

CALIFORNIA JACK RABBITS.

These of the Southern Part of the State are the Largest in Existence.

The Jack rabbits of southern California are the biggest rabbits in existence. They are as fleet as the wind, and will sit still on its form or fly like a bird.

These big rabbits are as swift and sudden as the fleas that swarm on them as soon as summer comes. The rabbits are fat then, but these fleas are so thick on them, and are so voracious, that they actually reduce the long-eared four-footed jumper to a skeleton by the time the fall rains set in.

LOSER'S NAME FIRST.

It is So Placed in Many Cases When Speaking of War Between Nations.

We are commonly known among kind parties by the names of the two nations involved, and it is a serious fact that the name of the losing nation usually precedes that of the victor.

To the superstitious name currently given to our conflict with Spain by analogy, seem an augury of success for our arms. Europe calls it the Spanish-American war.

MORRO AS A FORT'S NAME.

It is Used by the Spanish When the Fort Projects from a Height as Do a Negro's Lips.

The word Morro, as applied to the forts in Cuba, has confused many persons who were surprised to learn of the existence of several of them with this name. The word is one little used by Cubans.

Magnification of the Head.

A scientific paper some time ago reported that the following experiment was made under the direction of the Academy of Sciences, with the head of a man who was gibbonized.

On the Revision.

It has been estimated that every year there are 470,000 foreigners who pass from one river to another winter on the Riviera.

DANCED WITH THE INDIANS.

How a Valuable Right of Way for a Railroad Was Secured from the Apaches.

In 1895 the Glia Valley, Globe & Northern Railway company obtained from Washington the franchise for a road through the reservation, subject to the approval of the Indians.

There were Indians who had burned, slain and tortured just out of natural depravity dancing about on the same floor with capitalists from Chicago and San Francisco, soldiers, ladies, frontiersmen, miners and a couple of globe trotters.

AMERICA'S NEW WAR PHRASE.

"Twenty Minutes for Breakfast" May Yet Rank with Other Historic Words.

Not one of all the tribe of railway porters who ever shouted "Twenty minutes for breakfast!" into the rear door of a Pullman sleeping car.

A new war cry has been added to American history, and alongside of Lawrence's "Don't give up the ship!" and Perry's "We have met the enemy and they are ours!" will live Dewey's "Twenty minutes for breakfast!"

THIS MAN WAS UNIQUE.

He Was So Proud He Did Not Want to Accept a Nickel for Car Fare Although He Was Broke.

"Will you tell me the best way to get to Sixty-first street and Michigan avenue?" said a worn and tired-looking young woman of two fortunate-appearing youths at the city hall corner.

"Oh, yes, I will," replied the other, wearily. "I'll walk all the way."

"Well, I'll stake you to car fare," said one of the fortunates.

Telephone Girls in France.

The managers of the telephone company operating the system at Versailles, France, hold that the expression "Hello!" used in response to a call is impolite.

Spoken Through Glass.

A market ball may be fired through a pane of glass, making a hole the size of the ball without cracking the glass.

FIRE FIGHTING.

How It Was Done in the South in the Days Before the Civil War.

Old citizens are commenting on the change the Savannah fire department has undergone since the ante-bellum days. The recent fires have given rise to many recollections of former methods of checking flames, says the Savannah News.

Hand pumps formed the apparatus to drive water, and the effective work they did is well remembered. All firemen before the war were volunteers, and with the exception of the chiefs of divisions, were composed entirely of colored men.

FEW BOOTS NOW.

They Were Once Very Common, But Their Place Has Been Almost Entirely Taken by Shoes.

"When I was a boy," said a middle-aged man, according to the New York Sun, "pretty much everybody used to wear boots—I did, I know, fine calfskin boots. Now nobody wears boots except horsemen and farmers; that is, practically nobody; you do meet a man in the city now and then that wears boots, but such men are so few that they don't count."

"So in populated regions, for the wear of the great majority of men, we have got through with boots. It is another illustration of how easily long-established customs vanish when conditions change."

GETTING RID OF FLIES.

London Women Adopt an Oriental Plan and Meet with Success.

Most people who have traveled in the far east have seen orientals burning sandalwood in their houses for the purpose of driving flies away. It is odd that the plan is not more generally known in this country, where it meets with success wherever the experiment is tried.

Bound to Please Him. Grandpa is visiting them, and the governor, while riding on the cross line the other day, had this to say to an old school friend: "He is worth nearly a million and his word is law without a question. The other day he pressed the war situation from the Free Press and then asked for a map. There was not one in the house and he grumbled. Before night seven delivery wagons stopped at the house. All of them brought a map and one brought a big atlas in addition. Father, mother and the children had given an order to please grandpa."

Mr. W. J. Spratly thinks there can be no doubt that the Egyptian soldiers in ancient times went into the battle to the inspiring cheer of the "Hoo Bai Hoo Bai!" And if the average questioning man asks why he replies with this: "Because Hoo Bai (in the tongue of the Thotmes and the Ramesses) means 'the King! the King! the King!'"

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