LUCK IN HORSESHOES.

WHY THE OLD IRON IS NAILED ON THE RUSTIC DOOR.

There is hardly a township in the United States in which the old horseshoe may not be seen nailed up to the door, and the idea is even carried so far that horseshoes in miniature are worn as amulets or charms or nailed up at the desks in offices—all with the same idea, of bringing the occupier or owner good luck, says a writer in the San Francisco Call.

A few people out of the thousands of ten thousands who follow the custom have better information on the subject, for the horseshoe is not any more an emblem of good luck than any piece of old iron found by the wayside. The good luck tradition belongs to the latter part of the middle ages and has no direct connection with the horseshoe at all. Iron was the metal sacred to Mars, and the popular idea of the middle ages was that Mars is the perpetual enemy of Saturn, the liege-lord of witches. Hence to find a piece of iron and nail it up with devout faith was to be protected from Saturn, the evil deity of the astrologers of those days. This idea again is manifestly taken from the Roman conception of driving iron nails into the porches of their houses.

But the horseshoe tradition not only goes back to the days of the Romans, but obviously demands something more to account for the preference exhibited for it. If it is reflected for a moment how commonly the emblems of the early Christains are seen in all the monuments of the middle ages—notable the palm branch, the fish, the Chi-Rho and the circle, and the Alpha-Omega intertwined—then the obvious analogy of the horseshoe to the Greek capital letter Omega cannot fail to be perceived. "I am Alpha and Omega the first and the last." Viewed in this way the horseshoe becomes a potent sign. Without such association it is a piece of old iron, nothing more.

Aubrey, the old English writer, says in his "Miscellanies" that "it is a thing very common to nail horseshoes on the thresholds of doors, which is to hinder the power of witches to enter the house. It should be a horseshoe that one finds."

The old French writer Misson, in his records of a trip to England, speaks of the frequent occurence of the horseshoe on the door, and that on asking what it meant "he was told different things, but generally that they would prevent sorcerers and witches from entering."

In the poet Gay's fable of the "Old Woman and Her Cat," the supposed witch complains as follow:

> Crowds of boys
> Worry me with eternal noise—
> Straws laid across my pace retard.
> The horseshoes nailed each threshold guard.

Horseshoes on doors are obviously connected in New England with Salem witchcraft, of which they are a relic. In London, at the epoch of the revolt of the colonies, there was scarcely an inn that had not a horseshoe nailed on its door. The practical rebuilding of the great city within the last 30 years has made the old horseshoe a rare spectacle on the porch; but in the older states of the American Union that derived inspiration from the mother country, notably in Delaware Maryland and the Virginias, the custom is still observed.

At the residence of the Baroness Burdettcoutts, Holly Lodge, Highgate, New London, is an old horseshoe driven into the porch by the Duchess of St Albans, a descendant of an illegitimate son of Charles II.

In 1687 the houses of a disreputable character in the city of Amsterdam were marked by a horseshoe on the door, for good luck presumably.

Within the last 30 or 40 years many attempts have been made to improve on the primitive horseshoe, which up to that time looked as if it might have gone without improvement since old Tubal Cain, the "man of might," fashioned the first plow-share "in the days when the world was young."

PETE'S TACTICS.

A correspondent of a Western paper gives the following description of his intelligent mule, Pete The animal was a large, iron-gray pack-mule, bought to transport luggage across the Sierra Nevada. On the second day in the mountains the correspondent tethered Pete to a tree, allowing him about twenty feet range where there was good feed, and then took a seat on a fallen tree not far removed, to eat his own lunch.

"I had finished eating, and was half dozing where I sat when suddenly the mule reared and snorted loudly. I sprang to my feet and looked about.

"Not ten feet off stood a huge grizzly bear, evidently with designs on my person. I rushed for the nearest tree and made good time in climbing it. I was safe for the nonce, but alas, poor Pete! How could the tethered mule defend himself?

"To my surprise, he dropped his head after a moment and resumed feeding, as if oblivious of the grizzly's proximity. As for the bear, he stood still for several minutes, his eyes wandering from where I sat aloft in the tree to Pete. The mule's quiet behaviour evidently puzzled him.

"By and by the grizzly started and made a circuit of the tree to which the mule was tethered. Pete went on nibbling grass, but kept an eye on his enemy's movements. The bear emitted a series of deep growls, then opened his great mouth and disclosed two rows of ugly teeth.

"Slowly the huge creature advanced upon the mule. Pete kept on grazing, his back towards the bear. Nearer came the grizzly and still nearer. The mule stopped feeding. From my perch I watched the scene breathless, expecting to see Pete's horrible death.

"Finally the bear stopped, rose on his hind quarters, and prepared to strike. At that moment the mule, at whose quiet stupidity I had wondered sprang forward, and the grizzly's paws struck empty air.

"Then I saw a gray form double itself into a ball and bound upward. It was the mule's turn. Out of that ball flew two iron shod legs, which shot back and forth with the regularity of piston-rods, with a thump, thump, thud against the body of the grizzly, who was completely off his guard. He was hit all over by those pile driving hind feet. He fell in one direction, then in another, seeming utterly incapable of getting away; and when Pete stopped kicking the breath of life was gone from the bear's body.

"The mule had not a hair harmed, apparently, and after resting a bit returned quietly to his feeding."—[Lippincott's.

THE SAFEST CAR.

[Washington Star.]

"I'm very particular" said a commercial traveller at a downtown hotel, "what car of the train I select. I travel thousands of miles a year and have made it a rule to observe in the accounts of rail road accidents which cars of the train are the most often demolished. The result of my experience—for I have been in a dozen smash ups and observation is that the middle cars are the safest.

"I never under any circumstances ride in the rear car. I avoid the car next to the baggage car, though this is selected by many as the safest. The greatest danger at present in railroad travelling is telescoping. When a man has been in a wreck and afterwards seen the engine of the colliding train half way inside of the rear car, or rather, what's left of it, it impresses him most forcibly.

The baggage car is usually heavily loaded, and in the collision its weight, together with the ponderous engine, generally smashes the next car to splinters, while the central cars are comparatively uninjured.

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AN AFFECTIONATE WIFE.

Young Wife—My dear, there is a gentleman waiting to speak to you in the ante-room.

He—Do you know him

She—You must forgive me, darling, but of late you have been troubled with a cough; besides you take so little care of yourself, and—oh! if you knew how anxious I am about you. Supposing I were to lose you, love (She bursts into sobbing and throws herself on his breast.)

He—Come, my dear, silly child, do be calm People don't die of a slight cold. Still, if it will pacify you, show the medical gentleman in. Who is it? Dr Paleech?

She—It isn't a doctor, dear. It is—it is—it is a life-insurance agent.—Unterhaltungsblatt.

A SAFE BET.

[New York Times.]

A wicked husband told at a dinner one evening, when the question of woman's (with a capital letter) inquiring mind was being discussed, that he had offered his wife $5,000 one night if she would not say "Why?" the next day. "And," he finished, "she lost the money before she woke up."

Evidently that man shares the belief of that other one who said that "a woman never makes any point except an interrogation point."

Important Discovery.

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—Among the surprising strides made by medical science in the last decade perhaps none is of more importance to humanity than the discovery of a cure for Bright's Disease of the Kidneys. That this remedy completely masters this terrible disease as well as all the other diseases which the kidneys are subject to is now an established fact. Every day brings news of the most surprising cures resulting from its use. The case of Mrs. Brown, of Toronto, who, when about to enter the Home for Incurables, given up by the hospital authorities as well as by fifteen prominent medical men, also that of Sam Murray, of Gravenhurst, who was given up by four doctors and who was paid his life disability claims by the Grand Trunk Ry., has attracted widespread attention. Both were completely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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