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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 114 Cars, 2980 Cattle; 90 Cars, 5822 Hogs; 9 Cars, 2333 Sheep.

MORE LIFE IN STEER TRADE

A Few Good Cattle 10c Higher, General Market Steady to Strong.

THE RUN WAS QUITE HEAVY

Butcher Cows and Heifers Cleared Readily At Steady to Firm Rates—Bulls and Veals Unchanged—Weak Feeding in Stocker and Feeder Market—Hog Prices Steady to 5c Lower—Sheep and Lambs Steady.

Receipts from January 1, 1911. The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1911, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1910:

	1911	1910	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle.....	16,469	17,019	960	550
Hogs.....	41,181	43,637	2,958	2,456
Sheep.....	18,107	8,652	6,565	1,542
Horses.....	1,321	778	543	183

Live Stock in Sight. The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal markets:

Market	1911	1910
Chicago.....	17,660	23,000
Kansas City.....	6,000	14,000
South Omaha.....	4,500	8,500
St. Joseph.....	8,500	2,800
East St. Louis.....	4,400	4,500

Receipts by Cars. The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today at the stock yards:

Commodity	1911	1910
Cattle.....	53	104
Hogs.....	104	7
Sheep.....	18	2
Horses.....	18	18

ing the size of the general run, and with a broad demand from all quarters the market opened with more spirit than was shown in yesterday's dealings. Having pondered prices pretty vigorously Wednesday, under the general receipts, buyers evinced more interest in the offerings this morning and fair activity was apparent in the scaleward movement during the opening rounds with prices ruling generally steady to strong.

Trading showed moderate activity to the close and steady to strong basis prices established early was maintained up to the finish. Sellers, as a rule, were not inclined to quote the market much better than active and steady and most quotations of a stronger character came from the buying side.

The supply carried a moderate quota of attractive fat cows and heifers but fairly described the general quality of the offerings. Some nice heifers sold up to \$5.50 and higher, but the bulk were of the kind quotable from \$4.75 to around \$5.25. A few fat cows landed above the \$5.00 mark, but \$4.25 to 4.75 took a good share of the demand, killers, cullers and carners ranging on down to \$3.25.

Bulls and stags were in good request at steady prices today and traders were unable to detect any change in the market for veal calves.

Heifers.

1.....	980.50	1.....	500.50	09
12hrs.....	927.50	11.....	878.50	09
1.....	1320.50	3.....	643.40	85
14.....	842.50	4.....	767.40	80
5.....	892.50	5.....	775.40	80
4hrs.....	810.50	6.....	723.40	99
9hrs.....	894.50	12.....	726.40	85
1.....	770.50	4.....	765.40	75
4hrs.....	635.50	4.....	622.40	75
1.....	540.50	3.....	870.40	75
1.....	1250.50	18.....	795.40	85
1.....	880.50	3.....	723.40	65
3.....	520.50	13.....	562.40	59
1.....	1320.50	2.....	790.40	39
1.....	1040.50	3.....	740.40	59
23.....	776.40	99	678.40	59
1.....	870.40	3.....	693.40	50
1.....	580.40	5.....	855.40	25
1.....	960.40	5.....	732.40	25
1.....	920.50	10.....	510.40	10

Cows.

1.....	1330.50	3.....	1006.40	40
1.....	1320.50	25.....	1172.40	40
1.....	1320.50	25.....	1195.40	30
3.....	1320.50	4.....	1097.40	25
1.....	1130.50	6.....	1095.40	25
2.....	1130.50	09	1290.40	09
1.....	1330.50	5.....	1120.40	09
5.....	1138.40	8.....	1085.40	15
2.....	1355.40	75	892.40	15
1.....	1230.40	75	1053.40	15
1.....	1320.40	75	1070.40	15
1.....	1320.40	75	953.40	15
3.....	1293.40	75	1020.40	09
3.....	1188.40	75	1030.40	09
1.....	1120.40	75	1125.40	30
2.....	1365.40	75	1135.40	35
2.....	1200.40	75	1092.40	35
6hrs.....	920.40	75	1109.40	35
1.....	1210.40	75	1043.40	35
4.....	1160.40	75	953.40	35
4.....	915.40	55	1093.40	35
4.....	1115.40	40	1005.40	35
5.....	1048.40	50	992.40	35
8.....	1250.40	50	1071.40	35
2.....	1060.40	50	970.40	35
1.....	1050.40	50	935.40	35
5.....	1072.40	40	1020.40	30
15.....	1141.40	40	973.40	30
4.....	1160.40	40	990.40	30
7.....	1157.40	40	882.40	30
13.....	1109.40	40	998.40	30
3.....	1050.40	25	1135.40	50
3.....	1066.40	25	910.40	45
3.....	1126.40	25	968.40	30
5.....	1184.40	25	995.40	30
10.....	1090.40	20	900.40	35
9.....	1042.40	15	890.40	30
10.....	1101.40	15	887.40	30
10.....	1177.40	15	939.40	35
2.....	1010.40	15	760.40	25
2.....	1300.40	40	1000.40	30

Bulls and Stags.

18.....	1080.50	75	11620.40	75
18.....	1060.50	50	11060.40	40
18.....	1210.50	25	11500.40	50
1.....	1330.50	25	11740.40	50
1.....	1320.50	25	1197.40	85
1.....	1340.50	09	11450.40	50
1.....	1820.50	00	11100.40	40
1.....	1870.50	00	980.40	35
1.....	1450.40	90	11410.40	25
3.....	1320.40	80	11370.40	30
1.....	1320.40	80	996.40	25
2.....	1260.40	75	11180.40	25
2.....	1234.40	75	1135.40	25
1.....	1620.40	75	11230.40	25
1.....	1440.40	75	11160.40	25
1.....	1550.40	75	11110.40	25
1.....	1510.40	75	11130.40	15
3.....	1503.40	60	11032.40	15

Veal Calves.

4.....	165.80	50	195.60	50
1.....	120.80	50	255.60	50
1.....	175.80	50	255.60	50
1.....	130.80	50	260.50	50
1.....	140.80	50	240.50	50
3.....	113.80	50	240.50	25
2.....	135.80	50	240.50	15
2.....	128.80	50	362.50	15
4.....	155.80	50	330.50	70
2.....	135.80	50	342.40	70
2.....	155.80	50	338.40	70
1.....	250.80	25	400.40	75
1.....	160.80	00	325.25	25
1.....	100.80	00	339.50	00
2.....	90.75	50	440.40	75
1.....	220.75	00	190.40	50
1.....	100.75	00	491.40	50
5.....	500.75	00	280.40	50
1.....	210.60	50	370.40	00
1.....	240.60	50	281.40	00
8.....	493.50	75	389.40	00

largely responsible in enabling sellers to realize steady prices for these kinds. Light weight cattle did not fare so well, some sellers detecting 10 cent declines and final close with these kinds was on a ten cent lower basis as compared with yesterday.

Stockers and Feeders.

33.....	1257.50	65	2.....	810.50	15
26.....	901.50	45	16.....	975.50	25
17.....	915.50	45	14.....	910.50	15
25.....	911.50	40	9.....	742.50	00
9.....	932.50	40	9.....	959.50	00
7.....	1087.50	25	4.....	732.50	00
2.....	935.50	25	1.....	831.50	00
2.....	940.50	25	8.....	903.50	00

Yearlings and Calves.

25.....	685.50	15	7.....	494.50	00
2.....	675.50	09	3.....	460.40	50
21.....	481.50	09	11.....	498.40	50
14.....	658.40	85	5.....	562.40	40
3.....	576.40	85	18.....	638.40	35
5.....	588.40	80	1.....	521.40	35

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers.

3.....	549.40	75	9.....	612.40	50
13.....	621.40	65	3.....	696.40	25
7.....	784.40	65	10.....	1021.40	09
9.....	554.40	55	4.....	822.40	00
3.....	795.40	55	2.....	920.30	70
8.....	736.40	55	2.....	965.30	95
2.....	580.40	50	3.....	903.30	65
3.....	576.40	50	4.....	1010.30	60
11.....	622.40	50	1.....	860.30	50
7.....	543.40	50	1.....	690.30	40
4.....	642.40	45	6.....	1002.30	65

Feeding Bulls and Stags.

1.....	730.40	00	1.....	890.30	60
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Packers' Cattle Purchases.

Morris & Co.....	890
Swift & Co.....	800
Hammond Packing Co.....	900
Total.....	2,590

Packers' Sheep Purchases.

Morris & Co.....	1,435
Hammond Packing Co.....	288
Total.....	2,923

mostly western fed stock and average quality was fair although few strings of desirable lambs were included in the run but were a little heavy to suit the requirements of the trade. Around eight doubles showed up and were practically all lambs, one car of yearlings being the extent of the sheep supply. Early estimates of the receipts called for 1000, but marketings were heavier than the trade anticipated, the late arrival of 6 cars of lambs not included in the first estimate, boosting the receipts to around 2500, making a total supply of 8800 for the week to date which is almost double the amount received for the same time a week ago and shows an increase of approximately 2600 as compared with the like period a year ago. At the five markets receipts also show a healthy increase, the aggregate marketings at the five points giving a total of 147,500 so far this week, compared with 103,600 last week and 191,100 for the corresponding time a year ago.

222 west lambs..... 77 6 10
219 west lambs..... 77 6 10
225 west lambs..... 77 6 10
269 west lambs..... 82 5 99
48 nat lambs..... 84 5 75
110 west lambs..... 91 5 65
169 west lambs..... 69 5 65
5 west lambs..... 68 5 00
9 nat lambs..... 68 5 00
217 west yrln..... 105 4 60
11 west weths..... 114 4 10
7 nat ewes..... 72 3 85

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 11.—The Live Stock World reports.

Cattle—Receipts, 17,000. Market 15c higher, cows and heifers 10c to 15c higher, feeders steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 35,000. Market 10c to 15c lower. Top \$7.95, bulk \$7.80 @ 7.90.

Sheep—Receipts, 23,000. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 11.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Journal reports.

Cattle—Receipts, 6000. Market mostly 10c higher, top \$6.50, cows and heifers steady to 10c up, stockers averaged steady, calves firm.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000. Market weak to 5c lower. Top \$7.90, bulk \$7.85 @ 7.90.

Sheep—Receipts, 7000. Market steady, lambs \$6.20.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 11.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Journal reports.

Cattle—Receipts, 4700. Market strong to 10c higher.

Hogs—Receipts, 7500. Market 5c to 10c lower. Top \$7.85, bulk \$7.70 @ 7.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 9500. Market 10c higher.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 11.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports.

Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market steady, top \$6.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000. Market 5c to 10c lower. Top \$8.10, bulk \$7.90 @ 8.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 4500. Market steady.

SUSPEND AGAIN

Considered Certain That Advance in Freight Rates Will Be Further Postponed.

COMMISSION UNABLE TO ACT

Impossible for Interstate Body to Reach Decision for at Least Another Month.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION SOON

Unless Railroads Act Voluntarily—Delay Is Credited to the Fact That Two New Members of the Commission Have Not Yet Had Time to Familiarize Themselves With the Records in the Case.

SUPPLIES ARE LIGHT.

ROSENDALE DISTRICT CARRYING LESS HOGS AND CATTLE THAN USUAL.

The cattle that stopped the market here today were fed and marketed by L. H. Huff, of Rosendale, Mo. There were 20 head in the lot that averaged 1307 pounds and they were bought by Morris & Company at \$5.50. Mr. Huff is a practical feeder and had got a good cut out of his cattle in the feed lot. In a talk of conditions in the vicinity of Rosendale he said there are less than the usual number of cattle and hogs on feed in his vicinity. "The country is not yet through with feeling the effect of the mania to sell off all breeding stock during the historical prices of early last year."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—While no official announcement yet has been issued, it practically has been assured that the proposed advances in freight rates in both official classifications of the trunk line territories now under investigation by the Interstate Commerce commission will be suspended to some date beyond Feb. 1.

The possibility of a further suspension has been realized for several weeks. The advent into the commission of two new members, Mr. McClure and Mr. Meyer, neither of whom is familiar with the records of the testimony in the case led to the conjecture.

It was hoped both by the commission and the railroads and shippers that further suspension would not be necessary, but a review of the situation today appeared to indicate the desirability, if not necessity, that it will not be possible for the commission to reach a decision and make an order covering its conclusions before Feb. 1.

With that situation confronting it, the commission today informally took up with the representatives of the railroads now in Washington as participants in the oral arguments of the cases, the proposition further to suspend the rates. They in turn have referred the matter to the executive offices of the various lines. It is expected that the roads again voluntarily will suspend the rates, in view of the suggestion of the commission. If they do not comply with the likelihood is that the commission will exercise its authority to suspend the rates for such time as will enable it finally to dispose of the cases.

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BOUGHT FEEDERS IN OMAHA.

But Mosman Always Comes to St. Joseph With Fat Stock.

Real Wall Street Spirit.

"Kermit Roosevelt," said a senator's son, "has written me an interesting letter about the fables told by the African bearers on their long marches. 'There was one fable about the spider. The spider, it seems, needed money, so he borrowed 1,000 cowries from the dog and 1,000 more from the hyena.

"When payday came round, the dog presented himself for his 1,000 cowries.

"Hall, brother," said the spider. 'Your money awaits you. But list! I hear a noise, it's the hyena. Quick, under the table with you.'

"The dog entered, sniffling.

"Uncle Joe's Slam.

Uncle Joe Cannon has turned loose many an epigram in his time. They are not usually of the variety coined by Pinero or Wilde, but they are usually all-to-the-merry just the same. But just the other day Mr. Cannon revealed his system of a conversational cryptogram.

Half a dozen newspaper men were in the speaker's room, where Mr. Cannon was prowling around, absolutely lacking his usual camp-meeting smile. He looked mad, and as though he didn't care who knew it. Finally somebody asked him a question.

Uncle Joe took his cigar out of his mouth, slammed it in the fireplace and growled:

"Our cat has a long tail!"

Then he strode into his private office and slammed—mercely slammed—the door.

What did he mean?

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri: Snow in north portion, rain in south portion, colder to night and in east portion Thursday. Kansas: Snow tonight and Thursday. Iowa: Snow tonight or Thursday. Nebraska: Snow tonight and Thursday.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.

Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers.

The following quotations are furnished daily by the St. Joseph Hay Dealers and shippers' association for

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Geo. Cato had in a car of cattle from Northboro, Ia.

Dr. David A. Reece, of Savannah, Mo., marketed a car of cattle here today.

W. H. Seane sent in a car of hogs from Bedford, Ia.

W. L. Taylor of Bolckow, Mo., contributed a car of hogs to the day's receipts.

Thos. Reece of Savannah, Mo., recently elected judge of the circuit court of Andrew county, had in a load of hogs for the market today.

C. E. Bauman of Fillmore, Neb., was here today with a load of hogs.

Frank Knapp of Seneca, Kan., was here today with a load of steers of his own feeding.

Henry Anderson, of Arkes, Mo., was here with one load of cattle.

Best meats, best rooms, Transit House.

Henry Scaffer of Bremen, Kan., one of the regulars to this market, contributed on load of cattle to the market today.

Fred Stadler of Craig, Mo., brought in one load of cattle for the market today.

Transit House caters to stockmen.

J. L. Dutton of Sprick, Kan., brought in a load of fed sheep for today's market.

Clarinda, Ia., was represented on today's market by C. O. Clark, who brought in one load of hogs.

There is a profit in feeding Ex-cello Feeds.

L. A. Graff of Gray, Mo., brought in two loads of live mutton for the market today.

Champion Feed cheapest and best.

O. T. Anderson, an extensive feeder and shipper of Haywood, Mo., was at the local market this morning disposing of a load of hogs.

Hilbert's Cafe, "The Stag," 297 S. 6th St., beats them all! Try it.

B. Turner of Mt. Airy, Ia., contributed a car of hogs and one of cattle to the receipts this morning.

Wise Feeders use Ex-cello Feeds.

W. W. White of Irons, Mo., a regular shipper to the local market, was here this morning with a load of stock.

Feed for sale, Ranch to Lease.

The A. M. Allen ranch, Comd, Neb., to be leased or feed now on the ranch to be sold. For particulars see adv. in this issue.

CATTLE RAISERS ORGANIZE.

Smugglers of Unsuspected Cattle Are to Be Prosecuted.

FORSYTH, MO., JAN. 11.—That the

farmers of Taney county will make determined efforts to prevent cattle infected with Texas fever and other contagious diseases being rushed across the state quarantine line into this county without proper inspection by the government's quarantine officers is evidenced by the organization of the Taney County Welfare Association, and the offer of a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of any person found engaged in driving herds of cattle across the state line in violation of the state quarantine laws.

While the purpose of the organization is to prevent Taney county being placed under federal cattle quarantine, other subjects pertaining to the welfare of the county will be taken up and acted upon. The organization will have branches in each township, all to be under the supervision of the Welfare Association. James G. Root is president, Frank F. Bailey secretary and S. W. Boswell treasurer.

To become a member of the organization a person is obligated to furnish to the state and federal authorities all the information which may come into his possession regarding the driving of cattle over the Arkansas-Missouri state line which are infected with Texas fever ticks and to assist in burning the range where cattle will graze during the summer of 1911.

The organization has the co-operation of State Veterinarian D. F. Lusk, who has promised to send a deputy to Taney county to assist in taking care of cattle that have ticks on them.

Infected cattle were found in Taney and other Missouri counties near the Arkansas border several months ago, and the state authorities immediately set to work to segregate these cattle to prevent native herds from becoming infected. It was suggested at the time that the farmers and others interested in the raising of stock take immediate steps to stamp out the fever, as its presence threatened to cause the federal authorities to place the whole county in cattle quarantine.

It is believed that the necessary steps have been taken to keep the native herds in good condition. Special attention is to be paid the state line and farmers in the southern part of the county who are in sympathy with the aims of the welfare association will be urged to keep their cattle out of the quarantined territory.

At the October term of the federal court in Springfield several indictments were returned by the grand jury against persons who are charged with being responsible for the introduction of the Texas fever into a few of the southern counties last summer. This will be tried at the term of court which conven

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WERE GOOD BUYERS.

The eastern buyers of live cattle were in action to good effect yesterday on this market, they having taken a large number of fat steers for the New York trade.

OUT OF AN ARGUMENT.

What will poor old Kansas City and her post card do now for an argument against the St. Joseph market? The post card and hot air artists of that market have been making capital in past of an argument that there was no competition here for big fat hives.

HAS NOT LOST ANY WEATHER.

"See that smoke coming out of the packing house chimneys?" asked one of the weather watchers at the stock yards yesterday. "Well, you know that there has been some doing going the rounds to the effect that a cold blast was coming in from up in Wyoming by way of Denver.

VOLUME OF COMMON SENSE.

In a street car the other afternoon two men who had been at the stock yards with shipments were discussing the merit of different markets when one of them made the remark that "when the markets are active and strong it is an easy matter for a man to be satisfied with his sales. But when the trade is soggy and slumpy, it does not make any difference what market you go to, you will wish you had gone to the other place."

TAXATION STILL GROWS.

Prophecies of national bankruptcy through military and naval excesses do not in the least check the pace of militarism among the powers which can borrow or squeeze the coin out of the people. The noted French economist, Edmond Thierry, computes the cost of Europe's armed peace for the last twenty-five years at \$29,000,000,000, an average of \$1,160,000,000 a year.

Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Man Who Lived In a Tub



"DID you ever hear," asked daddy one evening of Jack and Evelyn, "the story of the man who lived in a tub?" "No," said Jack. "That was a funny place for a man to live in."

"It was," said daddy. "This man lived many years ago in Greece. He was known as a philosopher, which means a wise man who thinks about things. His name was Diogenes. That is a hard name to say, but you will easily learn to pronounce it if you try."

"Diogenes believed in living very simply. He thought it was wrong for people to spend much money on fine clothing, fine houses and good things to eat. To show the people with how little food and clothing and housing they could get along, he used to live in a tub, wear old ragged clothing and eat only very little of the simplest food.

"About the time Diogenes lived there was a great king named Alexander. He was one of the greatest fighters the world has ever known, and some day I may tell you some stories about him. He had heard a great deal about Diogenes and how wise he was, so he went to pay a visit to him. He found Diogenes resting in his tub.

SHIFTING OF THE CAPITAL

List of Cities Where the Seat of Government of the United States Has Been Located is Long.

At a dinner given by one of the prominent men of the town the other night the talk turned to the recent visit of President Taft to Chicago and the fact that it was announced that during his stay there his hotel was to be regarded as the executive mansion.

"Well, now, it seems to me that I've heard my grandfather say something about New York and—wasn't it Trenton?" came from the benevolent old gentleman at the right side of the host.

Several of the dinner guests hazarded opinions, the president shaking his head at each utterance. Finally the young college man who had taken little part in the talk of market reports and real estate transactions broke with a becoming embarrassed silence.

"No, but it's been some little time since that came up in our history class and I'm afraid I have forgotten," said the young man, depreciatingly. "But here is the list as I remember it: From Philadelphia to Baltimore, where it remained from December 20, 1776, to March, 1777; at Philadelphia from March 4, 1777, to September, 1777; at Lancaster, Pa., from September, 1777, to September 26, 1777; at York, Pa., from September 26, 1777, to July, 1778; at Philadelphia from July 2, 1778 to June 30, 1783; at Princeton, N. J., from July 30, 1783, to November 20, 1783; at Annapolis, Md., from November 24, 1783, to November 30, 1784; at New York from January 11, to 1790. And I think from there it went to Philadelphia, where it remained ten years. Anyway, from Philadelphia the seat of government was removed in 1800 to Washington, where it has been ever since."

"And there isn't one in a thousand of our citizens who knows all that," broke in the host. "Say, I guess a college education isn't so bad, after all, eh?"

James Openheim, writing in the June American Magazine about the terrible condition of the almshouses in the state of New York, says: "What is an almshouse? One would naturally suppose it to be the last refuge of the old-men and women too weak to work, alone in the world, homeless, friendless, penniless. One would expect to find the almshouse full of gentle old people, near death. Such people are in the almshouse. They have crept there to die. There they wind up their obscure lives, their humble destinies. These are the lonely and lowly tragedies of our packed world. But they are not alone with one another. I jotted down the fol-

lowing list from the Quelda county almshouse register:

"Old, Blind, Feeble-minded, Intemperate, Sick, Cripple, Epileptic, Vagrant, Lame, Pregnant."

"They are mixed in with one another. The decent old, whose only crime is old age and misfortune, are herded in with unspeakable creatures. Imagine sleeping in a dormitory with babbling idiots, with jerky epileptics, with hardened, vicious criminals, and with consumptives. Imagine spending the day and eating one's meals with this strange company. Such conditions, to an outsider, are inhuman, indecent and intolerable."

Just a Natural Development.

The woman aviator is developing in France. We read of her progress from time to time with a sense of confidence restored as regards the eternal fitness of things. Where else, indeed, could she develop, she and her costume? We wonder how many of the Parisian fraternity have begun working this new sartorial lead. But why wonder? If there is one thing the Worth-Reidfern-Paquin combine have never lacked it is foresight. And, after all, from barnyard densens to the real fowls of the air requires no very tremendous flight of the imagination. The transition can be worked gradually, too. After chattering, turkey buzzard, say, would suggest itself, and then along the scale ascending until the final inevitable bird of paradise be reached. To go back to the question of eternal fitness, who can discover without a thrill of satisfaction that at least one of these lady flyers answers in public to the name of Bird? As yet statistics do not tell us how many of the rest may, privately, respond to "Birdie."

Lighter Shells for Night Firing.

A startling invention has just impressed the British army and navy experts that attended the successful experiments off the Isle of Wight with the device which illuminates shells used for night firing. To the base of the shell a metal cylinder is attached by a screw movement, and the act of firing the gun causes a powerful illuminant to burst into flame. This burns brightly throughout the whole of the trajectory of the missile. It is especially useful in testing the effectiveness of range at night both over sea and over land. It also shows the course of the shell. During ricochet it was seen to be most variable. In some cases the shell on striking the waters of the Solent shot vertically upward, a very surprising result, while in many instances it was deflected to the right or left.

Qualification for Office.

The little trial I have had of public employment has been so much disgust to me; I feel at times temptations toward ambition rising in my soul; but I obstinately oppose them. "But thou, Catullus, be thou firm to the last."

I am seldom called to it, and as seldom offer myself uncalled; liberty and laziness, the qualities most predominant in me, are qualities diametrically contrary to that trade. We cannot well distinguish the faculties of men; to conclude from the sincerest conduct of a private life, a capacity for the management of public affairs, is to conclude ill; a man may govern himself well, who cannot govern others so; and compose essays, who could not work effects; men there may be who can order a siege well, or squid ill marshal a battle; who can speak well in private, who would ill harangue a people or a prince; nay, 'tis peradventure rather a testimony in him, who can do the one, that he cannot do the other, than otherwise. From Montaigne.

HOW TO MEET A LION

BRITISH SURGEON EXPLAINS ETIQUETTE FOR OCCASION.

If King of Beasts Fails to Realize He is de Trop Tourist Should Walk Away With Becoming Dignity.

The etiquette to be observed when a peacefully inclined tourist or explorer meets a lion in the jungle is described by Sir Frederick Treves, the distinguished British surgeon, in his book, "Uganda for a Holiday," just published in England.

"The tourist coming to British East Africa," he says, "is sure to inquire as to the life of conduct that should be observed when a lion is encountered by the way. In answer to such inquiry I was told that the etiquette suitable for the occasion was the following: If the lion when met with is walking in the opposite direction to the tourist the animal should be allowed to continue his walk without comment. If, however, the lion stops and stares at the tourist it is proper that the tourist should 'shish' the animal away, as he would an obtrusive goose on a village green. Should the lion be unmoved by this expression of annoyance the tourist is advised to throw lumps of earth at the obtuse creature. If, after this, the lion still fails to realize that he is de trop, the tourist is recommended to walk away from the spot with such dignity as the strained position demands."

Sir Frederick Treves has several other things to say about the animals of the wild. "The rhinoceros is the embodiment of blind conservatism," he writes. "Its hide is impenetrable, its vision is weak, while its intellect is weaker. It has, however, two marked qualities—combattiveness and a sense of smell. It is aroused to its maximum energy by the presence of anything that is new. This object need not be a thing that is aggressive or inconvenient. Its offensiveness depends upon the fact that it is unfamiliar, and the more unfamiliar the object is the worse the rhinoceros acts."

"When a rhinoceros smells a man he will charge him with maniacal violence, although the man may be merely sitting on a stool reading Milton. The massive beast will dash at him like a torpedo or a runaway locomotive simply because the smell of him is novel. Actuated by this insane hate of whatever savors of an innovation, the rhinoceros has charged an iron water tank on the outskirts of a camp and has crumpled it up as a blacksmith would an empty meat tin. "A conservative rhinoceros with a senile dislike of anything new once charged a train on the Uganda railway, but with no more serious results than the tearing away of the footboard of a carriage. As regards the rhinoceros in this case, it appeared surprised that a thing composed, as it had imagined, of flesh and blood, could be so hard. It went off with an additional grievance and an increased swelling of the head."

Tournament on Sea Horses.

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A Wandering Destiny

By Mabel Chase England

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The country road, unshaded by tree or shrub, stretched straight and dusty under the burning August sun. A girl in cool white came slowly out of a gateway, clicked the latch behind her and stood gazing dubiously at the book and a box of chocolates; with the other she raised her puffed skirts. A mile to the woods, a short walk along a shady path to the bank of the river, then—her canoe—the book—the chocolates, and—

With sudden decision she stepped into the road and began picking her way gingerly along the edge. When she reached the opening in the woods where the path began she heaved an immense sigh of relief, but without pausing kept steadily on till she reached the bank of the river. There she sank down on the log which her small canoe was moored, threw off her hat, and gasped.

"Pheew!" she said. "I don't believe I'd do that again." She sat a few moments, her chin on her hands, gazing out over the shaded river, then, stepping into her canoe she arranged herself comfortably on a pile of cushions, placed the book and the chocolates conveniently beside her and pushed off.

The air was brooding and somnolent, the silence deep. She drifted lazily—just a touch here and there with the paddle to guide her. A faint wind blew from the south and gently lifted the soft hair from her brow. The moments passed. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the little canoe crept along. Zoe's eyes rested steadily on a distant curve in the bank.

"It was just beyond that," she murmured. She rounded the bend cautiously. Her heart gave an excited little throb. He was there. He lay facing the river, his head thrown back on his arm, his whole graceful length extended in an attitude of utter repose.

"Asleep!" thought Zoe resentfully, and yesterday he had had his back to the river and hadn't appeared to see her as she slipped past. Just why she had thought of him till late in the night and dreamed of him till dawn she had failed to determine.

Nor was her chance to discover what compelling characteristics lurked in his silent personality. She hesitated, making sure of his absolute unconsciousness. At last she turned her canoe toward him, propelled it slowly, carefully, till its bow ran noiselessly into the soft mud of the bank.

Her paddle across her knees, she leaned forward, eagerly, to inspect undisturbed this sleeping young prince of the woods. What a physique!—what features!—what an absolutely ideal type for the hero of a sylvan adventure, a little love idyll, such as the whole scenario seemed to suggest.

"I believe," she reflected dreamily, "if father would only let me alone I'd fall in love with some one just exactly like this and under some just romantic condition. But I will not!"—here her reflections grew energetically rebellious—"marty that Tom Driscoll he's always talking about, and I won't stay at home to be baited with him when he comes. Oh, if I could ever—she drew a long sigh—"meet an unusual type of man in an unusual way."

At this point in her reflections, suddenly and without preliminary stir or motion, his eyes opened full upon her. They stared at each other, he too astonished, she too panic-stricken to move.

"Please don't vanish," he murmured at last. "I'm afraid to wink." "Oh, what can I say?" thought Zoe wildly. "I—I was so astonished to see you, she stammered. "I just stopped to make sure you were—"

"A man and not a faun," he suggested helpfully. "No," she contradicted, frowning. "that you were asleep and not—not dead. You see, I have never before seen a man in these wilds, and—"

COOKERY IN PERSIA

FEW CONVENIENCES FOR HOUSE-KEEPING FOUND THERE.

You Must Have Your Flour Made and Buy Sugar in Cones—Cooking Ranges Constructed of Sun Dried Bricks.

Housekeeping in Persia is a more difficult undertaking than in western countries. The chief reasons for this are the lack of conveniences, and the fact that many things which in other countries can be bought ready for use must be prepared by the Persian housekeeper.

Do you want flour? You must buy your wheat, clean and sift it, and send it to the miller, who lives, perhaps a day's journey from you. You must send with the wheat the most trusty servant you have, who will watch the miller day and night to see that he does not take too much toll. You ought of course to send a second servant to watch the first, but if you began that there would be no end to the number you would have to send.

Do you want sugar? Loaf sugar, granulated sugar, powdered sugar—you cannot buy them. What you can buy is a cone of sugar, about ten inches in diameter and eighteen inches in height, which comes from Russia or France. If you want lumps of sugar for your coffee and tea this cone of sugar must be placed on the solid floor and by means of a strong knife and a hammer, broken into pieces. If you want fine sugar these pieces must be then ground with a mortar and pestle. If you wish powdered sugar the fine sugar must be sifted several times. Even in the kitchen of a European, where a table will be found, the cutting and pounding of the sugar must be done on the solid earthen floor.

The Persian "range" is merely a row of hollow boxes made of sun dried bricks in which is built a charcoal fire. Over these boxes are placed strips of iron on which the kettle rests. Native cookery does not include many things that are baked, but if you, an eccentric foreigner, demand a cake or pie your ingenious cook will be equal to the occasion. He will prepare beds of glowing coals in two of the boxes. Over one of these he will place the article to be baked. This he will cover with a copper pan and on top of the pan he will place hot coals. The object of the coals in the second box is that the cook may be able to renew the fire in the first box without putting on fresh coal, which might smoke.

Most Persian implements are very heavy and awkward to handle. For example, cooking utensils are of copper and bowls for washing clothes are of earthenware. The bowls are small and shallow. The washwoman has no bench on which to place bowl and no board on which to rub the clothes. Squatted on her heels, with the bowl on the floor, she wears out her hands and the clothes too, at a marvelous rate. It looks rather primitive to see a woman sitting beside a water-course piling clothes with a stone. But I am not sure that this method, which is universally employed by the poorer people, is not to be preferred to the other.

Local Names in Brazil. It is customary in Brazil to give names to all railway lines and branches, and nine times out of ten the name is incorrect, sometimes being that of a defunct company, often of towns which the promoters hoped to reach. The very towns themselves keep on changing their names, not the least among the puzzles which the railway administration has taken no trouble to solve. Thus Recife is Pernambuco, Palmares is Uno, Vitoria is Assemblies, Sao Salvador is Bahia and Sao Pedro is Rio Grande. In the railway time tables and guides the towns are called only by the name of the station; thus, Rio is not to be found, whereas Central appears. Most towns also have a saint's name besides their own, such as Sao Antonio of this, or Sao Joao of that, and are called by either name, just as if one were a family name and the other a mere intimate one. The habit of changing the names of towns is growing. When the republic was proclaimed, old names were erased and replaced by new ones, such as Federation, Constitution, etc. There were too great a number of these, and hence they are gradually disappearing and being replaced by the names of local celebrities. We may assume that the republican feeling remains unchanged and that the alteration in names is mainly due to the desire of avoiding monotony or confusion.—Cassler's Magazine.

The Effect of Wall Color. Writing in Suburban Life, Fred H. Daniels says that the choosing of a general color scheme for a house rests upon common sense, and that style has nothing to do with it. Those rooms in which we live the greater part of the time ought to have careful colors on the walls. Those which have the inspiration of our presence for short periods of time may have colors chosen for other reasons. Red, for instance, is the most stimulating of colors. It is a good color to employ in the entrance hall or dining room—but always an orange-red, not a violet-red, which is cold and irritating to the eye. For the bedroom, light colors suggest airiness and spaciousness, two qualities welcome in a sleeping apartment. Colors have more influence upon our nervous systems than we imagine.

Thackeray's Personal Appearance. Thackeray was much taller than Dickens; his form, indeed, approached the gigantic in its proportions; he looked far older. Although the two men were much about the same age, his immense head, his broad forehead and his prematurely white hair gave him an appearance of authority, and even of severity, which one might have thought would prove intimidating to a stranger. Yet I at least never felt it so. He seemed to me to be less self-assertive, less conscious of his superiority, than Dickens appeared to be.—From Justin McCarthy's Reminiscences.

PHOTOGRAPHER WAS CRAFTY

Rural Bride Was an Easy Prey When Assured That Her Freckles Would Not Show.

Obviously, they were on their honeymoon. That they were from the country was also patent, says the Baltimore Star. He, attired in a new ready-to-wear suit in which he was most uncomfortable, felt himself the center of admiring glances as he walked down Baltimore street, with his blushing bride clinging jealously to his arm as though she feared some of the fashionably attired city girls would steal her handsome swain. She also wore a new dress, but it wasn't made in Paris, or even New York.

The prearranged man with the picture taking machine marked them as legitimate prey. "Come along," he shouted to the newlyweds, "be a sport. Get your picture taken to take back to the country. Only a dime. I'll take you in any position."

The pair halted. He wanted his photograph taken. She didn't. The peregrinating photographer knew his business. He wasted no time on the swain. He was easy prey. On the blushing bride he focused all the blandishments of his art. "Come along," he coaxed, "this is a wonderful machine. It will make you look beautiful. You can hand the picture down to your grandchildren to admire." The bride blushed deeper.

The swain had straightened his four-in-hand, he bought already tied. He was ready for the ordeal. But the bride hung coyly back. Finally she summoned courage and slipping her arm from that of her husband she approached the photographer and whispered in his ear. The photographer didn't smile. He was out for the money. A contented smile suffused her sunburned face at his reply. After patting her hair, she stood beside her husky swain and the photographer snapped the camera.

The reporter was curious. Reporters generally are. After the couple had departed to spend another ten cents on some other attraction, he asked the voluble photographer what the bride had whispered to him. The photographer smiled, and it was good to see so hard working a man smile. "She asked me if her freckles would show in the picture," he confided. "I told her that this machine was made especially to conceal freckles in a photograph."

Our Flies and Mosquitoes. They were discussing the fact that there are no flies or mosquitoes in New York except in the parks and perhaps in a few places where the standard of cleanliness is not held high enough, according to the New York Press.

"I don't think it is quite true," drawled the western man, "that there are no flies or mosquitoes in New York, but there aren't enough to go around. There are so many people that they outnumber the insects and there isn't even one fly apiece for you. Now, I'd like to ask if each of you hasn't seen at least one mosquito this season?" Reluctantly the New Yorkers admitted that each had such an experience. "Then that is your mosquito. You may have another this year. If you should have you would be robbing some other fellow, who then would not have any and who would stoutly maintain that there are none in your fair city. There are several millions of mosquitoes or flies would make a big showing in a small town. Every citizen would have all he could possibly use, but spread out over New York they don't make much of a show."

Childish Sayings. From Boston comes the tale of some children whose tender mother had promised them a bedtime story, a promise held in abeyance by the inopportune appearance of visitors. Appeals for drinks of water and even for a chance to say certain forgotten prayers proving futile, the eldest boy, aged seven, played his trump card in a final effort to lure the dear mother upstairs.

"I guess you'd better come up for a minute or two if you can, mommie," he pleaded over the banisters in a shrill whisper, "for the baby's nose is coming awfully unwell."

"Mother," sighed young Michael, weary little mainstay of that mother in the matter of caring for the already generous quota of household blessings, "I don't want to seem mean when you're just getting over such a bad headache, but I don't think you ought to have let the doctor play it off on us like this, even if we do owe him money. We've got plenty of children, anyway, without even one more baby, and I do think you needn't have taken two."

"Dog Days." The first of the Canicular, or Dog Days, is so called from the ancient custom of sacrificing a brown dog to appease the wrath of Sirius as soon as that star became visible to the naked eye. Sirius was supposed to cause the hot, sultry weather usually attendant on its appearance, and the ancients believed that on the first morning of its rising the sea boiled, when turned sour, dogs grew mad and that man became afflicted with burning fevers, hysterics and frenzies.

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"Come," said Dr. Samuel Johnson, when he and Boswell went to the great church of St. Giles, "let us see what was once a church." At great medieval churches go the collegiate church of St. Giles never was very famous architecturally, says the Advance. The present structure dates from the fourteenth century. Its lantern tower and the artful arrangement of its interior pillars are the only features of interest remaining. Here as effectively as anywhere the reformation created havoc and let loose the dogs of war. The hammer-like eloquence of John Knox, who preached here his 20 sermons a week, each an hour or two long and terrific in vehemence, smashed the stained glass windows, shattered the carved images of saints, broke in pieces the priceless fabrics of medieval art, destroyed altars and shrines. In Dr. Johnson's day the scars were very visible. St. Giles was occupied by four distinct congregations of worshippers, the great church being partitioned off for their convenience. A prejudice existed even against cleanliness in churches. "The pew swept and lined!" cried Mess John's wife; "my husband would think it downright popery!" Even Boswell admitted that the church was shamefully dirty.

Since Johnson's time the higher aesthetic taste of nations, the appreciation of medieval art first stimulated by the Waverley novels, have caused the attempted restoration of St. Giles'. The place is swept and garnished. There are modern stained glass windows and monuments around. The memorial of Robert Louis Stevenson is placed among those of Montrose and Argyle. The war-worn banners of Scottish regiments give a touch of color for the eye and a thrill to memory. Here Knox shaped history. Here Jennie Geddes threw her stool.

A medieval church, especially of the Gothic type, is not well adapted to the use of the protestant religion. There is an incongruity in the structure. The great choir, separated formerly by an impenetrable screen, the many chapels for masses, the arrangement of the building for a worship by the clergy, exclusively without reference to the comfort or convenience of the people, without the idea of an auditorium for the preaching of sermons, make an awkward adaptation for modern needs which will be especially observed in the cathedrals in England. The Scots, more logical and less conservative, rooted out the screens and turned the church into a meeting house.

What He Remembered.
 "You took a vacation last summer?" he queried of the clerk in the music store.
 "Oh, yes."
 "Went to a farmhouse, probably?"
 "I did."
 "Seven dollars a week?"
 "Just seven."
 "Have any moonlight nights out there?"
 "I can't remember."
 "Any girls around to spoon with?"
 "I have forgotten."
 "Catch any fish?"
 "Well, really now—"
 "Milk and vegetables all right?"
 "Dear, dear me, but my memory is bad."
 "Do any bathing?"
 "Say, now—"
 "Do you remember any one thing that happened to you?" demanded the questioner.
 "Oh, yes. I worked an ear of corn out of the mattress of my bed and carried it to the farmer and asked him what he thought of it and he replied:
 "'Gee whizz, but I lost that ear over five years ago, and have been looking for it ever since!'"—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Martyr to Science.
 It has been reported that more than five thousand members have been enrolled in the "Kiss Not" club in Cincinnati, and that the club has received notice from many places where similar organizations have been founded in the interest of "good health." A teacher in an Indiana town who wished to enlist the co-operation of her friends in the cause sent out a circular letter and received among others this reply:
 "Nearly two years ago I was so unfortunate as to be kissed by a man whose lip was not entirely free of germs fostering hair. I experienced no ill results up to the present time, and should like to make further research. I am perfectly willing to take the risk in the aid of science should the opportunity present itself."

Speaks Many Languages.
 Ellis island will soon have a linguistic wonder who will be able to understand pretty nearly all the would-be citizens who land there. He is Henry Gellitt of St. Louis, and he is coming to the nation's gateway as a representative of the immigration commission of Missouri to direct desirable aliens thither. Mr. Gellitt speaks six languages, German, English, French, Italian, Spanish and Swedish, besides many dialects of different sections of Europe.

ALTERED MEANING OF WORDS
 Some instances of How They Have Departed From Their Derivations and Original Definitions.

In the New York pant of 1857 a Frenchman declared that he should lose all his "propriety." It sounds like something to laugh at. Nevertheless "propriety" and "propriety" have the same French derivation. Words have a knack of shifting not only from their sources but also out of their own original meanings.

We accept an anecdote as a short, diverting story. Etymologically it means something as yet unpublished.

To prevent, which is now to blunder, meant in its Latin original to anticipate.

A girl was anciently a young person of either sex.

Mountebank was the term applied of old to the patent medicine vender who mounted a bench to proclaim his wares. It is from the Italian.

Paradise in Oriental tongues meant only a royal ark.

Astonished means literally thunder-struck, coming from "attonare."

A knave was once merely a lad and a villain only a peasant.

To be silly was in its ancient sense to be blessed.

To be officious was to be courteously ready to do kindly office.

If a man was facetious, in the early English, he was but urbane.

An idiot was a private citizen, as distinguished from an office holder.

Frontispiece, if considered from its Latin source, is not a picture in the front of a book, but the front of something. The Latin word is "frontispicium."

"Beldam" is not an abusive term, in its French source, but means a fat lady.

Shamefaced comes from a good Anglo-Saxon term which means not one exhibiting shame, but one protected by shame, being therefore innocent and modest.

Few Earth Mysteries Left.
 An American hunter, Col. Max Fleishmann of Cincinnati, just returned from a hunting trip in the continent that is no longer dark, declares from his luxurious resting place in a New York hotel that Africa is actually overrun with sportsmen. The hunters of Europe and America are following a distinguished example in their pursuit of big game. The elephant has become as gun shy as the antelope and is a sagacious judge of safe distances. One traveler not long ago told of shooting a lion from a railway train, obligingly halted for the purpose. That episode is a reminder of the time when the lion, now extinct, save for a few preservers, could be seen in vast numbers from the windows of tourist cars. Lassa, until recently the forbidden city, abounds in guide books. The Andes are plowed and the steamboat has found its way to the far upper waters of the Amazon. The flag has been planted at or near the north pole. Where could Robinson Crusoe find isolation and a solitude broken only by the capture and education of the docile Friday?
 —Washington Post.

Paved With Good Intentions.
 A diplomat was talking in Washington about the late Hon. Auberon Herbert, son of the earl of Carnarvon.
 "He was connected with the British embassy here," said the diplomat, "but after returned Utopian he would have naught to do with diplomacy. Why, he once addressed a crowd in New York like this:
 "The mad, blind struggle for the dollar, with no thought of the higher life, is ruining your country. The hearts of your men are like the rocks that underlie your great city. It is a great city of hard hearts. It is Mr. Herbert was always original. I once heard him address a New York banquet of clergymen. I'll try and repeat the address in his own words. It ran:
 "Meeting this morning the gentleman called Meppisto or Beizebab, I greeted him politely and said:
 "'How are things down your way?'"
 "He grimaced and shook his head.
 "He pointed to the mud on his hoof and tail.
 "'We are in a deuce of a mess down there," he said. "This is the season, you know, when our pavements are being laid.'"—Washington Post.

Children's Food.
 Certain little suggestions are always to be followed when planning the diet of the little ones. To keep healthy little stomachs in the nursery never serve hot stewed fruit to the children. Plenty of stewed fruit and baked apples they should eat, but they must be invariably cooked the day before and dished up cold. The nursery potatoes ought always to be baked or boiled in their jackets. Stewed and fried potatoes, or potatoes boiled without their skins, supply starch with a loss of all the wholesome potash salts that the skin gives during the process of cooking into the white part of the vegetable.

Low Pay of Welsh Ministers.
 The lot of the average Welsh Non-conformist minister is not enviable. It was disclosed at the annual conference of the Welsh Congregational Union recently that many ministers receive as little as \$3.75 and \$1.75 a week. Taking the whole of Wales, one minister out of three has to be content with a stipend of less than \$400 a year, and 12 per cent receive from \$350 to \$400 a year.

OUT-OF-DOOR MEALS
 DELIGHTS OF EATING IN THE OPEN AIR IN SUMMER.

Woman Who Has Tried the Scheme Tells How Her Family Enjoys It During Warm Weather.

Almost every family treats itself to an occasional meal out of doors, but very few know the delights of a whole summer of out-of-door meals.

A woman who has tried the scheme writes as follows:
 "When we built our suburban home nine years ago, it never occurred to us that an outdoor dining room would be a possibility, indeed, we never thought of such a thing, but by a happy chance the plans of our home were so arranged that it was not at all difficult to achieve our precious little dining room when we once conceived the idea. We lived here three years before we realized the pleasure we had lost by eating all summer long in a 'cozy, cheery, comfortable dining room' in the house.
 "When the thought finally came to us it did not take us long to arrange things and to plan to use our little porch as an open air eating place. We had an old table with a top about four feet square which we used for a dinner table, but could never have it with dollies, for it was nothing but pine boards. For serving tables we used two old tables about 18 by 36 inches.
 "Six o'clock is our breakfast hour and words cannot express the exhilaration of an outdoor meal at that time. The birds are singing in every tree and all nature seems bursting with joy. Many a time have I sat down to breakfast with a heavy shawl over my shoulders and a light wrap over my head, and when late September comes and we are forced indoors, it breaks our hearts to give up our woody surroundings and be shut in the four walls of a dining room.
 "A green rug covers the floor partly and we have drop awnings which fasten to the floor—these we drop at night or on stormy days, and also we now have better china which we consider suitable to outdoors, and we also use our best silver. This we keep locked up in the sideboard drawers between meals.
 "Last summer we never ate one meal in the house from June 1 to September 1. We began early in May having luncheon out doors first, then added our evening dinner, but it was too cool in the early morning until June for breakfast on the porch.

Elizabethan Slang.
 According to the latest edition of Webster's dictionary, one meaning of "lobster" is "a glibbie, awkward, bungling or undesirable fellow." This meaning is supposed by most persons to be a modern development of slang. However, "lobster" was a favorite term of abuse among Englishmen of Queen Elizabeth's day, and Shakespeare may have denounced his call-boy as a "lobster" when the boy failed to attend to his duties. Some students of the word think it probably was applied first to men with red faces.
 As signifying a soldier, the term "lobster" is as old as Cromwell's day. Lord Clarendon, historian of the civil war in England, explains that it was applied to the roundhead cutthroats, "because of the bright iron shells with which they were covered." Afterward British soldiers in their red uniforms were called "lobsters."
 Then came another development. The soldier in the red coat became a "boiled lobster," while the pelican in blue was, of course, an "unboiled" or "raw lobster." Again, "to boil a lobster" was for a man to enlist in the army and put on a red coat.

Crossing a Funeral.
 "I don't suppose I'm more superstitious than most folks," said Mr. Sandback, "yet I never cross a funeral. There's an old superstition that to do this brings bad luck. I don't know whether I refrain because of this fear or because crossing a funeral, considering your convenience first in this hurrying on, seems to show a lack of the proper respect due the mourners; but anyway I find myself instinctively halting when a funeral comes along and not crossing over until it has passed, though I do not always wait for the very end of the procession."
 "Now as that draws near I look along the line and when I see coming a carriage in which the men are sitting back comfortably smoking big fat cigars, why I figur that these men are not so really and truly mourners but that if I am in a hurry I can pass in front of them without falling under the ban of the superstition or committing any impropriety."

Hot If the Thermometer Is.
 "In these hot days," said the gray old gentleman, "I never look at the thermometer. I find plenty of people who do and who make themselves wretched accordingly. 'Whew! How hot it is!' they say as they see the figures, and they get hotter and hotter themselves as the mercury mounts. They aggravate their misery by dwelling on it, by a record study of the instrument that records the measure of their torture.
 "I never do that. I don't want to know how hot it is. I prefer to imagine that I am passably comfortable and I keep as cool as I can; and as one help to that end at such times I never look at the thermometer."

Not to Be Fooled.
 Proudly young Tomkins displayed the sights of London to his uncle, fresh from the verdant country. They visited St. Paul and the Embankment and the National Gallery and all the places they could get in free, and, as an especial treat, they visited a music hall, where a trombone solo was in progress when they entered.
 With rapt attention the old man watched the instrumentalist's facial contortions. At the close the audience applauded thunderously, but the old man sat mute.
 "Well," said young Tomkins, "didn't you like it?"
 "Verra good, verra good, no doubt," nodded the old man, "but we country folk canna be taken in so easy as all that; I knew all the time he wasn't a swallowin' of it!"—Answers.

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