

WINTER BUTTERFLIES.

A Hardy Brood For Which Frost and Snow Possess No Terrors. Coming in one day from a walk in a heavy snowstorm, I dropped upon the evening table some triangular brown-set bits that looked at first sight like flakes of dried bark.

COURTING DEATH.

The Work of the Mounted Police of Canada in the Northwest. The Northwest policeman's first duty is to die if that should be necessary. He is not allowed to shoot a desperado, go up, sit on his carcass, roll a cigarette and then read the warrant.

THE WATERMELON.

Africa is the Original Home of This Luscious Fruit. The humorists always associate the African with the watermelon, assuming that the taste of the colored man for his favorite dainty arises from his life in the southern states, where the melon vine grows like a weed.

HORNED SENTINELS.

It Would Seem That These Insects Keep Guard Over the Nests. Is a hornet's nest guarded by sentinels, after the manner of ant hills? It is not so easy to decide, for their private habits do not invite familiar approach.

RILEY'S FIRST HIT.

Wrote a Poem "by Poe" and Pained it on the Public. James Whitcomb Riley began his career in a newspaper office in Anderson, Ind., by writing humorous rhymes as "advertising locals" - "doggerel" he called them.

A BORN SOLDIER.

Major General Stuart, the Dashing Cavalry Leader. Major General J. E. B. Stuart of the Confederate cavalry was a soldier by nature. Dashing and daring, cool in the face of danger, he was one of the brave and picturesque heroes of the civil war.

A JUBILEE JOKE.

Lady Churchill's Bustle That Played "God Save the Queen." Everything that year (Queen Victoria's jubilee year) was dubbed "Jubilee," from knights and babies to hats and coats.

A GREAT STATESMAN.

Humorous Incident of Gladstone's Rivalry With Disraeli. An anecdote of Gladstone at the time of his greatest rivalry with Disraeli is often retold. At a dinner party the subject of Judaism cropped up.

ANIMAL TAILS.

The Functions of Those of Cats, Lions and Jaguars. A cat never actually wags its tail. Why should it when it can purr? But nevertheless it seems to serve the same purpose in permitting a temporary expenditure of excess nervous energy when the animal is under great strain.

BUSHRANGERS.

The Most Noted of the Later Day Outlaws in Australia. Bushrangers were originally runaway convicts who took to the bush, as Australians call the backwoods, and became holdup men.

An Outrageous Slandering.

The public may not know the good story, which has been a joy for many a long day among musicians, which tells how a celebrated conductor, admired and beloved by every one who knows him, accused his wife in broken English of conduct the reverse of admirable, to put it mildly.

Thoughtful.

There is an elderly business man of Cleveland of whom friends tell a story amusingly illustrating his excessively methodical manner of conducting both his business and his domestic affairs.

Acting Like a Man.

The curtain had just gone down on the second act, leaving the heroine in the villain's clutches. Up in the balcony a sentimental woman burst into tears.

The Trouble With Carr.

"I rather like your friend," Mrs. Page said graciously after Carr had gone home. "He is good looking and agreeable, but you can't call him a brilliant conversationalist. The Lawton girls talked all round him."

LINCOLN'S JOKE.

Fixing the Responsibility For the Loss of Harpers Ferry. "President Lincoln's jokes, especially when perpetrated in connection with grave matters, usually had a purpose in them. After Lee had taken Harpers Ferry the president, realizing how great a calamity it was to the northern arms, determined if possible to fix the responsibility for the loss of the important position.

SLEEP MYSTERIES.

Tasks Often Performed While the Worker Slumbers. A psychologist was discussing the mysteries of sleep. "One can become so accustomed," he said, "to a monotonous task that one can fall asleep and still keep on working. Thus in India there are punka coolies, men who turn a fan all night long in the hot weather while their English masters rest, and it is not uncommon for a punka coolie to acquire the knack of sleeping at his task. On and on he sleeps through the hot, perfumed hours of the Indian night, but his hand mechanically and steadily turns the punka pulley."

Penny For a Priceless Book.

A workman once purchased for a penny an aged looking volume bearing date of 1549. The man tried to read it, but threw up the attempt apparently in disgust, and the volume was relegated to the cupboard. A friend of his happened to see the book and took it to the British museum authorities, who promptly made an offer of £20, the highest sum the librarian is allowed to expend without a special vote of the trustees.

Improved on Solomon.

In a certain Sunday school a little girl told the story of Solomon and the disputing mothers in this wise: "Solomon was a very wise man. One day two women went to him, quarrelling about a baby. One woman said, 'This is my child,' and the other woman said, 'No, that's mine.' But Solomon spoke up and said: 'No, no, ladies; don't quarrel. Give me my sword, and I'll make twins of him, so you can both have one.'"

At a Disadvantage.

Bacon—Would you call him a good talker? Egbert—No, I would not. "How many times have you heard him talk?" "Only once." "And when was that?" "When he was trying to open a car window."—Yonkers Statesman.

Had a Woman to Blame.

"I have had dreadful luck. This morning I dropped my spectacles, and my wife stepped on them." "That's what I call good luck. If I had dropped mine, I should have stepped on them myself."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Post Answered.

"Do you know that I was born on the same day Emerson died?" "Both events being a cruel misfortune to literature."—Bohemian.

It hurts the good who spares the bad.—Lope.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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