

REALLY AFRAID TO BE LUCKY.

One Man of Superstitions Who is Bound to Be Unhappy.

"It's had enough to be superstitious in any case," said the man who is, "but there are some uncomfortable home-made superstitions which I can't get rid of."

"For instance, when I'm bound up town in a hurry and get into the subway to take an express train I am always afraid that I'm not going to get what I'm after, if I catch just the train I want right away."

"Then, again, when I come home, if I dip into my pocket and get the right key for the outside door the first time, I feel afraid that something will be wrong when I get inside."

ODD NAMES OF BRITISH INNS.

Tourist Recorded Some That Were Especially Striking.

The little inns which we passed going from London to Scotland, and even the wine shops, gloried in the pretentious names which were generally displayed in illustrated signs hanging on brackets.

Resistance of Snow.

During certain government experiments at Washington with reference to the effects of sudden pressures, attention was called to a singular experience, which sometimes happens to people who go shooting in winter.

Test for Hydrochloric Acid.

A curious mishap has given us a very delicate test for hydrochloric acid in the atmosphere. In a North of England locality many houses have curtains of the cream color produced by metallic yellow—popularly known as "dolly" cream dye and to science as "the sodium salt of meta-amido-benzene sulphonic acid-diphenylamine."

First English Pawnbroker a Bishop.

No one would guess that "Uncle" had so illustrious an ancestor as a right reverend prelate, yet this seems to be so, for pawnbroking was first introduced into England by Michael de Northburg, bishop of London, in Edward III's reign.

Literal or Nothing.

Teacher—Your composition is very good, my dear, but I don't understand the title you have given it. Why "Afterward"—that name has nothing to do with it.

Milk and Water.

A Scottish farmer one day called to a farm lad: "Here, Tam, gang room and gie the cows a cabbage each, but min' ye gie the biggest to the cow that gies the maist milk."

Post-Graduate Work.

"When you graduate from that cooking school," asked Tess, "do you get a diploma?"

POOR BUSINESS FOR MINISTER.

Marriage Ceremony Left Him Something Out of Pocket.

Several years ago Rev. Mr. G. was one of the leading Baptist clergymen in one of our Eastern cities. One Sunday evening after the usual service a couple came up to him and asked if he would marry them.

BEAUTIES OF A FLY BLISTER.

Clearly They Must Be Experienced to Be Appreciated.

The Marshfield News tells how Herman Bauer treated himself for pain in the back. Instead of forgetting it Mr. Bauer slapped a Spanish fly blister on his person.

Candles in China.

The Chinese people are great users of candles, or rather what used to be known in America as "tallow dips."

Corroboration of Bible Story.

Burgsch Bey, the Egyptologist, says that it is no longer difficult to understand the origin of the "seven lean years" narrative in the book of Genesis.

How Young Girls Made Money.

Two young girls, one 15 and the 17, tell of their experience in making money at home. They lived in a small town where many persons made their own gardens, so they started tomato plants in the house and had nice stalky plants to sell when they were needed.

A Kind Deed.

At a meeting of a Band of Mercy class in a small town near Denver each child relates the kind deed he or she has recently done. One day the teacher asked little Emily to relate the kind deed she had done.

Teach Care of Children.

In Brussels a school is being started for nursemaids, who will probably be drawn largely from the various orphan asylums. Close to the young nurses, home a school will be instituted and there the future guardians of the little folks of the wealthier classes will, under the charge of doctors, be thoroughly instructed in the care of children.

HEROISM OF TRAINED NURSES.

Fight Grimmet of Battles with No Trumpet Sound to Encourage.

The trained nurse goes into battle encouraged by none of the blood-stirring incidents of the soldier. She is often entirely alone; her struggle must be quiet, and her antagonist is grim and terrible and ever watchful, because it is death itself.

COMPLIMENT FROM THE HEART.

Longfellow Appreciated the Praise of English Workingman.

When Longfellow was in London, Queen Victoria sent for him to come and see her at the palace. He went, and just as he was seating himself in the waiting coach after the interview, a man in working clothes appeared, hat in hand, at the coach window.

A Magic Oven.

The smith was building a large and peculiar oven. "It's a shame," he said, "to tell you what this oven's for; but the secret is too good a one to keep. It is a picture-aging oven."

What Ears Are For.

In a Cleveland kindergarten the children were reciting their nature lesson in unison, responding to questions of the teacher.

Cap Worn Only by Travelers.

With the ancient Greeks the hat was simply an appendage of the traveler. The free citizen preferred to go bareheaded and only put on his broad-brimmed petasus for protection against the sun when on a long journey.

Library of Wooden Books.

A private library of quite a unique character is composed solely of 608 wooden books. The collection has been made from the wood of different trees growing in the park attached to the chateau of Wilhelmshöhe.

Gray and Brown Camels.

The length of a stage varies throughout Persia, depending on the character of the country, and is reckoned in farsaks, the old Greek parasang. The farsak is a most elastic and uncertain measure, and as animals are paid for per farsak, as many as the credulity of the traveler will allow are crowded into each stage.

ROULETTE PLAYED WITH SPOOL.

Newsboys' Game Which Has Small Chances for the Plungers.

Perhaps it isn't an entirely new game, but it was the first time that the warfarer had seen it, says the New York Sun.

STREAK OF LUCK FOR AUNTIE.

Emolument and Honor in Matrimonial Alliance.

Old Auntie Mandy, who did the washing, was such a happy, brave old soul that although she worked very hard early and late and must often have been weary, nothing could depress her in everything that occurred she saw only "good luck" for herself.

Partridges' Devotion.

Few birds are so devoted to one another as partridges, but like other much less affectionate birds they seem to get over their bereavements in a remarkably short space of time.

Files in Liverpool.

Liverpool is endeavoring to organize a crusade against flies, which, says Knowledge, are now admitted to play an important part in the dissemination of disease.

Guarding Bank of France.

Like the Bank of England, the Bank of France is now guarded every night by soldiers. But within quite recent time the officials at the French bank resorted to a very novel method of protecting their bullion.

A Canine Curio.

Two or three dogs are nearly always to be found loafing about every blacksmith's shop. This fact is so well recognized that detectives, when sent out after valuable dogs that have been lost, invariably visit first of all the blacksmiths' shops in the neighborhood.

Fishing with Forty-Foot Rods.

In sea fishing at Biarritz, France, some remarkably long and heavy rods are employed. We think a 20-foot salmon rod or roach pole is a pretty good length, but our friends at Biarritz use rods over 40 feet in length.

The Ruling Passion.

They had just established a telephone exchange in the circus and engaged a puffed and pompadoored young woman to take charge of it.

Best Razor Strop.

"The best razor strop I ever had was a piece of glass," said the club barber. "An old barber gave it to me. Unfortunately I let it fall and it broke, and I have never been able to get one like it."

Gray and Brown Camels.

The length of a stage varies throughout Persia, depending on the character of the country, and is reckoned in farsaks, the old Greek parasang. The farsak is a most elastic and uncertain measure, and as animals are paid for per farsak, as many as the credulity of the traveler will allow are crowded into each stage.

Gray and Brown Camels.

The length of a stage varies throughout Persia, depending on the character of the country, and is reckoned in farsaks, the old Greek parasang. The farsak is a most elastic and uncertain measure, and as animals are paid for per farsak, as many as the credulity of the traveler will allow are crowded into each stage.

BUYING THEM A LITTLE DRINK.

City Official Hadn't Consulted the Tastes of His Clerks.

Some time ago, E. W. Bemis, superintendent of the city water works, asked two clerks in another city department to make some computations for him.

SHE HAD SUBSTITUTE AT HAND.

The Head of the Family Stood Ready to Meet an Emergency.

In one of New York's largest night schools a woman targeted not long ago with her husband and son. She announced that she wished to send her son to the school.

Partridges' Devotion.

Few birds are so devoted to one another as partridges, but like other much less affectionate birds they seem to get over their bereavements in a remarkably short space of time.

Files in Liverpool.

Liverpool is endeavoring to organize a crusade against flies, which, says Knowledge, are now admitted to play an important part in the dissemination of disease.

Guarding Bank of France.

Like the Bank of England, the Bank of France is now guarded every night by soldiers. But within quite recent time the officials at the French bank resorted to a very novel method of protecting their bullion.

A Canine Curio.

Two or three dogs are nearly always to be found loafing about every blacksmith's shop. This fact is so well recognized that detectives, when sent out after valuable dogs that have been lost, invariably visit first of all the blacksmiths' shops in the neighborhood.

Fishing with Forty-Foot Rods.

In sea fishing at Biarritz, France, some remarkably long and heavy rods are employed. We think a 20-foot salmon rod or roach pole is a pretty good length, but our friends at Biarritz use rods over 40 feet in length.

The Ruling Passion.

They had just established a telephone exchange in the circus and engaged a puffed and pompadoored young woman to take charge of it.

Best Razor Strop.

"The best razor strop I ever had was a piece of glass," said the club barber. "An old barber gave it to me. Unfortunately I let it fall and it broke, and I have never been able to get one like it."

Gray and Brown Camels.

The length of a stage varies throughout Persia, depending on the character of the country, and is reckoned in farsaks, the old Greek parasang. The farsak is a most elastic and uncertain measure, and as animals are paid for per farsak, as many as the credulity of the traveler will allow are crowded into each stage.