

A DRAFT HORSE'S DEBUT.

How the Auctioneer introduced him to the city market.

How Chieftain, a heavy draft horse, made his debut in New York city is told by Sewell Ford in "Horse Nine" as follows: He had been the boast of Keokuk county for a whole year. "We'll show 'em what we can do in Indiana," the stock master had said. Chieftain, his silver white tail carefully done up in red flannel, was led aboard the cars for shipment east.

They are not unused to ton weight horses in the neighborhood of the Bull's Head, where the great sales stables are. Still, when Chieftain was brought out, his fine dappled coat shining like frosted steel in the sunlight, and his splendid tail, which had been done up in straw crimps over night, rippling and waving behind him, there was a great craning of necks among the buyers of heavy drafts.

"Gentlemen," the red faced auctioneer had shouted, "here's a buster, one of the kind you read about, wide as a wagon, with a leg on each corner. There's a ton of him, a whole ton. Who'll start him at \$300? Why, he's as good as money in the bank."

That had been Chieftain's introduction to the metropolis.

The Somali.

A military correspondent gives a good description of the Somali, who as a fighting man is not first class, though he is fond of drill and proud of his uniform. But he is by nature decidedly effeminate; his toilet is a constant source of anxiety to himself, and the pains he will take to curl his crisp black hair by the application of various substances to his head is incredible. He is fond of finery, of luxurious and indolent habits, and keeps up an incessant fire of chatter. He is grasping, and in the matter of food is greedy. Timid in the presence of the European, he is easily excited and quickly loses his head. Dancing is one of his chief pastimes, accompanied by the loud clapping of hands and a continuous and monotonous wall, which no doubt does duty for a song. Somali women never dance, and scarcely even smile; they are completely cowed by the men, who treat them in most cases unkindly, if not actually cruelly. The Somali is most punctilious in the performance of his religious rites; but he seems hypocritical to a degree.—London Express.

Violin Variations.

The violin dealer was talking about the mystery of the old violin varnishes. "The wonderful tone of the old violins," he said, "depended on the varnish a great deal. The secret has been lost. We don't know today how the old varnishes were made. Charles Roede, who was into this subject deeply, claimed that oil with gum in solution and color evaporated in spirit were the bases of the best varnish. But whether he was right or wrong no one knows. A violin consists of from thirty to seventy pieces. We make violins today just as they were made in the past, but we don't varnish them the same. Some varnishes contained ground amber. Recently, to the ruin of a priceless Guarnerius, its varnish was scraped off and analyzed and an abundance of amber powder was found."

Bear Worshipers of Japan.

The queerest and perhaps the oldest people of the earth are the Ainu, the bear idolaters, who are found in the Japanese islands of Koryu, Sakhalin, and chiefly in Yezo or Honnald. They number more than 18,000 souls in all, and they are fast disappearing. They have the broad nose and the oblique eyes which characterize the Chinese and Asiatic races generally, but there the resemblance ends. The Ainu are a large and powerful people, straight as an arrow. All the Ainu declare they sprang from the Great White Dog—the bear—and a princess of the south. The bear is their chief god.

How to See Under Water.

A lens for seeing under water is described as producing an effect which is both astonishing and delightful. It gives distinct vision to objects from twenty to thirty feet below the surface which are usually out of ordinary eye range. The eye's loss of extending vision when under water is owing to the fact that an entirely different focus is required. The spectacles which can adjust this focus are made by putting two watch crystals back to back or with the concavities outward. Try it and be surprised.

The Only Thing They Ever Did.

John Bright's powers of sarcasm were almost unrivaled. Some of his sharpest utterances have been against members of the nobility. When boasts had been made of the antiquity of a prominent family, that their ancestors came over with the Conqueror, his reply was prompt, "I never heard that they did anything else."

Wanted Every Detail.

Pauline, aged six, was listening to the story of the marriage at Cana and the miracle of the water and the wine. After her mother had finished her recital the little girl inquired: "Mother, what did you say was the name of the gentleman who gave the party?"

Not Wholly Idle.

Clara—Does Harry help you with the house cleaning?
Harriet—Well, he hangs the pictures crooked and does the grumbling.

His Proud Boast.

"What is your position in the choir?" asked the new church member.
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Naval Discipline.

The force of naval discipline is shown in this true story of the captain who, fatally smitten with cholera, was being taken ashore to the hospital. The story is told in "Sport in the Navy." The captain's men were rowing as slowly and gently as possible in order not to disturb him. The dying captain beckoned the midshipman in charge of the boat and whispered these last words:

"Ten days' black list for the crew for not giving way!"

Sleep Methods.

It is said that hours of sleep can be regulated by two simple methods: First, never allow yourself to be awakened, but insist on being undisturbed until you awaken naturally; second, get up the minute you are awake. The hours of sleep will soon become adapted to the requirements of your constitution.

Gory.

"What do you gain by deluging every street of Paris with blood?" declaimed Danton.
"At least I will make a great alloy gory," reasoned Robespierre, glancing down the Rue Royale at the reeking guillotine.

Her First Query.

"My dear," said Mr. Cabbage to his wife, who was dangerously ill, "Mrs. Kicksaw is downstairs and wants to see you."
"What has she got on?" asked the dying woman feebly.

A man is young a great deal longer than he is old, but it doesn't seem so long.—Aldrich Globe.

The Pain of Silence.

"We women," she was saying again, "suffer in silence."
"I can readily believe that you do suffer in silence," the man replied.
"You take so much pleasure in talk."

A Nice Distinction.

"If you were a woman," said the bachelor girl, who was entertaining a caller, "I'd show you my new frock, but as you are a man I'll show the slippers that go with it."

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The fact that in Canada the white man brought the Indian congenial employment, brought the white man's need for the Indian to fill, and for which he was ready to pay, put the attitude of both into their proper relations. Go where you will in western Canada even at this date and the H.B.C. flag of the old company is a safeguard against theft by any Indian. To the Indian that flag stood for their employer's, for a Government that left them their wild free life and their game. But it represented a Government none the less, a Government for the Indian by the white man, but a Government of such a character that the savage did not rebel against it.

There are nearly one-half of the Indians of Canada still under the jurisdiction of the Hudson's Bay Company. They are the natives of the far north and include the typical red men of the forest and the Esquimaux far beyond the Arctic circle. To these the factor at the Hudson's Bay Company post at which they dispose of the trophies of the chase for what they consider the luxuries of life is both lawmaker and lawgiver. His authority is unquestioned, and his order meets with instant obedience. The source of his authority is neither known nor cared; to him chiefs, medicine men and warriors bow a willing knee.

The tourist from Winnipeg west finds Indians at every station. In Winnipeg they come into the city in the winter yime with dog teams and sledges, bringing to the market offered by the fur traders, of whom there are now a number, the skins they have secured during the summer months, and taking back with them the powder and other things for which they exchange their products. During the summer months the really picturesque Indian is unknown in Winnipeg. They reside too far north to make the trip except when the winter's snows offer a method of transportation, but as the tourist travels westward he finds more of them. They are seen at every hand, and it is hard to believe that there are less than 10,000 of them all told in Canada.

Hon. David Laird was once asked: "What is the best place to see the typical Canadian Indian?"
"It depends entirely on what one classes as typical," he replied.
"What we could class as typical western Canada Indians are those in the schools, on the farms and the cattle ranges. They are not the picturesque Indians however. If you are looking for paint and feathers there is no better place than around Calgary. There you can see the Indian in all his savage finery, but they are typical of a generation ago, not of to-day."

Canada has successfully educated a large percentage of her Indian population. All over the western provinces and territories are Indian boarding and day schools in which the younger generation of Indians take a great interest, and in which thousands of them are perfecting themselves for lives of civilization and usefulness.

But the old love for the wild life is not entirely dead even among the younger generations. About Calgary may be seen the Crows, the Blackfeet, and a little farther west in the foothills of the mountains the Stony tribe. With them the moccasins, the blanket, the buckskin breeches and shirt constitute the wearing apparel; the squaws still perform the drudgery of the camp, her lord is still a hunter, and to a small extent a cattle ranger. The teepee is the common home, and they are seen by hundreds from Medicine Hat to the Rocky mountains.

A Floating Sawmill.

They are operating a floating sawmill on Lake Champlain with a great deal of success.

It is a two-storied, ark-like affair, but upon a heavy float. The boiler and sawing machinery occupy the entire main deck. The upper story is divided into living rooms for the crew. As soon as the mill has finished with one batch of logs a small tug tows it to the next cove. The mill can be hired by the week, or by the job, and in some cases the logs have been cut on shares. The result has been that farmers along the lake have been able to cut their trees and market the lumber with profit.

A high stack rises out of the house at the stern, giving the craft the appearance of an antiquated steamer. In the same end are wide doors, through which the logs are hauled to the sawing block. The lumber is passed out through one porthole on the side of the barge and the slab through another. The sawdust and scraps are carried to the fireroom, and furnish the fuel.

Dr. Doyle as Sherlock Holmes.
Dr. Conan Doyle tells thus of a bit of aimless Sherlock Holmesing which he did in real life: "I was in a tailor shop when a rather unattractive man was selecting a pair of trousers. He flatly objected to striped goods, and I got the idea that he was an ex-convict. To satisfy myself I visited one or two prisons and, sure enough, found the man's picture in the rogues' gallery. Doubtless he had had enough of striped wearing apparel."

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