

HORSES FOND OF BEER.

Many Belonging to Washington Breweries Want Their Buckets Regularly.

"Fully one-half of the horses used by the brewers of Washington," said a fat and ruddy driver of one of the big wagons...

SPECIAL SESSION OVER BUG.

Legislature of Louisiana Called to Devise Means of Destroying the Boll Weevil.

A little bug, almost too small for individual notice, is taking up the time of several great states, and has even caused the Indiana legislature to be called into special session...

The Louisiana special commission has recommended to the legislature that a non-cotton growing belt be created between that state and Texas...

LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS.

All the Progress of Science Has Not Brought Us Any Knowledge of It.

Upon the question whether life-bearing planets can exist in other solar systems than our own the answer of science is clear and distinct, says Prof. Maunders...

Temperature and Life.

The range of temperature suited to terrestrial life is comparatively narrow. All vital actions are suspended temporarily...

Big Pile of Diamonds.

The largest pile of diamonds ever brought together, states the National Geographic Magazine, was collected at the De Beers mine in South Africa in July, 1900...

Big Game in Texas.

That Scotch huntress who has gone to Texas to look for big game might accomplish her purpose, remarks the Chicago News, by shooting a few oil stock promoters.

WAIT UPON THE QUEEN.

English Women Who Are Honored by Waiting Upon King Edward's Spouse.

All the "ladies in waiting" in the household of Queen Alexandra, of Great Britain, are women of the highest rank, and are besides accomplished in all the polite arts...

There is, perhaps, no greater lady in all the peerage than the duchess of Buccleuch, who is proud to be mistress of the robes of her majesty.

Next in importance to the mistress of the robes come the four ladies of the bed chamber, who are rarely of less rank than that of countess.

The Countess of Antrim, for instance, was the daughter of the late Gerald Grey, an old and dear friend of Queen Victoria, and Lady Gosford is a daughter of the Duchess of Manchester...

The duties are both light and pleasant, involving a residence at court rarely exceeding six weeks, which is made as agreeable to them as possible...

The two extra ladies of the bed chamber are usually persons whose days of active service are practically over, and whose reward is a sinecure office with an acceptable salary attached.

Of the four bed chamber women the most notable is Charlotte Knollys, the daughter of Lord Knollys, who for many years has been an intimate and highly trusted companion of the queen.

Of the maids of honor there are four, all beautiful and gifted and in every way charming. Two of them are the lovely twin daughters of the late Lord Vivian...

Indeed, apart from the great honor, the profit and pleasure of being one of the "queen's ladies," they are always assured of the royal favor and everything that it means in the way of un-falling kindness and consideration.

Aluminum in Plants.

Hitherto aluminum has not been found in phanerogamic plants, or at most only in minute traces, although cryptogams appear to use it as a food material.

Feminine Shot.

"I understand you shot a burglar during the absence of your husband," said the great detective.

MODERN RACE HORSES.

High Average of Speed That Has Been Attained To in the Last Few Years.

The average race of 1903 was run a half second faster than in previous seasons. Years ago when the Suburban and the Brooklyn handicaps were created, they were intended primarily to be endurance races...

William C. Whitney's splendid four-year-old Gunfire was the winner after a terrific struggle, during which the clipset by the front runners was a strain of the most trying sort.

PROBLEM OF DRY FARMING.

Agricultural Department Has Scheme for Raising Plants With-out Use of Water.

It is probable that in the near future it will be possible to raise good crops without either natural or artificial irrigation. As is apparent to everyone, even the most liberal system of irrigation reclamation will not exhaust the available arid and semiarid regions of the west...

But the department of agriculture has other resources to fall back upon. If the customary crops require water why not develop new crops that can be grown dry? This, in substance, is the problem the bureau of plant industry has set for itself.

GENIUS IN THE BUCKETSHOP.

New York Operator Got Onto a Fast Wire and It Brought Him a Boost.

"It takes two wide open eyes to keep the straps from coming up in this business nowadays," said the bucketshop man, relates the New York Sun.

"You see, our Rochester office gets its quotations by a direct wire from New York, while our Buffalo office is on a circuit of a New York-Chicago wire, and is about two minutes slower.

"The operator in the Rochester office got wise that his wire was two minutes faster than the Buffalo ticker and got to trading with the Buffalo office over the direct wire whenever movement of a stock was enough to give him a margin the best of it.

"Suppose you fired the Rochester operator?" remarked the listener.

Underworld Exploration.

Prof. W. W. Watts, the English geologist, strongly advocates a new geological survey of England, which shall do as much to make known the subterranean world there as existing surveys have done to make known that which lies on the near surface.

The "Sula" Tree of India.

The "sola" of India is a small tree from 6 to 10 feet high, with a tapering stem. The leaves are consumed as a vegetable, and the light spongy wood serves for a variety of purposes...

ANCIENT ADVERTISING.

The Debris of Hieroglyphic and Pictorial is Littered With Signs and Notices.

Clinging to the mummified crier is the odor of the first advertising medium to appear in history. He is an adaptation of the showy courier whom the king of old was wont to send out into the highways and byways to make proclamation of his latest whim and command...

The Greek tradesmen sent musicians with him on his rounds to cry their wares, and he tickled the ear of the aesthetic people of Athens by chanting the merits of his employer's offerings rather than shock them with rude shouts.

With characteristic keenness the tradesmen turned into a crier every man whose business brought him into public view. Orators were paid for "puffing" as a side line. There are records of bargains even with priests to extol goods from their pulpits.

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But the favorite advertising centers with the ancient Greeks were the temples of their gods. People with grievances were wont to exploit them on parchment and hang the written scroll to the ears, the nose, the head, the eyelids of the images of the avenging deities till the temple looked like a modern bill poster's display room.

These inscriptions drew crowds of the curious, eager for the news and scandals of the neighborhood. They moved from one to the other of the placards as if they were the scattered fragments of a yellow journal. In time those who had to deal with the multitude began to flock to the temples to promote their business—fakers, jugglers, money lenders, women of no account, all seeking whom they might devour.

ANTISEPTIC WRAPPING PAPER.

It is Also Aromatic and May Be Put to Various Domestic Uses.

A new commodity is being introduced in France, relates the New York Tribune. It is called "thymol paper."

The boric acid is first added to the pulp of which the paper is made, in the proportion of two parts per thousand, then the salicylic acid in the proportion of two parts per thousand. The thymic acid is added to the pulp last of all in closed sterilized chambers kept at a temperature of 50 degrees to 60 degrees, the proportion of acid being 0.1 part, or more per thousand.

Rio de Janeiro.

Rio de Janeiro was free from yellow fever till 1850, when it is supposed to have been imported from New Orleans. At present it prevails only in the lower town; the Petropolis, about 2,700 feet above the sea level, is more and more becoming the home of all who can afford to live there.

SPORT WITH KINKS IN IT.

Queer Things That Have Happened to Players of Football and Cricket in the Field.

It is a gorgeous story that comes from the golf links of Cairo, and every good golfer will braver carry a gun in his bag of clubs if he wishes to overlook no fine points, says the Illustrated Sporting News.

Then, to the delight of the golfer, the crowd dropped the ball on the green, and he holed out in two strokes, which put Col. Bogey out of commission. The opponent was threatened with apoplexy.

It's always the way," said the dark complexioned cook, glancing through the car. "When the train is running along those people will eat about twice as fast as they do ordinarily."

EAT WHILE THEY MOVE.

Peculiarity of Patrons of Dining Cars Told of by an Observant Chef.

The chef on one of the Pennsylvania dining cars was particularly talkative the other day. The train was waiting for its Philadelphia passengers, says the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, and every table in the diner was occupied.

Just then the train pulled out and the observer saw a slight figure, unrecognized him that his informant had spoken truthfully. Plates, knives and forks began to rattle industriously.

"Didn't I tell you so?" called out the grinning philosopher.

QUEER CAUSE OF LAMENESS.

Maine Region Where the Inhabitants Have One Leg Longer Than the Other.

There is a tiny and indefinite locality on the border land of Poland and Raymond known as the Blackcat. Tradition says that this name was bestowed on the locality because in prehistoric times a wandering hunter from the coast settlements came upon a gigantic black wildcat and had a terrific battle with him somewhere in these hills.

A man traveling this section a year or two since observed that all the inhabitants were lame, or seemed to be, and even the cows had "a slouch in their gait."

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It costs \$20 per acre to produce sugar beets. The yield per acre throughout the country in 1901 was 9.6 tons. The average yield secured by the more intelligent growers, however, is 12 tons an acre.

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THE JIMSON WEED.

Said to Have Taken Its Name from Jamestown, Va., But Not Indigent to That State.

Once upon a time the name of Jamestown must have been very sharply shortened. Within the memory of many people now living Jimson was pronounced "Jeemsin," in fact we believe that that was the accepted pronunciation of our Virginian forefathers.

Nor is there any reason to suppose that this contraction was made jeeringly or sneeringly. More probably it grew into use "less so," and we find intelligent Americans to whom it has never occurred that there is any connection whatever between Jamestown and Jimson.

There is a plausible theory that the seeds of the Jimson weed may have been brought to Jamestown in early times as ballast and dumped ashore there. If so, and the seed thus cast ashore found a resting place in a stable lot, we may well conceive that in due season they sprouted and grew, and that in time the winds wafted them to other localities.

English Comment.

The following is a comment made by an observant Londoner on the American women who visited the English capital the past summer.

"Their trim figures in neat and yet dainty tailor-made frocks pervade the town. You know the fair American at a glance, though you can hardly tell how you distinguish her, but there is a look of freshness combined with reserve strength that reminds one of a race horse, and then there is a sort of independence of bearing, of self-reliance and assured confidence in the world's good intentions, that is characteristic—and charming. In the majority of cases the American women look after one another; but if there is a man in attendance he is truly attentive."

Quality to the Bride.

The Bride—I told hubby I was going to give him something of my own cooking and he said I'd better try it on the dog first. Wasn't that a cruel suggestion?

Her Boston Friend—Very!

I thought your husband was so fond of dogs!—San Francisco Wasp.

Indifference and Love.

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