

NICKNAMES ON THE OCEAN

Tradition Governs Them Among American and English Sailors and They Never Alter.

In the American and English navies, as well as in the merchant marines, are found nicknames that have been in use since before men dreamed that there was land on the other side of the western ocean.

For instance, why should all men named Wright be called "Shiner"? Clark is invariably "Nobby"; Green is "Jimmy"; and a White is a "Knocker."

The rigid forms of the quarterdeck do not hold during the watch below, and the captain is the "Skipper," and the first lieutenant is familiarly "Jimmy the One."

Even a landlubber would know that "Tommy Pipes" was the boatswain, "Chips" the carpenter, "Jimmy Bungs" the cooper, and "Sails" the sailmaker.

SMOKING BY THE SMALL BOY

How the Question Was Smoothly and Easily Settled by One Wise Father.

"The question of smoking came up early in our family. Lawrence has always been greatly attracted by what he considers manly accomplishments.

"He was only fourteen when we noticed a suggestion of cigarette smoke about him.

"Have you been smoking, my boy?" his father asked in a tone suggestive of rebuke. Lawrence admitted that he had.

"A few words from our doctor treating the matter from a scientific point of view, helped Lawrence to decide that he would take the \$100.

Dogfish.

A fisherman from Montank Point was telling his friends of catching a huge dogfish that had a most abnormal skull.

That recalled the story of how some fishermen not so gentle and humane as the ruling angler treat the poor but pestiferous dogfishes when they are caught.

Character's Commercial Value.

Character has commercial value and sometimes men are honest according to law solely because it is politic, or polite, according to social requirements because it pays.

Hoping for the Worst.

"Jimpton doesn't like you." "I hadn't suspected that. What makes you think he doesn't like me?"

DECREE OF CHINESE THRONE

All Repentant Rebels Are Told They Will Be Forgiven and Their Past Buried.

Says a Chinese Imperial decree quoted in the North China Daily News, following disturbances in Szechuan and Hupeh: "All persons who have been pressed bodily into service by the rebels, but who will save themselves by returning at once, shall be permitted to turn a new leaf without being questioned as to their past behavior, be they soldiers or people."

"After the issue of this decree, you soldiers, people and others will all understand clearly what is right and what is wrong, or, in other words, what will be to your advantage and what will be the reverse.

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USE FOR OLD BLUEPRINTS

Bleached by a Simple Process, They Furnish Sketch Paper of a Fair Grade.

In the engineering department of every mine office, blueprints will accumulate until the quantity has reached amazing proportions.

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Preserve Us From Jealousy.

I have often wondered why the litany did not include a prayer for preservation from jealousy.

Often, too, there is a certain type who love to think that other women are jealous of her. It is an obsession with her. She may be disagreeable, selfish, comical, and irritating, yet it never occurs to her to attribute her unpopularity to that cause.

Useful.

A breezy western lumber salesman stopped at the Walton for a few days, returning from a trip abroad.

"Yes, boys," he said, insisting that they take wine, "I can well afford to pay for the bubbles. Why, when I was in Europe I pulled off a little deal that'll net me more than the cost of a thousand trips over the pond."

"You see, I trade principally in white woods free from knots. Of course, pine knots are waste, only good for firewood. But I just made a deal with a Swiss toy factory, and I'll send all the knots and knot holes."

"What do they use 'em for?" asked the inquisitive one.

"For holes for wooden horses," came back the answer.—Philadelphia Times.

The Facetious Judge.

A horse dealer complained to a magistrate that some malicious person had cut off his horse's tail, which, as he meant to sell it, would be a great drawback.

MAKES FUTILE FIGHT

British Naval Officer in Heroic Battle With Waves.

Details of the Drowning of Commander Brine of Battleship St. Vincent, Who Was Washed Overboard During Gale.

London.—When the battleships St. Vincent, Collingwood, Temeraire and Vanguard arrived at Bemerehaven, County of Cork, full details were learned of the fate of Commander Frederic G. Brine of the St. Vincent, who was washed overboard and drowned.

On rounding Land's End at daybreak a short time ago, the battle squadron encountered a wind which was blowing with hurricane force from the southwest, with a mountainous sea, which washed the vessels fore and aft and caused all hatches to be closely battened down.

Then commenced a magnificent but ineffectual fight for life by the unfortunate officer. With lightning alacrity a number of lifebuoys were flung to him, the nearest just missing him by inches as he was borne off by the waves.

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SAYS WIFE WOULDN'T KISS

New York Man Declares Woman Became "Chilly as Ice" After Marriage.

New York.—Another young woman, nominated by her husband for membership in the apparently growing class of "kissless brides," is defendant in a suit for marriage annulment here.

In her answer the defendant denies that she was not an affectionate wife, and claims that she was obliged to leave her husband because of his ungovernable temper.

Quits to Get Rid of Wife.

Atlanta.—Simultaneously with the acceptance of his resignation from the Georgia conference, Rev. Benjamin Graham, pastor of St. James' Methodist church, has filed suit for an absolute divorce from Mrs. Noah Harris Graham, charging neglect, cruelty, fear of bodily harm to himself and his children, "unwarranted jealousy of his own children and all the ladies of his parish, which often culminated in wild tantrums of jealous rage, embarrassing to himself and his church."

Rides Steer to Safety.

St. Joseph, Mo.—William Hamilton, a cowboy from the Texas panhandle, fell into a corral of wild steers, scrambled to his feet, and drawing a revolver fired full in the face of the oncoming steers and crippled one. Then, as the others stopped short, he seized one by the horns and rode it until the animal got close enough to the fence for him to leap to safety.

Mice Destroy \$2,565 Savings.

Washington.—The life savings of Jack Simpson of Aitkin, Minn., amounting to \$2,565, securely hidden from burglars, were reduced to pulp by mice. In a letter received by President Taft Simpson appealed for the redemption of the pulverized fragments by the federal treasury.

FINDS POISON IN A CIGAR

Jury Finds Man Guilty of Putting Strychnine in Weed That He Presented to Johannes de Beer.

Ladybrand Africa.—Sentence of a year's imprisonment and a fine of £250 has been inflicted at the criminal sessions here on Charles Maher, who was found guilty of attempting to murder Johannes de Beer by means of a poisoned cigar.

The prosecutor, in his evidence, stated that he was sitting in the yard of his house with members of his family and was about to smoke a cigar when the prisoner entered and said: "Johnnie, try this cigar and I will try one of yours." He accepted the offer, but found that the cigar tasted very bitter.

After having tea with the accused he returned to his own house, and there noticed something white and glittering in the remainder of the cigar, and showed it to his wife and friends. On analysis it was found to be strychnine.

The prisoner admitted buying strychnine to use for vermin, but could not explain how it got into the cigar. There was no reason why he should wish to get rid of Mr. de Beer. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy.

LIVED CLOSE TO CENTURY

Death Claims Two Oldest Colored Women in Washington—One 98, the Other 92.

Washington.—Two of the oldest colored residents of the capital have been claimed by death recently. Mrs. Mary J. Wayne, 98 years old, dying at her home, 315 East Capital street, and Mrs. Louisa Wright, 92 years old, dying recently at her home, 918 Twentieth street Northwest.

The funeral of "Aunt Mary" Wayne, as she was known, was held from Israel African Methodist Episcopal church, First and B streets, Southwest, the services being conducted by Rev. R. K. Harris, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. W. J. Howard and Rev. W. H. Stevenson. Mrs. Wayne, who was the widow of Rev. L. H. Wayne, who died in 1868, was born in 1813. Seven children 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren survive her.

Arrangements were made to hold the funeral of Mrs. Wright from the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal church, M street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets.

CHINESE TREE IS USEFUL

Wood Oil or Tung Provides for Many Wants in the Dragon Empire.

New York.—The tung, or wood oil tree, is worthily named the national tree of China. It is stately in appearance, with smooth green bark and wide spreading branches, affording a fine shade. It bears a fruit resembling a shellbark hickory nut, but as large as a small orange. Each nut contains three triangular seeds similar to small Brazil nuts. The oil is pressed from these seeds, and the pulp is used as a fertilizer, says the Scientific American.

The oil is used principally for polishing woodwork and dressing leather. Considerable quantities are exported. The wood of the tung tree is used for making musical instruments, fine boxes and the framework of small houses. It is believed that this tree might flourish in warmer parts of the United States.

FORGOTTEN HOARD IS FOUND

Nebraska Merchant Hid Gold and Silver in His Store—Recovered When Building is Razed.

Lexington, Neb.—Willow Island, Neb., has the champion absentee-minded man. While tearing down his old store building after building a new one, Neil McMullen, for thirty-five years the principal merchant of Willow Island, found \$4,600 in gold and silver that he had hidden at various times and forgotten. McMullen is eighty years old, but is active in business. He is a bachelor.

Caught a Marked Trout.

Trout Lake, Wash.—A rainbow trout measuring seventeen inches in length and weighing two and one-half pounds was caught this week by Miss Margaret Guler in Trout Creek, near the hotel. The trout was marked by Charles Waters when it was only six inches long. This was six years ago, when it was caught by Mr. Waters, and because it was under the legal size he cast it back into the stream. Mr. Waters was nearly eighty years of age when the fish was caught the first time, and was an enthusiastic fisherman. He sent several times to the government hatcheries for trout to plant in Trout Creek.

A Home for Overworked Women.

Newport, R. I.—An attractive home for overworked women and convalescent mothers in "Bethshan in the Woods," in Middletown, which Mrs. Theodore Kane Gibbs is erecting, will be ready next summer. Women needing rest and good air to recuperate may remain two weeks. The building is a bungalow equipped with all sanitary devices. The lower floor, which will be utilized as a living room, has large verandas. Here the cooking will be done. Fifteen women can be accommodated at one time.

GLUCK AND EMPEROR JOSEPH

Composer Harshly Told Austrian Monarch That Arduous Song His Music Wretchedly.

Gluck, the composer, was not of the sort of men of whom courtiers are made. One day he attended, at the court at Vienna, a concert at which the Emperor Joseph II. and one of his archdukes sang a fragment from one of Gluck's compositions. Naturally enough, the imperial artists glanced at the composer to see how he was impressed by the honor they were doing him. They were shocked to observe that he was making a series of extraordinary and significant grimaces. The emperor stopped and inquired whether he and the archduke were not singing the bit according to Gluck's idea of how it should be done.

"My idea!" exclaimed Gluck. "Why, sire, I am the poorest walker in the world, but I would gladly rather take a walk of six leagues than be forced to hear a composition of my own interpreted in such a way as that." Joseph II. was brave enough to take no notice of the criticism, but the court were quite convinced that if such a reproach had been addressed to the Czar Nicholas the composer would have prosecuted his musical studies from that time forth under the unfavorable surroundings of the Siberian mines.

It was the composer Weigl, a man of very different temperament from Gluck, who, when the Emperor Francis Joseph played the first violin in the performance of one of his overtures, threw himself at the monarch's feet, and exclaimed: "Ah, sire. Will your majesty benignantly condescend to grant my prayer, and favor me once more with a most gracious sharp?"

BOOKSTAND SENT BY MAIL

Contains Forty Volumes of Shakespeare, But Whole Package Weighs Only Pound and a Half.

A revolving bookstand, six inches high, containing the complete works of Shakespeare in forty volumes, the whole weighing only one and one-half pounds, was the unique package which passed through the registry division of the postoffice yesterday.

The tiny volumes themselves measured two and one-half inches, and were about one-eighth of an inch in thickness. Although the print was extremely fine, it could be easily read.

The case was surmounted with a small marble bust of the Avon bard, and was addressed to Longview, Tex., from Glasgow, England.

The parcel was opened by Hans Giatta, special customs examiner of mail importations, who is inclined to believe the expressed valuation of the publisher, \$11.50, is too low, and a new appraisal will be made. The miniature books were bound and printed in every detail after the fashion of editions of ordinary size, with gilt print and leather binding. The articles attracted so much attention that Henry Smith, in charge of the registry division, exhibited it to the corps of women, under Mrs. T. J. Atkins, who were selling hospital tags in the postoffice. "Just too cute" no less than fifty times.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Shakespeare Ruled Out.

One by one our tottering idols fall. The Shakespeare convention has just been given the coup de grace by a literary club out west, which, after a spirited debate, ruled that William of Stratford is "licentious, unclean, objectionable," and should be displaced in study classes by the chaste G. B. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw may well be alarmed sometimes to find his teasing banter about Shakespeare and mock tin trumpeting of himself as Shakespeare's superior taken so very solemnly.

Why cannot people understand, or take the trouble to understand (even people in "literary clubs"), that Shaw the persiflage is behind the comic mask the genuine lover of Shakespeare, whose protest as dramatic critic was against, not genuine and intelligent admiration for Shakespeare, but the conventional and sham "bardolatry" and the meretricious, renderings which forgot that "the play's the thing" and smother it in tinsel and rose pink.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Fortune Cast Up by the Sea.

A shoal of sperm whales, numbering 37 in all, were stranded on a small sandy island named Perkins Island, on the northwest coast of Tasmania, recently. A syndicate was formed to exploit these unfortunate castaways, and nearly every whale was found to contain ambergris, a valuable substance greatly in demand amongst perfumers and others. The shareholders expect to realize a profit of between \$50,000 and \$75,000—a nice little sum to be cast up by the sea.—Wide World Magazine.

Professional Nurse as Wife.

Sir James Crichton-Brown of London, England, says a nurse makes an ideal wife, and he urges young men in selecting helpmates to consider first the quality and character of the nurses whom they know. He says that a training in a hospital fits a woman nicely for home life. She is taught the nutritive value of foods, learns first aid and understands thoroughly how to care for children, and is able to act in emergencies.

ONE MORE WONDERFUL ROAD

Great Highway Through the Dolomites Connects Lake District of Italy and Bavaria.

In May, 1910, the new highway through the Dolomites, running from Botzen to Toblach, was finally thrown open. It is a miracle of able engineering and serves as connecting link between the Lake district of Italy and Bavaria.

Or, if one has large cities for one's objective points, between Milan or Venice and Munich. It is worth trying, says a writer in Harper's Weekly, to convey an impression of the magnificent scenery, the picturesque and wonderful country through which this highway, as smooth and perfect as Riverside Drive, since the recent repairs, leads one.

Botzen on the south and Toblach on the north are the entrance gates to the great, gaunt Dolomites. It was a burgh of Botzen, one Heinrich Kuntner, who first obtained permission to bet a road from the Brenner Pass to Botzen. He began the undertaking in the year 1314 A. D., and it is to be hoped that his happy ghost rejoices today in the perfect fulfillment of his idea.

The one disappointment to the motorist on this great road is that the short cut from Botzen to Vlgod di Fassa, leading through the lovely Eggen-Thal and past the Karer See, is closed to motorists. For those who can foot it it is worth while to bid adieu farewell for a day or so and loiter through the wonderful valley, making the ascent of the lonely Karer, going up between the gloomy chalk cliffs, along steep ridges, looking far away over the valley and the rolling mountains beyond, and so learning really to know and feel these gaunt ghosts of mountains that have earned by their whiteness and ready reflections the title "Mountains of Light."

LAW TO MUZZLE ROOSTERS

In Los Angeles They Mustn't Crow Before 7 in the Morning, if Ordinance Passes.

Los Angeles roosters must get together on their crowing. The city attorney has been asked to draft an ordinance which will make it unlawful for roosters to crow earlier than 7 o'clock in the morning. Pacific time. There must be more unity of effort among the chanticlesers—least of individual endeavor at any odd hour of the night that the rooster feels like crowing.

Mrs. Genevieve Dalrymple of 2359 East Seventh street, in taking her complaint to the city council, merely acted as messenger for many thousands who are unable to sleep because of crowing roosters, who start about midnight and keep it up until morning.

"Leave it to the city attorney. He will find some way to fix it," said Chairman Andrews of the legislation committee. With this meager instruction, John W. Shenk, the city attorney, started somewhat on this order: "The mayor and city council of the city of Los Angeles do ordain that it shall be unlawful for roosters to crow between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7 a. m. All roosters found guilty of violation of this ordinance shall be sentenced to be the principal ingredient of a popple."

However, the difficulty of enforcing an ordinance worded as outlined was apparent to the city attorney, and he will prepare a draft of one along some other line. It has been suggested that the roosters be muzzled, or that some sort of an operation on their throats be performed so that their exultant efforts may end in dismal gurgles. However, what will be done is still uncertain.—Los Angeles Tribune.

Bravery of the Cree Indians.

Many episodes of noble self-sacrifice might be related about the Crees, though they themselves never mention them. The stoic Indian woman does her duty and speaks of her life only when questioned concerning it. Occasionally one is found who will assert her woman's rights. I once saw a stalwart squaw chasing her husband around and around the wigwam, brandishing an ax and threatening to kill him, a feat she was quite capable of putting into execution. Upon another occasion an Indian asked me to "speak good things" to his wife as he was "ill used." Usually, however, the women are patient sufferers, willing slaves and beasts of burden. Widows are eagerly sought in marriage, owing to the fact that they inherit their dead husbands' hunting grounds. Frequently a young man is mated to a woman of twice his age.—Wide World Magazine.

Jewish Population.

In all the world there are 11,483,878 Jews. Of this number 8,876,299 are in Europe and 1,880,579 in America. The Russian empire has 5,215,805, the United States following with 1,800,000. The city of Warsaw leads Russia with 220,000, as compared with New York's 905,000. In Chicago the Jewish population numbers 98,000, while Philadelphia leads Chicago by 2,000. In New York are found one-thirteenth part of the entire Jewish race. Every fourth person in New York is a Jew. It may be said that the Jews in London number only some 150,000.

Experience.

"That singer certainly knows how to manage her range." "She ought to. She used to be a cook."

L'ABEIL LEDE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS