

BWARE OF THE STRAP.

The Supports Are a Possible Source of Infection to Those Who Ride in Street Cars.

The connection between the microbes and the street car strap has frequently been discussed and at least one instance has proved somewhat interestingly that danger is likely to lurk in the piece of leather which helps to support so many women during the rush hours of the day.

Whether it was after that or during the evening at the theater that she once thoughtlessly put the handkerchief to her face is a detail that she does not recall, but two days afterward a pain on her lip became so intolerable that she was compelled to see a doctor, who found her suffering from incipient blood poisoning which it was already too late for him to prevent.

He attributed this to some poisonous substance which had passed to her handkerchief from the strap, and that was his diagnosis the moment he heard the story of the ride on the cable car.

WHISTLED UNTIL HE DIED.

Welsh Herdsman Kept Nip Up Even While Unconscious from Fatal Injury.

Dr. William Kraus, in the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases, describes the case of a Polish herdsman, 37 years of age, weighing 230 pounds, who, some months previous to an accident, had suffered from apoplexy resulting in left hemiplegia.

At ten o'clock at night he began to whistle, not, however, the "popular songs of the day," but the whistle he was accustomed to use in leading or driving his flocks.

A SLEEP-WALKER'S FEAT.

Guided His Watchful Companion Over Perilous Paths in Perfect Safety.

An interesting case of somnambulism is reported by M. Badier, director of the normal school at Blois, France. It is accredited by Dr. Duflay and printed in the Proceedings of the Society of Physical Research, writes Dr. R. Osmond Mason, in Ladies' Home Journal.

On one occasion he got up in the night, determined to go walking. His brother-in-law, M. Simonet, decided to accompany him, but before starting he succeeded in inducing him to alter his plans and go to bed.

STAYS IN JAIL FOR SPITE.

Pennsylvania Court is Asked to Expel a Stubborn Old Man from Prison.

James Gannon, 68 years old, infirm and gray-headed, declares that you can't make a man leave a jail if he doesn't want to. He has been in the county jail at Scranton, Pa., since 1894, and now says he won't leave.

VALUABLE GROSBREAK EGGS.

Four Dollars Each Received by a Maine Lad Who Caught Some of the Birds.

Last February, when the temperature held at zero for a week at a time and the snow was falling every other day, Hector Sanborn, aged 15, set horsehair snares about his home and caught more than two dozen pine grosbeaks. Most of them were females, says a report from Dexter, Me.

LOST MASTERPIECES.

Other Famous Paintings Besides the Gainsborough Work Have Been Stolen.

Gainsborough's Duchess of Devonshire, which will probably find its last resting place in the Metropolitan museum of art, in this city, is not the only great painting which has been stolen, says the New York Herald.

The celebrated "Field of the Cloth of Gold" was never stolen outright, but an important part of it was extracted. The theft was discovered when Cromwell opened negotiations with a foreign dealer for the sale of some of the pictures of Charles I.

ONE OF WOMAN'S FAILINGS.

Her Reckless Disposal of Pins a Matter of Great Concern to a Steamship Line.

Woman's proneness to stick a pin wherever convenient has proved a serious matter to one steamship company, says the New York Sun. The line decided some time ago to place the most modern air-filled mattresses in the berths of the best rooms of two of its biggest ships.

SHE WAS TOO KIND-HEARTED.

Michigan Girl Thought to Perform a Wizardry to a Gentleman in Church.

There is one young woman living at L'Anse, Mich., whose benevolent disposition received a severe shock on a recent Sunday evening, says the Chicago Chronicle. She was at church and sat directly behind a tall, well-dressed stranger, with a raveling hanging to his collar.

THE BROOKLYN FACE.

Discovery of Wall Street Man at the Entrance of the Big Bridge.

"Have you ever been over the big bridge?" asked a Wall street man the other day. "A few times; why do you ask?" was the reply, according to the New York Mail and Express.

NO MORE CANNED CRAB.

Only Man Who Knew How to Can the Meat is Dead--May Not Have Told the Secret.

James McMenamin, the only successful canner of crab meat in the world, has just died in the hospital at Baltimore, and it is feared that his secret has died with him, reports a New York exchange. He is believed to have made \$1,000,000 out of crab canning by running a large cannery at Hampton, Va., for six months in the year, but he kept the process hidden even from his work-people, and unless his will divulges it or he confided the secret to his sons before his death, the canning plant will have to be shut down and nobody may ever know why its proprietor succeeded where others failed.

THE GUM CHEWING COW.

Owner Thought the Habit Had Worn All Her Upper Teeth Off.

A farmer in Knox county, Me., has been saying mean things about a Rockland shipmaster, and Opinion reports a few. Quoth the farmer: "If I had a hired man that made such a piece of work as he did about that cow of his, I'd send him off!"

AN UNUSUAL EXHIBITION.

Extraordinary Parting Taken Place Between Two Men at a Railway Station.

An elderly man and his strapping son stood in a railway station one day lately awaiting a train. The son was an athletic-looking chap, who attracted general attention by his magnificent proportions, says the Baltimore News.

NIGHT AMONG WHARF CATS.

When Darkness Comes There is Much Noise and Many Battles Along the Water Front.

It is astonishing how many outcasts of the feline family inhabit the wharves bordering on the harbor basin of Baltimore, says the Sun of that city. Along every line of docks on the water front a band of cats, both large and small, have adopted the surroundings as their homes, and nightly come forth to wage war upon the venturesome tom of an adjoining clan who has imprudently ventured into the enemy's country.

A FAWN AT HOME.

One of the Prettiest and Pleasantest Sight in All the Wilderness.

One of the prettiest bits of animal life we have seen portrayed for a long time is in Mr. William Davenport Hulbert's article, "The Deer," in McClure's Magazine. It is a fawn which he is describing: "To see the baby promenading up and down the shore, with his mother looking on, was one of the prettiest and pleasantest sights in all the wilderness. The ground color of his coat was a bright bay, red somewhat like the summer dress which the doe wore, but deeper and richer and handsomer, and with pure white spots arranged in irregular rows all along his neck and back and sides. He was so sleek and polished that he fairly glistened in the sunshine, like a well-groomed horse; his great dark eyes were brighter than a girl's at her first ball; and his ears were almost as big as a mule's, and a million times as pretty. But best and most beautiful of all was the marvelous life and grace and spirit of every pose and motion. When he walked, his slender head and neck were thrust forward at every step with the daintiest gesture imaginable, and his tiny pointed hoofs touched the ground so lightly, and were away again so quickly, that you hardly knew what they had done. If he was startled he would stamp his fore foot on the hard sand, and toss his head in the air with an expression that was not fear, but alertness, and even defiance. And when he leaped and ran--but there's no use in trying to describe that."

SAMOA WITHOUT MINERALS.

Wild Stories of Gold-Bearing Sands Doubled by Consul-General Osborn.

Consul General Osborn at Samoa writes to the state department, says a Washington report: "There have been so many letters of inquiry sent to this office concerning the discovery of gold and other precious metals in these islands that I feel it my duty to report upon the subject. United States papers have published statements in regard to the gold-bearing sands of Samoa, and it appears that many people have paid for expenses of development, etc. I have from time to time made investigations, and if there are minerals--either gold, silver, mica, nickel, tin, or any other--in these islands, I have been unable to find them or to find any person who has any knowledge of the fact. If there is any gold in the United States papers, the records do not disclose the fact, and the officials have no information upon the subject. No steamers, schooners or other vessels are engaged in transporting sand or ores to Sydney, or to San Francisco, or elsewhere; no such persons as those named as constituting the 'gold-mining company' are known here, and, in my judgment, a tremendous swindle is being perpetrated and the public ought to know the facts."

VIETOR'S INDIAN ATTENDANTS.

The late queen's Indian attendants have been retired on pensions, says Truth, and several of them have already returned to their native land.

A NOBLE INHERITANCE.

King Edward inherits that fine trait of his mother which was marked by her faithful care and affection for those who had spent their lives in her service.

THE GENTLEMANLY DOG.

Greatly Mortified When He Finds He is Mistaken in the Person He Accuses.

When I approached the painted house, on my way homeward, the fat old collic says running out again, barking, says Bradford Torrey, in Atlantic. This time, however, he takes but one sniff. He has made a mistake, and realizes it at once. "Oh, excuse me," he says quite plainly. "I didn't recognize you. You're the same old codger. I ought to have known." And he is so confused and ashamed that he runs away without waiting to make ap.

THE UNFORTUNATE IS.

People of a superstitious turn of mind who believe that ill-luck is associated with the number 13 may perhaps derive confirmation of their opinions from a study of the history of the Irish Hunt corps, which formed part of the Imperial yeomanry. The Hunt corps was mobilized in Dublin on January 13, 1900. On March 13 it sailed for South Africa and on arrival at the Cape was attached to the Thirtieth battalion of the Imperial yeomanry. On the occasion of their first encounter with the Boers 13 men of the corps were killed and the rest were forced to surrender.

GOOD ROCKY MOUNTAIN GUIDE.

Christian Klucker, a Swiss guide in the Rocky mountains, has a record of 1,000 mountain ascents without an accident to himself or his party.

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KARL'S "LOAN" TO A FOOTPAD.

British Nobleman's Forced Contribution Started Robber on the Way to Prosperity.

Although 80 years old, the duchess of Cleveland is a constant traveler and is noted for her conversational powers, which age has not impaired. She can tell a story as well as her son, Lord Rosebery. One of her favorite stories is about her father, Earl Stanhope. One night when the earl was walking alone in the Kentish lanes a man jumped out of the hedge, leveled a pistol, and demanded his purse.

CANADIAN BISHOP'S WALK.

The Good Man Traveled 1,200 Miles on Snowshoes to Reach Civilization.

Bishop Newham, of the diocese of Moose Jaw, near the north of Winnipeg, arrived in Toronto a few days ago after a trip on snow shoes of 1,500 miles, which occupied upward of four months, reports the New York Sun.

NIAGARA FALLS POWER.

Line Along Which It Will Be Extended in Future Operations.

A glance at the past development of the Niagara Falls Power company indicates the lines along which it is likely to grow in the future, says Cassier's Magazine. As the manufacturing arts advance, the element of power becomes more and more important, and cheap power, therefore, more demanded. Electro-chemistry is a new art and one which has great possibilities ahead of it. The high temperatures obtainable in electric furnaces have opened up a new field to chemical synthesis, and it is likely that many as yet undiscovered processes, which will require large amounts of electrical power for their operation, will be brought to light.

MOQUITOES IN CUBA.

The mosquito is hereafter to be regarded as a dangerous enemy of mankind. The report for March shows that the death rate in Havana was 28.28, the lowest it has ever been since 1889. Surgeon Gorgas, the chief sanitary surgeon at that port, says the great decrease in the death rate was brought about by the war upon mosquitoes.

HOLLAND'S YOUNG QUEEN.

An amicable arrangement is reported in Holland by which Wilhelmina is queen and Duke Henry an obedient subject two hours every day. The rest of the time the queen is a loyal and obedient wife.