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FOUGHT UNDER WATER.

A Mink Drowned While Eating a Muskrat in an Artificial Pond.

The muddied water of a half-frozen pond down by the flats told that something singular had happened not long before. Flashed in the lake when a stiffening furrowed body rose to the surface of the little open space of water. Under the fringe of nearly frozen ice a dark spot showed plainly to a woodsman's eye that a fight had occurred in the water, and a closer inspection demonstrated that had been a fight for food and a fight for life.

A hungry mink had come that way along a string of coves looking for something to eat. The mice were shy, and he could not catch them. Of fish there were none, but a lone muskrat, diving for roots and after a minute beneath the water's surface rising again, offered a prey at once richer and of goodly taste. A mink likes to kill a fighter. He will go a long way from brooks, upon hill and even mountain tops, looking for one, woodsman say. He tackles martens or weasels, and is especially fond of a big muskrat.

The mink crouched on the edge of the ice a moment, then, as the muskrat rose, he sprang for his prey. The muskrat quickly threw up his head and caught the mink by a paw. The mink got hold of the muskrat's neck, a skinhold only. They rolled and kicked the water high in the air, throwing it ten feet away into the snow. The mink could have killed the muskrat had they been in the snow or on the ground, but in the water the muskrat was too powerful. At last they dived, and above them the water boiled and grew yellow with mud.

Under water the mink was as badly off as at the surface. At last the mink's breath gave out, and, letting go, he tried to rise, but the muskrat would not release his hold on the mink's leg. So at last the mink, after much struggling, died. But his hold on the muskrat's throat, though at first only a skin hold, had later become a firm hold, and the big vein had been cut. The mink rose to the surface, and the muskrat tried to swim away, but died, and rose as the other had done.

GREAT CRAB SPIDERS.

Unpleasant-Looking Creatures Which Still Have Friends and Little Enemies.

To tell of all the different kinds of spiders would take many books. Spiders are of all sizes, from the dreadful big tarantula, of which you have heard, the celebrated tarantula, which lives only in hot countries, to the tiny little spiders that can secrete themselves in such small spots that the sharpest eyes have hard work to find them.

Not only do they differ in size but in habits and in the variety and style of their homes and of their method of establishing their nurseries and bringing up their children. Some spiders live in the air out of doors, some in the corners of old buildings, some in the ground, and some on the water. There does not seem to be any variety yet found which inhabits fire, but perhaps some may be discovered. The giant of the spider family, the great crab spider, lives especially in South America. This specimen is from two and one-half to three inches long. Their legs are at least five inches long. Most spiders live upon flies and very small insects. But the crab spider is very bold and pugacious, and will attack any creature, not only his own size but even larger, with the intent to make a dinner of his enemy. Small birds, lizards and other little creatures are just the kind of supplies which suit his taste and supply his larder.

This gentleman is what is called a "night spider"—that is, he spends most of the day in sleep and takes the night to gambol about in search for his meals. At this time, however, all the birds are safely in their nests, and he quietly finds out some of these unsuspecting little creatures. He is very strong and fierce, and finding his prey off guard he generally succeeds in killing it.

STREETCAR POLITENESS.

Men Who Are Standing Will Surrender Rights to a Seat Almost Invariably.

"Have you ever noticed," asked an observing young woman, "how much politer men are when standing up in streetcars than men who are sitting down?"

I confessed that I had not, says a New York Herald writer.

"Well, you watch, and you will find out that I am right. It is comparatively seldom that I enter a crowded car and have a man rise to offer me his seat. Most men refuse to offer me comfortably, stick their noses more deeply into their newspapers and pretend they don't see me hanging fast to the strap. But if any one should then create a seat and a man were standing by it, the chances are fifty to one that he would beckon me to come over and take it rather than sit down himself."

"Now, this isn't imagination. I've noticed it scores of times. I think men go on the principle that 'possession is nine-tenths of the law,' or rather, I might say, nine-tenths of politeness. What a man has he keeps, and he says, 'I hang politeness.' But if he's already standing it is just as easy for him to keep on standing, and in that case politeness has some show with him."

"I'm not talking nonsense now," she went on, with a merry laugh. "I'm talking fact, and if you don't believe it you can easily get proof for yourself."

Cigars of Crown Paper.

Paper cigars are one of the most recent forms of adulteration in Germany, where two manufacturers have been punished for making them. In one case only the outside leaf consisted of tobacco, the rest of the cigar being composed of brown paper peevishly steeped in tobacco juice and then dried. In the other case the cigar maker had actually entered in a contract with a paper manufacturer to make for him a special kind of brown paper with tobacco remnants and paper pulp, and shells being afterward cut into strips and rolled into the form of cigars.

An Official Hat Catcher.

An official hat catcher has been appointed by the Liverpool city council. He is to begin with St. John's market, which he is to clear of hats for one hundred and fifty dollars, and after such clearance, to "keep the market clear of hats for the sum of one hundred dollars per annum."

STREET ACROBATS IN JAPAN.

Clever Little People Who Do Almost Impossible Tricks for Small Pay.

During a luridish ride along the streets of any Japanese city the traveler is almost sure to see a group of young street acrobats, quaint little people grotesquely dressed. Their ages will range generally between three and twelve years, and all have been regularly trained.

Their dress consists mainly of loose trousers, a bright-colored jacket and a peculiar headdress. The trousers are baggy, made of a strong material resembling blue and white bed ticking, and tied at the ankle. The jacket and shirt are bright and conspicuous.

The front of the headdress represents the half-opened mouth of a dragon, while the back is ornamented with many cockle plumes. From under the headdress falls a curtain of thin red material, thrown carelessly back over the shoulders, the whole being secured hold on the head by a piece of red cloth which ties underneath the chin.

These little imps are always laughing, full of fun, ever ready to play harmless jokes on one another. Some of their most skillful antics, says Conroy's companion, will be followed by simply throwing themselves into ridiculous positions, intended solely to get spectators in a good humor.

You are startled to see them suddenly stand upon their heads, heels in air, or bend backward until their saucy little faces will be seen inverted between their knees. Again they will walk on their hands and quite unexpectedly change from their position, rolling and tumbling over each other, jumping, kicking or prancing, and trying in every way to attract the attention of the passer-by.

One of them continually beats a small drum and sings at the top of his voice, doing his best to add to their entire performance is given in the hope of earning a few rin—a small copper coin, worth less than the tenth of an American cent.

When a foreigner passes the little acrobats renderable their efforts, for they know that they stand a chance of getting a silver coin.

These little people have often followed their jirishka for a long distance, continuing their gymnastics, and sometimes their persistence becomes troublesome, always hoping for an additional coin, and being ever ready to work for it, the contrary of the deep-rooted principles of the Japanese character—industry, patience and perseverance.

A MUSICAL MELANGE.

W. S. GILBERT, Sir Arthur Sullivan's famous collaborator, has so little ear for music that he cannot distinguish harmony from discord.

There are forty-eight different materials used in constructing a piano, from no fewer than sixteen different countries, employing forty-five different hands.

HANDEL'S "Messiah" was recently performed at Buenos Ayres, for the first time in South America, with a chorus of 300 and an orchestra of 50 performers. Special trains were run the house was sold out an hour and a half after the opening of the box office and the proceeds were \$7,500.

A COLLECTION of 3,475 operas was recently presented to the Academia di Santa Cecilia at Rome; the collection goes back to the beginnings of stage music. The Academia has also received from the Italian government 1,500 rare musical books and manuscripts found in suppressed convents.

DURING the exhibition of 1900 it is proposed to give a cycle of Wagner operas with a German company in Paris. Meanwhile "Tannhauser," the "Meistersinger," "Tristan and Isolde," and the "Nibelungen" will be given at the Grand Opera. It is now definitely arranged that "Der Ring des Nibelungen" will be presented at Bayreuth once more in 1895.

IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

JOHN L. WILSON, the new senator from Washington, is a native of Indiana and 44 years old.

Mrs. CASTLE, who was recently elected justice of the peace in Webster county, Ia., has abdicated the tribunal and returned to the pursuits of private life.

AUGUSTUS STANWOOD, recently appointed accountant in the Brooklyn police department at a salary of \$9,500 a year, is a cousin of the late James G. Blaine.

GEN. W. J. SEWELL, the new New Jersey senator, was in that body from 1851 to 1857. He was originally from Ireland, having been born at Castlebar December 1, 1825.

EX-SENATOR WARREN rarely takes a morning's walk around his Wyoming farm. One reason is that it is six times as big as the state of Rhode Island and has on it 2,000 horses, 15,000 cattle, and 130,000 sheep.

REPRESENTATIVE LODGE, of Massachusetts, Gen. of Iowa, Burrows, of Michigan, and Wilson, of Washington, are the four members of the present house who have been chosen to represent their states in the senate.

A LITTLE VARIETY.

In Persia the women of fashion ornament their faces by painting upon them figures of bugs and small animals.

If a bedstead creaks at each movement of the sleeper remove the slats and wrap the ends of each in old newspapers.

STIGAR was unknown in Europe before the Christian era, and only came into common use in the seventeenth century.

The Pekin Gazette, a journal that was 200 years old when the Normans conquered England, has the further distinction of having had 1,900 of its editors beheaded.

The fiscal court of Fayette county, Ky., has appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of two bloodhounds, to be procured and kept for the purpose of tracking criminals. There is talk of similar action in other parts of the state.

CLAY eaters are not confined to our southern states. Humboldt found them in Sweden, Norway, Finland and New Caledonia.

A Mexican paper states that a new project for the sanitation of the sewers in the City of Mexico, at a cost of about twenty-five thousand dollars, calls for the building of some twenty-five windmills in different parts of the city to rotate paddle wheels in the sewers and quicken the current to one meter per second.

HE ALWAYS RODE.

A Nevada Bad Man Who Had a Cinch on Stage Drivers.

When He Lamented That He Wanted a Ride the Jokers Would Very Obsequiously Accommodate Him on the instant.

"My first meeting with Sam Brown, who figured so tragically in Nevada's early days," said A. E. Bastrop, the mining man, to a writer for the New York sun, "was as I came into Virginia City one evening on the inland stage. I was riding on top with Shorty Teller, and he had just returned from the out-time drivers, and he was chuck full of the arrogance which characterized the men who followed his eminent calling. There were some eastern passengers aboard whom Shorty had snubbed and overawed until they scarcely dared to speak to him. He had just returned from cutting irony to a passenger who had ventured to inquire how much further it was to Virginia City, and as he handled the reins was surveying the scene with a snuff of contempt at creation in general. We were climbing the long hill six miles from Virginia City when, through the dusk, a man loomed up ahead walking in the same direction. He stopped at the stage came along and asked for a lift into town. His request was refused by the driver, who lallooed to the horses to get along and not fall asleep in the traces.

"You won't, eh?" said the wayfarer, in whose gruff voice there was a trace of surprise. "Do you know who I am?"

"No, I don't know," answered Shorty, cracking his whip at the leaders; "and what's more, I don't care a cuss."

"I am Sam Brown!" thundered the stranger, and I reckon my name's good for a ride on Ben Holliday's or any other stage line in Nevada. Do you want—"

"At the words 'Sam Brown,' Shorty brought his four horses all back on their haunches with one jerk.

"Whoa! Whoa!" he shouted, as he tugged at the lines. "You headstronker, beasts, will you ever stop pulling! Excuse me, Mr. Brown, for keeping you waiting. It's these plagued horses won't stop. I didn't recognize you in the dark, Mr. Brown. Will you step inside or ride on the box with me? Glad to see you, Mr. Brown, and I'm sorry to hear you've had a fall on my coach!"

"Mr. Brown climbed grimly to the box, took his seat unthankfully as by right of possession, and was the guest of honor into Virginia City. Shorty was extremely polite, and his tones to his horses were apologetic, all the while a man of immense physique and formidable aspect. His long hair was, according to his custom, pinned up under his hat—he used bowie knives for that purpose by popular report; it was when angry that he shook it loose and flung it like a man about his shoulders. His eyes were mainly indicated beneath his long black frock coat, and there could be no doubt that lurking in concealment somewhere about his person was the historic knife that had let out so many human lives. He might be described rather as an interesting, than agreeable, companion, and Shorty was relieved of a painful suspense by finding as the minutes passed that he showed no disposition to revert to the first words of their colloquy. Indeed, Mr. Brown, whose usual manner had the types of amiability that a grizzly bear manifests in his different moods, softened into something like tolerance of his company under the influence of a whiskey bottle passed up by a mining man from within the coach, and he even made some grizzly humorous remarks, at which the driver and myself duly laughed with an affection of great enjoyment. At the entrance of the Prima Ventura saloon, on the principal street of the city, Mr. Brown sighted in style, the cynosure of attraction for all who witnessed his coming. Shorty rallied amazingly after his departure, and he swelled with pride at the barroom that night as he told of every good detail of having received Sam Brown in on his coach.

"Our renowned fellow passenger was, probably, taken all around, the most ardent and dangerous ruffian that ever figured in the red history of the Pacific slope. Up to the time that the vigilance committees got into operation his reign of terror was supreme in Nevada. The number of men he had killed was variously computed, but the list was a long one, and some of his deeds of blood were of unexampled atrocity. It was his pleasant custom to walk into a store or saloon and demand fifty dollars of the proprietor, which was usually handed him without protest. One unfortunate clerk who refused the tribute he shot dead across the counter."

MAKING A GENTLEMAN OF HIM.

That Was All Right for the Boy, But His Mother Was Mad.

The stout woman in furs and diamond earrings—of course diamond earrings are the height of fashion just now—plunged into one of the crosswalk seats on the elevated car, which she was employed to look after. She thereupon confessed to having killed sixteen children in this way, and gave as her reason that she did not like the trouble they gave her.

At Staraja, in the government of Novgorod, Russia, a girl of fourteen was lately arrested on the charge of strangling a two-year-old child, which she was employed to look after. She thereupon confessed to having killed sixteen children in this way, and gave as her reason that she did not like the trouble they gave her.

IN QUEEN VIO'S LAND.

The average European woman's life is shorter than the man's, but over two-thirds of the centenarians are women.

MESSES. WATERLOO have obtained the contract for reporting the debates of parliament, which the Hansards had held since 1830.

LONDON pays 42 percent of the income tax of England and Wales, and its government and management cost about \$55,000,000 a year.

TWENTY-three shares of £10 each, £7 paid, in the Graphic and Daily Newspaper company, were sold in London last week for £1,083. This is equal to a little over 247 per share or a premium, say, of 500 per cent.

MRS. GRUNDY SAYS:

That funerals can be as ostentatious and vulgar as weddings.

That timid people in necessity are afraid to call for the police.

That it is highly fashionable to bow to virtue and then pass on.

That there are families who fast until they give a dinner party.

That now is the time to go out equipped for bargains of all kinds.

That some prefer to be peacocks abroad than simple frogs at home.

That specially small furniture has to be made for some modern flats.—N. Y. Advertiser.

JEWELRY NOVELTIES.

CUT-GLASS handles for umbrellas are new. Those of Kookwood pottery, too, are much carried.

RINGS are again to the front, and are in the form of stones set on a mere wire of gold, which look as though they were set in the arm itself.

A NOVELTY for a job is a small gold dictionary containing a number of words over which is placed a glass which magnifies the infinitesimal letter.

OVAL miniatures on porcelain, or with cut glass, are late French novelties, seen in New York shops, and are worn as belt and neck buckles, cuff-button and corsage ornaments.

PREVENTED A LYNCHING.

Perilous Position of a Senator Between a Mob and a Prisoner.

"There is no more courageous man in the world than Senator Teller," said Maj. Peabody to a Philadelphia Times correspondent. "He has passed through many thrilling experiences during his lifetime, but on no occasion was his virile manhood and magnificent courage displayed to greater advantage than on the evening after the news of the assassination of President Lincoln was received in Leaville. A miner, coming from the shaft where he had been working all day, upon being informed that President Lincoln had been assassinated in Washington, carelessly said, 'He did not die too soon.'"

"That unfeeling and unparliamentary remark was passed from lip to lip until everybody in the entire community had been made aware of it. Shortly after midnight a mob broke into the man's house and dragged him to a public hall, where a lynch court trial was to be given him. He had absolutely no show for his life. The entire crowd appeared to be unanimous in a desire and determination to kill him. A long rope had been carried to the hall, but hanging was regarded as too good for the man. The rope was to be used by Senator Teller to restrain him because the fellow was to be dragged to death through the rough streets.

"Senator Teller was a young man then, but he had already gained the respect and confidence of the people, all of whom knew him at least by sight. In his law office, which was half a block from the public hall, he was informed of the situation, and he was informed of the situation, hastily taking his hat in his hand Mr. Teller rushed downstairs, out into the street, and made his way to the hall for the purpose of saving that man's life. Numerous friends of Mr. Teller endeavored to restrain him, but they feared that he might suffer at the hands of the mob if he interfered. But, with set teeth, he proceeded to the hall, pushed his way through the crowd, took a stand on the platform beside the trembling prisoner, waved his hand for silence, and crowded it.

"He thereupon addressed the mob and informed them that the prisoner was not their prey, but a prisoner of the United States, and that the city should not be disgraced by the exercise of mob law upon a man who had made a brilliant record in the United States, and who was honored to restrain him because they feared that he might suffer at the hands of the mob if he interfered. But, with set teeth, he proceeded to the hall, pushed his way through the crowd, took a stand on the platform beside the trembling prisoner, waved his hand for silence, and crowded it.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY.

The pecan trees of Texas yield every year 9,000,000 pounds of nuts.

Not more than 100,000 Mexican cattle can be sent to the United States this year in consequence of the drought.

AFTER paying all expenses in the San Francisco midwinter fair, a surplus of \$32,000 is left.

The United States now has about forty vessels engaged in whaling—the remnant of a fleet that once numbered 500 vessels.

The output of raw iron for the German empire during the year 1894 was 5,269,322 tons, an increase of 66,173 tons over the output of 1893.

Mr. J. R. SLATON, a farmer of Bullock county, Ga., cleared \$12,000 last season on watermelons. He will plant sixty acres in melons this year.

According to the American Ship-builder, the large shipbuilders Harland & Wolff, Belfast, Ireland, who built the Majestic and Teutonic, pay riveters \$7.54 per week; platers makers, \$8.37 per week; platers the same, and fitters \$6.57 to \$8. More than twice these sums are paid in this country to the same trades.

AROUND THE GLOBE.

The Chinese claim to have specimens of writing dating from B. C. 3200.

CARTEWAS has the most cosmopolitan population of any city in the world, nearly every nationality being represented.

The wettest place in the world is Cherrapunji, in Assam, where the average rainfall has been 493 inches. In 1861 it was 905.

A BELGIAN theologian predicts a great war in 1897, a Napoleon in 1899, a terrific earthquake in 1901 and the end of the world in 1903.

Holland railroad managers are held to a strict personal responsibility for the safety of their passengers. As a result railroad accidents are rare, and an average of only one death a year results from them.

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DO YOU SUPPOSE

That man is such an inferior creature after all?

That you would be really happy if you had everything you want?

That men really believe one-half of the "smart" things they write about women?

That St. Valentine was selected as the patron of all lovers because he lost his head?

That an education of mind and heart makes a woman any less the good housekeeper?

That any two mothers will ever have the same ideas about the bringing up of children?

That a taste for neatness, tidiness and general snugness lessens one's taste for things intellectual?—Woman-kind.

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HAGS—This famous old Scotch dish is very simple. Cut the beef in small pieces and mix with mashed potatoes. Season with pepper and salt. Use plenty of butter and bake well.

POTATO Mince Balls—Parboiled potatoes equal in quantity to two-thirds of the available cold meat—beef and a little ham, if available, chop fine. Mash the potatoes and mix with the meat and one raw egg. Season with small bits of celery, pepper and salt. Fry in round balls.

POTATO PIE—Place in the pastry alternate layers of mashed potatoes and slices of mutton, and these cold boiled eggs, sliced. Season with salt, pepper and mace, according to taste. Add butter on each layer, or pour gravy over it. Let the top layer be a thick one of potatoes, and brush with yolk of egg.

POTATO AND FISH BALLS—Take equal parts of cold fish, shredded fine, and potatoes boiled and mashed smooth. Beat in an egg and a few tablespoonfuls of rich milk, but do not make too moist. Salt to taste. Mix thoroughly and beat until light. Roll with a spoon into neatly shaped oval balls, and fry brown. —Good Housekeeping.

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