

CREDIT ALL TO BLACK CAT

Partners and Employees of New York Real Estate Firm Have Joined Ranks of Believers.

Never say there is no luck in a black cat. For months a well-known real estate firm in the Fifth Avenue region had been doing just a rent-paying business.

"Kitty, kitty," said the junior partner. Tom came in. The junior partner sent the office boy to the nearest restaurant to get a saucer of milk.

"Here accident," said the firm's most expensive salesman. "Pooh! Riff-raff superstition! Here, kitty!"

So he won Tom's transitory affections with limer and honeyed words. It got so that he couldn't come in the office without Tom sharpening his claws on the legs of his new \$70 suit.

Tom began to observe him on a Monday. Before Saturday of that week the managing partner had sold a summer hotel, which had been a drug on the market for two years.

"I've heard that care would kill a cat," said the managing partner. "But say, is there any danger to dear old Tom if we overfed him?"—Cincinnati Times Star.

HEARD ONLY CALL OF DUTY

Brave Irish Physician Scorned Danger When Welfare of Patient Was at Stake.

The talk of how Dr. O'Brien of Limerick braved the Atlantic storm to help a sick patient has made all western Ireland ring with his praises.

He received a wire that his services were urgently needed on the island of Innismann, but the storm was raging so fiercely that he had difficulty in finding a crew willing to put to sea.

At last he succeeded and the corrag—a small canvas boat—started on its four and a half mile journey through the surging waters that ran with terrific force between Innismore and Innismann.

It was a life and death battle all the way, half the men striving to keep the boat headed across the straits while the rest bailed out the water that was continually shipped.

By that time a regular hurricane was blowing and several times the doctor and his crew seemed on the point of death when they happened upon some trawlers at anchor, with which they sheltered till a lull in the tempest enabled them to make a dash for the shore.

Something Hubby Didn't Know. Miss Elsie de Wolfe, "America's best dressed woman," was talking about the draped skirts of the new fashions.

"I heard an Ester anecdote the other day about these new skirts," she said. "A young wife, at the Marlborough-Blenheim at Atlantic City, appeared before her husband in a draped suit of cream colored cloth, ready for the boardwalk's Ester parade."

"How do I look, George?" she said. "Flawless."

"But tell me, George, does my skirt hang even all around?"

"Yes," said George, after a close look. "Yes, quite even."

"Oh, dear," said she. "Then I'll have to go upstairs again. These new draped skirts, you know, don't hang right if they hang even."

Women Doctors in Siberia. A number of influential Siberians are petitioning the Ministry of Education in St. Petersburg to allow women to be admitted to the medical faculty in the University of Tobolsk.

There are many Mohammedans in the country, and it is explained that only women doctors can come to their help in illness, as they do not permit men to see their wives and daughters.

Pros and Cons of Home Work. Fifty girls in the highest class in a certain English school on a recent occasion, when the school was thrown open to the inspection of parents, treated the visitors to a spirited debate on the question of compulsory home work.

Trying to Decide. "Hear you have a fine baby at your home?" "Yes, bounding boy." "Who does he look like?" "Well, we haven't quite decided yet. To tell the truth, none of our relatives have very much coin."

REPORTER IS A HISTORIAN

No Other Is So True, and Few Are So Entertaining and So Useful.

A police reporter, indeed (or a penny-a-liner, as he is sometimes, with too much levity, styled), is the truest historian of his age.

For this is his distinction, that (to the shame of literature it must be confessed) he is the only description of man of letters who is not in some sort, as such, a systematic liar.

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THIEVES OF PARIS CAUGHT

Extraordinary Collection of Stolen Property Found in Their Camp in a Suburb.

The Paris police force made a remarkable haul at the suburb of Montreuil-sous-Bois. Eighteen men were arrested, and an enormous heterogeneous stock of stolen property was seized.

Inquiries made by the police showed that every Sunday morning the inhabitants of "Transvaal City" sold stolen meat at 4d a pound, and organized petty lotteries with prizes such as clocks, stolen watches, bicycles and stores of preserved groceries.

The information on which the police acted was given by a poor woman who had been kept in bondage by the thieves in order to do their cooking for them.

Latest in Newspapers.

The "animated newspaper" issued by a French firm for display in moving-picture establishments is said to be the most costly newspaper issued from the standpoint of the subscriber.

Catch Smelts by the Wagonload.

A great run of smelt is now going up the Sandy river, the first one in about eight years.

Hundreds of persons, attracted by the sight, are catching the smelt in dip nets and buckets and hauling them away by the wagonload.

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FORMS CLUBS FOR OLD MEN

Members Gather to Hear Phonograph Reproductions of Ballads Departed Friends Used to Sing.

Los Angeles.—The founder of the Borrowed Time club of Oak Park, a suburb of Chicago, Philander W. Barclay, is in Los Angeles.

Mr. Barclay is living with his sister at the Pierce apartments for a few weeks, and already he has stirred up sufficient interest among men of Los Angeles to start one of the unique clubs in which none but those more than seventy may belong.

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SHE "DIVINES" COAL VEINS

Hungarian Woman Describes Sensation as She Stands Above Deposits.

Vienna.—Frau Tuskoery, the Hungarian woman who gained her great reputation as a wielder of the divining rod by discovering coal on Jan Kubelik's estate in Bohemia, describes in an interview the physical sensations by which the presence of the different minerals makes itself known to her.

CARDS HASTEN A WEDDING

Stake, the Cost of a Marriage License, Rush the Date of Ceremony.

Spokane, Wash.—A joke, planned for the benefit of a friend, failed to work in the way intended, and as a result W. C. Jackson, a ball player, well known here and a former member of the Spokane Amateur Athletic club, and Miss Dorothy Coley MacKenzie, of the Windsor Annex, First and Jefferson streets, are husband and wife.

TELLS HOW TO STAY WEDDED

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FAMOUS ROBBER OF JAPAN

Nazumi Kozo Stole From Old-Time Daimyos to-Relieve Sufferings of the Poor.

Behind the temple sacred to the Nameless Dead and close to the wrestling amphitheater in Tokyo there is to be found the grave of the celebrated robber, Nazumi Kozo, who stole from the daimyos long ago in the old Yedo days that he might relieve the sufferings of the poor.

PATHOS OF EATING OYSTERS

It Requires Great Moral Courage to Think of Swallowing One of the Bivalves.

To me the practice of devouring any animal life in its entirety is, and always has been, most difficult.

HOME A CENTER OF SERVICE

Old Time Ideals of Hospitality Should Be Maintained as Far as Possible.

The ideal home is not self-centered. It is a center of service. So far as circumstances will permit, the old-time ideals of hospitality should be maintained.

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WHAT SHE WANTED.

Jim Mann was on his way back from Chicago and couldn't help hearing the conversation of the couple in the section right behind him.

OF WHAT USE ARE WE?

We sometimes wonder of what use we are, and why we are put on earth. One day is added to another and we seem to be no farther advanced on the pathway of our lives.

NOT QUITE PRACTICAL.

"She is very liberal in her charity," said one woman.

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SUGAR PLUM CENTURIES OLD

It Was Invented by Julius Dragatus, a Roman Baker, in the Year 177 B. C.

Of all candies, perhaps the "sugar plum" boasts the most ancient lineage. It was the invention of one Julius Dragatus, a noted Roman baker and confectioner, a member of the family of the Fabii.

Dragatus put forth the first specimen of this confection in the year 177 B. C. The borbons of this variety were called dragati, after their inventor (dragos is French), and their manufacture constituted a monopoly enjoyed exclusively by the Fabian family.

BEASTS ARE GOOD SWIMMERS

Rhinoceros, Elephant, Elk, Reindeer and Most Other Animals Better Than Man in Water.

Nearly all animals are better swimmers than man and take to the water naturally, while he has to learn to propel himself.

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