

CHIEF EVENT OF THE DAY

Passing of the Milk Train, Not Charge of Bull, Caused Young Farmer's Haste.

In rural New England the passing of a railway train is still a matter of public interest quite astonishing to visitors from the city.

On learning that they had come through the fields, the farmer's wife exclaimed: "Why, you can't be back that way alone! Our bull's out there in the back lot, and only day fore yesterday he tread my son-in-law on a stun for two hours. I'll have him go home with you."

With some misgivings on the part of the women, the little procession started back under the guidance of the young man, the ladies carrying the butter.

Thinking that they understood the occasion of his activity, they needed no urging to follow him. On and on they sped, throwing away their butter as an impediment to their speed.

Standing just above, he waved his arm in a dramatic gesture toward the valley below, where a freight train could be seen crawling slowly out from between a cleft in the hills, and shouted: "There she goes—the milk train!"—Youth's Companion.

DIDN'T TRUST HIS LAWYER

Shrewd Client Paid Fee in Advance to Learn If He Had Reasonable Chance of Winning.

It was told at luncheon at the lawyers' club the day before the equitable building burned down. A group of legal luminaries were gathered about a table discussing the apparent impossibility of insuring the honesty of any man, and it was contended that there was no remedy for it save to pick out your man and trust him absolutely.

A client went into a lawyer's office in Fulton street and said that he had a grievance with his neighbor and wanted to go to law.

"Well, those are the facts. Do you think I'm in the right safe enough to win if I go to law with him?"

"If the facts are as stated you certainly have got a case. If I were in your case I should begin suit," answered the lawyer.

"And how much would your fee be for taking the case and pushing it clear through?"

"Oh, I'll see it through for you for a hundred dollars."

The shrewd client produced from an inside pocket a well worn wallet, from which he extracted a roll of bills and peeled off one hundred dollars.

"There," said he, "that's yours. It's your fee. That's all you'd get if you tried the case. Now, without doing any work on it at all, just tell me, honestly, whether I've any chance of winning the case."

"Kindly Scribe. The editor of the Weekly Plain Dealer is a charitable sort of feller," commented Farmer Hornbeck, in the midst of his perusal of the village newspaper, wherein he had encountered an example of the limotype's peculiar perversity, says Puck.

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Snake Had Lived on Eggs. On his morning round for eggs recently, Michael Heiseeman of Custice, O., reached into a hen's nest and touched an object that made him jump back quickly.

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Trouble Forecast. "My wife says women ought to vote," said Mr. Meekion.

"Well, have you any objection?" "No. But there's going to be a terrible row if the women of our community get the vote and then try to vote for anybody except her."

SOME FACTS ABOUT SLEEP

Caused by a Withdrawal of Blood From the Brain, Says Modern Physiology.

All the organs of life rest in some way or other. The heart has an interval of rest between each combined act of contraction and expansion and the beginning of a fresh act.

Certain of the other organs suspend their activity in part during sleep. Old physiologists supposed that sleep was caused by the pressure of the blood on the brain.

As a rule, the larger the brain the more sleep it requires. Webster went to bed at nine o'clock and rose at five.

General Grant used to say, during his campaigns, "I can do nothing without nine hours' sleep."

HE DEPENDED ON HIS WIFE

How the Nearsighted Old Man Almost Slept Himself to Death, Never Eating.

It seems that an old man with some property had married an elderly lady. The lady was a sprightly dame, executive, lively and keen.

It was ten days before he found out how his wife had been fooling him. He blame near slept himself to death, meanwhile. He never had a meal and he got weaker and weaker, but he never got up.

Beware of Cousins! Cousins are not as simple as they seem. The very fact of being a cousin, or having a cousin, is complicated.

Reinforced Concrete of Old Rome. Although concrete has been used for many centuries, it is generally supposed that reinforced concrete is a modern invention.

England's Oldest Newspaper. Besides being the government's best journalistic property, the London Gazette is also the oldest existing English newspaper.

Her Hair Saved Her. When the steamer Tagus rose after a dip into an enormous wave while she was on her way from Bermuda to New York, a bride, the only bride on board, was floating on the deck like a bluen.

More Favorable Ground. When our son was a boy of four a family of children moved next to us who were simply incorrigible.

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WHY NOT PATRIOTS IN WAX?

Suggestion for Exhibitions of Effigies Comes From the Shows Common in England.

How many school children would recognize historical personages, other than perhaps Washington and Lincoln, if they met them face to face? A South Side matron recently returned from a tour of the British Isles, was speaking.

Mme. Tussaud's wax works in London are probably the most complete of their kind in the world. Thousands of figures and scenes are depicted in so close imitation of life that one really lives history over again there.

MOST PATIENT OF THIEVES

In San Francisco a Man Was Discovered Stealing the Parts of Roller Skates.

Out at the Coliseum skating rink there has been discovered evidence of one of the most patient and hopeful thieves in America. A day or two ago he undertook to steal a pair of skates piecemeal, but the evidence of his work was discovered and he remains in possession of three wheels, a bolt or two and a couple of pieces of metal that can be of no earthly use without the remaining sections of the skates, which remain in possession of the management.

That Wooling Ham. Ham, it has always seemed to us, varied more than any other articles over which blessings are mumbled in degree to palatableness, fragrance and invitation. The variation is due to the manner of approach.

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QUEEREST PRISON IN WORLD

Arizona County Jail Is Blasted Out of a Mountain of Solid Quartz Rock.

When the authorities of Graham county, Arizona, decided to look about for a place in which to confine criminals, they found a natural depression in the side of a hill. This was enlarged into what might be called an artificial cave, divided into four compartments.

MORALITY OF THE ELEPHANT. He Makes a Cat's Paw of Boy's Hand to Steal the Unhusked Rice.

Singular as it may seem, elephants which have associated with men entertain the notion that, under special circumstances, they are not responsible if they utilize another to commit an illegal act.

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KNEW HIM AND LOVED HIM

Dr. Courtenay, Mutilated Veteran of the Confederate Army, as He Was in Tippah.

Dr. Courtenay entered the Confederate army as a surgeon, and after the surrender found himself without home, family, or fortune.

PREDECESSORS OF CAPT. LUX. Colonel Sausser, General Zurlinden and Others Have Escaped From Prisons in Germany.

ABOUT A DOZEN PRECEDENTS for the escape of Captain Lux from his German prison can be found in the history of the Franco-German war, and a large proportion of the heroes of them lived to become famous.

THREE BUILDERS OF NATIONS. Cavour, William the Silent and George Washington Never Yielded to Despotism Ideals.

As a nation-maker Cavour stands with William the Silent and George Washington. Each of these men fought through the agony of a war of liberation, yet never yielded for a moment to the militarist or despotic ideals so liable to be bred in time of crisis.

CHILDREN A RECENT FIND. Not Before the Nineteenth Century Were They Truthfully Portrayed in Literature.

Children were only found yesterday. Before the nineteenth century the child mind and the child heart were not supposed to have enough in them to interest the majestic adult.

An Indian Day. In the dew-bespangled sunrise, while the air was caressingly cool, we went forth to ride along the river bank and beside fields of yellow mustard or sun stubble; then, on our return, the shadowed tents, a bath, breakfast, and the day's occupations, then again, in the swift dusk of twilight stillness with wailing and demagogic laughter, or the silver bark of little foxes scurried over the mist-velled rice-fields, white under the moon, we gathered in comfortable deck chairs in a great, dim aisle of the mango grove, while the tents shone orange in the lamp-light, to tell sad stories of the deaths of kinds, or listen to the Police Chota Sahib, who had a pretty, sentimental turn, singing "The Long Indian Day."—Charles Johnston, in the Atlantic.

Some Shakespeare Statistics. A Shakespearean enthusiast with much leisure time on his hands and a regular mania for statistics has discovered that the plays of Shakespeare contain 106,007 lines and 814,780 words.

The longest part is that of Hamlet, who has 11,610 words to deliver. The part with the longest word in it is that of Costard in "Love's Labor's Lost," who tells Moth that he is "not so long by the head as honorificabilitudinitatibus."

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