all hazards. I had on my staff a certain major who was distinguished for his great courage.



I Quickly Recognized My Lost Messenger.

He was a good deal of a dandy in dress and manner and parted his hair in the middle and was, without the wit and wag and the most gallant of our headquarters family. I said to him: "The general is scared, but go and see what those pickets are shooting at, and, if needs be, tell that colonel what to do."

"The order was scarcely given and the major out of sight when pandemonium broke loose. Volleys by regiments, brigades and divisions poured into us as the enemy we had thought so comfortably distant came rushing through our lines, taking us completely by surprise and giving us no chance to return a single shot. I soon had business in Indiana, but went first to Winchester in an ambulance to see the surgeons. My major, of course, I did not see again.

"Seven years afterward I was holding a military court at Annapolis, Md., trying an interesting case that had drawn a great crowd to the courtroom. In the very midst of an important argument a big, handsome fellow entered the door, showed his way through the crowd, shoving right and left, disturbing, interrupting and stopping proceedings, until he reached the judge's seat. Then with a sharp click he brought his heels together, raised his arm in a brave military salute and sang out: "General Macauley, there isn't a d-d thing over there but General Gordon's Georgia division!" "I quickly recognized my lost messenger, acknowledged his tardy report, and told the lawyers court was adjourned until the next day; then the major and I went out and had a night of it."

Force of a Twelve-inch Gun. The projectile of the 12-inch gun penetrates 32 inches of armor plate, and has pierced a 20-foot concrete wall heavily reinforced with steel beams.