

Foreseeing the End.

A book of poems has just been published which was written in trench and billet during the war by a young officer, who distinctly foretells his own death, and never for a moment believes that he will live to come home. Instances of such foreknowledge are not uncommon.

One of the most remarkable was the case of Von Spee. If it is true, and it was reported on very good authority, it does credit to the German admiral, who showed a rare spirit and delicacy. After the Battle of Coronel the German colony at Valparaiso gave a banquet to celebrate the occasion, at which the final toast was "Destruction to the British Navy." It is said that Von Spee immediately rose and said that neither he nor his officers cared to respond to the toast, and they withdrew.

The steps near the door were covered with flowers, and the admiral said: "I think you had better keep these for my grave. They may be wanted." A few weeks later he encountered Sturdee at the battle of the Falkland Islands.

The personality of Abraham Lincoln has been vividly brought to the minds of playgoers lately, and all his biographers agree that the great President had premonition of the tragic death which befell him on April 14th, 1865. Of the danger of assassination he was fully aware, and at a Cabinet meeting on the morning of the fatal day he was observed to wear a grave and troubled look. When General Grant asked what was the matter, he said he had had a strange dream, but did not say what it was. In the afternoon his mood changed to one of extreme gaiety, and his wife remarked uneasily: "I have seen you thus only once before, and that was just before our Willie died."

The Derby has had few more ardent devotees than Lord Palmerston. For fifty years, as regular as clockwork, the popular statesman galloped down to Epsom on Derby Day, and it was to his great disgust that on his last visit he was compelled by infirmity and vile weather to make the journey in a carriage.

As, that day, he saw the French horse Gladiateur forge ahead, he said to a friend: "If the foreigner wins I shall not live through the year." Gladiateur won, and in less than four months "Pam" was dead.

"Man-Power."

HUMAN STRENGTH COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE LOWER ANIMALS.

A man rowing does one-third as much work as an ox ploughing.

An ox ploughing does a little more than half the work of an average cart-horse hauling a ton of coals.

A camel carrying five hundred pounds on its back is nearly equal to two average horses.

While an elephant, which will bear a load of half a ton or lift a log of oak of the same weight, is worth in muscular power rather more than three good camels.

The lion, usually known as the King of Beasts, is by no means the strongest. Its strength is estimated at that of six men only; while that of a full-grown Indian tiger is a third greater.

Equals a Thousand Men.

Neither of these animals is equal in muscular power to the bear tribe, of which the Polar and the grizzly are the strongest. A grizzly weighing about one thousand pounds has been seen to carry a steer weighing eight hundred pounds up a steep mountain-side for over half a mile. Its strength is at least twice that of a lion.

A gorilla four-feet-six in height and weighing eleven stone has the strength of four strong men. It can bend double a pair of twelve-bore gunbarrels in its hands.

The African buffalo and the Indian gaur—or wild ox—are the two largest and most powerful of the buffalo tribe. It is doubtful if twelve men could hold a gaur, which stands as much as six feet high, and is over eight feet in length.

The only other wild animals which are stronger than the gaur—always excepting the wild elephant—are the rhinoceros and the hippopotamus. The latter, when appeared, has successfully resisted the combined efforts of twenty-two natives to pull it out of the water on to dry land.

Largest and by far the strongest of warm-blooded creatures is the whale. A right whale of the estimated weight of sixty tons has towed for a whole day a steamer of one hundred and twenty horse-power, with the full force of its engine working against it. Its strength is therefore at least equal to a regiment one thousand strong.

Picturesque Postmen.

Although the rail and the motor vehicle have almost ousted the horse as a carrier of mails in this country, yet in many parts of the world very primitive methods of transporting the mails are still used.

For picturesque the dog-team boat is hard to beat, and it is common enough in the Yukon country, in Kamchatka and Siberia, as well as in the far north of Canada. This mail service

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is by no means slow, for a team will commonly do sixty miles, day after day.

The buffalo post is to be found in Asiatic Russia and other parts of Asia, and especially in very marshy country. The spiny feet of the buffalo can go where oxen fear to tread, and where a horse would be swallowed up. A buffalo wagon looks as if it had come out of Noah's Ark, and the buffalo looks no less antediluvian.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DYPHTHERIA.

Great Battles Fought on Sunday.

It is a curious thing that many of the hardest battles of the present world war, as in former ones, were fought on the Sabbath. The fiercest battle of the War of Roses was waged on Palm Sunday, 1461. Ten years later the battle of Barnet was fought on Easter Sunday. Ramillies was fought on Whit-Sunday, 1706. It was on Sunday that Wellington issued his famous order, "Ciudad Rodrigo must be

carried by assault this evening." Napoleon lost at Waterloo on the Sabbath. Washington won the battle of Monmouth on Sunday, June 28th, 1778. Both the battle of Bull Run and the battle of Shiloh were waged on Sunday. War knows no holidays and respects no holy day.

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World's Largest Date-Growers.

It is not generally known that Basra, the great port of Mesopotamia, situated on the picturesque Shat-el-Arab, some sixty miles from the head of the Persian Gulf, and now under the British flag, is the centre of the world's greatest date industry, for here, in normal times, is shipped every year between 50,000 and 75,000 tons of this delicious fruit. Should, as it is expected, Great Britain obtain economic control of the country as a result of the war the date industry would then pass under British supervision.

The date gardens extend for a distance of fifty miles along either bank of the stream, stretching back among the innumerable creeks in some places several miles. But the nearer the river or stream, the more vigorous the growth of the trees, for as the Arab says, "the father of trees must have its feet in water and its head in fire." It is said of the date palm that it is put to no less than a hundred different uses. The fruit forms the staple food of the people of the East; with its wood they build their houses, and with the long and supple leaves they weave and make baskets. From the fruit is distilled various beverages, while the stone furnishes fodder for camels and mules.

Each tree produces in its prime from 150 to 250 pounds of fruit yearly. From some of the more fruitful ones as much as 500 pounds weight of dates is often secured in a single season. It is gathered by the natives, who climb the trees by means of a rope round their waist, the other end of which is thrown up like a lasso until it lodges on some projecting part of the trunk, and the climber draws himself up until the big bunches are reached. These are cut off with a knife, curved like a sickle, and allowed to fall to the ground. Here it is gathered up by the women and boys, and packed in cases ready for shipment.

There are many varieties, the best quality date being the Hallowia, which is golden in color.

Wireless in the Wild.

HOW DO ANIMALS COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER?

When motors first came into New Zealand the horses went frantic. Nowadays, however, you may bring a raw colt down from roadless country, and though he has never seen a motor-car before in his life he won't be half as scared as his parents were. Animals of all sorts—birds indeed—must have some mysterious means of communication. Take, for instance, grouse and other birds which, when telegraph-wires were first put up in the Highlands, flew into them and were killed by the hundreds, yet which now have learnt to avoid the wires, and fly in perfect safety.

This brings us to a curious change in their habits on the part of partridges. In old days partridges were "dogged." The covey was found by pointers or setters, walked up and shot. Some twenty-five years ago this form of shooting was given up in favour of "driving." The birds are driven by beaters over the heads of the shooting-party.

Now, in the old days partridges remained in coveys—that is, families—right up to Christmas. Then they packed in larger bands. To-day they begin to pack as early in the year as September, and fifty or sixty birds may commonly be seen together.

These packs have so many pairs of ears and eyes that the mere glint of a gun-barrel or the sound of a human voice is not likely to pass undetected. The amazing part of it is the whole great pack will respond to the warning of one single bird, and consequently it has become extremely hard to get them over the guns.

These packs fly much farther than coveys ever did, and will turn and go clean out of a district when they suspect danger.

The birds have, in fact, completely changed their habits, and fields thick with partridges will now often yield a perfectly blank drive. Shooters will have to resort to some other device. They talk of using mounted beaters to break up the packs.—Answers.

An Eye Opener.

Mrs. Borton came home from a call one day in such a disturbed condition that it was evident that tears were not far in the background. She lost no time in beginning her explanation. "John," she said to her husband, "I am so mortified I don't know what to do."

"What is the matter, my dear?" asked Mr. Borton.

"I have just been calling on Mrs. Peverill. You know her husband, Major Peverill?"

"Yes."

"Well, I just learned to-day, to my horror, that 'Major' isn't his title at all. 'Major' is his Christian name."

"Why, certainly, I've always known that. What is there so mortifying about it?"

"Everything!" said Mrs. Borton, with a sob; "I've been calling him 'Major' every time I have met him for the last few weeks."



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1. That Turk's Gut, District of St. John's, to be re-named MAJOR PEVERILL.

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Saturday On Sweeping

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quality the whole world thrills to as it does to physical courage," said the Author—man the other day.

I didn't disagree at the time. But on thinking it over, I did.

There is another quality, I don't know just what to call it, that I think sends the quivers of pride in the whole human race up one's spine just as much as a display of physical courage.

Here's a newspaper paragraph that illustrates the sort of quality I mean.

The Spirit of Sportsmanship.

Neither of the flyers," runs the article which was in regard to the controversy for second place in the cross-country flying race, "would have the controversy, but Major (one of the two leaders) paid a tribute to Lieutenant Kiel (the other leader) for the mastery way he had organized the aerial fire party."

don't you love that spirit of gallantry, chivalry, sportsmanship, what you call it?

don't you thrill to it whenever you read it or hear of it?

of the many anecdotes of Colonel Roosevelt, I liked none better than the story of his first boxing match at Harvard. At the end of a round his opponent struck him after time had been called and Roosevelt had ceased to defend himself. The onlookers immediately began to hiss and cry "Foul," whereat Roosevelt cried out, "Foul, he didn't hear."

Handshake Between Winner and Loser.

is the same sort of spirit which goes into an honest hand shake between winner and loser at the end of a game, the same spirit which makes one of the women champion players deliberately serve two balls because she felt the referee had made a mistake in deciding a contested play in her favor.

and just as nothing thrills us like the display of this spirit of sportsmanship, so nothing shames us with almost a personal shame, like a display of the opposite.

I DON'T LIKE THAT ONE GUY THAT MUTT'S INVITED TO THE ROOM TO PLAY POKE. I SAT IN A GAME WITH HIM LAST WEEK AND I CAUGHT HIM CHEATING. HE DEALS FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE DECK.

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT.

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