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## STEERING A STEAMSHIP.

"Gunning the Time and Distance" in Foggy Weather.

Gustav Kobbe has an article entitled "Steering Without a Compass" in St. Nicholas. Mr. Kobbe says:

The degree of A. B. is not confined to college graduates. Aboard ship it means "able bodied" seaman.

Every nautical "A. B." knows how to "box the compass" and how to steer by it, but you will be surprised to learn that no good helmsman will steer by a compass unless all other things fail him. Among those "other things" are the horizon, the wind, the wake of the ship, the stars, the soundings and the line of the surf when running along the coast. And so the able-bodied seaman, when a greenhorn takes his trick at the wheel, hands over the helm to him with this caution, "Keep your head out of the binnacle."

I am speaking of sailing vessels. Steamers, especially those that travel on regular routes, steer by compass. They "run their courses" from point to point—from lighthouse to lighthouse, light-ship, day mark, buoy, bell or fog whistle. In thick weather they know, taking wind and tide into consideration, how long they should stand on each course and try never to pass the "signal" at the end of it. When they have been or heard that signal, they start on the next "run" or course. This is called "gunning the time and distance." I have gone into Halifax on a steamer that met with thick fog from Cape Cod down. One morning the captain said to me:

"We ought to pick up Sambro in half an hour."

Surely enough, about half an hour later we heard, through the fog, a cannon shot, the distinguishing fog signal of the Sambro light station on the Nova Scotia coast.

Real sailors—the Jack tars that man sailing vessels—actually prefer, as I have said, to steer by signs rather than by compass, and there are times when the steamer pilots have to.

## THE OPEN BOAT.

At the Mercy of the Sea—Stephen Crane Describes His Sensations.

In the meantime the oiler rowed, and then the correspondent rowed, and then the oiler rowed. Gray faced and bowed forward, they mechanically, turn by turn, plied the leaden oars. The form of the lighthouse had vanished from the southern horizon, but finally a pale star appeared, just lifting from the sea. The streaked saffron in the west passed before the all merging darkness, and the sea to the east was black. The land had vanished and was expressed only by the low and drear thunder of the surf.

"If I am going to be drowned—if I am going to be drowned, why, in the name of the seven mad gods who rule the sea, was I allowed to come thus far and contemplate sand and trees? Was I brought here merely to have my nose dragged away as I was about to nibble the sacred cheese of life?"

The patient captain, drooped over the water jar, was sometimes obliged to speak to the oarsman.

"Keep her head up! Keep her head up!"

"Keep her head up," sir," The voices were weary and low.

This was surely a quiet evening. All save the oarsman lay heavily and listlessly in the boat's bottom. As for him, his eyes were just capable of noting the tall black waves that swept forward in a most sinister silence, save for an occasional subdued growl of a crest.

The cook's head was on a thwart, and he looked without interest at the water under his nose. He was deep in other scenes. Finally he spoke, "Billie," he murmured dreamfully, "what kind of pie do you like best?"—"The Open Boat," by Stephen Crane, in Scribner's.

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## England and Russia.

Many believe, says Benjamin I. Wheeler in The Atlantic, that Constantinople has been systematically fortified against the English to the west, but not, at least by land, against Russia to the east. A Russian army can enter Constantinople without great difficulty. When the question of forcing the Dardanelles with an English fleet was agitated last winter, the English naval authorities estimated that of the 19 ships lying at Salonika 8 must be sacrificed to do it. The cards have been stacked for Russia. It looks today as if the ultimate occupation of Constantinople by Russia were a foregone conclusion.

What has England to say? The matter concerns her. It seemed for a time that the discovery of the route by the cape of Good Hope would provide an evasion of the eastern question and free her from the necessity of worrying about the Aegean. But the opening of the Suez canal has changed things, and, as if by jealous interposition of geographical fate, drawn the issue back to the old fighting ground in the eastern Mediterranean. If she is to hold India and Australia, England must control the Suez canal and its approaches.

## An Expensive Product.

It is said that the most costly product in the world is charcoal thread. It is at present made in Paris, but by an artisan who carefully conceals himself from the public the better to guard the secret of his craft. Charcoal thread is sold at wholesale by the gramme (15 1/2 grains) and is used for incandescent lamps. That for the 30 candle lamp costs \$12,000 per pound and that for 20 candles \$8,000 per pound.—New York Ledger.

## With the Lights Turned Down.

"Do you notice any increase in your gas bills since your daughters are old enough to receive company, professor?" "You have recalled something, sir, that is inexplicable to me. We regard mathematics as a fixed science, and yet it is a fact that I pay less for gas than when the entire household used to retire together. It's astounding."—Detroit Free Press.

## A Colored Parson on "Joshua."

"Yes, my brederin," said the colored exhorter, "Joshua wuz a colonel in de army, en he wuz a-fightin one er de bigges' battles ob his life when he see de sun haulin up de kivver en gwine ter bed. So he holler out: "Stan still dar, I tell you, tell I done whup dis hear battle. "But de sun wuz gittin powerful sleepy, en so he up en say: "Looky heah, Br'er Joshua, I'll make you sweat fer dis. You know I done my day's work, en I am tired out. I done git home, en I gwine ter my rest."

"Stan still, I tell you." Dat what Joshua say. "I done bet \$10 I gwine ter whup de fight, en ef night overtake me I'm a gone chicken, kase kerosene's \$1 a quart en hit's ten miles ter de nex' grocery."

"De sun he sorry fer Joshua, en so he stan still tell Joshua kill out all he enemies en pocket de gate receipts."—Atlanta Constitution.

## As Usual.

"Does your daughter help you at all around the house?" "Oh, dear, no! She isn't strong enough." "Where is she now?" "She's out on her bicycle trying to lower her century record."—Chicago Post.

## Nothing but the Truth.

A Florida negro stole a watch, and, being hotly pursued, jumped into a river. A hungry alligator swallowed the negro, but the crowd lynched the alligator and secured the watch, which hadn't lost a minute in the excitement.—Atlanta Constitution.

## Prevention Versus Cure.

He (during the storm)—"Don't be afraid. Lightning never strikes twice in the same place." She—Perhaps not, but I don't want to be around when it strikes the first time.—New York Journal.

## For Sale.

"Oh, papa, buy me that!" No wonder the senator at whom she pointed blushed furiously.—Truth.

## A Change of Color.



Daddy—Didn't I tole yo' not to go in swimmin with a white boy? Son—He wasn't white, daddy, when he fust cum in.—New York Sunday Journal.

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## CORONATION SERVICES.

Tenure of Land on Condition of Personal Duty to the Sovereign.

Florence Hayward describes Queen Victoria's coronation roll in The Century. The writer says:

After telling how the privy council was formed into a commission "to hear the petitions of the lords, great men, nobles, knights and other with regard to services, duties, attendances, offices, fees and rights connected with the ceremony of coronation," the roll states what these petitions were, or at least such of them as were granted.

One was that the Duke of Norfolk, who claimed "the right to find for the queen on her day of coronation a glove for her majesty's right hand and to support the queen's right arm on the same day as long as her majesty shall hold in her hand the royal scepter, the petitioner holding the manor of Worksp by the aforesaid services." In other words, if the Duke of Norfolk had failed to provide the glove or to support her majesty's arm at that particular time his ownership of Worksp manor would have been invalidated and the property have reverted to the crown.

Another petition was that of Barbara, Baroness Grey de Ruthyn, who, as the head of her family, claimed the right to carry the great spurs before her majesty on the day of her coronation and asked that George, Lord Byron, be appointed her deputy for the performance of that duty.

Yet another was that of Francis, twelfth earl of Huntingdon. The earldom of Huntingdon had remained suspended for many years owing to the tenth earl dying without issue. When, however, this twelfth in the line of succession succeeded in establishing, as a descendant of the second earl, his right to the peerage, he also claimed the right to carry one of the four swords of state in the coronation procession, this, as well as other duties and services connected with the ceremony, being the condition of his tenure of lands. Small wonder, then, that in announcing the omission of the procession it was important to set forth also that the non-performance of duties connected with it should entail no forfeitures.

## THE USEFUL GIRAFFE.

Employed to Get Down Bells That Had Lodged in the Roof Gutter.

"Good natured?" said the old circus man. "Why, the best in the world. When the old man's boy used to get a baseball lodged in a gutter at the eaves of the house—this was when we were off the road in winter quarters—he never used to get out at the scuttle and climb down the roof and take the risk of falling off and breaking his neck to get it. He used to go to the barn and get out the giraffe. The old 18 footer would trot along after the boy—he knew what was wanted—till they came to the house and then walk along the side looking down into the gutter as he went along until he came to the ball, and then he would pick it up and bend his head down and give it to the boy."

"One day when the youngster had thrown a ball up on the roof and had seen it roll down into the gutter he went as usual after the giraffe. When the giraffe looked along the gutter that day, there was no ball there. He took his nose out of the gutter and looked down at the boy in the yard with a large interrogation mark in each eye as much as to say: "Sure it didn't roll off somewhere?" "And the boy said 'Sure,' and then the giraffe looked again, but it wasn't there, and the giraffe so reported, with a solemn shake of the head, and was driven back to the barn."

"They wondered about this, for it was the first time the giraffe had ever failed to get the ball, and they knew it must be there, but it was soon explained. A day or two later there came a big rainstorm. Instead of running a big noisy stream as usual the tin water pipe from the roof ran just a little bit of a stream, and the water that should have run off in that way overflowed the gutters and dripped in a thin sheet against the side of the house. Then they knew why the giraffe couldn't find the ball. It had rolled down the water pipe."—New York Sun.

## Not to Be Bunkoed.

The president of one of the leading eastern colleges was recently journeying toward New York and found himself in the same seat with an old man whose general appearance betokened the farmer. They soon fell into conversation, and after saying that he was on his first visit to the metropolis the farmer mentioned the name of the little village up among the hills of New Hampshire from which he came and remarked that he supposed his friend had never heard of it. "Oh, yes," said the man. "I was born there." Imagine his astonishment when the country man, after staring at him several seconds, exclaimed, "See here, I've heard all about you bunko fellers, and you can't get a chance to bunko me." So saying, he grabbed his carpetbag and, marching down the aisle, took a seat on the other side of the car.—New York Times.

## NOTICE.

Anybody caught fishing trout in Sherry's Creek after this date, July 30th, will be prosecuted according to law, as the place has been reserved.

P. SHERRY.

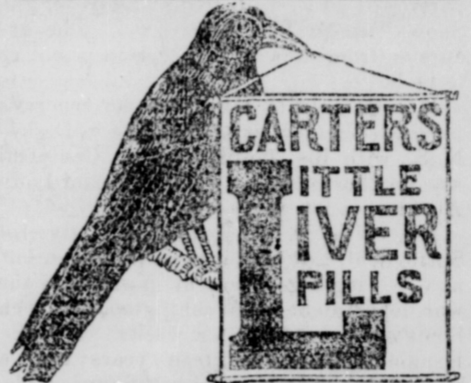
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