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THE ANCIENT TRAVELER.

Outfit He Was Advised to Carry in the Eighteenth Century.

A small "Traveler's Guide," dated 1780, contains a good deal of serious advice as to the luggage which should be carried.

"Take," says the book, "two suits of clothes, one coffee colored and one blue; a chest fannel, a pair of leather breeches, a sleeping suit, three pairs of stockings, two pairs of gloves, two wigs, one hair bag (7), two caps, two hats, two pairs of shoes, one pair of slippers, six 'undershirts,' four 'over-shirts,' six neckties, six collars, six handkerchiefs, four pairs of cuffs, three cravats, two pairs of cotton hose and two pairs of socks."

But this is not all, as is shown by the following items: "Take a Bible, a book of sermons, a 'Traveler's Guide,' two albums, a diary, a quire of white paper, quills and ink, an almanac, a mirror, a silver watch, a silver snuff-box, a silver spoon, a pair of silver shoe buckles, a silver pin, three silver studs, a gold seal ring, a knife and fork with silver handles, a sewing case, an opera glass, a compass, a wax light and a tinder box, a toothbrush, a silver toothpick, a sword, a silver mounted cane, a padlock with which to fasten your door at night inside, a clothes brush, a box of medicine."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Marking a Book.

There's a dear old chap in this town—too gentle and too modest to put his name or profession into print—who administered a rebuke worth remembering to a young friend. The young man showed him a book in which certain passages were marked with pencil. The older man asked if he might borrow the book.

"I—I can't lend it," said the other. "I borrowed it myself."

"Ah! And who marked these passages?"

"I did."

"Oh, my boy! You shouldn't make pencilled comments in a borrowed book."

"I—I—I know it—I—I—"

"The owner might erase them, you know. Always use ink and so pass your wisdom along!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Properly Boiled Meat.

To boil meat so as to retain the juices and soluble salts and yet cook it sufficiently it should be plunged into boiling water and boiled rapidly for about ten minutes. After this fast cooking the kettle must be pushed over to the back of the fire, where its contents will simmer gently. This tends to coagulate the outer rind of the meat so that the juices cannot escape. If meat is treated in this manner the inside will be found juicy and tender but if the meat is allowed to boil it will be found hard and chippy, the goodness having all boiled out of it.

A Friend in Need.

"Had a queer experience recently," said the Billville poet. "Robber held me up on the highway. Didn't have a cent in my pockets, only a poem which I was taking to the editor."

"Didn't take the poem, did he?"

"No. Read three lines of it, handed it back to me and said: 'Friend, here's \$2. You need it worse than I do.'"

—Atlanta Constitution.

Hard to Swallow.

"If you make any noise," threatened the holdup man, "I'll stuff this handkerchief in your mouth."

The victim regarded it with a ghastly smile.

"Oh, that's such an old gag!" he protested.—Chicago Tribune.

Why Not?

Lord Fewsends-Yans, I confess I came to your blawsted country, doncherknow, to marry a rich American girl, but I haven't found one yet. Miss Harlem—Why don't you advertise. "Wanted—a cash girl?"—Woman's Home Companion.

Official Vote of Rockbridge County

NOVEMBER 5, 1912

PRECINCTS	President		Cong.		Pres. 1908	
	Woodrow Wilson	W. H. Taft	Theodore Roosevelt	H. D. Flood	E. J. McCulloch	W. J. Bryan
Lexington	243	116	24	277	58	228
Hartsok's Shop	27	21	6	31	16	25
Glasgow	27	14	1	25	13	28
Glenwood	22	4	1	26	1	24
Oak Bank	26	9	5	26	12	19
Natural Bridge	65	19	0	62	7	82
Broad Creek	17	12	0	19	6	21
Hamilton School House	28	7	4	41	5	45
Collierstown	20	7	91	25	87	20
Montgomery	43	12	27	43	21	45
Smith's Mill	20	31	5	21	11	16
Big Spring	52	32	1	49	5	61
Rockbridge Baths	34	25	2	36	6	38
Brownsburg	54	8	3	50	7	62
Goshen	45	38	8	51	39	45
Kennedy's Mill	20	2	12	21	13	28
Plum	22	15	0	24	5	30
Timber Ridge	29	13	1	30	10	25
Riverside	25	7	6	23	7	35
Fairfield	83	17	5	71	19	73
Raphine	40	13	6	39	5	43
Campbell's Mill	7	9	5	10	8	7
Total in County	949	431	213	1003	361	1000
Buena Vista	156	43	48	159	56	137
Total	1105	474	261	1162	417	1137

PIKEMEN OF OLD.

Their Ponderous Armor and Their Sixteen Foot Weapons.

The pikeman was covered with defensive armor, an iron headpiece, iron "back and breast" and "tassets," a kind of iron apron protecting him from waist to knee. He carried a pike sixteen feet long, with an ashen shaft, an iron head and a blunt iron spike at the butt end, whereby to fix it in the ground, and, besides the pike, a rapier.

The pike, from its great length, was a weapon which required deft handling in order to be of effective use and, as may be imagined, was excessively showy on parade. The modern lance exercise is a pretty sight enough, but the old pike exercise, perfectly executed by a large body of men, must have been superb. We are not surprised, therefore, to find that the postures or instructions for this exercise are extravagantly minute.

To give one example, at the close of the instruction, on the word "Order your pikes," we find after a mass of complicated details the following conclusion: "You place the butt end of your pike by the outside of your right foot, your right hand holding it even with your eye and your thumb right up; then, your left arm being set akimbo by your side, you shall stand with a full body in a comely posture."—Westminster Gazette.

—Chambers' Journal.

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CURIOUS EPIGRAMS.

Quaint Inscriptions on Ancient Tombs in England.

A desperate attempt at an epitaph in the nonconformist Campo Santo in Bunhill fields, where Bunyan, Defoe, the Cromwells and Mrs. Wesley lie buried, is found on the tomb of Lady Page, a person who seems to have suffered terribly from what we call dropsy, but which might have had another name in those days:

Here lies Dame Mary Page.

Relict of Sir Gregory Page (Bart).

She departed this life March 11, 1723.

In the 56th year of her age.

In 67 months she was tapped 66 times.

Had taken away 240 gallons of water.

Without ever repining at her case.

Or ever fearing the operation.

A more successful attempt is that found on the tomb of Vavasor Powell, who seems to have suffered eleven years' imprisonment for preaching the gospel. He was known as the "White-field of Wales."

In vain oppressors do themselves perplex.

To find out arts how they the saints may vex.

Death spoils their plots and sets the oppressed free;

Thus Vavasor obtained true liberty.

Christ him released, and now he's joyed among

The martyred souls, with whom he cries,

"How long!"

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