

UNLUCKY TO MEET WOMAN.

Peculiar Superstition Believed in by Irish Fishermen.

Superstitions as to its being unlucky to meet a woman when setting out to fish, or upon any journey by sea, are not uncommon.

WELL OF SODA WATER.

Natural Fountain One of the Wonders of California.

One of the most interesting and novel gushing wells in the world, and perhaps without a rival in either respect, is a geyser of soda water that recently came up at Wendling.

This well produces soda water—genuine soda water—and of a quality that would warrant bottling for the general trade in such quantities as were never struck before.

An artisan well borer was recently employed to secure an adequate water supply for a large sawmill in that region.

Instantly water gushed up, rising 20 feet above the surface of the ground, pouring forth in enormous volume.

Where the Immigrants Go.

With regard to the distribution of newly arrived immigrants, the figures of the bureau of immigration show that of the 1,200,000 immigrants who passed through Ellis Island in 1906 about 30 per cent. were destined for New York state and most of these for the metropolitan district.

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PUT CHARITY BEFORE ALL.

Father's Disposition of Money Earned by Son's Bravery.

A heroic act was performed recently in the south of France by a little lad of 13. A soldier belonging to one of the regiments specially mentioned in connection with the troubles at Narbonne, was bathing alone in the river Aude.

MILK BATH FOR THE FACE.

Peculiarly Effective for Those with Dark Colored Skins.

Now wash the face well with fresh milk, scoop it up and dash it over the face and neck, rubbing in well with the hands.

Selling Bananas by Weight.

After this when one goes into some of the fruit and grocery stores of Portland to purchase bananas it will not be correct to say: "I'll have a dozen bananas."

Don't Kill All of Them.

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Walking on Water.

Walking on water was accomplished a year ago by W. H. Lewellyn, an English naval pensioner. The apparatus has been improved and now consists of a pair of canvas-covered boots.

A Passing Thought.

A little girl was dining one day with her grandmother. Everything at the table was usually dainty and unexceptionable, but on this particular occasion the little girl found a hair in her fish.

Smart Doctor.

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WHAT THE TEACHER DID.

Part of Programme Embracing to Bashful Young Man.

Here is a story that is being told on a nice young man who teaches a Sunday school class in North Baltimore. It has been told on other young men before, and there is a strong probability that it never happened at all to this particular young man.

62,000 TONS OF CURRANTS.

Britons Seem to Be Exceptionally Fond of This Fruit.

Our great-grandmothers, although they had to pay a very high price for dried currants, considered them quite indispensable to the compounding of those pies, fruitmils and foretines which were the pride of every house.

On the Death of Balzac.

There can be but austere and serious thoughts in all hearts when a sublime spirit makes its majestic entrance into another life, when one of those beings who have long soared above the crowd on the visible wings of genius, spreading all at once other wings which we did not see, plunges swiftly into the unknown.

Explanation Was Necessary.

As the Pratt's dog was at last detached from the trousers leg of the new milkman by Mr. Pratt's vigorous efforts, the victim of the onslaught began to express his mind with considerable freedom.

Beak Too Much for Her.

Minnie was a nice, well-behaved little girl, but she was awfully particular about what she ate. Of course her mother tried every means to break her of this habit.

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GRADES OF RANK IN JAPAN.

Society There is Divided Into Many Separate Classes.

A traveler just returned from Japan tells some things which perhaps all the world does not know. Says he: "Of rank, there are eight classes after the mikado and the Zogoon, namely (1) the princes; (2) the nobles who give feudal service to the prince, or the empire; (3) the priests; (4) the soldiers.

FIGHT WITH SAVAGE LION.

Adventurous Hunter Paid for Sport With His Life.

From the Sudan comes the report of a fierce fight between a wounded lion and a government engineer, which ended in the death of the latter, an Englishman named C. H. Salmon.

"Witch's Bride."

An interesting but most cruel object of punishment may be found in the council chamber of the town hall at Forfar, which is generally known as the "Witch's Bride."

Not Too Simple.

John Simple, 14 years old, of Dadsden, Ala., is not as simple as you might think from his name. He saw a fellow hanging round the barn and acting in a suspicious manner.

The Worm Turns.

His wife having spoken her mind to him for the fifty thousandth time, and having ordered him as he valued his life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness to wear the pale green tie with embroidered yellow violets which she had selected for him at a ten-cent bargain counter.

The Limit of Athletics.

"Of course," began the athletic girl, "I can accomplish many acrobatic feats by now. I can climb a greased pole, dangle from the curtain rod, handle the dumb bells and turn a double somersault without landing on my head every time."

WISDOM FROM THE BENCH.

Prussian Judges Deliver Strange but Sensible Decisions.

The court at Schonsee was sitting to hear licensing cases, and especially pleas by the local saloonkeepers for an extension of the closing hour from 11 to 12:30. The saloonkeepers were supported by a great number of witnesses who testified that the whole town was for the change to the later hour.

AIR FAMINE AND ITS EFFECTS.

People Slow in Recognizing Importance of Pure Air.

As buildings are now constructed and overbuilt, many people have to spend at least a part of their waking hours in a fetid atmosphere, says a writer in The Delinquent. But there is no excuse for sleeping in such an atmosphere.

Filling the Place.

A negro preacher whose supply of food was running low decided to take radical steps to impress upon his flock the necessity for contributing liberally to the church exchequer.

Curiosities in Divorce.

Some curious facts appear from an international table of divorce statistics that has been published in Paris. From this it appears that the divorces known as Switzerland is probably the most prolific in divorce, the number being 49 per thousand marriages.

India's Sacred Trees.

There are many sacred trees of India which enter largely into the religious life of the Hindus. Chief among these is the sami tree and the trembling peepul. Nearly all the higher hills and rocks in the plains are crowned each by a temple, shrine or sacred tree.

Show Place.

"This is one of our greatest show places," said the man who was showing a friend about his town. "Why it's only a vacant lot!" replied the friend.

Oh, Oh, Oh.

Mrs. Henpeck—Why is a husband like dough? Mr. Henpeck (inspirationally)—Because a woman needs him. Mrs. Henpeck—Not at all. It's because a husband's hard to get off one's hands.

THE DAY OF THE FARMER.

Useful Filler of the Soil Has Come to His Own.

The farmer who is not an amateur is a really increasing factor in to-day's life. In fact farming is rapidly becoming one of the professions. We have our agricultural schools just as we have our law schools.

It is getting to be a business as well. Farmers have their trusts, like other manufacturers.

It is a far cry from the New England farmer, trying to arrange an expanded granite quarry into a stone wall that he may have room in which to plant his crop, and that master of capital, science and black earth, ten-foot deep who plows with a traction engine and reaps with a ten-horse team.

The comic paper does not laugh at the "granger" as frequently as it used to laugh. It wants his subscription.

The capitalist does not foreclose mortgages on the prairie farm now. He borrows money of its owner.

And what is vastly more important, the entire country looks with a respect bordering upon apprehension on this new type of American who has decided views on railroads, trusts, and in fact on every subject from the "green bug" to the lecturer at his chautauque.

This rise of the farmer into national significance is welcome in view of the inundation of great cities by immigrants who have significance only on mass.

The farm is the nursery of individualism. If you are a cliff dweller in the city send your boy there, and let him see what it means to create wealth with the help of nature, rather than with the tinker. You will help make him a better American.—The World To-Day.

WHEN THERE WAS TROUBLE.

Just What Happened Between the Fat Man and the Conductor.

The stout man on the back platform declined to agree with the conductor. The conductor, though he hadn't paid his fare, the stout man was of the contrary opinion.

They exchanged harsh words over the matter. "I gave you a nickel when I got aboard," said the stout man.

"I haven't taken in a nickel on this trip," said the conductor. The stout man grew very red. His hair seemed to bristle.

"That's just enough of this," he growled. "I don't want to have any trouble with you. I had trouble with a conductor once. I'd hate to tell you what happened."

The conductor drew back a little and made no further attempt to collect the stout man's fare. "But when the stout man was about to alight from the car the conductor's curiosity was too much for him."

"Say," he asked, "what happened when you had that trouble with the other conductor?" The stout man looked back. "I was in the hospital six weeks," he replied.

Mixed the Bargain.

They were well matched. Each looked as if she could buy a pair of sky-socks or cash down. As they hopped off the street car at Exchange place, Jersey City, Pennsylvania station the game announced the departure of a boat for New York. "You should have seen them run, pretty faces, small ankles, dainty slippers, white skirts, black hose, Cuban heels, etc."

A Tip to Smokers.

"Do you want to know how to smoke and smoke, and yet keep the room clear of all the fumes and odors of tobacco?" How to smoke in the dining room, the drawing room, your wife's bedroom, without leaving a single tobacco smell in the air? Well, I'll tell you.

Here the salesman took down a small ring of platinum. "All you have to do," he said, "is to set this ring over a lamp and let it get red-hot. Red-hot, it will consume the smoke of a dozen cigars, keeping the air quite clear and sweet. With one of these rings in use, there is no ground for forbidding a man to smoke anywhere."

"It has long been known that platinum consumes tobacco smoke. I wonder that no one ever thought of the wonderful platinum smoke-absorbing rings before."

Tenderfoot of the Ocean.

Western farmer boys are fine, spirited fellows, of good physique, but it is a melancholy fact that most of them do not remain in the naval service. The desertions, which are so discreditable to our navy, occur chiefly among those lads who have never smelled salt water until they are sent aboard a training ship. They are the "tenderfeet" of the ocean, and scute boat-lickness is a raging malady among them.—Boston Transcript.