

LORD ROSEBERRY'S BET.

How the Great English Politician Gave a Good Tip.

On one occasion Lord Roseberry was in a railway carriage on his way to a race meeting at Ascot. Opposite him sat a continental traveller, who was rather inclined to be talkative. Seeing the lordship's opinion of the course, he did not know reading the Racing Calendar, he remarked: "Suppose you are going to the Ascot meeting?" "I am going as far as Ascot," replied his lordship. "Pity young swells get fleeced by blacklegs. Some noblemen, I hear, drop fortunes on the turf."

NAVAL BATTLE WITH HORSES.

How 3000 Cowboys Captured the Spanish Fleet.

Paez, who was the first President of the Republic of Venezuela, was perhaps the only man who ever fought a naval battle on horseback. It is a matter of history that he, to whom more than any other man, apart from Simon Bolivar, Venezuela owes her independence, actually attacked and captured with his cavalry a fleet of ships. Bolivar was endeavouring to cross the Apure River in the struggle for independence, but was prevented from doing so by some eight Spanish gunboats which moved up and down the stream as he did. Bolivar was in despair for a while. To Paez, who was second in command, he appealed for counsel, saying that he could never cross the river so long as the Spanish gunboats were there. "If only I could capture them," the revolutionary leader observed, "the rest would be easy."

The Butter Trade of Canada.

In the year ending 1910 Canada shipped only 4,577,330 pounds of butter, worth \$2,928,734. Canada's imports of butter on the other hand amounted to \$27,454 pounds, worth \$104,301. These imports into Canada last year are given below, with the rate of duty that had to be paid on coming into the country; and also with the changes in that rate which would be effected under reciprocity.

Table with columns: Country, Quantity, Value, Rate under Reciprocity Agreement. Rows include Great Britain, Australia, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Norway, Turkey, and United States.

Prince Arthur as Footman.

Prince Arthur of Connaught who will probably come out to Canada with his father, or young Arthur, as he is usually known about the Court and to his intimate friends, was once stationed at Aldershot, where some engagement had prevented him from changing into the prescribed uniform before going to a State ball.

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Winnipeg's Growth.

Winnipeg, 25 years ago a Hudson's Bay trading post, now ranks fourth in Canada's industrial centres. Manufacturing output, 1906, \$1-2 millions; output, 1910, \$6 millions; increase \$400 per cent. in 10 years.

Advertisement for FIVE ROSES flour. Includes text: 'Not Bleached', 'Add water to milk— You weaken the milk.', and an illustration of two children with a flour bag.

No Resemblance.

"Now, Nora," said the departing physician to the Irish girl, who was nursing a bad case of fever, "if the patient sees snakes again, give him a dose of this medicine. I shall be in at six."

Utilizing Waste as Fuel.

The greatest work which has been carried out by the British in Egypt, since their occupation of that country, has been the construction of dams along the Nile for the purpose of producing water for irrigating the Nile valley.

The New Boarder Again.

"For ten years," said the new boarder at a Montreal boarding-house, "my habits were as regular as clockwork. I rose on the stroke of six; half an hour later I sat down to breakfast; at seven I was at work, dined at twelve, ate supper at six, and was in bed at nine-thirty; and only hearty food, and hadn't a sick day in all that time."

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An expert states that all one needs to do to put out a gasoline or kerosene fire is to put foam on it. He does not say so, but we presume the gentleman means to imply that it is always well to have a mad dog or and the house to supply the foam.

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SWALLOW'S NEST OF BANK-NOTES.

How a Mouse Stole \$18 Worth of Notes to Make a Home.

A pair of swallows of Fibersheim in the Tyrol, have stolen a number of ten-kroner bank-notes to line their nest. The parent birds discovered that the new notes were just the shade of blue to match their eggs, the tissue being tough but flexible, and exactly the material they needed. The nest of the missing notes were only discovered when the swallows had abandoned it and it fell to the ground.

Last Call.

Professor Leacock tells the following story about a young man who sometimes drank more whiskey than was good for him: He had been making a night of it, but had forsaken his cup, and was acquainted with an undertaker named George, and got the crazy notion at three o'clock in the morning that he must see this particular man.

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Advertisement for GEO. STABLES. Includes text: 'JUST ARRIVED', 'Another Car of Gravenstein Apples', '200 Baskets Ontario Grapes', 'CAPE COD CRANBERRIES', 'Any one wanting Fowl can have same by ordering one day in advance.', 'At the People's Store', 'GEO. STABLES.', 'Bear Traps', 'I have on hand twenty Bear Traps which I must sell at once.', 'F. H. Gough'.

Advertisement for 2 in 1 SHOE POLISH. Includes text: '2 in 1 SHOE POLISH', 'No labor. Shines easily. No dirt.', 'Does not rub off or soil clothing.', 'Preserves the leather, containing neither Turpentine, Acid or other injurious ingredients.', 'Brilliant and Lasting.', 'It is good for your shoes.', 'THE F. F. DALLEY CO., Limited, HAMILTON, Ont., BUFFALO, N. Y. and LONDON, Eng.'

Dogs.

Dogs were formerly indigenous to the Indian, but since the advent of dog licenses, whereby a dog, without a valid license, is presumed to be a stray, they have been grafted on family trees, with their own separate heraldry, as substitutes for children, thereby furnishing considerable consolation for race suicide.

Some one sent the manuscript of a story to a literary friend, with the request that he would criticize it.

"My dear Blank: Your book contains much that is both new and good; but what is new is not good, and what is good is not new."

Australia has Tallest Tree.

Australia claims to have the tallest tree in the world. It has long been thought that to California belongs this distinction, but while California trees are of gigantic dimensions, they do not come up to Australia's eucalyptus trees.

A Record in Book Publishing.

The first (Canadian) edition of 5000 copies of Dr. Stephen Leacock's latest book "Nonense Novels," which was published on June 12th, by Publishers Princes, was completely sold out in the record time of three days, and a second edition is almost sold.

Bride (putting on travelling dress):

"Did I look nervous during the ceremony, Kate?" "Kate (bride's eldest sister): "A little at first, but not after Alfred had said 'Yes.'"