

Telegraphing in 1765.

It is interesting to note in Smollett's "Travels Through France and Italy" that within the novella was making an attempt in March, 1765, from Nice across the Maritime Alps to Turin he descended the Piedmontese slope of the Col di Tenda toward Cuneo on a toboggan.

"Having reached the top of the mountain," he tells us in letter 58, "we prepared for descending on the other side by the less, which is an occasional slide made of two pieces of wood, carried up by the coolants (local guides) for the purpose. I did not much relish this kind of carriage, especially as the mountain was very steep and covered with such a thick fog that we could hardly see two or three yards before us.

"Nervousness over guides who so confidently and my companion, who had passed the same way on other occasions, so secure that I ventured to place myself on this machine, one of the coolants standing behind me and the other sitting before me as the conductor, with his feet paddling in the snow, in order to moderate the velocity of the descent. Thus accommodated, we descended the mountain with such rapidity that in an hour we were at the foot. Here we waited two full hours for the mules which traveled with the servants by the common road."

"This is simply telegraphing used as a practical means of transit for travelers in the Alps—Chambers Journal.

Given as a medicine. A rubric emphasized by a kindness is apt to be remembered. One day an officer walked into the office of one of the well known business men of the west.

"What do you want here?" he said to the officer.

"I've come to attach the wages of one of your men for a debt."

"Who is the man?"

"The officer named him, and he was at once summoned to his employer's office.

"How long have you been in debt?" was the first question asked.

"Been behindhand for 20 years. I can't seem to catch up," said the man.

Spainards, having saved no provisions, were forced to buy a few wretched horses, "which they killed and did eat, and some small quantity of butter that the common people brought also to sell."

His No Friends. Village Cousin (showing his city relative around the hamlet)—"That quiet, harmless looking man on the opposite side of the street is a member of the church and one of the most public spirited, kind hearted and charitable men in the whole community, and yet he is the hardest hater and most industriously despised person in the village."

City Cousin—How does that come about?

Village Cousin—Why, you see, he has kept a diary continuously since 1871, conscientiously and methodically jotting down from time to time all the important and unimportant happenings, episodes and incidents in our village life, marriages, births, the state of the weather, condition of the crops, what go-and-so paid for such and such a house, and so on and so forth, including the list of everybody's political utterances. And whenever the revered old inhabitant says that this is the coldest, hottest, wettest or driest season in ten years, or a lady makes an assertion regarding her age, or some one declares he paid a certain sum for his property, or a local politician cries out that he has always worked for the success of some particular party and never scratched his ticket, the man with the diary pulls out his little book and calmly calls them down, as if it was his bounden duty to do so.

Curious Biblical Fragments. While the Rev. writes the Bible was undoubtedly intended for the use of the grown up scholar, in whose case a fair acquaintance with the sacred volume could be had in the ordinary course of life.

Occasionally we come upon a good anecdote, as when the colophon runs: "This volume (or practice) was dedicated by N. N. in the year —, to the synagogue —. It shall not be sold, it shall not be removed, it shall not be pawned. Cursed be he who sells it, cursed be he that removes it," etc.—London Globe.

The Only Thing to Do. There was a time when the Illinois Central railroad was being constantly disrupted. This story illustrating the utility of plaintiffs is related by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Decidedly, this matter of the Spanish war is improving our manners. I think that once we have grown used to hearing national airs every evening at the opera, we shall be less inclined to stand with their feet on the stage, and their hands on their hips, as we shall keep up the custom, or no war, as we ought. I have observed, too, of late that when the president drives out 20 men in their hats to him where five performed that act of courtesy three months ago. I have heard so many foreigners complain of our lack of deference to the chief executive, because we do not salute him when he appears. It is hard to make them understand that our seeming indifference is merely a way we have, and I hope it is a way we aren't going to have much longer.

Extreme Caution. "I caught myself just in time this morning," exclaimed Mr. Mochies, "I came very near annoying Henrietta quite severely."

"By some remark?"

"No, I started to whistle 'The Girl I Left Behind Me,' a puppy, but stopped before she could recognize it."

A Sure Sham. Mrs. Jenkyns—I see Mrs. Hoer is going to have "King Lear" at her next private theatrical.

Spanish Nights Kept by the Irish. The Country has an article on "The Spanish Armada," written by William Frederic Tilton. An introduction is furnished by Captain Alfred T. Mahan.

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