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THE COMMON MOUSE.

HE IS A DECIDEDLY INTERESTING

LITTLE ANIMAL

Agile and Graceful In His Move

ague and Graceful In His Move-ments, Intelligent and Rather Dain-ty, Too, and Not at All Victous If His Disposition.

The common little house mouse is prob

almost every household. As few of us are fond enough of him

As few of us are fond enough of him, however, to pay strict attention when he presents himself as an object lesson, a brief description of his external appear-ance may not be out of place. In a cer-tain quaint dictionary I once possessed the definition of "mouse" was given as "a small rat," and this is not such a very bad once efter all extent to for the fact

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had one, after an, except for the fact that the reader is apt to be less familiar with the appearance of a rat than a mouse. The total length of the latter gainal is about 6% inches, of which the tail takes up nearly one-haif. His head is longish and his nose sharp. His ears are large and erect, with very little hadr or either surface. His legs are slender, and his delicate little toes are provided with sharp, slightly hooked nails. His tail is round and tapering, scaly and with a slight covering of short hair. In color he is dusky gray above and ashy be-neath. His eyes and most of his whisk-ers are black, and his front teeth are yellowish.

ellowish. Altogether he is a very dainty little fel-

things at him or calling in the cat every

mings at nim or calling in the cat every time he puts in an appearance they would soon find him a very intelligent and at-tractive companion. He is very agile and graceful in his movements and not at all vicious in disposition. For some time past I have had a number of mice in captivity, and I find them very amusing nets. They will eat anything and are so

captivity, and 1 find them very amusing pets. They will eat anything and are so tame that they will take food from my hand or drink from a little vessel held in the fingers. They are most active at night, but often play about in the day-time. They are very bright and imme-diately give their attention to any un-usual sight or sound. To do this they ysually pause, with their head slightly on one side and with a most inquiring look in the eyes. After eating they wash themselves very rapidly with their front paws.

paws. Where there is an abundance of food mice eat a great deal, but they seem able

mice eat a great deal, but they seem able to live on very little, and when once well established in a house they manage to get along somehow, even if the provisions are carefully locked up for months at a time. When hungry, however, they are very persevering in their efforts to get food and will gnaw their way into boxes and curbards scale walls and even

food and will gnaw their way into boxes and cupboards, scale walls and even cross ceilings when the latter are rough enough to afford a hold for their sharp, booked claws. They have been known to descend a rope and cat up the contents of a basket hanging from the ceiling. They make their nests of scraps of pa-per, wool, rags or any soft material, which they usually chop up very small with their teeth. These homes are usu-ally made in a hole in the wall or beneath the floor or in an old box, drawer or other convenient place. Often when clearing out an old desk or trunk one comes upon such a nest, made of fine particles of old letters, penwipers and such like things.

rs, penwipers and such like things.

the best known wild animal in ably the best known wild animal in America. It is almost impossible to avoid learning something of the appear-ance and habits of this little fellow, for he acts as a private tutor on the subject THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Bits of Information Which It Would Re Well to Know.

An uncut first edition of "Waver-

Some of the screws used in watches

About 1,100 men are employed by

the Bank of England, and their sal-

aries amount to nearly £300,000 a

A lion-hunter, who has made pa

study of that animal's peculiarities,

says that all lions are left-handed.

When one strikes a forcible blow it

In Charlottenburg, Germany, so

many inhabitants have taken de-

grees as doctors of medicine that

the average income of fifty is only

£25 a year, and another fifty are in

room the other day.

bers 55,000 members.

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them to weigh a pound.

always uses its left paw.

safe in the arms of the law.

The eggs consumed in England dur-

third were English, and, in conse-

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was sent out of the country that

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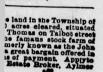
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THE AYLMER EXPRESS : THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 1901.

WISE CHINESE PROVERBS. Here are some Chinese sayings that indicate much philosophy; Respect always a silent woman;

great is the wisdom of the woman ley" realized £115 in a London salethat holdeth her tongue. A vain woman is to be feared, for The French Legion of Honour is she will sacrifice all for her pride. the biggest order of merit. It num-Trust not a vain woman, for she

is first in her own eye. A haughty woman stumbles, for are so small that it takes 380,000 of she cannot see what may be in her way.

Trust not the woman that thinketh more of herself than another; mercy will not dwell in her heart. The gods honor her who thinketh

long before opening her lips. Pearls come from her mouth. A woman and a child are alike; eacl needs a strong, uplifting hand.

A woman that respects herself is more beautiful than many stars at night.

WOMEN AND CIGARETTES.

receipt of charitable relief. The Bill granting pensions of seven Smoking is much commone shillings weekly to persons of sixtyamong the Austrian women, than five years and upwrads, and to those among the Germans, probably bepermanently ill through unhealthy cause the late Empress made no conoccupation, has been passed by the Legislative Council of Victoria. cealment of her taste for cigarettes which is said to have led her to smoke One of the neatest arrests on re- daily a number that would have upcord was effected by a policeman set the nerves and stomach of almost study him a little instead of throwing ago. Suspecting two men of being near Bourne, Lincolnshire, not long any man. Queen Margherita is another popular sovereign who is a deserters, he stepped up behind them frank user of tobacco in the form of and called out sharply, "Attention!" Taken unawares, the men sprang to the Queen of Spain. The Queens of position in true military style, only Greece and Wurttemburg were both to find themselves the next moment Russian Grand Duchesses, and their

weakness is for tobacco in the form ing the past twelve months would, it is computed, fill upwards of 40,000 railways-trucks. Of these only one- mula they have always used.

THE MOVING WORLD

German manufacturers have found that by cooking molasses, dregs, after the removal of the sugar, a potash is won which is preferred to all other sorts in the scap industry. Horseshoes which wear unevenly can

horseshoes which wear uneventy can be repaired by an Australian's patent nail, which has a head much larger than the common nail, the four nails nearly covering the worn surface of the shoe and raising it to the right height again.

Handwriting Cannot Be Changed. The inexperienced ones are blissfully unaware that bandwriting is really a physical characteristic of the human body, says The Home Magazine, which is innately peculiar to its owner. may indeed, after its general form, like the man who writes anonymous notes, or cover it with make up like the man who forges a signature-the actor does both to his voice and face on the stage—but this, after all, is the most you can do. You cannot destroy or even temporarily get rid of the characteristics of your writing itself. It is as much a part of the expression of your being as your manner of talking or your gait in walking, and that It cannot be destroyed is the more certain because no one, no matter how much study he might give it, could ever find out all of the unconscious characteristics of his bandwriting.

Explaining Things. "What is this here diplomacy?" ask

ed the grocery loafer. "It is like this here," said the grocer "Fer instance, if I wanted to call you a liar. I'd jist do so right out, but if I wanted to be diplomacy. I'd go at it sorter roundabout an jist say to the surroundin air that while I wasn't namin no names, I reely did believe that a certain rod not

COLONIAL FURNISHINGS. The Fad For Time Worn Relias In Wood, Metal, China, Etc. With the revival of the colonial style of architecture, so largely seen in the new houses that are being built

through the country, as well as the old ones remodeled, the colonial style of furnishing has also come into vogue, and the family that has preservel the solid pieces of mahogany that have been passed along the generations and kept the rungs and legs on its wooden chair, patching over their rickety stage, can now reap full benefit in the admiration and envy of their friends

pointed out in pride and satisfacticn. Indeed, so great is the honor dore these old timers that the woman who can boast a four poster bedstead upon which a great-great-grandmother has slept, or, better still, one upon whose more beautiful than a single star; ample proportions Washington or Lafayette had stretched his weary limbs, is more to be envied than she who is the possessor of yards of real old lace, growing yellow with age and wrapped away in blue paper and linen, with a

> There are few houses, however, that can make a harmonious showing of these old fashioned belongings from attic to cellar. Usually they are in-terspersed with more modern pieces, and the owner contents herself with one room, perhaps, into which are gathered all the choice bits of ave that can be obtained. That this fad for time worn relies

tends to the hunting up of remote relamild and small cigarettes, and so is tives there can be no doubt. Especially is this the case in small country vil-lages. The dusty lumber rooms and attics of fourth and even fifth cousins are ferreted out by the woman who has weakness is for tobacco in the form the "family antique craze," and if she of rather strong Russian cigarettes chances to find a rickety table, a brothat are made after the custom in ken down bureau or a high back chair St. Petersburg, according to the for-mula they have always used.

nish a whole new set for the best front oom of these new found relatives. It is worth while to have held on to the fire dogs and battered candlesticks quickly closed.

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black bearers, who seem to have been always courteous and obliging. The philosophical way in which Miss Caddick met the discomforts of the trip may be seen from the following paragraphs. when "our own family belongings" are "At Kawimbe," says she, "the rat: in the house were terrible at night. They raced about my room and scampered over my bed in a thoroughly happy manner. I could not sleep at first, but at last I got used to them

and dropped off, only to wake up and find a rat with his foot in my car." Of her first night on the steamer on Lake Nyassa she writes; "I had a great shock on taking possession of my stateroom, to find that I must bit of wax to preserve it. share it with an enormous number

tion, to command a price that will furtail. As it turned to bite my hand 1 attle. flung it out of the door, which 1

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"I had fewer animals in my tent

CAUSED BY POISON.

FRIENDS TO SPARE.

some of Miss Helen Caddick's Experience

in Central Africa.

In Miss Helen Caddick's entertain-

ing book, "A White Woman in Cen-tral Africa many and varied ex-

Report That Palson and Not Typhold used Czar's Illness. Fever e

A number of rather sensational stories are leaking out from court circles regarding the Czar's recent illness, all pointing to the fact that the Czar's illness, instead of being due to an ef-

which though serious, is usually amworth. There was strength as well as beauty in their designs, and the ques-it of in the Czar was poisoned for the there is that the carital third time since his accession. This lying element in their structure. Ex- time he escaped death almost by a

duced, that aristocratic piece of solid ture as 35 degrees O, 95 degrees F. ture as 35 degrees O, 95 degrees F

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

The fisheries on Lake Erie give em-

coast of England and Wales he would

cover a distance of about 2,500 miles.

ployment to 3,728 persons.

THE VERDICT.

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New York's vaccination appears t ave "took."-Washington Post. Many people will be glad to learn that

skimmik is more useful for paper mak-is than for sale to city people at 5 cents a quart.-Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. In searching for the south pole the

periences are related. During the In searching for the south pole the Duke of Abruzzi will enter upon a field of exploration which has been very little cultivated as yet. It would be a scien-tific surprise if the south pole were to be first reached.—Buffalo Courier. The present congress may be usked to consider the expediency of uniform mar-riage and divorce laws. The ease of American divorce is one of the national iokes. There is an opportunity for wise joruney this rather frail Englishwoman had no companionship save her

jokes. There is an opportunity for wise legislation in that direction.—Ohio State Journal.

ournal. The protests of the artists against any neighbors of the archives against any meddling with the White House in ad-vance of a report from a representative national commission of architects, sculp-tors and landscape gardeners seems to us altogether reasonable and not untimely,---Hartford Courant.

Hartford Courant. The Germanizing of eastern Prussia proceeds apace. It is announced that at Kijewo a schoolmaster and his pupils have received notice that they must cease to wear boots high in the leg, such foot-gear being considered as a sign of na-tionalist ideas.—Hartungsche Zeitung. The multiplication of accidents with

share it with an enormous number share it with an enormous number of cockroaches. They were the larg-cet and most voracious I had ever seen. Some of them greedily ate all ithe kid off my shoes, while others ran races over my bunk and nibbled my hair. "One night something larger than a cockroach or rat dropped from the rafters on my bed and awoke me. lighted my candle, and it was a lemur, a looked fascinating; but uncertain of its conduct, I thought I would put it outside. "I opened the door on to the veranda and tried gently to drive it from the room, but alas! it objected and sprang straight on my shoulder, gripping my arm with its sharp little teeth, re-fusing to let ge until f pinched its tall. As it turned to bite my hand I fung it ant of the door which

THE WRITERS.

than in a house; but even in my tent i was apt to wake up and find all sorts of creepy, crawly things about my pillow." James Whitcomb Riley, the poet, now Tarely wears the buttonhole bouquet which he used never to be without. He dresses very simply and wears the flow-ers but seldom. Punch aunounces the immediate publi-ention of a three part serial by Frank R. James Whitcomb Riley, the poet, now

Punch announces the immediate publi-ention of a three part serial by Frank R. Stockton. It is entitled "The Gilded Idol and the Conch Shell" and deals with American life on the side of polities. Miss Beatrice Harraden, the novelist, who was recently severely injured while mountaineering in Norway, has returned to England and is rapidly recovering. She found while in Norway that the Nor-wegian translator of her first novel had omitted its last chapter, saying that thus the story was much improved.

A HIGH BOY.
past their usefulness. Even a broken tenport might be available if the color and shape were all right.
There is another side, however, to

PLANT LIFE.

Impatients sultani is one of those per-sistent little blossoms that keep the win-dow garden gay almost the year around. It is literally never without flowers.

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tion of practical utility was the under-The Household, whose discourse on old one of the bulletins issued during fashioned furnishings is here repro- the illness gave the Czar's tempera-

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There are several litters of young every year and generally from four to ten in a litter. When the young ones are born, they are very small, pink little creatures, maked and blind. The mother is devoted to them and tends them with great care and evident affection. When they are a few weeks old, they begin to come out of their hole to play about and see what the world is made of. They may easily be distinguished from the older ones by their smaller size and younger looks. While the normal color is gray, very rarely a black specimen is seen, and the while mice with red eyes which are often kept as pets are albinos of this species, Others are spotted black and while and at times haw been sold at quite good prices as "fancy" mice. Of the many enemies of the little ro-dents perhaps the house cat stands at the head of the list. Many people judge a cat chiefly by her qualities as a mouse hunter, and, all things considered, it is prhaps just as well that she does take and in all sizes for women. perhaps just as well that she does take a It is a sultable design for silk, vel-Next to the cane occasionally. Next to the cat perhaps the owls and hawkis account for the greatest number, and foxes, coons, weasels, skinks and prows all look upon mice as a delicacy of the greatest number.

and blue squared silk

But toxes, coons, weasels, skunks and crows all look upon mice as a delicacy. But the troubles of the rodents do not end here. Scores of ingenious traps have been invented for their destruction, and they are also poisoned in great numbers they are also poisoned in great numbers

every year. When it becomes necessary to destroy mice, perhaps the most humane way to do it is with the spring trap, which kills them instantly by a blow. Poisoning is cruel, and this method is als menace to human life, not only because it is always dangerous to have poison where there is a possibility of children getting hold of it, but because the mice are apt to die in the walls, floors and oth-er inaccessible places. Drowning is also cruel, though 1 once thew two dear elderly ladice mice man. knew two dear elderly ladies who were so kind hearted that they used to drown their mice in warm water, "because," they said, "it is so cruel to drown the poor things in cold water, in the middle of winter too."

ydney Ought to Know Us Now.

It was in the year 1820 and in the Ed inburgh Review that Sydney Smith made inburgh Review that Sydney Smith made his celebrated sneering reference to this country. "In the four quarters of the globe," he asked, "who reads an Ameri-can book, or goes to an American play, or looks at an American picture or stat-ue? What does the world yet owe to American physicians or surgeons? What new substances have their chemists dis-covered or what old ones have they ana-

An embroidered white silk sheath skirt and Eton Coat, over a flounce hew substances have their chemists dis-covered or what old ones have they ana-lyzed? What new constellations have been discovered by the telescopes of America? What have they done in the mathematics? Who drinks out of Ameri-can glasses, or eats from American plates, or wears American coats or gowns, or aleeps in American blankets?" and blouse of gold tissue.

CONFUSING THOUGHT. Mis. Fijjit-You think you know what I am thinking about.

Mr. Fijjit-Eh !

Mrs. Fijjit-Yes, you're thinking that I m think ng that you don't know

Prompt. Holden-What kind of a boy is that

Winter-Oh, he's all right-only a little dull. He was talking rather loudly the other afternoon, and I hollered, "Shut up?" Well, sir, before i knew what he was about, he had half the shutters up.-Bosten Transcrint. One who is so disloyal as to repeat to any outsider, however intimate, anything to the discredit of the family deserves to forfeit all family rights and privileges. eript.

quint eyed cuss that had et at least ten pound of my best cheese without ever payin a cent was not so keerful with the truth as he orter be. See?"-Indianapolis

Renewed Hope. "Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton, "did

Press.

you say you bought this necktie be cause you thought it suited me perfect

"Yes. "Well, I'm glad to hear it. I'm going to wear it and go out into the world with renewed hope and courage. You know, it's an old saying that handsome men are not, as a rule, the ones who really achieve things." - Washington

Papa's Deductions.

"I believe our baby is intoxicated, remarked the proud papa. "Why, what do you mean?" demand ed the fond mamma. 'He seems to be full of high bawls.

explained the proud papa, whose knowl edge of acoustics was thus shown to be equal to his information as to intox icants.-Baltimore American.

Taking His Measure "What kind of a man is this John

Smith? "Oh, he's the kind that thinks he can hold on to his umbrella by having his name engraved on the handle."-Nev

Rare as Well as Beautiful. Sillicus-It is a beautiful thing to se

Cynicus-That's right. So many o them seem to want to grow into man hood.-Philadelphia Record.

AN ABSURDITY.

h, where's the use of trying To keep from laughing, when duke can get the measles Lake ordinary men! Oh,

to be easily reached by dust brush or A fall of another degree would have broom and prevent the dust from roll- been fatal. The most minute care is

ing up into wads beneath it. now 'exercised in the supervision of The high, straight back chairs com- the food destined for the Imperial ta-The high, straight back chairs com-pelled one to sit erect on his own backbone, giving the straight, firm phy-sique impossible to obtain in our easy modern chairs, which encourage folling and skilfully watched. The poisoners and ease and send us to gymnasiums

and physical culture classes to obtain are suspected, if not certainly known, what our great-grandmothers got for and their names are mentioned in nothing. The fad would seem to be a whispers. sign of the times, an effort to swing back to the rugged simplicity of our

forefathers and to imitate them alo some of the lines that made them what they were.

Steam. 1 Nut Pudding.

To half a cop of granulated sugar add one gill (f melted butter. When well blended, add two beaten eggs and Leicestershire is the greatest granite producing county in the United ne cup of milk. Mix two teaspoonfuls Kingdom. of baking powder with two cups of The court of Queen Victoria has flour and add to the other ingredients. been the best and purest court that

Sprinkle a saltspoonful of salt over the world has ever seen. 1½ cups of any kind of nut ments bro-14 cups of any kind of nut meats of the country spends 2120,000 k year the emblems of their trade, insert ken into bits and add them to the mix- on the British Museum, The salary their tablet "United We Stand." ture. Butter a mold or pudding dish, of the principal librarian is $\pounds 1,500$. hours. Serve with wine sauce. If a cyclist were to ride round the

Popcorn Candy. Having popped the corn nicely, sait it and sift it through the fingers, that the

The city of Mexico is as much cooler than the United States in summe extra salt and the unpopped corn may excape. Have ready some candy, made escape. Have ready some candy, made by cooking together one pound of mo-lasses, one-half pound brown sugar, one tablespeonful of vinegar and from as it is warmer in winter. Summer excursions are coming into vogue. According to recent statistics, there ire 472 colleges in the United States 11/2 to 2 ounces of fresh butter. When having a total estimated property this is all but ready, stir into it as value, including grounds, building much of the popcorn as it will take up; and apparatus, of \$159,000,000. then turn it out on to buttered or oiled Heaton Park, Manchester, the seat dishes or shape it into balls. of the Earl of Wilton, has been pur-

chased by a London syndicate for Card playing in England is an almost forgotten pastime. Ladies seldom play. and gentlemen engage in it rarely but to £240,000. It is proposed to convert a

mahogany styled a high boy-plenty of drawer room, not too deep to be filled or, when filled, too heavy to be pulled out, with space enough under the legs out a broker occur in typhoid nor in any dis-ease except immediately before death. It should be with warm to be another degree would have watered and a fall of another degree would have water and a cloth at least on ater and a cloth at least once a week, must be brought into the house, if out now exercised in the supervision of during the summer, two or three weeks before the furnace is started in the fall, so that it may run no risk of being frost

> In the Washington Monument Few of the thousands of visitors to

and skilfully watched. The poisoners Few of the thousands of the the dis position to climb its 900 steps. It is much easier to ride on the elevator, which makes the ascent of the tall column in about eight minutes. But visitors who walk one way, either up or down, are well rewarded by a near view of the inscriptions on the memorial tab

One hundred and seventy-six of these tablets were contributed by various societies, lodges, cities, states, foreign countries and private individuals. The variety of their inscriptions attests the wide reach of the influence of Washington.

The Association of Journeymen Stonecutters of Philadelphia, under the emblems of their trade, inscribe on moreland county, Va., describes itself simply as "The Birthplace of Wash-Greece, the "Mother of Aningte cient Liberty," sends from the Parthe-non "This Ancient Sione as a Testimony of Honor and Admiration."

The Turkish inscription, it is said, was written by the court poet and bears a date in a "year of the Hegira." One of the longest inscriptions appears on a scone presented by some Chinese Christians of Che Henug, China in 1853. It declares George Washington to have been braver than Tsan-Tsau or Lin-Pi.

A likeness of Shakespeare stands out on a stone at the twenty-sixth landing, as the short level spaces between the portion of the demeane into a residen-tial park and to devote other portions die." and below. "All that live must die." and below. "A tribute of respect die," and below, "A tribute of respect from the ladies and gentlemen of the dramatic profession of america"-

York Evening World. young girl growing into womanhood