

COLUMNS OF HORSESHOES.

Curious and Appropriate Sign Erected by a Western Blacksmith.

In the town of Fort Collins, Col., the blacksmith has erected a curious but very appropriate sign. In fact, it represents not only his industry, but the many years in which he has been engaged in it, says the Scientific American.

POWER BEHIND THRONE.

King Edward's Elevation to the Throne as Viewed by a Canadian.

The Canadian election which returned Sir Wilfrid Laurier to power only a day or two before Mr. Roosevelt's sweeping victory in this country, brought to light a story, says Success Magazine, which shows that the North Carolina "cracker," who thought Governor Cleveland was still president, is not alone in the world.

Just before Canada's election day an old inhabitant appeared in the streets of Quebec, and, meeting a friend, fell to talking politics. In the course of conversation he chanced to refer to Victoria as still queen, whereupon he was informed that that great and good lady had been dead for something more than four years.

RAISES SNAPPING TURTLES

Farm in New Jersey Where the Reptiles are Carefully Nurtured for Market.

New Jersey boasts of the biggest snapper farm in the world, that grows the biggest snappers that ever paddled about in a muddy creek. The farm is at Tuckerton, says the Philadelphia North American.

In a shipment of snappers sent from the farm and received in this city recently were several that were as large as the top of a small tub, and that weighed considerably more than 50 pounds. They were consigned to a dealer at Front and Spruce streets, and he sold them all before noon.

Tells Friends by Tap of Cane.

The degree to which the remaining senses can be trained when the sight is lost was illustrated the other morning by two blind men from the home at Thirty-sixth street and Lancaster avenue. The men came from opposite directions and as they approached each other a man standing on the corner was surprised to hear one of the blind men say: "Hello, Ed; what are you doing out this morning?"

Hot Air on Tombstones.

It has been said that the world would be a very different place if all men lived up to the epitaphs of their tombstones. The same might be said if all political government followed the principles and advice laid down in speeches at political banquets. Such a high standard of public morality as a good dinner on these special occasions seems to inspire would go far toward bringing about the political millennium. Baltimore American.

One Way of Paying a Debt.

In Penang recently a borrower wriggled out of his financial liabilities by overpowering the native usurer and clipping a padlock through the holes in his ear. The Malay money lender could not return to his brethren with an ear deformed and sullied by iron hands, and so was forced to tear up the promissory note in exchange for the key to the lock. Malay Times.

ON THE ORIGIN OF SLANG.

A Few Familiar Expressions from Which Some of It May Have Taken Rise.

"Here's where I butt in," said the goat, making for the children, according to the New York Sun. "I'm getting it in the neck," grumbled the bull, as Cress gave him another twist. "Come off your perch," growled the hawk, making another spring at the cage.

SCARED YET ILL-TREATED.

Cattle of the Hindoos Regarded with Revereence, But Receive Rough Usage.

TEN YEARS WITHOUT SLEEP

Case of a Man That Has Excited Great Interest Among Medical Men.

The capacity of the great Napoleon for going without sleep is well known, but even he had to succumb at times to the need for rest. Indeed, says Cassell's Journal, it is a notorious fact that no human being can survive without occasional periods of sleep.

OUR ROMAN CATHOLICS.

Some Statistics of Interest to Those Who Are Intent Upon Religious Matters.

The Roman Catholic population of the United States and its dependencies is far larger than that of any other religious denomination. This fact is brought out, says Success Magazine, by a comparison between the statistics in the Roman Catholic directory for 1905, and those relating to other church bodies, which have been compiled by Rev. H. K. Carroll.

POOR AND RICH MARRIAGES

The Views of a Thoughtful Mother Regarding the Advisability of Either.

"Do not think," said a thoughtful woman recently relates Cassell's Journal, "that the mother who seeks a wealthy suitor for her daughter is always prompted by sordid motives.

CANDOR IN WRONG PLACE.

Daughter of Hostess Tells Admiring Lady Guest What She Asks to Know.

Controller Grout was talking about candor, says the New York Tribune. "Candor is all right in its place," he said, "but out of place it is unspeakably dreadful."

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Weds His Subscribers Free.

C. H. Hale, editor of the Sangamon (Ill.) Sayer, who was recently elected justice of the peace, has announced that he will perform the marriage ceremony free with two subscriptions. Old subscribers will receive half price. No marriage will be performed after midnight.

Retriever Would Be Better.

The report that the Russian soldiers in Manchuria are "burning with the desire to maintain the glory of Russian arms" excites suspicion of an error in transmission. "Maintain" doesn't seem to be exactly the right word here, says the Indianapolis News.

Pipe Dream?

A London doctor has discovered that opium smoking will cure catarrh, neuralgia and lung troubles.

AILMENTS OF THE ANIMALS

The Elephant, the Camel and Others in a Friendly Chat About Their Health.

Out of the corner of his shifty little eye the elephant watched the small boy who was trying to feed him a plug of tobacco, and then the circus pachyderm leaved a mournful sigh. "What's the matter?" asked the camel in the next stall. "Some kid fed me an apple loaded with cayenne pepper!"

BEAR LIVES IN HERMIT HUT

Administrator Unaware of Grizzly's Presence Until Knocked Through the Entrance.

Los Angeles Cal.—Near the old San Gabriel mission, within nine miles of this city of 299,000 souls, a hermit has lived for many years in a little adobe hut. He died and was buried. Not having any known relatives, Deputy Administrator Petermichel went out to the shack to take charge of the old man's effects.

CINDERELLA TRIES POISON.

Girl Forced to Stay at Home While Sisters Enjoyed Pleasures Would Die.

New York.—Because her elder sisters could go to dances and theaters, while she was forced to stay at home at night after working to help support the family by day, pretty Miss Pauline Katz, 14 years of age, lived on Second avenue, attempted to commit suicide by swallowing wood alcohol.

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PUTS BAN ON LOVE BY MAIL

Postmistresses Issue Strict Prohibitions Against the Boys and Girls at Glasgow, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The postmistress of Glasgow, Mrs. R. M. Russell, who is past the "spoiling" age, is not popular with the young men and women of that town. A flood of letters has passed through her hands of late. How the postmistress knew they were love letters is something the young people of the town are determined to learn.

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REBEL FORM COLONY

ISLAND SETTLEMENT COMPOSED OF MUTINEERS.

London.—Reports to the colonial office just issued, include one on Pitcairn Island, the lonely home in the Pacific of the mutineers of the armed ship Bounty who landed there in 1789. The islanders number 77 males and 52 females, including children.

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HAS CONSUMPTION CURE.

Italian Professor Uses a Secret Preparation of Iodine in an Injection as Remedy.

Milan.—Professor Levi has given out an explanation of his new cure for consumption which has been successfully used on human patients. hitherto the disintegrating power of iodine has never been successfully utilized in curing infectious internal diseases in human beings for the reason that when iodine comes in contact with human blood it immediately combines with the alkaline elements to form alkaline iodure, the disintegrating properties of which are small.

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