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TWO CHICAGO HORSES.

One Is Fond of Ice and the Other Likes to Chew Gum.

It was late in the afternoon of a blazing hot day and in front of the Times office...

Several newspaper wagons stood waiting for their evening load. Attached to one of these wagons was a large, intelligent-looking gray horse...

When the first lump was gone the poor, thirsty horse begged for another, and the boy began to tease him. He would hold the cooled ice just out of reach of the horse, and when the horse would snatch at it, dog-fashion, and when disappointed toss his head, stamp his feet and in every way possible express his vexation. He acted, to use the boy's expression, "just like people."

After awhile, however, success made the boy overconfident, and the horse not only got the ice, but gave the hand which held it a magnificent snatch in away a sharp nip. After that he got the ice steadily and was allowed to eat it in peace. Suddenly there was a stir in the crowd of newspaper waiters on the corner, and a minute later they parted and a handsome young man, wearing a suit and a hat, came riding the air with "Five o'clock pay" in his pocket. The driver of the horse in question carried out his load, jumped into the wagon and shouted to the horse to "get up," but poor Dobbin's heart was set upon that last little piece of ice, which the boy, again seized with a teasing fit, was holding high above his head, and he did not "get up" as quickly as he might have done. Instead, he stood perfectly still, looking at that glittering, tempting piece of ice, and did not stir until reminded to do so by a cut of the driver's whip. Whether it was the grip of the whip, which made him start off at a rapid pace, or whether he was so excited by a long look at the ice, a reproachful one at the boy, and a somewhat of a look at the gum spit in the wind of the horse, is not clear.

Speaking of horses, a certain traveling shoemaker known in most parts of the city, possesses a horse which, among other accomplishments, chews gum. Whether it learned to do so in order to while away the tediousness of waiting for his front in front of one place while his master mends the shoes of the family, or whether the gum was provided in the first place by the shoemaker, is a matter of speculation, but the fact remains that it chews continually. And it does so in a ridiculously solemn way, moving its long jaws slowly and regularly as a cow, and seeming in a quiet way to enjoy the gum immensely.

This same shoemaker had a deadly quarrel with another man of the same "profession," and the feud has been followed by a series of incidents of animosity, and the men have been communicated to their respective horses. Whenever these men meet—and it is a favorite amusement of both to follow the other in a quiet way and catch prices for days at a time, or until business in that vicinity is so poor that both are compelled to seek pastures new—they abuse each other, and the horses do the same by biting, kicking, or annoying each other in every possible way. Neither of the animals is ill-tempered at other times, but when they meet they are perfect terrors, and were to any man who tries to interfere. It is necessary to say that the men usually get the best of it—Chicago Times.

NOVEL ORNAMENTS.

Ingenuous Devices Displayed by the Jew.

A New York jeweler exhibits in his window a large brooch of copper on which is enameled a rural scene. It is surrounded by a row of pearls.

Enchanted on the cover of a small silver mirror to be worn on a chapeletine is the inscription: "My Best Friend."

When the cover is pushed aside the glass is revealed.

A brooch in the form of Medusa's head. The face is of moonstone and the hair and the serpents intertwined with it are of gold. The serpents' eyes are very small diamonds.

A handsome ring represents a half blown rose and two or three leaves on one branch. The stem and leaves are of gold, and the partly seen petals are in enamel of a delicate tint.

A gold hair-pin is ornamented with a butterfly, the wings of which are formed of large opals, each bordered by a row of small diamonds. A large diamond is set in the head.

Fins and brooches in the form of bows are ornamented with a greenish watered silk. One brooch recently shown showed one side of the ribbon finished in this style and the other, where it was exposed, was set with small pearls.

An Essential of Self-Culture.

In the treatment of moral delinquencies, whether those of self or of others, it is the cause of the evil that we need to discover and upon which our chief attack should be made. In self-culture this is clearly essential. Of course, to every one who is not hardened in evil-doing the consciousness of having done wrong will bring shame and distress. If, however, he trusts to that alone for future reformation, even accompanied by sincere resolves, he has not probed the matter to the bottom, and he may go on sinning and repenting until he feels of sorrow itself wears out by fruitless repetition. But, if he sets himself earnestly to find out the secret springs of his actions and to apply the causal remedy there, he has begun an effective work that will bring a rich reward.—Once a Week.

At the Pantheon.

"Ma, dear," said a little girl at a matinee the other afternoon, "what does this mean at the foot of my programme—P. T. O.?"

"That, my darling," replied mamma, "means 'please turn over.'"

"Why, I don't want to," returned the little miss, after a pause, during which the harlequin on the stage threw a double somersault into a greenish window. "I thought only the clowns could do that."—Times-Sittings.

A Bad Dialogue.

Dr. Pringle: The trouble with you, Mr. Blackburn, is that you don't take enough exercise.

Blackburn: Ah, doctor, that's very absurd, you know. We walk twice as far as we should every day of our lives.

WORTH REMEMBERING.

"He learns to limp who limps with the lame."

So the little necessity I read!

And who could sustain truer frame Than the soul could thus interpret!

'Tis the old truth expressed in striking phrase.

That everyone surrounding friends and

Do to him the same high regard.

That what one chooses on himself reacts.

So books we read do ever the mind affect—

The pure or prurient in prose or verse;

The mind will what is given it reflect.

As both the mirror light needeth depense.

Yes, and from trifling things we scarce do see.

Or deem forgotten quite as soon as seen.

The soul impressions takes and stores.

The camera's plate is not more sure and true.

But further still, and more important far.

The influence of a friend the life displays.

More truthfully, whether in smiles or tears.

From earliest youth to manhood's latest days.

And true the proverb is as quaint as true.

As well it would be as did most heed give.

To this old saying, witty yet most true:

"He learns to limp who limps with the lame both live."

—Rev. Philip B. Strong, in Golden Days.

OLD CLOTHES.

A Made-Over Jacket and What It Did for Its Owner.

If Carlyle had had my experience his philosophy of clothes would have been modified thereby. I cannot say in just what particular, but I am sure such an experience could not have failed to affect his views on the subject.

I was the youngest of a family of six, and the law of succession to cast-off garments being firmly established in the family, I was brought up in old clothes. My sister Hannah was the eldest, next to her came Maria, then came Tom, my only brother, followed by the twins, Ludora and Isabella, and last, and in all respects least, I made my entrance into the family.

I suppose the law of succession aforementioned was a necessary feature of my mother's domestic economy, for she was left a widow shortly after my birth, without an abundance of money which to support the family. Maria, being but a year and a half younger than Hannah, was very near her in size, and seldom had to suffer the inconvenience of wearing her outgrown or worn clothes. The fact of Hannah's having a new article of dress or adornment was generally considered a sufficient reason that Maria should have it. My mother, however, was not so merciful, and she was the only one who was permitted anything like extravagance in dress. Her cast-off garments were given to our neighbor, Mrs. Hobbs, a neighborly old woman who had been married to the "little Hobbs," as we used to call her numerous offspring. Ludora and Isabella openly resented the "made-over" garments furnished them from Hannah and Maria's wardrobes, and soon outgrew the possibility of being forced to wear them; but I think I must have been a poor-spirited child, for I not only "stayed" in the old, but when I had, at last, grown tall the fact was quite ignored, but I generally accepted what was given me uncomplainingly, and when, on one occasion, I did give an angry expression to my detestation of one of my clothes, my mother produced the "made-over" garments. My mother said she would not have thought it possible for her little Bab to show such a naughty temper and selfishness, and when I had brought her to the verge of tears, I refrained from further complaint, though the "little Bab" was, at that moment, as offensive to me as the cast-off garments.

When I was in the name of "Bab," which, in my own name, and really is none other, which being merely a contraction of my name, had been when I was a short time by every child in the family, except the twins, to whom it could not be conveniently applied, and had, at last, like the old clothes, been given to me in final possession, my own name, and the name of "Minerva" had been laid away, presumably as too good for my everyday wear. To the title of "Bab," sufficiently diminutive in itself, was generally added the diminutive adjective "little," and I was called "little Bab" until I was fully five feet five, which is a little more than the height of either Hannah or Maria; but they persisted in calling me "little Bab" until I, no one ever thought of calling them little.

That this much wearing of old clothes had a manifest effect upon my destiny will shortly appear from the following incident. At the time of which I shall speak, Hannah and Maria were both married, and Tom was in his senior year in the college at D. An epidemic of measles causing the college to close earlier than usual, he came home in March, accompanied by a friend on a visit to my Aunt Maria when they both returned to the city. The next day after their departure my mother said: "Bab, I wish you would see that Tom's room is in order. He will be back Saturday, and Ludora and Isabella were so busy when he returned that they made his room as neat as it might be."

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WHAT BECAME OF THAT BLUE FLANNEL THAT WAS HANGING IN MY CLOSET?

"Do you want it?" I asked.

"Why, no, it's a little old-fashioned, and as it's a little worn, I think I'll give it to you."

"I think the power's a fair one, or it would have asserted itself long ago. If the earth had been opened at my feet, gladly I have sunk into the yawning gulf."

"Oh! Tom!" I gasped. "If those things were yours, and I could have made them into that, I would have done so long ago."

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