

THE MAJOR'S BIG STORY.

Idea of His Wife Giving Him Five Dollars Took the Prize. There were five of them sitting about the stove in the drug store, and they had been telling pretty tall stories. The drug store was a man of some humor and invention, and he concocted a mixture of great potency and fine flavor, composed of...

The colonel told a war story of the Munchhausen variety, the squire related a hunting adventure that evinced a decided genius for evading the truth, and the postmaster made a strong bid for the prize with a snake story big enough to make the sea serpent jealous. The others followed in turn, and the last man, the major, entered the competition. The major had in his mind a remarkable narrative about a dog that he owned that did some wonderful things, and he began his story in this way: "Last Wednesday morning I got up a little later than usual and went down to breakfast. Most of you have seen that brown setter of mine. He's a good deal smarter than most men. Well, that dog was in the dining-room when I went in. As I came to the door, my wife, who was awaiting me, said: 'John, when I went to wake you up this morning, I found this five-dollar bill on the floor. You must have dropped it from your pocket when you undressed last night.' Then she handed me the bill. Now, that dog of mine was—"

"Wait a bit," said the toilet soap drummer, "you needn't go any further with your story. The prize is yours. I'm a married man myself, and that lie you've just told is one you'll never improve on. I hereby resign a decision in your favor." As there was not a single man in the crowd not a voice was raised in protest against the judge's verdict.—Detroit Free Press.

The Prisoner Turned All of his pockets inside out and produced five cents. "You are worse off than I am," said the judge. "Fine reminded. You may go."—San Francisco Post.

The Physician's Error. The patient was far gone; it was the opinion of all that he could not live but a few moments. Just as the breath was about to leave his body, one of the physicians, a gentleman of culture, and a graduate of one of our best colleges, remarked: "Poor fellow, he looks badly." At this the dying man opened his eyes, jumped up in bed, and shouted: "Who is the villain who denounces me as dead by his colleagues?" Then he glared at the culprit and continued: "No, sir, I am not looking badly. I admit I look bad, but not badly, and not crossed-eyed. And from that moment he began to recover, while the cancer of remorse began its work upon the heart of the offender, and ere many days his name was to be found in the obituary column of the village paper.—Boston Transcript.

A Thorough Canvas. Returned Westerner—Yes, sir, these cyclones out west usually make a clean sweep. I lost everything I had in one. It came along about noon, and took house, furniture and everything in sight. And then I'll be blamed if the villainous thing didn't come back in half an hour. Eastern Man—Why, how does that come? "Way, you see, there was a chattel mortgage in the house on some cattle belonging to a neighbor I had lost some money to, and, you may not believe it, but that chattel mortgage cyclone came back and took every head of those cattle."—Puck.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

—Both Adeline Patti and Emma Calve are said to have expressed the desire to take the part of Trilby when Leoncavallo's opera is finished. —After Luka Jantje, the Bechuana chief, had been killed in the recent attack by the Cape forces on his camp, his head was cut off by a British soldier at the order of his superior officer. —A sacrilege has been committed at Stuhlweissenburg, in Hungary, where the ancient kings of the house of Arpad are buried in the crypt of the cathedral. Some of the coffins have been opened and the skulls and bones taken away. A Budapest doctor is accused of the crime. —Prince Hugo zu Hohenlohe-Oehringen, duke of Ujest, senior of the united house of Hohenlohe, is dead at the age of 81 years. He was a general in the Prussian army, had charge of the ambulance service during the Franco-Prussian war, and was well known as a sportsman, having twice won the German derby at Baden-Baden. —At Baden, near Zurich, Switzerland, the remains of a Roman military hospital have been found, and in it a number of surgical instruments. Near by they have come upon a villa containing objects of art, among them a bronze statuette of a faun and a three-branched candlestick, like those in Pompeii. The excavations have been carried as yet only one metre from the outer wall. —Another important archaeological discovery has been made in Russia, at Malkop, in the northern Caucasus, where, in a burial mound, a great quantity of gold and silver ornaments have been found, probably belonging to some Scythian king, and dating centuries before Christ. There are gold rings, ornaments, jewelry, silver tankards, bronze axes, and other interesting objects.

ONLY ONE WORLD. Is Our Earth the Only Pebble on the Universe's Bench? Popular Astronomy and the Hartford Courant have come to the conclusion that there is only one earth, and, such being the case, it is a very desirable place of residence. An idea prevails in the common mind that our world is only one of countless similar bodies; that space is filled with solar systems not unlike our own, and that it is possible other globes are inhabited and quite as habitable, if not more so, than the one in which we dwell. Popular Astronomy says: "Although our solar system is only one among thousands of systems now known to exist in every part of the heavens, among all these other systems there is not yet disclosed a single one which closely resembles our own."

This is not a positive assertion that ours is the only world in which human beings live and move and have their being, but it leads up to that belief, which is sustained by much argument dealing with astronomical technicalities which may be omitted here. It seems to be convincing to the Courant, for that paper takes up the discussion, and, after considering some other points, sums up the case as follows: "Not only is our earth unique in its favorable position in our system, but our system, as far as is known, is unique in the universe of systems. We rarely think on how narrow a margin we live. A little more heat or a little more cold, and we die. Our existence depends on keeping changes of temperature within a range of about one per cent. of what we know as possible extremes. If the moon were very much larger the tidal waves would carry the entire ocean twice a day over the surface of the earth. If the earth were much smaller we would lose our atmosphere; if it were much larger we could not stand upright more than five minutes nor would we be able to mount a hill except by painful crawling. If the year were twice as long as it is it is doubtful if we could raise food enough in the summer to carry us through the winter or if we could survive the accumulated cold. In every way our earth lies just at the meeting point of two kinds of death which 'on this bank and shoal of time' we must fight with either hand. It makes no difference whether we have fitted ourselves to the earth through a long series of evolution or whether it was fitted to us; as far as we know it is the only inhabitable spot in the universe, and the chances are almost infinite that no other is so favorably located. Let us make the most we can of it."—Troy Times.

Salmon That Jump Fifteen Feet. The first fall on the Migan is about three miles from the mouth. It is 46 feet high, in three pitches about equal in height and with seething pools between. The spawning beds of the salmon are on broad, gravelly bars far up the river. They must surmount this fall once a year in order to reach them. We camped on a sandbar below the fall and watched the struggle. The broad pool below this fall was so full of these royal fish that their tails and dorsal fins could constantly be seen sticking out of the water. Every minute one or more fish would make a rush from the depths below, spring far into the air, every fibre quivering, and time after time fall back, only the most powerful and determined occasionally succeeding in passing the first pitch. Above that, every nook and crevice in the rocks where the salmon could obtain a resting place, was crowded. Great numbers they were, weighing from 25 to 40 pounds. How they ever made the second and third pitches I do not know, for there was not the good starting chance that they had in the deep hole below the first pitch.—Scribner's.

London Messenger Boys. Among the varied services performed by the District Messenger Boys' messengers in London are the following, taken from the company's circular: Taking an Indian servant to the steamer; taking bottle of medicine to Aix-les-Bains; paying gentlemen's bills in Paris; valeting two gentlemen on fishing tour in Scotland; taking young lady to and from school; acting as "ladder" at shooting parties; waiting at table; sitting up with sick persons; minding a lunatic; attendance at Buckingham palace; holding tennis balls for his royal highness the duke of Saxo-Coburg; taking dogs out for walks; acting as groom; exercising hunter; assisting in paring country house parties; leading blind people; acting as guides to strangers; helping ladies at bazars; and innumerable other services.—Chicago Chronicle.

FARMER AND PLANTER.

BARNYARD MANURE.

There are many ways to "break up" a hen that is setting, the majority of which methods, however, being cruel and unnecessary. The best mode is to have a coop two feet square and 18 inches high; with openings on top, bottom and sides; that is the top bottom and sides, should be of slats, so that should the hen sit on the floor of the coop it will be cool under her, the open sides preventing scolding. The hen should be fed but once a day, on the lean most, and should have all the water desired. Should storms appear the coop should be under shelter, but otherwise it should be placed in the most frequented place on the farm. Such an arrangement is not cruel, as is the case when ducking, etc., is resorted to, and the hen will cease to set in two or three days. Better than this is to allow the hen to set and hatch a brood. It is her natural method of resting from laying, and she will lay more eggs in a year if allowed to set, as experiments show that if a hen is broody before she will become broody again, hence it is a saving of time to allow her to hatch and raise a brood, as the chicks will also be a source of profit.—Mirror and Farmer.

A Better way and more convenient is simply to turn the hen out of the yard for about three days. In some cases four days are required.—Farm and Ranch.

Bermuda Grass. There is but one grass, and one only that will take full possession of our lands and hold its own through summer's heat and winter's cold, wet or dry, and that is Bermuda. It is perennial, and if not choked out by rank vegetation will endure for all time. Mowing will prevent this. It is as a permanent pasture however, that we wish to advocate it. Every farmer should have a sufficient quantity of it near his house for all his stock, and should set to work now to prepare for its setting next spring by leasing unplanted or unutilized all the ground he wishes to devote to it. It will feed more stock to the acre than any known grass, and for a longer period. All kinds of stock are fond of it. The value of an acre of good land soddied with it is unknown. It is useless to try new-fangled annual grasses so much valued in other sections or by the agricultural press. Get you all the Bermuda stock you require. You will never regret it. With this grass for green pasturage, spring, summer and fall, and cow peas for hay in winter, a farmer has all he needs in this life. Oats for winter grazing fills the bill completely.—Canton (Tex.) Times.

Well Fed, Well Worked. When horses are well fed they are generally well worked. In the course of time they acquire strength and endurance, which the undomesticated horses can rival. Solid food has, perhaps, a good deal to do in the production of such vigor, but the work has much more. Without work no kind or quantity of food will make a trotter or runner. To encounter extraordinary labor the horse must be trained to it, and while training he must be fed on solid food, or at least upon rich food. A mixed diet in some cases better than that composed of only two or three articles. Oats and hay form the ordinary food of stable horses. In summer a little grass is frequently added and in winter a little corn, but a great number of horses kept in town receive nothing but oats and hay all the year round.

For those that do only moderate work these two articles, with a weedy feed of bran, seem to be sufficient. But others, whose work is more laborious and often performed in stormy weather, are the better for a more complicated diet, more especially when the ordinary food is not of the best quality.—Southern Cultivator.

Prevention Better than Cure. Prevention is better than cure. With proper care, animals will rarely become sick, and when they do, oftener than otherwise they have to get well without the intervention of medicine. Some people potter around and think they are doing wonders in the way of taking care of their stock, and what they do may be all right. It is what they do not do that brings the trouble. One little feature that ought to be attended to may and often is overlooked, and all the good work is thereby brought to naught. We know a farmer who habitually gives his stock good, wholesome food in carefully-adjusted quantities, keeps the surroundings clean, gives them the variety of food that their natures require, don't overwork, etc.; but he has a good deal of sickness among his cows, horses and poultry. It is our opinion that all the trouble arises from the barnyard wall, which has the seepage of a line leading to several stables. The farmer himself frequently drinks from this well. Last year he had two cases of typhoid fever in his family. Look to all the details—the only safe plan.—Farm and Ranch.

HERE AND THERE. —Good home-cured pork is a luxury for winter use, and it is also a means for procuring a greater profit from the hogs than will be made by sending them to market on foot. —Dairying is emphatically a specialty, and no one should go into it expecting to reach great success by following ordinary farm methods in the treatment of their cows and their products. —A merciful man is merciful to his beast. Therefore, one who is not merciful to his beast is cruel. Cruelty is a crime that ought to be punished by law. It is so punished in many states. It ought to be so punished everywhere. —Insect enemies do less damage where frequent rotation is practiced, because, often, where they will thrive on one crop they will starve on another, and if we can starve them out it will be better than to use insecticides. —The result from feeding green bones has caused a revolution in the economy of production in winter. They are rich in albumen, phosphate of lime and phosphoric acid, all of which go to make eggs and egg shells. —The farmer who works drained land is less at the mercy of the elements, and will be vastly more apt to have good crops in bad years, and that is just when it pays best to have them. If your land needs draining, drain it. —Sheep are manure spreaders rather than manure makers, and all depends upon the supplies given them. We feed them a little rotation which they take their toll and give us back the remainder, transformed into a substance of almost equal value with that which they received.

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