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SAILOR AND HORSE.

How the Retired Sea Captain Made a Purchase.

In "Horses Nine" Sewell Ford tells how a retired sea captain bought a horse. The story runs: As one who inspects an unfamiliar object Captain Bean looked dazedly at Barnacles. At the same time Barnacles inspected the captain. With head lowered to knee level, with ears cocked forward, nostrils sniffing and under lip twitching almost as if he meant to laugh, Barnacles eyed his prospective owner.

Captain Bean squirmed under the gaze of Barnacles' big, calm eye for a moment, and then shifted his position.

"What in time does he want any way, Jed?" demanded the captain.

"Wants to get acquainted, that's all, cap'n. Mighty knowin' boss, he is. Now, some hosses don't take notice of anything. They're jest naturally dumb. Then ag'in you'll find hosses that seem to know every blamed word you say. Them's the kind of hosses that's worth havin'."

"S'pose he knows all the ropes, Jed?" "I should say he did, cap'n. If there's anything that hoss ain't done in his day, I don't know what 'tis. Near's I can find out he's tried every kind of work in or out of traces, that you could think of."

"Must be some old by your tell," suggested the captain. "Sure his timbers are all sound?"

"Dunno 'bout his timbers, cap'n, but as for wind an' limb you won't find a sounder boss of his age in this county. Course I'm not sellin' him fer a four-year-old."

Again Captain Bean tried to look critically at the white horse, but once more he met that calm, curious gaze, and the attempt was hardly a success. However, the captain squinted solemnly over Barnacles' withers and remarked:

"Yes, he has got some good lines, as you say, though you wouldn't hardly call him clipper built. Not much sheer for'ard an' a little too much aft, eh?"

At this criticism Jed snorted mirthfully.

"Oh, I s'pose he's all right," quickly added the captain. "Fact is I ain't never paid much attention to hosses, bel'n on the water so much. You're sure he'll mind his helm, Jed?"

"Oh, he'll go where you p'int him."

"Won't drag anchor, will he?"

"Stand all day if you'll let him."

"Well, Jed, I'm ready to sign articles, I guess."

ORIGIN OF OLD SAYINGS.

The Honeymoon.—For thirty days after a wedding the ancient Teutons had a custom of drinking a mead made of honey.

The Bridegroom.—In primitive times the newly wedded man had to wait upon his bride and the guests on his wedding day. He was their groom.

Sirlon of Beef.—King Charles I., being greatly pleased with a roast loin of beef set before him, declared it "good enough to be knighted." It has ever since been called Sir Loin.

A Spinster.—Women were prohibited from marrying in olden times until they had spun a full set of bed furnishings on the spinning wheel; hence, till married, they were spinsters.

Cabal.—This word was coined in Charles II.'s reign and applied to his cabinet council. It was made out of the initials of their names, which were: Clifford, Arlington, Buckingham, Ashley, Lauderdale.

Scandinavian Carving.—From earliest times carving has received great attention in Scandinavia. One sees evidence of this in many Swedish churches, both in wood and stone, dating back many centuries. In Stockholm are many to be found, now safely cared for in a well known museum. Some of these northern churches, notably those of Borgund and Hitterdal, are quite covered with such quaint ornamentation. Beyond such public expression of painstaking labor one may see in almost any comfortably furnished house wooden forks, spoons, salt boxes and platters, but still more attracting attention are huge wooden tankards, and these will often bear close study both in design and in execution.

Red Flannel Currency.—A Scotch missionary to a group of small islands in the south Pacific a great many years ago found bits of red flannel circulating as money. This currency came to them in a curious manner. The body of a shipwrecked sailor had drifted ashore, and to the untutored savages, who had never before seen clothing of any kind, his red flannel shirt was an object of wonder and admiration. By common consent they cut the garment into small pieces, which thenceforth became the currency of the island.

Small Bits of Gold.—Gold is so very tenacious that a piece of it drawn into wire one-twentieth of an inch in diameter will sustain a weight of 500 pounds without breaking. Its malleability is so great that a single grain may be divided into 2,000,000 parts and a cubic inch into 9,529,809,529 parts, each of which may be distinctly seen by the naked eye.

The Fun of It.—A young man writes to me: "Is it proper to kiss a young lady to whom you are engaged if she says you mustn't?"

"No, sir. It is decidedly improper. That's half the fun of it."

Quite Opposites.—

Student—What is pessimism?

Philosopher—The faith of cowards.

"Then what is optimism?"

"The faith of fools."—New York Weekly.

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The physician is far from attributing the peculiar manifestation to other than physiological reasons. His own sense of smell is abnormally acute.

Hotel Bills in England.

The author of "Portugal Old and New" finds fault with English hotel keepers for using a printed form of bill on which the plain requirements of a simple traveler are lost amid a multitude of items. The result is that when a guest pays for a day's and a night's lodging he is positively almost ashamed at finding due registry of his having wanted neither liquors nor stationery nor warm baths nor pots of jam nor the shower baths nor pots of jam nor the hotel hairdresser and is apt to reflect what a poor shuffling impostor of a guest he is to have had so few requirements.

Slightly Different.

"Dat were a very excitin' jackpot I won las' night on a bluff," said Mr. Erasmus Pinkley as he tilted his cigar and dropped his hat over his eye.

"Did you raise the opener?" asked Mr. James Coliflower.

No, sah; I opened a razor."

She Helped.

"Did she help you to propose?"

"Well, rather! She asked how many boxes of candy would pay for an engagement ring."—Detroit Free Press.

Avoid greatness. In a cottage there may be found more real happiness than kings or their favorites enjoy in palaces.—Horace.

Don't think you can thoroughly know a person by the face, for that is merely the preface.

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The first industry of the world was tailoring. The first maker of clothes and the first wearer was Adam. Of this strange character who appears on the pages of history in the dual role of the first tailor and the first customer we have but a brief biography. The meager details require sympathetic interpretation to make up a complete story. Of his father and mother no mention is made, but the record shows he was destined to be a clothier of some sort, for he was put into Eden to "dress" the garden. We do not know if he obeyed this command, as his biographers do not so state, for, it seems, instead of "dressing" the garden he "dressed" himself.

His early marriage and the trouble relating to the theft of some fruit with sundry other unpleasant details preceded his work as a tailor. He began in a humble way; just himself and one assistant. He was one of the early settlers in a newly opened country, a land of natural advantages which must soon attract other inhabitants. With a large and increasing population he foresaw that there must come a growing demand for clothing if he could introduce them and make popular his new invention. He was a pioneer. He had no competition. He controlled the tailoring trade of the world. Thus with the first industry came the first trust.

As he busily piled his needle we know not what visions of future business and wealth filled his ambitious mind. But never in his wildest dreams did he conceive that his little tailoring establishment, employing only four hands, doing only a local trade and turning out the first custom made garment, would be the beginning of a ready made clothing business that in the United States alone gives labor to hundreds of thousands of hands and covers an investment of a great many million dollars.

But of the great wealth that has come from his invention Adam, like most pioneers, made no money whatever and died leaving his family without a penny. Even his name is not associated with his wonderful discovery, but—such is the sarcasm of time—it appears only in the word Adam's apple, in memory not of his virtues, but of an escape of his life.

Though even Carlyle has not recognized Adam's sartorial genius, there are some capital points in the work of this first tailor.

He originated the style himself. He was not a petty trader on the reputation of others and imitating their fashions. Even in the names for the garments he was original. The first suit of clothes, in reality only a girdle or belt, he humorously termed an "apron."

It is difficult to determine the season of the year. Judging from the coolness of the suit, it might have been a summer style, but as it was just a little after the fall it was probably early in the winter.

They were hand stitched throughout. They contained no machine work or cheap labor. The workshop was in the open air, and, although tailored in the sweat of his brow, no sweatshop work was possible.

The material was not of the best, but Adam found no better at hand. Some of the modern tailors, making shoddy garments at shoddy prices, imitate Adam, who used "leavings."

As to Adam, the first customer, when he was alone in the world he never thought of dress, but when he came to the realization of himself as an individual and in relation to others he began to spruce up. He courted his wife in the eyes of "himself" only woman he ever loved." Human nature has not changed much.

With the entry of society dress began. Perhaps this is why dress forms so prominent a feature in society today.

After eating the apple of knowledge the mind of Adam was suddenly illuminated as if by a thousand electric lights. A great thought of large, practical, worldly wisdom flashed before him. He realized that to amount to anything in the world he must make a good appearance. In this he struck a keynote of business success.

Surely he needed to keep up appearances. He reflected over his actions for the two weeks prior and then looked at his future. He had been in bad society and had been seen with a disreputable serpent, he had been led into temptation, he had broken the law, he was implicated in an apple theft as accessory after the fact, he had some of the stolen goods in his possession and he was then in "hiding." Discovery was certain. He was to be evicted from his home and in disgrace had to face the awfulness of actually earning his own living by work. Then, after a mild attack of remorse, he was equal to the situation and in a manly way accepted it, made himself a suit of clothes in which he could make a decent appearance and began life anew with the courage, hope, pride and confidence that comes from the consciousness of being well dressed.—William George Jordan in Fashioner.

Those Troublesome Questions.

Little Willie—I say, pa?

Pa—What is it, my son?

Little Willie—What did moths live on before Adam and Eve wore clothes?

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