

NO PLACE FOR AGED MAN

Uncle Ranny Ramsey, Who is Palsied, Must Be Kept Away From All Auctions.

WATER PORTERS OF QUITO

They Carry Big Earthen Jars on Their Backs and Bowing, Create a Cataract.

Resourceful

In the club they were comparing the resourcefulness of their wives in difficult social situations.

Bonaparte as Schoolboy

The following is a copy of the certificate given to the great Napoleon on leaving school.

Astrology

It would be futile to attempt to determine the time and place of the origin of astrology.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE

Odd Superstitions That Are Prevalent Among the Inhabitants of European Countries.

In Spain the wedding is spoiled if one of the guests appears entirely in black or if the bride looks into a mirror after orange blossoms and veil are fastened in her hair.

ANCIENT STONE SUN DIAL

It Was Built into a Church Buttress, Probably in the Thirteenth Century.

Cave of Bones

An extraordinary "bone cave" may be seen in the island of Tenerife.

Satisfied

In a mill in the north of England an old Irishman and his mate were set on to replace a floor in a little shop which was used for a by-product of the business.

One That He Forgot

Two black-faced minstrels were giving an entertainment on the sands of a certain seaside holiday resort recently.

DID GREAT THINGS AS BOYS

Notable Instances of Those Who Have Accomplished Much in Their Youth.

It is well for us to remind ourselves not infrequently of the historical fact that some of the greatest achievements in the world have been made by youth.

Dryden's Wit

The duke of Dorset, John Dryden, Bolingbroke and Chesterfield were in the habit of spending their evenings together.

Acid-Proof Composition

Iron alloys containing a certain percentage of chromium are usually employed in the manufacture of articles and apparatus which should resist the action of acids.

One Way With Late Husbands

At Steinach, Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland, a young married woman whose husband was unable to tear himself away from his favorite cafe in the evenings and was always very late for dinner, took the dinner and "planted" it before her husband and friends while they were playing cards in the cafe.

Shakespeare

The critics have not proven that the plays known as Shakespeare's were not written by the Stratford man of that name.

Twins an Evil Omen

Igorote women have a strange superstition about twins. They say that Auito, an evil spirit, is always present in one of the babes when twins are born.

LITERATURE FOR ALL MOODS

That is What Librarians Are Expected to Select for Their Exacting Patrons.

Infinite are the requirements and profound the judgment of librarians. The other day a little girl who does the family marketing rushed into a branch library with the announcement that the sewing society was going to meet at her mother's house that afternoon and wouldn't the librarian please send around a book suitable for the elocutionists of the circle to read aloud while the others worked.

TWENTY WORDS IN THE LEAD

Cleveland Lawyer's New Stenographer Kept Well Ahead of Him When He Dictated.

Ivory Smuggling

Ivory smuggling is looked upon as a very serious crime in British East Africa, and this is only as it should be, for in order to secure the ivory, the traders have to kill great numbers of elephants.

Charms of Walking

"In Europe whole families go, off for tramps together; in England, every Saturday half-holiday sees loaded trains of walking parties starting out of London, making for Epping Forest or Burnham beeches, for the hills of Surrey or the river banks.

Where the Weight Fell

Among the ancestors of Wendell Phillips were several Puritan clergymen. Perhaps it was a push of heredity which made him, at five years of age, a preacher.

Proper Yellow Feeling

One of John Quincy Adams's clients, whose case was to be tried on a certain morning, found that he could not get his counsel to leave his fishing boat except long enough to write a note to the judge, which read: "Dear Judge: For the sake of old Isaac Walton, please continue my case until Friday. The smelt are biting, and I can't leave." And the judge, having read the note, announced to the court: "Mr. Adams is detained on important business."

LATEST WHIM OF JANITOR

Mrs. Audley Learns He is "Superintendent" and Sees People Only by Appointment.

Mrs. Audley, who had moved into a new apartment, was driven to the verge of distraction by the persistent failure of the janitor to perform certain services which were essential to the comfort of herself and her family.

No Need to Worry

A lovely woman who lives on Roxford road, East Cleveland, is the proud mother of two boys. Reginald is six years old, while Ronald is not yet two. Both children are active and inquisitive, so it has become necessary to employ a young girl to watch them.

Maps and Charts

Anaximander of Miletus is generally supposed to have been the originator of geographical and celestial charts, about 570 B. C. Modern sea charts were brought to England by Bartholomew Columbus to illustrate his brother's theory of a western continent.

Repertee

An Irish waiter named Kenny was noted for his wit and ready answers. A party of gentlemen staying at the hotel heard of it, and one of them made a bet that he would say something Kenny could not answer.

Pride of the Family

"A Book of Scotch Humor" illustrates anew of a native of Annandale the saying that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country. "I can them a'," said the rustic, speaking of the Carlyles. "Jock's a doctor about London. Tam's a harem-scarem kind o' chiel, an' wreats cock an' that. But Jamie—yon's his farm you see ower yonder—Jamie's the man o' that family, an' I'm proud to say I ken him. Jamie Carlyle, sir, feeds the best swine that come into Dumfries market."

Stitch in Time

A Los Angeles brain specialist says that all Americans will be baldheaded within 300 years because of their intense brain activity. Editor Ake of the Iron County Register, at Ironton, saw the item, and with more or less caution tells his subscribers: "I will begin at once to rub the top, too lively tenor of the gray matter which fills my cranium. Forwareding is foretended, you know."—St. Louis Republic.

ORIGIN OF BARREL UNKNOWN

This Receptacle for All Manner of Things Has Been Used Since Time Immemorial.

Nobody knows who invented the barrel. It has been used since time immemorial. Barrels are used for all manner of articles, solid and liquid. There are barrels for holding sugar, salt, apples, potatoes, and so on; for all sorts of oils, from the heaviest lubricants to the most volatile products of petroleum; for beers, wines, and all sorts of beverages. It is contended that the barrel is the strongest structure of its size that can be made from an equal amount of wood. Its contents are frequently the strongest that can be made from liquids.

MULE DEVoured THE PIANO

Animal Totally Wrecked a Musical Instrument Near Him on a Steamboat's Deck.

Honesty in London

Montenegro has a law ordaining that any found valuable shall be placed where the loser can find it. The fact suggests an anecdote told of Garibaldi's grandfather in Dickens' life of the famous clown. On one of his visits to Leadenhall market with nearly \$2,000 in gold and silver upon him, he found that his shoe had become unbuckled, and taking from his pocket the bag, he placed it upon a neighboring post, and then proceeded to adjust his buckle. Having afterward to pay for a purchase, he missed his bag of gold, and hurried back to the post where he had buckled his shoe. Although more than three-quarters of an hour had elapsed there it remained safe and untouched on the top of a post in the open street! That was in eighteenth century London.

Peculiar Source of Income

A curious story is told as to how the Rothschilds supported Carafa, the composer. The latter was far from rich. His principal income was derived from a snuff-box. And this was the way of it: The snuff-box was given to the author of "La Prison d'Edinburgh," about 90 years ago, by Baron James de Rothschild, as a token of esteem. Carafa sold it, 24 hours later, for 75 napoleons to the same jeweler from whom it had been bought. This became known to Rothschild, who gave it again to the musician on the following year. The next day it returned to the jeweler's. This traffic continued till the death of the banker, and longer, still, for his sons kept up the tradition, to the great satisfaction of Carafa.