

THE PRODIGY'S POLITENESS.

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KING OF FOX HUNTERS.

One of His Greatest Rides Made When He Was Thirty-One Years of Age.

A fox hunter at 33 years of age—a fox hunter for more than three score years and ten—Irishman Skiles has indeed, well earned the right to the title "the king of fox hunters," says the Philadelphia Times. He loves the chase to-day as much as he did 73 years ago, when as a boy of ten he followed hounds and fox in his first hunt. He has probably participated in more fox chases than any living man in America.

"The king of fox hunters" lives at Gap, Lancaster county, not a great distance from the Berks county line. One of his most remarkable rides was made when he was 31 years of age. There were 60 hounds and 30 riders in the hunt. When liberated, the fox took a course to the northward for four miles, then doubled to southward for five miles, then westward, giving hounds, horses and riders a chase of nearly 17 miles before he was captured.

Over fence, hedge and ditch the old man, on his fine hunter, kept at the heels of the hounds, and was up with the quarry when seized by the first dog. The hunters participating were unanimous in declaring it one of the greatest rides in the history of Pennsylvania fox chasing, independent of the age of the man who was first "in at the death."

OIL FOR TROUBLED WHISKY.

A Simple Expedient by Means of Which a Hard Drinker Kept Sober.

It was after the fourth round of Scotch and soda and the little group in the cafe seemed to be feeling what they had taken all but one little man with a decided English accent. Excusing himself for a moment he walked across the room and, pulling small vial from his waistcoat pocket, took a swallow of a yellowish fluid. But the act had been noticed by his more boisterous companions and they demanded to know what his game was, says the Philadelphia Record.

"No, it's not poison," laughingly replied the Englishman as he displayed the vial. "I'm not ready to go just yet. It is olive oil and when I get mixed up with a crowd like this I always have recourse to it. After I have had about four or five drinks coming rather rapidly on top of each other I take a swallow of oil. It seems to have a most remarkable effect upon the liquor, the same effect that oil has when poured upon troubled waters. When I adopt this treatment I am sure never to become befuddled, and I can truthfully say that I have never been drunk in my life, although I have often taken more than enough to make me so."

AN OFFICER'S BAGGAGE.

Articles That Are Allowed a Cavalry Officer on Duty at the Front.

In the war in South Africa a British mounted officer knows exactly what he may carry. In his pockets or haversack or slung on a belt he is restricted to a whistle, compass, notebook, water bottle, claspknife, besides sword, pistol and ammunition. On his horse, attached to the saddle, are a spare shoe, case with nails, nosebag, picketing ropes and pegs, cloak, mess tin, field glass and in a pair of wallets an emergency ration, tin of vaseline, underlinen (not exceeding two pounds), knife, fork, spoon, comb, toothbrush, shaving brush, razor, nightcap, feed cap, towel and soap, drinking cup, map of country and a box of matches. All these articles must not, with saddle and bridle, exceed 7½ pounds in weight. Carried in the regimental transport each mounted officer is restricted to 25 pounds of baggage, which must be packed in bed valise, and includes change of clothing and men, boots and putties, canvas shoes, bucket, lantern and writing portfolio, camp kettle, two plates and pepper and salt pots.

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George Burns, who hails from Philadelphia, at present visiting friends in Winona, Minn., is without doubt one of the most patched-up pieces of humanity to be found.

Burns is between 60 and 70 years of age and has a long and interesting history. In his early days he was graduated from the Annapolis naval school and served his time. He later became chief engineer of an Atlantic liner. While in the machinery of the ship, the engines being shut down to make repairs, an assistant, not seeing the position of his chief, turned the steam into the cylinder heads. The result was that several of Burns' ribs were crushed, his skull was fractured, his right leg broken in several places, his left arm shattered and injuries sustained in his chest.

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TO INCREASE OUR EXPORTS.

Wisconsin Representative Introduces Bill for Appointment of Commission to Visit Europe.

Residents of Norwood Park, Chicago, reported the other day that three boys had been capsized on an improvised raft at Peterson and Caldwell avenues during the day and that they were saved from drowning by the sagacity of two dogs that had been precipitated into the water with them. The boys ranged in age from six to eight years and the names given were Walter Hendricks, Alfred Jordon and Edward Carlfield. During the afternoon the boys had gone to Peterson and Caldwell avenues, where there is a pond several feet deep. They had with them a Newfoundland dog and a Skye terrier. Near the corner the youngsters found a large real estate sign and they placed this in the water. Then with the dogs they got on top of it. They had been floating for several minutes when the craft was capsized. None of them was able to swim, and although they all succeeded in getting hold of the raft, they were so frightened that they were unable to push it ashore. When the raft turned over the Skye terrier swam ashore and ran to the home of Walter Hendricks, which is near by, and by its actions attracted the attention of members of the family. Suspecting that something was wrong they followed the dog, which led them to the pond. When they arrived the Newfoundland dog was just dragging young Hendricks ashore. The other boys were still in the water, but were soon rescued.

TO ENJOY STRICT ECONOMY.

Repairs of Warships Must Be Kept at the Minimum and Done Expediently.

Assistant Secretary Allen has determined to enjoin strict economy upon all commandants of navy yards at which repairs to vessels are made. He has communicated with Rear Admiral Philip, at the Brooklyn navy yard, as a result of consideration given to recommendations for repairs to the battleship Massachusetts. The board of survey of the Massachusetts recommended that repairs be made costing about \$30,000. Since then recommendations for further repairs and changes have reached the department, aggregating about \$14,000. Mr. Allen has called the attention of Admiral Philip to these facts, and has referred him to the naval regulations.

Mr. Allen has further suggested to Admiral Philip that the repairs to the battleships Indiana and Massachusetts be completed as expeditiously as possible, so that the ships can be laid up in ordinary at the League Island navy yard. It is denied that any threat has been made that on account of extravagant repairs the vessels will be ordered to the League Island yard.

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Former Actress Takes Steps to Suppress Her Picture as an Advertising Medium.

Mrs. M. A. Kraus, whose husband is an advertising agent on Park row, New York, feels she has been damaged by an advertising firm of Baltimore, Md., which has made use of a reproduction of her photograph to advertise its wares. Mrs. Kraus was formerly Anna Belmont, an actress. Several weeks ago she was astonished to see in a magazine two views of her face, one covered with spots and freckles, which, she says, never marred her countenance, and the other representing an unblemished beauty, which, she avers, she has always been. Under the pictures was printed the words: "Are you ashamed of your face?"

Mrs. Kraus immediately put her case in the hands of a lawyer, who now demands that an injunction be issued to prevent the further use of her photograph.

The attorney wrote to the Baltimore firm protesting and the firm replied that it had selected Mrs. Kraus' photograph from those of 200 beautiful women which has been submitted, as the most beautiful of the lot, and desired to continue presenting its wares in connection with the photograph.

Mrs. Kraus was consulted, but ordered the lawyer to suppress the use of her photograph.

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Gold Craze Still On.

At least 20,000 men purchased outfit for the Klondike at Seattle during the past year.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Est très répandue en Louisiane et dans tous les Etats du Sud. Sa publicité offre donc au commerce des avantages exceptionnels. Prix de l'abonnement pour l'année Edition quotidienne, \$12 00; Edition hebdomadaire \$3 00; Edition du Dimanche, \$2 00.

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Admiral Hitchborn's latest report of the progress of the work of building up the navy shows that of the battleships under construction, the Kearsarge and the Kentucky, at Newport News, are advanced toward completion 99 per cent. and 98 per cent., respectively.

The Illinois, at the same place, stands at 75 per cent., and the Missouri has just been started. The Alabama, at Cramps, is set down at 93 per cent.; the Maine, at the same place, at 22 per cent., and the Wisconsin and the Ohio, at the Union iron works, at 88 per cent. and 15 per cent., respectively.

The Albany is the only sheathed protected cruiser upon which any work has been done. She is practically finished, standing at 99 per cent. Work has not yet begun on the Denver, Des Moines, Chattanooga, Galveston, Tampa and Cleveland.

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Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, is in favor of increasing the exports from this country, and with this end in view has introduced a bill authorizing the president to appoint a commission of seven members to visit the principal colleges of commerce in Europe and to inform themselves as to the maintenance and results of these schools.

The commission, if authorized, will make its report to the next congress. Its members will be selected for their special fitness for the service. An appropriation of \$25,000 is made to carry out the provisions of the proposed law.

The resolution declares that the foreign relations of the United States have recently become greatly magnified and their importance enhanced. Foreign commerce has assumed gigantic proportions, with a prospect of an indefinite increase if wisely fostered and directed. This country has no schools for young men either for the consular service or for the adequate exploitation of our manufactured goods in foreign lands. All the European nations do have many such schools, which are partly or wholly supported by their respective governments.

A bill similar to this has been presented by Senator Spooner, and it is in line with those which propose to appoint commissions to visit China and Japan to inquire into commercial conditions and the needs of those countries.

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