

MADE HIS HOME A FORTRESS.

Tenant Had Neat Way of Shutting Out Undesirable Visitors.

"Alterations to suit tenant" was a part of the sign in a Philadelphia building...

ICELANDERS ARE LONG LIVED.

Average Age There Double Mean Duration of Human Life.

It would be interesting to know if any part of the world beats Iceland in the average length of life of its inhabitants...

A Hard Task.

A Chicago man tells of a resident of that city who had been unsuccessful in one venture after another...

World's Oldest Republics.

So far as practical considerations go Switzerland is the oldest of surviving republics...

Weas of the Druggist.

"If you want to meet the limit of nerve," remarked a druggist, "you must keep a drug store."

Why Letters Are Unwritten.

"Why don't you keep up writing-desk supplies just as conscientiously as those for the pantry?" asks a writer.

Dignity of Ownership.

"I saw a sign in a restaurant down at Galion the other day," said a Cleveland man, "that struck me as an effective means of upholding the dignity of the establishment."

"CHILDREN'S DAY" WITH ANTS.

Youngster's Pretty Idea of the Gathering of the Small-Creatures.

"Mamma, next Sunday is to be Children's day. Shall I have my new white dress for that day?"

REASON FOR THE PREFERENCE.

Husband Evidently Shared in Dainties Meant for Wife.

The Lady Bountiful of the parish was going her rounds and called at a cottage occupied by a "model" peasant...

Fashion in Medicine.

A curious communication has been made to the French Academy of Medicine by Dr. Grimbert, who has a fondness for statistics.

Would Manage Finances.

"I might just as well throw money away at once as to lend it to you," she said to the artist as he came in and began to smoke a cigarette.

Disipated Man of Genius.

There is an unpleasant side light thrown on the days of W. E. Henley and his youthful followers, by Mr. Edgar Jepson, the novelist.

Volcanic Ash Cement.

A recent number of a Nagaasaki (Japan) newspaper describes a cement made from volcanic ashes, which is sometimes used alone and sometimes in combination with sand and portland cement.

International Courtesy.

An exceptionally pretty girl, with an English flag lieutenant at her side, was standing on a chair on the pier watching the racing.

REMEDIES FOR ALL DISEASES.

But No Particular Cure-All for Every Malady.

Every disease has its remedy, and in the search for that remedy hundreds of cures of medicine have sprung up.

RIGHT AND LEFT HANDEDNESS.

Matter of Physical Structure, According to an Authority.

George M. Gould of Philadelphia says that mentality preceded and created structure. It has been shown that the mechanisms that give the man external validity, speech and writing, are one-sided.

The Modern Woman.

It was in a Lenox avenue subway train and a very tired and cross youngster of four, who had evidently spent the day shopping with his mother...

Smuggling Popular.

Smuggling is still a fairly flourishing industry in England. According to the annual report, recently issued, of the commissioners of customs for the year ending last March, the number of detected attempts to smuggle dutiable goods during the past year was the largest recorded since 1895.

Whalebone Worth Millions.

A century ago, when whalebone was worth no more than ten cents a pound, few vessels brought any home.

Taking No Chances.

Johnson (to wife)—"Well, Maria, I'm going to stay at home with you today and help you to tidy up the house."

Mamma Hunting Titles.

"I admit that I love you, Clarence," said the young heiress, "but I'll have to speak to mamma."

MOROCCANS USE LOVE CHARMS.

Queer Means Employed by Women to Gain Affection.

Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell writes of the curious charms used by the women of Morocco. "Moorish lovers resort much to charms to gain lovers or to keep their affections when gained."

ON THE GROUND OF ECONOMY.

Acceptance of Physician's Offer Was Lesser of Two Evils.

A Chicago medico tells of two physicians in a Wisconsin town, the one elderly, with a long record of cures, the other young, with his record still to make.

Untouched Morocco.

Open your atlas at the map of Africa, and there, set like a pearl on the northwest shoulder of the continent, you will see a country called Morocco.

A Real Luther Coin.

The collection of coins of a St. Petersburg scholar, says the Berliner Tageblatt, was recently overhauled and a unique Luther coin was discovered.

Where the Shoe Pinched.

"If they don't quit making that child cry," sighed the fat dweller as his sobe echoed pitifully through the court, "I am going to apply to the board of health and have it stopped."

Cautious Answer.

The caution of the Aberdonian in giving an answer to a direct question was well illustrated the other day, when one was asked: "Was not your father's death very sudden?"

No Matter About Him.

Mr. Lendout—"Yes, sir, that horse is a beauty. You'll have to hold him in. Our terms are—pay in advance when you hire."

ALL FOND OF MAKING NOISE.

It's the Way of Mankind to Seek to Create an Impression.

"Lincoln," said Mr. MacChikamby, "told a story about a little steamboat running on the Wabash river with a whistle so big that when the captain blew it he had to tie up to the bank for an hour or two to get up steam enough to go on."

UNCLE SAM IN ROLE OF CUPID.

Forced to Act as Matrimonial Agent in the Philippines.

One of the little details that fall to the Philippine government is that of finding husbands for the orphan girls of the institution, bearing the name of the Hospicio de San Jose, and to do this is no easy matter.

First Printer Found.

A French semi-scientific magazine does away with the discussion as to who was the first printer. Here is its story: When Agesilaus observed before the battle that made his name that his soldiers doubted success, he wrote on his hands, inverting the letters, the word "Victory."

Russian Post Office Savings Bank.

Consul T. E. Heenan, of Odessa, states that although the post office savings bank system in Russia is of comparatively late origin, it shows a healthy development. The annual increase in the deposits now averages about \$46,000,000.

Warning in Time.

In his desire to use fine language, the dandy of the south frequently allows his ideas to become a trifle confused, as well as confusing. A hand-bill announcing a "colored picnic" to be held in a grove near Mobile was once freely circulated.

Argument for Feathers.

Opposition to the wearing of feathers in feminine headgear has encouraged an argument which shows that there are two sides to this as to every other question. Attention is called to the fact that were the practice of wearing feathers to be abandoned at once 30,000 girls would be at once thrown out of employment in Paris alone.

Horse, Hog and Elephant in One.

C. G. Minnick, of 2968 Darien street, Philadelphia, a week ago cut from a tree near Secane station a section of forked limbs for a one-piece three-legged stool.

COUNTRY FOR LIGHT SLEEPERS.

Japan Has No Domestic Animals to Disturb the Slumbers.

The Japanese college girl had been unable to sleep because a dog had howled all night beneath her window. "Now, in Japan," she said, "such a trouble would never happen. We have no animal pets there; we don't even have useful domestic animals, such as cows, sheep and pigs."

WOUND WATCH WRONG WAY.

The Story of a Left-Handed Woman and Her Timepiece.

"Women don't deserve to own watches," recently remarked a jeweler. "They don't know how to take care of them. A woman bought a watch from my firm recently and I gave her strict instructions to wind it every 24 hours and always at the same hour as nearly as possible."

Beaver on Elk River.

"The impression that the beaver is almost extinct in this country is a mistake," said George H. Hower, of Vancouver, B. C. "On the Elk river, a tributary of the Fraser, in my own province, there are this season thousands of these little animals, whose fur is so valuable, building their winter quarters."

Dissecting a Violin.

Not one person in a hundred has the slightest notion of how many parts or pieces there are in a violin. Here is a list of them: Back, 2 pieces; belly, 2; ribs and blocks, 6; sides, 5; side-lining, 12; bar, 1; purflings, 24; neck, 1; finger-board, 1; nut, 1; bridge, 1; string for tail-board, 1; guard for strings, 1; sound-post, 1; strings, 4; pegs, 4; total, 69 pieces. Three kinds of wood are used—maple, pine and ebony. Maple is used for the back, the neck, the side-pieces and the bridge. Pine is used for the belly, the bar, the ribs and blocks, the side-lining and the sound-post. Ebony is used for the finger-board, the tail-board, the nut, the guard for strings of tail-board, the pegs and the button.

Military Epigrams.

Col. Philip Reade, of the Twenty-third United States Infantry, is the author of the following "epigrams of the range": "The ultimate of the soldier's profession is to know when and where and how to pull the trigger."

Postmistress 61 Years.

Mrs. Kenward, whose appointment as postmistress at the quaint old post office at Wivelsfield, near Hayward's Heath, dates back to 1846, celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday the other day, says the London Standard. Despite her years Mrs. Kenward attends to her own household duties, and is a great reader of the newspapers. She believes herself to be the oldest postmistress in the country. Her father was a farmer at Speldhurst, near Tunbridge Wells. Mrs. Kenward hopes to become a centenarian and to die in harness.

A Strenuous Task.

"I don't see why you should be excused," the judge said to the witness. "You look well enough." "But just think of it, yer honor," said the witness. "I've done stood on this here stand an' told the truth for two hours on a stretch."