

FOUR-LEGGED TRADERS.

Mouse that Replaces With Other Articles All the Things They Steal.

There is a mouse in Florida locally known as the trading mouse. It is commonly a woods mouse, but it quickly adapts itself to human habitation. A colony of such mice carried two bushels of shelled beans thirty feet during six nights recently and replaced the beans with seed pods of a weed. Jewelry, too, has been taken by these little traders. One woman on the east coast of Florida at an Indian River winter resort found a number of seeds instead of a pair of earrings that she had left on the bureau. A search in the place where the seeds had been kept disclosed the earrings.

A man who had a box of poker chips in his room in an open-topped box was surprised to find in their stead a string of prayer beads, a small crucifix, and a number of shells. He started an investigation immediately. A priest who had roomed near by was equally puzzled by finding the colored poker chips in his room.

It is generally believed that the trading mouse learns its curious ways by robbing squirrels or bluejays of nuts laid by for future use.—New York Sun.

The Speedy Razorback.

A wild boar hunt was the exciting sport of a number of the young men of South Jacksonville had looked forward to last week with a great deal of pleasure. The wild boar was a razorback hog. He was installed in a pen and fed with red pepper, gunpowder and dynamite, and became as fierce as his reputed cousin of the Black Forest.

On the day of the hunt a cavalcade assembled at the meeting place armed with javelins and spears made of bamboo, with hunting knives tied to the end.

The wild boar was liberated and trotted away into the woods. He squealed a half-contented, inquisitive, where's-the-rest-of-my-family sort of squeal, with no thought of the pursuers, who spurred and whipped their horses into furious pursuit.

The wild boar trotted along—just simply and coolly trotted. He didn't look as if he were going, but the gait soon distanced his pursuers, and they were robbed of the pleasure of "jabbing" him full of holes.—Florida Times-Union.

Testing Diamonds by the X-Rays.

It seems that by their aid one can readily determine whether diamonds are real or false, for the rays pass quite through real diamonds, leaving them transparent, and not at all through false ones. A real parure, when photographed, would show only the mounting, but in a false one all the stones would turn out black.

A Story of the French Revolution.

At the time of the French Revolution, Houdon, the celebrated French sculptor (whose statue of Voltaire we have all admired in the foyer of the Theatre Francaise), was thrown into prison. Mme. Houdon, in despair, went to Barras, and with streaming eyes implored his assistance. Barras shook his head; he feared he could do nothing. Houdon was a man of genius, and, therefore, as David was one of the condemning judges, he feared there was little chance for his salvation. Mme. Houdon refusing to accept this opinion as final and using all the arts and beguilements of which an astute French lady is capable, Barras at last condescended to ask her if her husband had any statue for sale at that time in his studio. Madame replied that the only finished statue at present in his atelier was a figure of Saint Scholastique, holding a scroll of MS. in her hand.

On hearing this the wily Barras rang the bell and said to his answering secretary: "M. Houdon has just completed a splendid statue of 'Philosophy Meditating on the Revolution.' Hasten and purchase this sublime work of art, and have it placed in the Assembly." Barras's orders were carried out, with the result that not only was the sculptor's life spared, but he received more commissions for statues than he was able to execute. On such small issues did the lives of men hang in those tremendous times.—From The Gentlewoman.

An Egyptian Bride.

At the marriage in Egypt of Princess Minet Hanen, sister of the khedive, the bride came in preceded by a woman musician all dressed in white satin. She was supported by two bridesmaids. Her gown was of white satin, but one could scarcely see the material because of the heavy embroidery. Her neck and arms were simply covered with diamonds, and on her head she wore a high crown of precious stones, to which was attached her veil of silk and gold. On either side of her head were ornaments of gold and jewels, with threads of gold reaching to the ground, of such weight that the bridesmaids had to carry them. She was one of the most beautiful women ever seen, and when she was seated on the throne it was a picture. She and her surroundings were beautiful beyond description. When she retired the khedive stood on the throne and threw newly coined money among the ladies for luck.

Heartless.

"Miss Gush admits that she is close to thirty."
 "Thirty! Well, she'd better make a touchback for safety!"—Cleveland Plaindealer.

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An Island Colony of Foxes Whose Skins Will Bring Good Prices.

There is an island off the coast of Maine, six miles outside of Boothbay harbor, where the rarest of one species of fur-bearing animals are found in numbers. They are black and silver foxes, and it may be said in beginning that they did not get on the island by themselves.

A few years ago a gentleman who who was summering at Boothbay harbor, conceived the idea of stocking one of the numerous islands in that vicinity with black and silver foxes, that are now almost extinct in the wild state. He looked around for a suitable island and finally hit upon Outer Heron as possessing all the conditions necessary to the success of such a colony as he desired to plant.

An order was sent to a fur company engaged in breeding black foxes on an island in Alaska, for a consignment of the animals, and thirty good specimens were started east. The journey took many months, being made by vessel and steamer to San Francisco, and thence overland, and when the consignment arrived at Boothbay harbor, only seven of the foxes were alive.

They were put on Outer Heron and have thrived and multiplied, from all indications. A silver fox is by no means a cheap animal—the pelt of a good one is worth from \$75 to \$100—but the black fox is much more valuable, the pelts being worth as high as \$400 each.

The climate on Outer Heron is said to be very much like that on the Alaskan island from which the founders of the fur colony were imported. The animals have found good places in fissures of the rocky shores in which to build their homes, and from what can be seen of them they appear fat and well conditioned.—Boston Daily Globe.

It Meant Business.

Here is a Jew story, and, oddly enough, it comes from a certain handsome clerk in the State Department, who is himself one of the Chosen People. A Jewish merchant here in town took his young son not long ago to see "Julius Caesar" played. S. P. Q. R. appeared on faces or columns in every scene.

"What does S. P. Q. R. stand for, pa?" asked the boy. The father wasn't to be put out of countenance because of a trifling ignorance of Latin. "It stands for small profits, quick returns, my son," he made answer.—Washington Post.

Somewhat Irritating.

When a man's wife comes in and sees him, razor in hand, and his face all lather, and asks him, "Are you shaving?" it is a human nature, but provoking for him to reply, "No, I'm slacking the stove."—Roxbury Gazette.

A DOG IN A NEW ROLE.

He Seemingly Takes the Same View of Affairs as His Master.

A well-known English actor is passionately fond of dogs, and delights in making them his constant companions. Seldom is he seen unless accompanied by one or more of his pets. A manager about to produce a new piece required the services of this actor for a special part, and therefore despatched his acting-manager to make the engagement. In due course the latter arrived at the histrion's house, which is in the country, and found him resting, after a long walk, in a large comfortable armchair. After a few civilities, the acting-manager proceeded to business. Was the actor at liberty? He was. Could he accept a part of such and such a nature? He could. And now about the salary. Well, the acting-manager thought they could give so-and-so. "What," roared the impulsive actor, starting to his feet—"what?" At the same moment from under a chair a huge bulldog thrust its head between its master's legs, and growled and showed its teeth in the most ferocious manner. The startled visitor made for the door, exclaiming as he did so, "All right; name your own terms!" In the end the engagement was concluded. Some time after another manager asked the acting-manager for the actor's address. The acting-manager gave it. "Do you want him?" he asked. "Yes," said the manager. "Then, for goodness' sake" was the reply, "be sure to offer him enough, for he has a dog in the house that knows his terms!"

And the Bill Was Paid.

As the gas bill of a portable theatre showing in a provincial town for a month had not been paid at the week's end (when it became due), a man appeared on the Monday night following to cut off the supply, if the bill were not paid on the spot.

The doorkeeper remonstrated with him, pointing out that the manager was on the boards at the time, and could not possibly leave the stage for an hour—the gas man might call then. "No," said the gas-man, obdurately. "I'm going to cut it off, now."

"Hold hard," said the doorkeeper; "I will go and tell the manager."

Disguising himself in a huge red cloak and a great felt hat with a drooping feather, and with a sword at his side, he walked on to the stage with the words: "Behold, my lord, the man stands at the castle gate waiting to be remunerated for the glimmers, and if not seen instantly, darkness threatens us."

The Manager (taking in the situation): "Go; I follow thee."—Tid-Bits.

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A Unique Order.

An Englishman, with more money than education, recently sent the following order to a book seller: "I have sixty feet of shelving. I want ten feet of poetry, ten feet of history, ten feet of science, ten feet of religion, the same of novels, and fill up rest with any kind of books."

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BERLIN CABLE LETTER The Emperor Starts a New Crusade Against Socialism. SAYS IT MUST BE UPROOTED. At the Brandenburg Banquet His Majesty Declared That It Was the Pest Which Infected the Whole Nation—Sensational Suicides.

BERLIN, March 8.—Throughout the week the latest anti-socialist speech of the emperor at the Brandenburg banquet has echoed and re-echoed all over Germany. It appears that the speech was much more violent than officially reported. His majesty really said that socialism must be uprooted to the last trace, and he described socialism as "that pest which infects our whole nation."

The Socialist press has replied to the challenge. The Vorwaerts in a defiant article says: "German socialism will know how to defeat projected attempts, hidden under the cloud of loyalty and patriotism, to undermine the sacred rights of the people. Down with the revolution from above!"

The Kaiser Determined. Your correspondent learns on the best authority that the emperor is fully determined to act up to his words and uproot socialism. Unfortunately government circles are divided as to how the aim can be accomplished.

Washington, March 8.—The Republic an senatorial caucus which was called for the purpose of considering the advisability of attempting to fill the committee vacancies in the senate resulted in session an hour and a quarter discussing the situation of the parties in the senate.

Organized Firebugs. WILMINGTON, N. C., March 8.—Howland, the alleged firebug, has been committed to jail, another suspect named Dixon has been arrested, and indications point to an organized band of firebugs in town.

Substitution the FRAUD of the day. See you get Carter's, Ask for Carters, Insist and demand Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Killed by a Log. SARATOGA, March 8.—The body of Joseph Delker, aged 76 years, a Wilton farmer, was found under a heavy log in a ravine yesterday. The log had rolled down the hill and fatally crushed him.

PEARY'S POLAR PROJECT. It is Approved by the Council of the American Geographical Society. NEW YORK, March 8.—The council of the American Geographical society has received and unanimously approved this report of the committee appointed Feb. 6 to consider and report upon a scheme for a polar expedition submitted by R. E. Peary, U. S. N.

LADIES, TOO. They Know a Good Thing When They See It. Many a woman has felt the depths of humiliation when her head, filled to suffocation and matter running from it down her throat, was causing intolerable pauses, she has been forced either to hawk and spit, or to swallow the disgusting matter she knew was causing the trouble.

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Advertisement for The Broad River Sunday School, announcing their next evening session and listing the curriculum.

Advertisement for the 'New Great South American Kidney Cure,' claiming it as a revolutionary treatment for kidney ailments.

Advertisement for the 'New Great South American Kidney Cure,' further elaborating on its efficacy and availability.

Advertisement for Schleicher & Son's Pianos, highlighting the quality, durability, and price of their instruments.

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The Officers Within Sight.

It is well for the political expectants to know exactly to what extent the offices under the government are removed from political control by the civil service law. There are 178,717 offices in the civil service branch of the government, and of these 87,107 are in the classified service, or under the civil service, laws of the nation. This would leave 91,610 places which may be changed by political changes in the government, and of these 8,854 are employed simply as laborers.

Of the appointments which may be changed by the new administration 4,815 are nominated by the President to the Senate for confirmation, and there are 66,725 Postmasters of the fourth class, who may be removed by the Postmaster General at will. In addition to these Postmasters and persons who are employed only as laborers, the administration will have 16,031 places at its disposal.

The more important and generally lucrative offices are those appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, but they, with few exceptions, when confirmed by the Senate, are commissioned for a specific time, generally for four years. It has become the unwritten law of administrations that as a matter of courtesy to his predecessor, the new President will not remove these important officials until the expiration of their commissions. President Cleveland enforced that rule when he succeeded Arthur; President Harrison recognized it when he succeeded Cleveland, and Cleveland has continued to recognize it during his second administration.

As this policy is based upon the courtesy due from the President to his predecessor, it is questionable whether McKinley will continue in office until the expiration of their terms as a matter of courtesy to Cleveland, those offi-

cial who became active partisans in favor of cheap money and repudiation against the proclaimed policy of the President who appointed them.

It is given out that President McKinley will not devote attention to the appointment of his supporters to political position beyond the probable selection of a number of foreign ministers, until after the adjournment of the special session of Congress. The administration has a great work to perform in starting the new Congress on the right line, and it would be very embarrassing to the President and also to many members of the Senate and House, if in the midst of such a struggle they are complicated by their appeals to the President for the appointment of their favorites. It looks as if those who are least importunate for official position until the adjournment of the extra session of Congress, will be in the best favor with the new administration.

He Stamped With Chandler.

DETROIT, March 8.—George Jerome, retired railroad attorney, died at his home yesterday, aged 76. Deceased was a staunch Republican and 20 years ago was a leading figure in public life. He was regarded as Zachariah Chandler's right hand man and stumped the east with Chandler in the Hayes-Tilden campaign.

Eddie Bald's Contract.

SYRACUSE, March 8.—Edward C. Bald, champion bicycle rider of the world, has signed with a cycle company in this city for another year and will race next season in the United States. He will leave in a week for California or Florida to train.

C. Smith Benjamin Dead.

ROCHESTER, March 8.—C. Smith Benjamin, a veteran of the civil war and one of Rochester's best known newspaper men, is dead, aged 70 years. He was interested in the founding of one or two of the oldest leading papers in this city.

Three of the Crew Drowned.

CARDIFF, March 8.—The British bark Silberhorn has been driven into the Bristol channel in distress. Her sails were blown away, and a heavy sea broke over her on Wednesday, washing three men overboard.

New Park in the Oranges.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Arrangements are being made for the construction of a new park, 15 acres in extent, to be situated partly in each of the municipalities of Orange, South Orange and East Orange, N. J.

Wales' Yacht Won.

TOULON, March 8.—At the Hyeres international regatta Britannia won the Town prize. The course was twice round a triangle, the total distance being 24 miles. Ailsa was second.

Killed by a Train.

MANSFIELD, Mass., March 8.—Henry Eaton was instantly killed by a train while walking on the tracks here yesterday. He was 88 years of age.

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The Evidence of Our Senses. What Norwalk People Say is Pretty Good Proof for Norwalk.

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INCOME,	
Received for Premiums	\$ 39,593,414 20
From all Other Sources	10,109,281 07
	\$ 49,702,695 27
DISBURSEMENTS,	
To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	\$ 12,595,113 39
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	12,842,456 11
For all Other Accounts	10,781,005 64
	\$ 36,218,575 14
ASSETS.	
United States Bonds and other Securities	\$ 110,125,082 15
First lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	71,543,929 56
Loans on Stocks and Bonds	11,091,525 00
Real Estate	22,767,666 65
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	12,680,390 00
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,535,555 06
	\$ 234,744,148 42
Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities	205,010,633 72
Surplus	\$ 29,733,514 70
Insurance and Annuities in force	\$ 918,698,338 45

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department CHARLES A. PRELLER, Auditor.

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Report of the Examining Committee.

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
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The undersigned, a Committee appointed by your honorable body on the twenty-third day of December, 1896, to examine the Annual Statement of the Company, and to verify the same, respectfully
REPORT

That, pursuant to the power and authority thereby conferred, the Committee have at various dates between the date of the said reference and the date of this Report attended at the office of the Company, and have been waited on by the Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Auditor and the Cashier, together with the respective assistants of such officers, and have carefully gone over all the items contained in the said Statement, and have found the same to be correct. They have examined and counted every certificate of stock, bond and other obligation held by the Company, and compared the price at which the same are carried in said Statement with the market quotations and find the same not exceeding such quotations—in fact, in many cases below them. They have examined and counted the bonds and mortgages on real property held by the Company, and find the same to be as stated. They have also verified the valuations of the Company's holdings of real estate and have verified the deposits of money in the various banks and trust companies, and have counted the cash on hand held by the Cashier.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.
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Greece Apparently Determined to Force a Fight With Turkey.

ATHENS WILD FOR THE FRAY

Fervish Activity in Military and Naval Preparations at the Capital—The Powers' Admirals Planning to Blockade Greece.

ATHENS, March 8.—The ultimatum of the six powers to Greece, insisting upon the withdrawal of Greek troops and fleet from Crete, which was presented on Monday last, expires at 4 p. m. today.

Quite a warlike aspect is visible today all over the squares and streets of the capital. The fervish activity which has characterized the movements of the military and naval authorities here for several days past continues unabated.

The Greek barrette ships Spezia and Pezara, which sailed from the Piræus a day or two ago under sealed orders, together with the cruiser Navarcho, the corvettes Admiral Naulius and Basilous Georgios and the gunboats Anso and Paralos, will form a squadron which has been ordered to cruise in the Sigrados.

Reservists are hurrying from all parts of the kingdom. Several batteries and one regiment of cavalry have left for the frontier. The government intends to call out the last two classes of reserves.

The Crown Prince Constantine leaves at once for Trikhalá, in Thessaly, taking the chief command of the troops there.

A Turkish warship, while attempting to land troops and provisions at Douro, in the gulf of Arta, was chased by the Greek revenue cutter Afroissa. Being unable to escape, she ran ashore, and only 15 of her crew were saved.

No hostilities or coercive measures are possible until Wednesday, as the foreign admirals must first be advised of the departure of the ministers.

The admirals are now engaged in drawing up a general scheme of blockade.

It is learned that the Turks have fired on a Greek fishing vessel on the coast of Epirus, killing two sailors. The government has ordered a gunboat to proceed immediately to the scene.

The British ironclad Anson, from Malta, has arrived at the Piræus. The British cruiser Blanche and the battleship Nile have left the port.

The Turks Getting Ready.

SALONICA, Macedonia, March 8.—Fervish activity prevails here in the military preparations. Four extra battalions of redifs have gone to Caterina. Edhem Pasha, who is to command the Turkish troops in Macedonia, has arrived here and will proceed immediately to Ellassona.

Sixty battalions of infantry, 15 battalions of artillery and 4 regiments of cavalry are now posted on the Greek frontier of Macedonia and Epirus.

Fighting in Crete. KHANIA, Island of Crete, March 8.—Hostilities, which were suspended for several days, have been renewed at Candamo, where it is authoritatively asserted, the besieged number 9,000. The Turks had thrown up earthworks to enable them to withstand the fire of the insurgents, but the latter rapidly destroyed the fortifications, despite the brave defense made by the Mussulmans. Many were killed on both sides.

The military governor of Crete in an interview declared that European troops would be sent in force sufficient to compel Colonel Vassos to evacuate in case Greece rejects the ultimatum of the powers. This statement, however, is discredited.

The Greek ironclad Hydra having entered Suda bay, the admirals aboard the war vessels of the powers signalled her to leave. Sachtouris at first did not comply with the demand, but was finally obliged to yield when threatened with coercion. The Hydra went to the bay of Ahnyrida, whence, however, Commodore Sachtouris has as yet been unable to communicate with Colonel Vassos, owing to unfavorable weather.

Greek Re-enforcements. Two Greek gunboats have arrived here with men to enter the gendarmerie, which disbanded some time ago, many of its members joining the Turkish gendarmerie under Major Bor.

It is reported that the Greek minister at Constantinople has made overtures to the porte offering in behalf of his government to recall Colonel Vassos and his troops from the island of Crete on condition that the Turkish forces are withdrawn first. The porte replied that the powers will agree to no conditions regarding the withdrawal of the Greeks.

A rumor is current to the effect that Prince George will be proposed as the prince of Crete in the event of the island being converted into a principality. The foreign warships have landed 500 men at Selino.

Both Sides Irritated. The news of the proposal upon the part of the powers to grant autonomy to the island of Crete has created a bad impression among the insurgents, who desire annexation to Greece. The Mussulmans are also irritated at the concession of autonomy.

The departure of the British consul, Sir Alfred Billiotti, alone for Selino on board the British battleship Rodney, although that vessel was accompanied by other foreign warships, is badly interpreted by the other consuls, who, however, had previously rejected a proposal to go there in order to make a fresh attempt to save the Moslem families, who are in danger by the investment of that place by the insurgents.

The Greek consul has returned here with the reply of Colonel Vassos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation, to the admirals. The colonel agrees to permit the departure of the Mussulman captives at Selino and elsewhere on the condition that they lay down their arms and agree not to fight any further against the Greeks during the present hostilities.

Compulsory Education. INDIANAPOLIS, March 8.—The compulsory education bill has been passed in the Indiana legislature. It applies to children from 8 to 14 years of age.

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