

OMEWHAT STRANGE

ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF EVERY DAY LIFE.

Under Facts and Thrilling Adventures Which Show That Truth is Stranger Than Fiction.

The superintendent of an orphanage at Secundra, India, writes to a St. Louis paper an account of a boy-wolf who is now under his care. Some time ago the boy was discovered by some hunters in the country near that place, who saw him sunning himself upon a rock. He appeared to be a child about five years old, naked, hairy and dirty. When they approached him, he leaped off on all fours in company with a wolf, which they had not seen, and took refuge in a cave. The hunters built a fire before the cave to smoke its occupants out, and presently the wolf ran out, and after it the boy, whom they captured, but only after a severe struggle, in which one of the men was badly bitten by the ferocious child. For a long while nothing could be done with him. He resented his captivity, would wear no clothes, ate nothing but raw meat, which he gnawed on the ground like a wolf, lay sleeping all day, and moved about restlessly in the night. Under the care of the orphanage he has become more tractable in the lapse of time. He will now endure clothing, and eats cooked food, but will not undertake to talk, though he appears to understand what is said to him, and manifests considerable intelligence. It is supposed that he was stolen away from his parents while a baby by a wolf, which perhaps had lost her young and adopted the child.

The Baltimore American says that the indignation of the passengers on a Western Maryland train was aroused the other day by the unusual spectacle of a richly clad boy of five or six years, whose legs and feet were perfectly bare, although the day was a cold one. The child was accompanied by his mother and sister, who were evidently people of wealth and refinement. On inquiry it was learned that the boy was the son of a prominent physician, who had lost several children with throat diseases, until he hit on the idea of turning his children out barefooted. The experiment proved to be a perfect success. The barefooted boy was the picture of health. At the Union station in Baltimore he ran around on the cold bricks totally unaware of any discomfort. He appeared constantly shocked and amazed at seeing the children of this gentleman going about barefooted, winter and summer, but inasmuch as it saves their lives, in his opinion, he is indifferent to criticism.

The Chinese Cabinet at Whitehall Yard, London, is replete with objects of interest, while among the naval curiosities is the tin box found in the body of a shark, the story of which has been graphically narrated by the late Mr. John Thibault in his "Curiosities of London."

A ship bound for the West Indies fell in with and chased a suspicious-looking craft having the appearance of a slaver. During the pursuit something was thrown overboard from the chased vessel, which being captured was taken into Port Royal to be adjudicated upon as a slaver. The ship's papers were not forthcoming, and the vessel was in a fair way to escape condemnation, when a ship came into port which had caught a shark. In the stomach of which voracious monster was a tin box containing the missing papers, and these clearly showed that the captured craft was engaged in the slave trade.

FRANK HARVEY, a fireman, committed suicide at Indianapolis, Ind., from a peculiar cause. Three years ago he asked a day off duty and Ulysses Glazier was put on duty in his place. That afternoon the Bowen-Merrell fire occurred and Glazier was one of the twelve men who met death in the collapse of the building. Since that time Harvey has been subject to fits of melancholy and often referred to the fire and to the fact that he regarded himself as responsible for the death of his friend. Some weeks ago another fireman died and this preyed upon Harvey's mind, as his death was indirectly caused by injuries received in the fire. He refused sustenance of any kind and was finally taken to a sanitarium, where he hanged himself to the bedpost in the absence of the attendant.

TRAP-SHOOTING OF English sparrows is all the rage among the Albany, (N. Y.) marksmen, who hold open matches and keep scores after the fashion in pigeon "tournaments." As the sparrows are regarded as undesirable settlers, there are no compunctions about killing them wholesale. They are caught in great numbers in the West Albany railroad yard, where they swarm around the grain-cars. After capture they are turned into a large cage in a well-lighted outbuilding, and fed until the collection is large enough for the demands of the trap-shooters. The sport calls for as much skill and greater quickness than the slaughter of the slow-starting house-pigeon.

A CRUSADE against profanity in the public streets is being carried on with vigor in a number of English towns. A laborer at Wisbech was convicted a week or so ago of publicly using four profane oaths, and fined a shilling for each oath and thirteen shillings costs. The conviction was obtained under an act of George II., which imposes a penalty of one shilling per oath when uttered by a laborer, two shillings when the offender is above the social degree of laborer and under the degree of gentleman, and five shillings for each oath when uttered by a gentleman. Under the provisions of this act the penalty is the same whether the oath is uttered in a man's own house or on the public streets.

A MEAT PICKPOCKET

dodge practised upon rural-looking persons in New York

is based upon the known good nature and courtesy of the average American citizen. The pickpocket, clad in fine raiment and carrying a stick, stands upon the rear platform of a street car, facing the dashboard. He struggles with a pair of tight gloves, and having vainly essayed to button one after putting on the other, appeals to the kindness of the man facing him on the platform. In nine-tenths out of ten he picks the right man, and while the benefactor buttons the glove the pickpocket with his disengaged hand takes the other's watch. The confederate inside is at hand to buckle the pursuers in case the thief is detected.

The story of a singular tragedy comes from Buchanan County, Virginia. Charles Carroll, a moonshiner, who was being pursued by deputy marshals, concealed himself in an abandoned cabin, barred the door, and stood peeping out through a knot hole. The posse came along the road, stopped and began talking on the edge of the clearing. A bet was made and taken that one of the party could not shoot through a knot hole in the door. A Winchester was levelled and fired, and something was heard to fall inside the cabin. The officers rushed to the spot and found writhing in death the man for whom they were hunting.

A LADY at Ashford, England, has just received a bequest of \$750,000 from an old gentleman, an entire stranger, for a small act of kindness rendered to him five years ago. He was in the crowd outside Buckingham Palace watching the arrivals at one of the Queen's drawing rooms when he became faint and staggered helplessly. The crowd jeered him, shouting that he was drunk, and commenced to jostle him rudely. The lady saw he was ill, and helped him through the crowd to a seat in a park close by. He soon recovered, asked her name, and they parted, and she did not hear of him again until two weeks ago, when his solicitors informed her of his death and that he had bequeathed her the sum named.

The famous smuggling schooner Halcyon, which has led the United States revenue boats and officials so many interesting chases along and off the Pacific coast, and has landed her contraband goods every trip, has been refitted and rechristened, and as the Vera she will sail from Victoria soon as a seal pirate. She will be fitted up in the best style, with six crack shots and the most experienced hunters, and her owners expect her to come back the "high liner," that is, with more skins than any other vessel in the sealing fleet, an odious distinction in the infamous business of slaughtering seal mothers and their young.

New exercise shows itself in queer ways. There is a young New York newspaper man who exhibits a commendable self-possession on most occasions, and would not be supposed to have such a thing as a nerve about his person, but there is one spectacle that he cannot endure, and that is to see a man's hat blow off. If this calamity occurs in his presence he catches his breath, shudders, and reaches about for something to hold to until the sensation of losing himself has passed. This is constitutional and is the only exhibition of nervous weakness that he ever makes.

NINE years ago last summer Farmer Jesse Gibbs of Fleetville, Penn., lowered a crock of butter into a well on his place to let it get cool. The string broke, the crock sank to the bottom, and Mr. Gibbs made no effort to reclaim the butter, as the well was very deep. A few days ago the well went dry for the first time, and Farmer Gibbs got some men to clean it out. The crock was lifted to the surface, and when the farmer opened it he found, much to his surprise, that the nine-year-old butter was as sweet and palatable as it was when it had been packed in the crock.

A TRAVELER in the Maine backwoods this season was somewhat surprised on coming upon a lumberman's camp, full thirty miles from any settlement, to hear the music of an organ and the strains of an operatic air. He was met on entering the camp by the organist, a bright, neat Maine girl, who he found was also the cook, who had taken along her father's organ out to camp to entertain her father and his crew in the long evenings during their stay in the wilderness.

TO PREVENT the escape of his spirit, at death, George Francis Dobson, of Muskegon, Mich., has hit upon a strange idea. He has made arrangements for his friends, just before the spirit leaves his body, to seal him in a huge glass cylinder, so that his spirit may be kept from departing, and at the same time be enabled by a series of systematic disturbances of the air within the cylinder, to communicate with his friends through a telegraphic instrument placed in the cylinder.

PROFESSOR Morse of Salem, Mass., has solved the problem of house heating in a curious fashion. He has built a house with all its rooms fronting southward, and only a passage on the north. Almost the whole southern front of the house is made of glass, and by means of reflectors Professor Morse is enabled on sunny days to heat his whole house with sunshine alone. At night and on cloudy days he has hearth fires going. He believes that by this contrivance he has the most wholesome heat that is attainable.

THE body of Julia Reeder, a young lady of Booneville, Ind., was prepared for burial. The sign of apparent death had succeeded a severe attack of typhoid fever. Her friends were gathered around, and just before the final leave-taking, her lover took her hand to kiss it. The lover was astounded to feel his fingers pressed by the hand of the supposed corpse. The joyful discovery was thus made that the young woman was alive.

FIGS AND THISTLES.

Short Sermons from the Epigrammatic Ram's Horn.

A SORE eye hates the light. God never fails to promote the faithful worker.

CULTURE is only polish. It does not change the heart.

THE man who most deserves a monument does not need it.

WHAT is the good of good that does not do somebody good?

PURE sugar never sours or gets mouldy. Pure religion is like it.

WHEN sin tries to hide it forgets that it cannot cover up its tracks.

If you want to live long, don't try to live more than one day at a time.

THANK God for your trials, and the grace He gives you to bear them.

WHEN a lazy man looks toward Heaven the angels close the windows.

EVERY step the wicked man takes is a step toward his own destruction.

WHEN you want to see the crooked made straight, look at a railroad map.

THE soul that is to live forever should not try to live on things that perish.

It does not take an eloquent tongue to give a pleasant sound to good news.

JOB had boils to be sure, but then he didn't have any newspaper portrait.

CHRIST will not remain in any heart where His commandments are not kept.

A HINT to churches: Ice is never allowed to stay long in front of a saloon.

GOD'S work is most hindered by people who are unfaithful in little things.

A GOOD man always brings more into the home he visits than he takes away.

THE man who delights in the Lord can not find any pleasure in any kind of sin.

THE fact that a man wants more knowledge is proof that he has some already.

If you can bear all your small trials you will never bear down under your great ones.

PREACHING science will never cause men to give up sin and go to loving one another.

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Tar and Feathers as a Punishment.

Tar and feathers is at present a sort of a "White Cap" style of punishment, but it is nowadays invoked as a punishment almost exclusively connected with some shock of public decency, or violation of the seventh commandment.

It originated during the Crusades, when the lion-hearted Richard and his companion and colleague, Philip Augustus, laid down a code of police regulations for both armies. Punishments were easily decided on for fighting or quarrelling, or murder, and various other transgressions, and finally it was decreed that, as a punishment for stealing, whoever committed theft should have warm pitch poured over his head, which should then be powdered with feathers, and the offender abandoned on the first shore. The cause of this punishment and the application have changed somewhat, but it is the same old idea of tar and feathers.

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