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The only sacred temple cats that ever left the land of their birth were given to Dr. Nightingale as a mark of special favor by the King of Siam. They were named by their new owner Romeo and Juliet, and are now the property of Lady Marcus Beresford. They are very expensive, moderate specimens selling for \$50, and finely marked ones bringing from \$75 to \$300.

Now that many ladies of rank in England have catteries, the price of high bred cats is constantly increasing. Champion Lord Southampton, a white Persian, owned by Mrs. Greenwood, was sold for \$350, and \$250 was refused for Zaida, a former cat show champion. And in America, of course, as high prices as anywhere are obtained.

What Age?

There has been no end in the comic papers of supposed difficulties the census takers had in obtaining the age of women. Here is a specimen: Census Taker—What is your age, madam?

Mrs. Neighbor—Did the woman next door give her age?

Census Taker—Certainly.

Mrs. Neighbor—Well, I'm two years younger than she is.

Another woman would not tell her age, but told how old she was when married. In answering some other question, the census taker learned that she had been married ten years, and thus got at her age.

But here is a rule you can figure out yourself:

One day there came to the court of a king a gray-haired peddler, who amused the king greatly. He told the monarch a number of things he never knew before and the king was delighted. But finally it came to a point where the ruler wanted to know the name of the peddler, so he thought of a mathematical problem.

"Ahem!" said the king. "I have an interesting sum for you: it is a trial in mental arithmetic. Think of the number of the month of your birth."

Now, the professor was sixty years old, and had been born two days before Christmas, so he thought of twelve. December being the twelfth month.

"Yes," said the professor.

"Multiply it by two," continued the king.

"Yes."

"Add five."

"Yes," answered the professor, doing so.

"Now multiply by fifty."

"Yes."

"Add your age."

"Yes."

"Subtract 365."

"Yes."

"Add 115."

"And now," said the king, "might I ask what the result is?"

"Twelve hundred and sixty," replied the professor, wondering.

"Thank you," was the king's response. "So you were born in December, sixty years ago, eh?"

"Why, how in the world do you know?" cried the professor.

"Why," retorted the king, from your answer—1,260. The month of your birth was the twelfth, and the last two figures give your age."

"Ha, ha!" laughed the professor.

"Capital idea. I'll try it on the next person. It's a polite way of finding out people's ages."

How to Get an Office Chair Mended.

Sir Wemyss Reid tells a characteristic story of how they do things at the Treasury.

A distinguished public man, when he first entered a certain Government department as a junior clerk, was the witness of a scene that filled him with amazement.

An elderly gentleman who was seated at another desk in the same room suddenly rose from his desk, dragged his chair to the fireplace, and, seizing the poker, attacked the offending piece of furniture with what seemed to be maniacal fury. When he had broken a leg off the chair his passion seemed to be exhausted. He flung the damaged seat into a corner of the room, and, getting another chair, calmly resumed his work as though nothing had happened.

My friend on leaving his work that afternoon ventured to ask another clerk who had been a witness of the scene what it meant.

"Is Mr. X— subject to attacks of this kind?" he asked.

"Mr. X—?" was the response. "There was nothing the matter with him. You see, one of the clerks had come off the chair, and the Treasury won't replace castors; they will repair nothing less serious than a broken leg. So he broke one of the legs, and now he will get the castor put on again."

Gold Product of Canada.

It is estimated that the Canadian gold fields yielded last year 1,257,862 ounces of gold, valued at \$29,000,000. Compared with the preceding year, 1899, this is an increase in ounces of about 250,000, and in value of \$5,000,000.

Dogs Taxed by Weight.

In Hamburg dogs are taxed by weight, the heavier the dog the larger the tax that has to be paid for it.

A SOLDIER'S TREASURE

With a rose in the rim of his brown colored hat And a jingle of saber and spur, A soldier rode by in the dawn and the dew Ere the village was scarcely astir.

The patter and clatter of sharp, little boots Brought her into the window above; Her eyes were as blue as the sky overhead, Unclouded by sorrow or love.

In the gold of the sunrise they halted below, Bay mare and brave rider, apace, And her kerchief dropped out as she leaned from the sill.

A fragment of linen and lace. He caught it in air on the point of his sword And buttoned it under his blouse, And cantered away, but drew rein on the hill And turned to look back at the house.

While she dreamed of a soldier returning from war To halt at her window again, Where bullets were falling like rain, And a comrade who passed a moment of truce Stopped over and covered his face With a kerchief he found in the breast of his blouse.

A fragment of linen and lace. —Mina Irving in Leslie's Weekly.

DAN RICE'S LAST NICKEL.

It Was Soon Increased So That He Could Spare \$100 For a Church.

"Circus people as a rule are the best traveling class railroads have to deal with," said a railroad man who has had much to do with such combinations. "They are always found to be close figures, presenting a million and one contentions, asking as many, if not more, questions than the end of the result are generally satisfactory to both parties."

It is only within the last few years that railroads began handling circus outfits. The country road and wagon once afforded a cheap method of transportation between small towns, where nickels, dimes and quarters rarely ever failed to be taken in by the haul.

Those not on country roads were found on the large rivers, shifting their dates to suit the seasons all the way from St. Paul and Cincinnati to Cairo, Ill., and New Orleans. The late Colonel Dan Rice, who probably pleased more people as a clown than any other sawdust king, was a striking figure among the performing river craft and one of the first to put his show on the rails.

"This was back in 1873, when a panic swept over the country and river towns had hit the sky, right and left, for the show business. Rice and his animals were tied up at St. Louis, waiting for times to grow better when the circus firm offered a good lump sum for his boats. He figured it was broke in almost any event, so he sold, and then began to tour eastward with a train of borrowed cars.

The last Illinois town was 'rotten.' The show had hardly made 'animal meat,' to say nothing of the money to get to another stand. As a last resort Colonel Rice 'soaked' the show to the railroad company to put him into Vincennes, just over the state line, agreeing that the company's agent there should play door-keeper and hold out what was coming. Vincennes did not look a whit good. The town was dead, and the inhabitants wouldn't entertain a bit over the bun band and bright colored wagons. An hour before the afternoon performance was to begin found Colonel Rice pacing in front of the main entrance, figuring with himself for dear life, when a party of ladies approached.

"Colonel Rice," they began, "we have always heard of you as a very charitable gentleman and unfortunately our church has been damaged and needs a new roof. We thought you might be willing to subscribe toward it."

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Every one rose. When it dawned upon the good elder that they had been only joking with him, the scowl on his face broke away into a broad grin—as an icicle breaks away in sparkling water before the benedict rays of a warm sun. Some of his best friends had planned the scheme, which worked to perfection.

Orders Ahead of His.

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The customer glared at it. "What do you mean by bringing that thing back here?" he demanded. "Why didn't you with it as I told you?"

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Willing to Help.

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It was a big undertaking, even for Rice, who was about the richest in the business in those days, but everything went reasonably well until he started to enter Indiana. The last Illinois town was 'rotten.' The show had hardly made 'animal meat,' to say nothing of the money to get to another stand.

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