

KING EDWARD IN A HOSPITAL WARD.



After opening the new jubilee extension wards of the National Hospital for Paralyzed and Epileptic at Bloomsbury the British monarch inspected the institution. He stopped at the cots of the ill and chatted pleasantly with the patients.

INK THAT THE ROMANS USED

For Writing Permanent Records—Stylus and Wooden Tablets Were Then in Vogue.

The ancient Romans commonly wrote with a metal point on wooden tablets covered with wax... The presence of an aromatic substance suggests that the ink was imported from Italy...

CAT AND RAT ARE CRONIES

Eat, Sleep and Play Together—Pussy Defends Her Protege from Active Enemies.

An intimate friendship between a pet white rat and a big cat is reported by a correspondent of St. Nicholas... When they are fed they are given pieces of meat cut in strings...

LAST WISH OF GREAT ARTIST

Dying Request of Great Painter Was for Royal Recognition of His Wife.

The only cloud upon the happiness of Millais was the fact that Lady Millais-Ruskin's divorced... The princess, somewhat surprised by his earnest tone, gave him the promise that he asked.

SOFT ANSWER OF "POOR LONE BODY"

Nevertheless Had Something of a Sting to It.

Ellen stopped scrubbing the veranda steps long enough to cast an admiring eye on her employer's garden... "What was it, hens or dogs?" asked the doctor, sympathetically, mentioning his own aversions.

ILLEGIBLE MANUSCRIPT

Illegible handwriting, which has given rise to so many comedies, led to a tragedy in the case of Bacher...

ACHILLES CONFESSES

The doctor had informed Achilles that his wound was not at all serious... "No, doctor," moaned Achilles. "It is all up with me. I am mortally wounded."

THE SLEEPY LITHUANIAN TOWN

The sleepy Lithuanian town of Minsk, Russia, has been harboring a man who has married twenty women... The judge dealt mercifully with him, sentencing him to only three months in prison.

THE FROG A VENTRILOQUIST

Proved of Nature That Furnished Him a Protection from His Natural Enemies.

While preparing in South France, Mr. Withers was tracking the frog and plaintive cry of some creature calling in the night... "The fact is this frog is recognized to be a ventriloquist of no common order."

HARD TO GET RID OF GUEST

Broad Hint by No Means Sufficient to Oust Visitor from Comfortable Quarters.

Jerry McArtie was often the guest of friends who on account of his pleasant ways extended to him that sort of old Irish hospitality which enabled a visitor in his own family who came for a fortnight to stay for six years... "Some months passed. Then his host informed him that he was going to be married, adding, 'I thought I'd tell you in good time, so that you could make leisurely preparations to go, as the lady and you may not hit it off as well as you and I do.'"

THE BEST HE COULD DO

"Explorers hate to take back or amend anything they have written," said F. S. Dallenbaugh of the American Geographical Society... "Well, my friend," said the other, "it's our policy never to issue direct contradictions. They shake the confidence of the reader. But I'll tell you what we'll do for you. We'll say you were cut down before life was extinct."

STRANGE OCCURRENCE IN CHURCH

A peculiar accident happened in a church at Ilford, Eng., one Sunday recently, which created no little stir amongst the congregation... "Oh, those English names of yours!" said she. "To spell a name Chelmsdeley and actually pronounce it Marchbanks!"

AN EXAGGERATION

Lady Algeron Gordon-Lanor, at a dinner in New York, said of the pronunciation of English names: "They are hard, aren't they?"

TRUTHFUL JAMES

In one instance, at least, bad spelling enabled an office boy to express the precise fact. His employer had just reluctantly left to attend a meeting of the bank directors where the proceedings were sure to be long and prosy.

OUT-GOING TO A BORED MEETING

Out-Gone to a Bored Meeting.—Tippin's.

CASE GOES TO HIGHER JUDGE

Cherry Manslaughter Trial Ends with the Death of Both Defendant and Witnesses.

Cherry, Ill.—Ended forever, without judge or jury, is a sensational manslaughter case in the Spring Valley, Cherry mining district as a result of the disaster in the mine of the St. Paul Coal Company... "Timko shot in self-defense, but feeling in the case was bitter on both sides and he was to be forced to face a charge of manslaughter. His defense was perfect and I am sure that his innocence would have been established."

GOVERNOR IS SHY OF SHIRTS

New Jersey Executive Unable to Comply with Request of Laundryman for Garment.

Trenton, N. J.—Gov. John Franklin Fort hasn't an old shirt to spare. That is, at least, for the National Laundrymen's association, which organization is in convention in Richmond, Va... "I think we will soon be in sight of the foot of the river."

WEALTH SOLD FOR TRIFLE

Albany, N. Y.—Andrew Klein and Joseph Bolts, local merchants, the other day purchased jointly for \$2.75 an old trunk at an auction sale of effects of murderers, suicides and victims of accidents, and found it contained 50 bonds of a French traction line. They have received word that the bonds are believed to be worth \$95 each, with accrued interest since 1902.

EGYPTIAN EMBALMING SECRET

Minersville, Pa.—Having preserved and kept for about forty days the body of an adult man, prepared for burial here, Undertaker T. J. Hummel thinks he has rediscovered the old Egyptian embalming process.