

Miscellaneous.

BLOOD ON THE BARGAINS. Ye ladies of fashion, who range the stores through, Alike in the sunshine and wet, Look sharply, and see, in the shopping you do, If blood's on the bargain you get.

A Goose Bone.

The best reading of the goose bone is obtained before it has become thoroughly cold after being removed from the pot and scraped. If the bone is left to stand the marks become dim and uncertain and the reading is very unsatisfactory.

If a majority of the caret-shaped marks point upward, it will be clear and cold; but if they point down it will be gloomy, falling weather, with more or less snow. The small breve marks and the semicircles, as well as the dots and the scratch-like marks on the bone, indicate the temperature, and the heavier and darker they are the colder will be the weather.

All these features must be closely studied, first separately and then together. Any one, by closely studying the bone, can correctly predict the general character of the weather during the three months; but it takes time, study and experience to divide the bone into days, so as to locate the date of the different changes. In Kentucky many of the best readers of the bone do not worry about reducing the prophecy to days, but are content with learning the general character of the winter, and this information is of great value to farmers when they find it such that they can depend upon it.

It is not safe to call a man a villain or destroyer, either socially or ecclesiastically, simply because his opinions do not happen to be like our own. In a quiet moment, if tempted to this, it might do us good to ask if possibly he may not be right and ourselves in the wrong.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES.

President Lincoln dictated the most of his messages, and what he did write he wrote in a small hand, easily read. He did not spoil his manuscript by revising it, and such of his writings as are in existence look as though they had been written by a lady. Johnson dictated all his messages, and he could talk much better than he could write.

At the beginning of the government all messages were delivered by the presidents in person, and George Washington rode in great state to the capitol, in a four-horse coach, with servants in red livery. He wore a sword at his side and looked through his false teeth in knee-breeches. A day or two after Congress called upon him and replied to his address, and it was, perhaps, the bitterest time in Washington's life when Congress refused to do this.

George Washington delivered thirteen messages during the eight years he served, and Jefferson delivered twenty-three. Madison delivered twenty-five, Jackson seventeen and Monroe thirteen. Both Jackson and Washington delivered farewell addresses, and Washington's farewell address is said to have been written by Alexander Hamilton and James Madison. Jackson's best messages are said to have been plagiarized. Major Lewis and Henry Lee wrote his first inaugural, and Edward Livingston wrote the famous Nullification Proclamation.

Major Webster revised Harrison's inaugural, and he tried to dictate to Tyler what he wrote. Harrison's was the longest inaugural address ever delivered, and it contained 8,000 words. Polk wrote the next longest, containing fully 2,000 words less, and the shortest ever delivered was that of George Washington at his second term, and it contained only 135 words. The character of a president can be sometimes told by his use of the personal pronoun. The conceit of Van Buren makes him use the word "I" thirty-eight times in his inaugural, and Franklin Pierce used it twenty-five times. Washington's first inaugural contains twenty egos, and his second only six. President Cleveland was the most modest of the presidents. He used "I" only five times in his inaugural, whereas Garfield used it ten, Hayes sixteen, Grant twenty-four, Buchanan thirteen, John Quincy Adams fourteen and Monroe nineteen.

"WHILE you are giving people simple rules for preserving their health, why don't you tell them about the use of lemons?" an intelligent professional man asked the other day. He went on to say that he had long been troubled with an inactive liver, which gave him a world of pain and trouble, until recently he was advised by a friend to take a glass of hot water, with the juice of half a lemon squeezed into it, but no sugar, night and morning, and see what the effect would be. He tried it, and found himself better almost immediately.

Miss Admiration—General, were you ever mixed up in many engagements? General—Quite a number; but I fortunately escaped with being married but once.

Humorous.

"WHY, Nellie, you have put your shoes on the wrong feet." "What will I do, mamma? They's all the feet I have got."

Waiter (to countryman)—There's black bass, sir, and striped bass, and white fish and blue fish.

Countryman—I don't keer nuthin' about the color, friend, if the fish is fresh.—N. Y. Sun.

A Texas lawyer does an immense business according to the business card in a local paper. The card reads: "I attend to all business in the State and federal courts." This must make it difficult for the other lawyers to gain a livelihood.—Texas Siftings.

The name of William Patterson of New Jersey appears among those of the signers of the Constitution of the United States. We think we have discovered in the fact the answer to the historic question "Who struck Billy Patterson?" It must have been Pat Riotism.—Lowell Citizen.

JOSH BILLINGS made a sharp distinction between a blunder and a mistake. He said on one occasion, "If on entering the vestibule of a church or other meeting place, you stand your umbrella among others, when leaving happen to pick up one better than your own, that is a mistake; if a worse one, that is a blunder."

"You don't need a ten-cent stamp on that letter, young man," said the post office official; "it will go for two cents."

"This letter won't for any two cents," replied the young man tremulously. "It's to my best girl, an' she ain't one of your two-cent kind. Gimme a ten-cent stamp and I'll slip her in before the mail closes."—Puck.

A SCHOOLMASTER tells the following: "I was teaching in a quiet country village. The second morning of the season, I had time to survey my surroundings. I espied a three-legged stool. 'Is this the dunce-block?' I asked a little girl of five. The dark eyes sparkled, the curls nodded assent, and the lips rippled out, 'I guess so; the teacher always sits on it.'"

"Why don't you speak to him, Johnny? He wishes to make friends with you."

"He ain't a boy. He's a girl," said Johnny, as he moved further from the little midget who was sidling up to him and who was the very counterpart of himself. "Girls look just the same as a boy, but she ain't. Boys don't push up to a feller as girls do. Girls ain't got no sense, pushing up and talking to a feller they don't know."

"WELL, Father Brown, how did you like my sermon?" asked a young preacher. "Ye see, parson," was the reply, "I'm an old man now, and have to set pretty well back by the stove; and there's old Miss-Smithe, Widder Taff, 'n Mrs. Rylan's darters, 'n Nabby Birt, 'n all the rest, setting in front of me with their mouths wide open, a swallerin' down all the best of the sermon; 'n what gets down to me is pretty poor stuff, parson, pretty poor stuff."

A TEACHER told her scholars that it was wrong to chew tobacco. A small boy replied that he had seen a fellow chew because his teeth ached, and asserted that it was not wrong to chew tobacco if his teeth ached. The teacher was at first puzzled to know how to answer this stunning argument. At last she said to the boy: "Horace, if a girl should have the toothache, and want to chew tobacco, what then?" Horace scratched his head, and then said resolutely, "She ought to have the tooth pulled."

A LITTLE six-year-old granddaughter of a well-known New England clergyman, in doubting a statement by her uncle that the moon is made of green cheese, was advised by the divine to ascertain for herself. "How can I, grandpa?" "Get your Bible and see what it says." "Where shall I begin?" "Begin at the beginning." The child sat down to read the Bible. Before she had got half through the second chapter of Genesis and had read about the creation of the stars and the animals, she came back to her grandfather, her eyes all bright with the excitement of discovery: "I've found it, grandpa! It isn't true, for God made the moon before he made any cows."

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