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Taken up on my place on the Wenae, one pale red cow about 7 years old, branded with 3 bars and a cross bar on right shoulder; also a bay mare, 6 years old, branded M P (connected) on left thigh. Unless claimed and charges paid within 10 days after publication same will be sold according to law.

THE CRESCENT OF THE MOHAMMEDANS.
The crescent symbol of the Mohammedans has nothing to do with their peculiar religious opinions and ceremonies. It was not originally a symbol of the followers of Mahomet at all, but was first used by the Byzantines. Thousands of coins have been found in all parts of Turkey which date back to the time when Constantinople was known as Byzantium, and on each of these the symbol of the

NOTES FOR THE CURIOUS

Was Moses One of the Giants of Early Biblical Days?

BIG SPECIMEN OF THE GORILLA FAMILY

Finely Adjusted Scales—Origin of the Crescent With the Mohammedans—The Wealth of New York Business Districts—Other Notes.

Did you ever figure on the probable size and immense strength of Moses, basing your calculations on the dimensions of the "Tables of Stone," as given by the Talmudic writers? In the Talmud (fol. 38, col. 8) it is said that the tables of stone upon which the commandments were written were six ells long, six ells broad and three ells thick. In the Bible, Exodus xxxii, 15, we are told that "Moses went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand."

"Hand," mind you, not hands, though it must be admitted that it would have taken a strong pair of hands to perform the task of carrying them, even on the level. Now we will put the Talmudic and Biblical accounts together and apply the mathematical rule. The Hebrew "ell" or "cubit" was, at its least estimate, a measure of 18 inches, which would have made each of the Tables a stone block 9 feet long, 9 feet wide and 4½ feet thick. If common stone weighed as much as the square foot then as it does now the Tables would tip the beam at about 28 tons!

Was Moses one of the "giants of those days" or has some one made a mistake in calculations or in the statement of supposed facts.

The Giant of the Gorilla Family.
The largest gorilla ever killed by white men, so far as known to the naturalists, was one which Lieutenant Morgan's men succeeded in bringing down while making the famous "Cameron River march," in Upper Guinea, Africa, during the summer of 1892. The monster, according to the report made to the Berlin Anthropological society by Morgan himself, was only a fraction under ten feet in height and measured seventy inches across the chest! Its shoulders were wider across than the combined width of those of the three largest men in Lieutenant Morgan's command. It took the united strength of sixteen men to drag the fallen giant to the nearest European settlement, where the creature's skin was removed by a skillful taxidermist and prepared for mounting. Herr Becker, the German physiologist and anatomist who prepared the skull, says that its brain capacity was two and one-third greater than that of any other known cranium of gorilla. That Becker's report is reliable may be inferred when it is known that the average height of the gorilla is only five feet two inches. Another peculiarity about this specimen is this: He is the only animal of the kind ever discovered beyond the first degree of north latitude.

The Great French Loan.
While the large sum of separate bids of the recent \$100,000,000 loan continues a topic of discussion it may be interesting to recall the "banner record" in this sort of thing. The loan of 3,000,000,000 francs, or \$600,000,000, put out by France in 1872 to complete the payment of its war indemnity was subscribed for, by the official figures, fourteen times over, and sold at once at a premium of 4½ per cent. It was a loan of 5 per cent. and was placed at 84½, with provision for payment in 20 separate installments, at intervals, one month apart. For this allotment of \$600,000,000 there were 924,276 separate bids, with a tender of cash which aggregated \$8,755,000,000.

Black Snow in Servia.
Belquet, Servia, and vicinity was recently treated to a real meteorological phenomenon in the shape of a "black snow." In ancient times such occurrences would have been thought to be a presage of a visitation of the plague or some other dire calamity. Nowadays it is known to be due to a species of fungus spore which is caught up by the wind and carried across a wide expanse of country before being finally deposited along with snow or rain.

Some Worms Are Curious.
The most curious creature of the worm family is the diplozoon, a singular parasite which infests the gills of several species of fish, particularly the bream. Each individual diplozoon has two distinct bodies, united in the middle so as to form a perfect St. Andrew's cross, each half of the creature containing precisely the same kind of organs, viz., an alimentary canal, a venous system, reproductive organs, etc.

Tales of Mean Men.
One of the mean men of Maine lives in Brewer. He hired a housekeeper and fetched her home from some distance in his buggy. She found the place impossible, got another and asked for her wages. The M. M. promptly put in a counter claim for the use of his horse, and buggy in bringing her home, and announced: "So you owe me just \$2 'N I's 'pose I'll never get it in this world,' nuther."

The record of the man who fed his wife on soup so as not to wear out her false teeth is approximated in interest by that of the other one who said to his consumptive better half: "Now, see here, you know you can't get well, anyhow. And, darn it all, beefsteak costs money."

"LABBY" ON JOHN BULL

The Editor of Truth Not Pleased With His Own Countrymen.

THE YUKON A VERY LARGE RIVER

General Howard on the Objects of the Army—Actors Oftentimes Superstitious—Useful Household Hints and Humorous Squibs.

I cannot say that I think we have of late given proof of either dignity or of common sense. A few months ago we were for forcing the Dardanelles, bombarding Constantinople and setting Europe at defiance. Here our object was a laudable one. It was to prevent the Armenian from being massacred. We, however, had previously insisted upon the Christian races in Turkey remaining under Moslem rule, and no one would believe that our aims were not selfish.

Then came the Venezuelan difficulty. We vowed that we would fight to the death for what is called the Schomburgk line—a line that divides a box between us and Venezuela. When the United States took exception and suggested arbitration we said we would rather go to war with the United States than agree to so monstrous a proposal, and we fell to abusing President Cleveland as though he were a criminal lunatic at large. I gather that on this matter we have considerably abated in our stern resolve, and that we are prepared to assent to some sort of arbitration, or to negotiate with Venezuela without any Schomburgk line non possumus. On the top of Venezuela came the Jamieson raid. The German emperor congratulated President Kruger on having successfully resisted the raid. We at once turned our attention from President Cleveland to him. We invented motives for his telegram and romanced about his intentions. In this, too, we have cooled down. Our latest invention has been that he wrote to the queen an abject apology for the telegram. The letter never was as a matter of fact written; but this is mere detail. After his mythical apology we have kindly said that we trust he has learned that he cannot insult us with impunity.

FACTS ABOUT THE YUKON RIVER
A Great Stream That is Navigable For 1500 to 1800 Miles.

The Yukon river rises in the Rocky mountain range of British Columbia; entering Alaska at about 64 degrees north latitude, and pursuing its course nearly from the east to west across the entire territory, it finally empties, as stated into Bering strait through Norton sound. The river is navigable for 1500 to 1800 miles, while its entire length is computed at over 2000 miles, with an average width of five miles for half the distance from its mouth. There are several places on the lower Yukon where one bank is invisible from the other. It is 75 miles across its five mouths and the intersecting deltas. At some places, six or seven hundred miles inland, the river expands to 20 miles in breadth, thus forming, in the interior, a series of connected lakes which explorers pronounce to be deep and navigable in all parts. This great waterway can only be said to have been partially explored, but those persevering pioneers who have made the attempt to unravel its mysteries, all unite in bearing witness that its banks are rich in fur bearing animals, and that its waters are stocked with an abundance of fish, including the all-pervading salmon. These valuable fishes follow the same instinct which they exhibit in other parts of the world in their annual pilgrimages of reproduction; that is, after entering a river's mouth, to advance as far as possible towards its source. Besides fish and fur-bearing animals, the region through which the Yukon flows contains abundant deposits of gold, silver, copper, nickel and bituminous coal.

The Army as a Career.
Major General Oliver O. Howard, in the March Forum. The object of an army in the United States is not necessarily, in the main, to conduct campaigns and fight battles, nor to take human life. As the city police must watch over the city and guard it against all sorts of danger, being ready, with its weapons of offence or defence, to strike when other devices fail, so our army watches against certain dangers to the Republic, giving nerve and strength to the executive,—helping to restrain wild Indians, to capture mistaken hordes of tramps, or to quiet mob-violence aimed against the common weal, or, with naval help, to hold back a public enemy; but ready, of course, like the effective city police, to strike at command, when the commander-in-chief, with the sovereign nation behind him, has come to the last resort of human expedients for guarding the nation's life or its honor.

Actors Superstitious.
Theatrical superstitions are peculiar and aggressive, says an eastern paper. Even the jolly William H. Crane is not free from their influence. When he discovered that there were thirteen characters in "The Governor of Kentucky," he went to the author to see about it. There was a Mr. Leonard spoken of during the

play who was never seen; it was easy to introduce Leonard in the play, and thus it was given fourteen characters.

A story is told of an actor who came to New York a few seasons ago to play. The first thing he saw was a lot of printing on green paper, announcing his appearance, and the color enraged him. He declared that green would hoodoo his engagement, and several presses were worked to their fullest extent for two days getting up new announcements on yellow paper. Yellow is looked upon as very lucky color, and at the present time is on every dead wall in New York.

There is not a manager in New York, it is alleged, who will engage a young woman who is cross-eyed. One actor who lately played an engagement could not understand why his business was so bad. One night while his valet was busy about the room he noticed that he had a slight cast in one of his eyes. He discharged him on the spot, and speaking about the matter afterward, said that his business picked up immediately after.

Household Hints.
A teaspoonful of powdered borax added to cold starch will tend to give the linen extra stiffness.

If any foreign substance is swallowed which is sharp, a needle, for instance, do not give an emetic, but confine the diet to mashed potatoes for two days.

To tell mushrooms from toadstools peel an onion and cook it with them. If the onion remains white they are mushrooms, but if it turns black they are toadstools.

A mother who is an authority on food advises mothers to give their children potatoes only twice a week, and then only those that are baked. Give them boiled rice the other five days and some delicate green vegetable every day.

The next time you get your shoes wet, if you will stand them up, pull them into shape and fill them with oats, such as horses eat, in a few hours all moisture will be drawn out of them and the leather will be soft and pliable. The same oats can be used over and over again.

If the bottom crust of fruit pies is glazed with the white of an egg, it will not be soft and soggy. The top of meat and all kinds of raised pies should be glazed. Beat the yolk of an egg for a short time, add one spoonful of milk. When the pie is two-thirds done remove from the oven, brush over with the glaze, return to the oven and finish baking.

A mustard plaster made according to the following directions will not blister the most sensitive skin: Two teaspoonfuls mustard, two teaspoonfuls flour, two teaspoonful ground ginger. Do not mix too dry. Place between two pieces of oil muslin and apply. If it burns too much at first lay an extra piece of muslin between it and the skin; as the skin becomes accustomed to the heat take the extra piece of muslin away.

A treatment that may be relied on for removing spots of iron rust from white fabrics is the following: Pour boiling water into a bowl, stretch the cloth that is spotted over it, and drop on the spot of rust a drop of hydrochloric or muriatic acid. Leave it there half a minute, then dip the place in hot water. Wash out thoroughly afterwards in a water softened with ammonia. Soap must not be used, as the acid will decompose it and leave a greasy spot on the cloth.

"One at a Time, Gentlemen."
This good story is told by an English showman who possessed a beautiful parrot, which excited the admiration of the crowd by its capital imitation of the showman's voice and tones, when inviting the public to step into the booth.

One day the creature escaped. Soon a number of men and boys were on its track, but before they had gone far they heard a loud noise caused by the screeching of birds in the wood.

On arriving at the spot whence the sounds proceeded, they found poor Poll perched on the withered branch of a tree, bereft of most of her feathers and surrounded by a flock of screeching crows, that were mercilessly pecking at her with their beaks.

In perfect imitation of the showman's voice, however, the poor bird kept saying: "One at a time, gentlemen! Don't crush me, please? Take your time! There's plenty of room!"

His Only Friend.
"Yes," said the fellow who had lost his legs in a saw mill, "it was at the battle of Antietam that I suffered this loss. The right leg was shot off about noon, but I hopped right on into the enemy's ranks, brave as you please; but when, along about 3 o'clock the second was taken off by a stray shell, I lost control of myself and ran to the rear. It was the only break I made during the war."

What It Cost Him.
Mrs. Watts—There! We have cleared off the last of that church debt, and it never cost you men a cent. See what women can do.

Mr. Watts—I don't know about the other fellows, but I know you have made me spend more than \$100 for extra meals down town while you were out monkeying.

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