

BOAT RACING MODERN SPORT

It Once Was Considered Form of Manual Labor and Appropriately Only for Slaves.

Boat racing, except among professionalists, is quite a modern sport...

The first amateur boat race of which there is authentic record was a match between the baristers of the Temple and the boys of Westminster school...

AND THE WAR WAS RENEWED

Facetious Minneapolis Man Did His Part in Giving New Life to the Old Animosity.

In an attempt to settle the war of rivalry that has long existed between the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, it was decided by the civic organizations of the two cities...

After partaking of good food and pre-arranged refreshments, speeches were in order. The chairman called on a prominent citizen of Minneapolis...

When he had finished a gentleman from St. Paul arose and stated that there was just one question he wanted to ask...

The gentleman from Minneapolis arose, and after considerable thinking, said: "I would name it Minneapolis."

Sincere, but Mistaken. A neatly dressed man, with a black mustache, stood during the last months...

My husband recently bought a new overcoat, and I decided to sell his old one. I remembered the man with the black mustache...

Delighted and confident, I walked up to him, and said: "Are you the old clothes man?" "Am I what?" he asked.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitants. As an oldtimer I'm beginning to wonder if things are gonna get any reversed that a young man of my generation will refuse to marry a girl if she doesn't give up smoking...

Clock Almost Entirely of Glass. A Bohemian glass polisher has finished a clock which, with the exception of the springs, is entirely of glass.

LOWER ANIMALS AT BIRTH

Seen to the Observer to Be Strange Little Objects—Baby Giraffe Not Long Helpless.

Recently one of the tortoises at a large city zoo laid 42 eggs and hatched out the first tortoise to be born in the zoo.

Young animals are always very strange little things when first seen. The porcupine is born with its spines, but they are quite soft and pliable.

The tapir is born with curious markings of spots and streaks on his coat. But when he is four months old these all disappear.

Some of the young animals have a pretty good time. The woolly opossum of South America gives her youngster any amount of joy rides, and she will climb trees quite nimbly with as many children clinging to her.

BEARDS ONCE HIGHLY PRIZED

To Be Without One Was Considered Sign of Effeminacy in Civilization's Early Stage.

Back in the early stages of civilization the clean-shaven man of today, instead of giving the impression of vigor and strength, would have been looked upon as a weakling.

All nations in their early development cherished the beard as something almost sacred, a sign of strength and manhood. To lose the beard through an accident or as punishment was as degrading a thing as could befall a man.

The oath of the beard is as old as history. It is found in the first English political bull when Sir Simon De Montfort swears "by the hair on his chin."

Large Supply Needed. Eph Brown was a true believer and fond of any religious ceremony. When "the snuffin'" was over, he became a sort of unofficial chaplain in a colored labor battalion.

That it was necessary to chop a hole in the river ice proved a serious matter for immersion rather cooled the ardor of the converts, but not so Eph's, getting the nearest soldier, he plunged him beneath the icy water.

"The Lawd giveth," he intoned, "and do Lawd take away. Bring me an othah' prittit."—American Legion Weekly.

Try This. Money is not so apt to fly away if you sprinkle a little economy on its tail.—Boston Evening Transcript.

HOW BIRDS RAISE FAMILIES

Studies Made by Ornithologists Are Interesting—Incubation Not Always Work of the Female.

The average time taken by a bird to build its nest is about a week; but if the first one be destroyed a second house may be built in a day.

Immediately after the nest has been built, egg laying begins usually at the rate of one a day about the same time. Eggs laid in dark holes, like those of the woodpecker and kingfisher, are always white so that they can be seen by the birds entering the nest.

Of the eggs, however, are all colored. Of the contrary to popular opinion, the coloring is not at all protective. The number of eggs laid increases with the amount of danger to which they are exposed.

HIAWATHA KNOWN TO INDIANS

In the Legends of the East He is Called Gloskap and His Deeds Are Recorded.

In the East Hiawatha is known as Gloskap, god of the Passamaquoddy. According to traditions, he lived on the rocky heights of Blomidon, at the entrance to Minas Basin, Nova Scotia.

Mount Kinew was incidentally a cow moose of colossal size that Hiawatha slew and turned into a height of land. Little Kinew was a calf moose that he slew at the same time, and Kettie mountain is his camp cauldron that he flung to the ground in the ardor of the chase.

Sure Enough, It Was. One evening when he was ready to leave the office the boss called me back to write another short letter.

Several days after that, when I was sorting the mail one morning, we were talking of the fleecible handwriting on many of the envelopes.

Famous Tree in Park. General Grant national park, in California, is but six miles from Sequoia. It became a national park in 1890 to preserve the celebrated General Grant tree.

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PLEASANT VOICE AN ASSET

Too Many Think Little of Gift for Which No One Can Be Too Thankful.

To speak correctly in the grammatical sense is an asset. To be able to speak fluently, with an absence of "stutter," is another asset.

Some of us have inherited a pleasant voice, and for the gift we get to be supremely thankful. But not all keep it. The gift is frittered away.

The pleasant tone departs. The habit of grunting also affects the voice. The cult of disagreeableness does the same.

Remember that the refrain, "It's not exactly what he says; it's the way he says it!" is particularly true.

FORGOT THEIR OLD ENMITY

Dinner Brought About Complete Reconciliation Between Diraani and One-Time Opponent.

An interesting instance of a dinner of reconciliation between those estranged in politics was that at which Diraani and Lord Carrington dined.

Cat Turned on Gas. A cat at Colchester, England, climbing a mouse in the night, turned on a gas tap by a paw of its paw, imprisoned itself in the kitchen, nearly poisoned the dog, and would perhaps have poisoned a sleeping man, woman and child if the dog's howling had not awakened them.

Thackeray Also Guilty. J. P. adds to the eye stunts by novelist, which we recently printed, the following from "Vanity Fair": "I declare I can almost see the coast of France, and her bright green eyes streamed out and shot into the night, as if they could not see through it."

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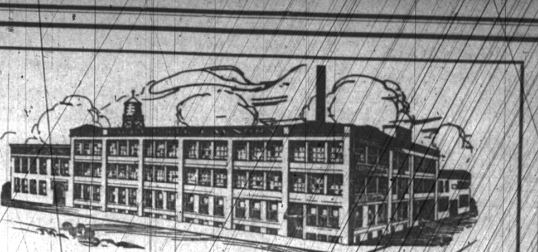
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Woman Seeks Advice. "Dear sir," writes a woman, "our family name is Leez and we have a two-month-old baby boy. I have named him Walter, but his father has been calling him Floot and the nickname sticks. If you were me, what would you do about it? I don't want any of my children known as 'Boat Legs'."—New York World.

Production of Flaxseed. Flaxseed is produced chiefly in the north central states, the most important being North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana, according to reports of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Peril in Sneezing. Scientists say that we are never nearer death than when we sneeze, the act causing a momentary cessation of the brain.

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