

THE SMILE OF A CHILD.

The smile of a child to a weary heart, Like dew on the thirsty earth, Is a springing well whence teardrops start In flow of joy from living worth.

BLOWN OUT TO SEA.

Helpless Birds That Are Driven to Death by Fierce Gales.

Birds driven before the wind are tossed about relentlessly, and they rarely recover their balance after once being caught by the gale. Shore birds are either dashed upon the waves and made to swim for their lives or they are hurled violently against trees or other objects and killed.

During our fall and early winter gales partridges and quail are quite frequently blown out to sea by a strong hurricane, where some of them have been picked up by fishermen. In nearly all such instances they are caught by the gale when high in the air, and before they can recover themselves they are hurried out beyond the shore and dropped into the water.

When once blown out to sea, the shore birds have little chance of escape. Unable to battle against the heavy wind, they yield themselves to their fate and drift about until the storm subsides. By that time they are likely to be so far from shore that they cannot reach it again, and they either fly or swim until they starve to death or die of exhaustion.

Machinery and Modern Farming.

The smallest implement upon a big wheat farm is a plow. And from the plow to the elevator—from the first operation in wheat farming to the last—one is forced to realize how the spirit of the age has made itself felt here and has reduced the amount of human labor to the minimum.

The thrashers are merely assistants to a machine, and the men who heave the wheat into the bins only press buttons. The most desirable farmhand is not the fellow who can pound the "mauling machine" most lustily at the county fair.

Smoking Statistics.

Holland holds the first place in the world as a nation of smokers. Every Dutchman consumes on an average 100 ounces a year. The Belgian comes a good second with an annual consumption of 80 ounces, followed closely by Turkey with 70 ounces and the United States with 60 ounces.

How to Toughen Paper.

A plan for rendering paper as tough as wood or leather, it is said, has been recently introduced on the continent. It consists in mixing chloride of zinc with the pulp in the course of manufacture. It has been found that the greater the degree of concentration of the zinc solution the greater will be the toughness of the paper.

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RULES FOR CANDY MAKING.

Mrs. Rorer Tells How Confections May Be Made at Home.

Mrs. S. T. Rorer tells how to make candies at home in The Ladies' Home Journal and gives the following rules, which insure the success of the work: "Never stir the sugar and water after the sugar has dissolved. Wipe down constantly the granules forming on the side of the saucepan. Do not shake or move the saucepan while the sirup is boiling. As soon as the sugar begins to boil watch it carefully, having in your hand a bowl of ice water, so that you may try the sirup almost constantly. Have everything in readiness before beginning. If the sugar grains, use it for old fashioned cream candy or sugar taffy. It cannot be used for fondant. Use only the best granulated sugar for boiling and confectioners' XXX for kneading. If your fondant grains without apparent cause, you may have boiled it a little too long. A few drops of lemon juice or a little cream of tartar will prevent this. Fondant is the soft mixture which forms both the inside of the French candies and the material in which they are dipped, and it is to obtain this that the sugar is boiled.

"After the sugar has reached the 'soft ball,' a semihard condition, it must be poured carefully into a large meat plate or on a marble slab. Do not scrape the saucepan or you will granulate the sirup. Make your fondant one day and make it up into candy the next. Never melt fondant by placing the saucepan immediately on the stove. Prevent the danger of scorching by standing the pan containing it in a basin of water. If the melted fondant is too thick, add water most cautiously, a drop at a time. A half teaspoonful more than is necessary will ruin the whole. To cool candy place it in a cool, dry place. To keep candy put it between layers of waxed paper in tin boxes. If the day is bright and clear, the sugar loses its stickiness quickly; therefore select a fine day for your candy making."

NAMES WE MISSED.

Some of the Titles Intended For Our Geographical Divisions.

It was intended that Maryland should be called Crescentia, but Charles I changed it to Terra Mariae, in honor of his wife, and we made it Mary's Land; hence Maryland (home pronunciation, Merryland). William Penn wanted to call his state New Wales, but afterward decided upon Sylvania, to which the king prefixed the word Penn. In 1784 an ordinance was drawn up as follows: "The territory northward of the forty-fifth degree—that is to say, of the completion of the forty-fifth degree from the equator and extending to the Lake of the Woods—shall be called Sylvania." See what we missed! The territory under the forty-fifth and forty-fourth degrees which lies westward of Lake Michigan was to be called Michigan, while that to the eastward, within the peninsula formed by the lakes and waters of Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and Erie, was to be called Chersonesus. Heaven forbid.

Of the territory lying under the forty-third and forty-second degrees, that to the westward, called Assenisipia; that to the eastward, in which are the sources of the Muskingum, the two Miamis of the Ohio, the Wabash, the Illinois, the Miamis of the lake, and the Sandusky rivers, was to be called Metropotamia. The country through which the Illinois river runs was to be called Illinois; the next joining to the eastward, Saratoga, and that between the last and Pennsylvania, extending from the Ohio to Lake Erie, Washington. All that region adjacent to which are the confluences of the Wabash, Shawnee, Tanisee, Ohio, Illinois, Mississippi and Missouri rivers, was to be called Polytania, and that farther up the Ohio, Pelisipia. Verily, a watchful Providence seems to have guarded us from these afflictions.—New York Press.

He Knew.

"Before permitting you to pass to the front," said the officer in charge of the telegraphy to the war correspondent, "I desire to know whether you are qualified to report our actions in the field." The war correspondent bowed and awaited the pleasure of the great man. "In the first place," continued the soldier, "I should like a definition of the phrase, 'fiendish atrocity.'"

The correspondent smiled as if he considered the question altogether too easy.

"Fiendish atrocities," he said, "are murders committed by the other side." "Correct," returned the officer. "Now, what is 'just vengeance?'" "Just vengeance," answered the correspondent, "is the term used to designate murders committed by our side." "Correct again," returned the officer. "I will give you an order that will take you through all the lines."—Strand Magazine.

Animal Worship.

Swine were adored in Crete, weasels at Thebes and mice in Troas, porcupines in Persia, the lapwing in New Mexico, bulls in Benares, serpents in Greece and many of the African countries. The Hindus never molest snakes. They call them fathers, brothers, friends and other endearing names. On the coast of Guinea a hog happening to kill a snake, the king gave orders that all the swine should be destroyed.

An Easy Test.

Timmins—I have never been able to make up my mind whether I am a genius or not.

Simmons—It is easily tested. Just act like a hog when you are in society, and if you are a genius people will admire you for it.—Indianapolis Journal.

Most of the men in the islands of southwest Japan lead lives of idleness and are cheerfully supported by the women. The males are fond of music, some of them being excellent musicians on various instruments, but it is considered disgraceful for a woman to play.

—How some of those Liberals love one another is set forth by the Montreal correspondent of the Mail and Empire, who says:

"Messrs. Beausoleil and Prefontaine, two old members of the commons, prominent as Liberal leaders, are candidates once more for aldermanic honors. They are striving to secure the removal of the names of Mr. Tarte's sons from the municipal voters' lists on the ground that these favored gentlemen have not paid their taxes. One would think that the complaint against the young men cannot hold good, unless, indeed, Mr. Green-shields is losing interest in the welfare of the Tarte family. But, be this as it may, the war is a hot one. The old Liberals are contending violently against the 'master' and the 'master' himself having beaten them in the federal field, is endeavoring to drive them out of municipal life also, and to replace them with his own nominees."

Mr. J. S. Larke, Canadian Commercial agent in Australia, has been visiting New Zealand and points out that since the establishment of direct communication between New Zealand and Canada trade has increased wonderfully. The fact that it has been impossible to secure space in some of the vessels from Canada to New Zealand has tended to embarrass merchants. Canadians find it very expensive to use the San Francisco route and the outcome has been a lamentable delay in filling orders. There seems a likelihood that the trade in flour which has been developed as a result of a shortage in the Australian colonies will fall off very soon now the crop for last season being quite adequate to the demands for home consumption.

A Great Smoke.

A gentleman well known in turf circles made a curious wager in the year 1860, in which he backed himself to smoke one pound weight of strong foreign regalias within 12 hours. The conditions were that the cigars should be smoked one at a time to within an inch of the end, the baker of time, as in the case of some pigeon matches, finding the weeds.

The match was decided on a Thames steamer plying between London and Chelsea, the smoker taking up a position well forward in the bows, where he caught the force of all the breeze that was blowing. The cigars ran 100 to the pound, so that about eight an hour had to be consumed to win the wager. A start was made at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the affair was finished shortly after 7 in the evening.

In the course of 9 hours and 20 minutes 86 cigars were fairly smoked, the greatest number consumed being in the second hour, when the smoker disposed of no fewer than 16. At the eighty-sixth cigar, when 14 only remained to be smoked, the baker of time gave in, finding that the smoker was certain to win, and the latter puffed the remainder away at his leisure in the course of the same evening.—Strand Magazine.

One Honest Husband.

A society man, middle aged and handsome, who was married not so long ago, was asked by his wife why he had allowed himself to become 38 years old before he centered his affections upon any woman long enough to marry her.

"Well," he answered reluctantly, "it was this way: No man was ever so susceptible as I am. My whole family was kept on the alert to prevent my marriage before I was 18. I simply fell heels over head in love with every girl I met.

"My father grew tired of circumventing my matrimonial tendencies and put me out on the road. My territory covered the whole western continent. Two consecutive days were never permitted to pass without my receiving a telegram to move on.

"I never suspected but that I was doing an enormous business, and insisted at intervals on having my salary raised. I would no sooner get on friendly terms with a lady than along would come that notice to keep going. At last I tired of the endless chase, insisted on becoming stationary for a time and came here to run a branch establishment. You know, dear, that we were engaged in two weeks."

"And was it more than a dozen girls that you were in love with before you met me?"

"Hundreds of them."
"What a good thing I didn't know!"—St. Louis Republic.

Echoes of "After the Ball."

There is one man in the United States who has a device stamped on his letter paper for which he is not beholden to any musty ancestor, a device which will doubtless be emblazoned on his coat of arms if we ever set up a college of heraldry. His name is Harris and he lives in Milwaukee. You will know what Harris I mean when I say that he has stamped on the left hand corner of his letter paper a ball, in bright red, with a frantic little goblin, also red, running after it as hard as he can. "After the Ball" is the motto, and the man who writes on the paper is the Charles Harris who wrote the song of that name, a song which has made him sell such a fortune that nowadays he doesn't sell his songs to publishers, but has a music publishing house all his own, from which he issues only his own compositions. The device is decidedly decorative and will look well on a coat of arms.—Washington Post.



Death's Saddle-Horse.

When a man has overworked himself, and neglected his health, until he finally realizes that he is a sick man, he too frequently goes to some obscure physician who has had very little experience or practice; the result is a wrong diagnosis and the wrong treatment. A man in this condition, if he continues to work and takes the wrong medicine, is really making himself a saddle-horse for death.

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