

The Funny Things We Do.

Have you reflected upon the very many funny things we do, for which we can give no particular reason? How is it that we do not give five cheers, four cheers, two cheers, one cheer? How is it we give three cheers and no more!

Why is it that a man cannot see a bundle of tooth-picks without helping himself to one when he does not need it? Why is it that the majority of people use the right hand instead of the left, and cannot help smiling at those who use the latter?

Why is it that when one asks us the number of days there are in a certain month, we always say to ourselves, "thirty days has September, April, June and November?"

Why is it that we turn to the right instead of to the left, when the left is far preferable, and if adopted would save many an accident on railroads and highways? The driver always sits upon the right of the vehicle; in turning to the right he is furthest away from the wagon he passes, and unless he is an expert cannot tell how close he comes to the wheels of the man who passes by him; whereas, if he turned to the left side, he could look straight down, see to a fraction how close he was approaching an obstacle and thus avoid it. The engineer runs upon the right hand track, and sits upon the right hand side of his cab. The long, narrow locomotive, with its sand tower, belfry and smoke-stack is in front of him, cutting off his observations. He can see only his own track, while the opposite, save at the distance, is almost entirely unseen by him.

Custom, owing to causes we know not of has established these curious precedents and from observation and education we unwittingly do thousands of things that are, to say the least, funny, and that we cannot explain.

A Saint at the Zoo. Capt. Harry Piper, Alderman and Superintendent of the Zoological Garden lately communicated the following facts to a reporter of one of Toronto's most influential papers: "Some time ago we purchased from the collection of animals at Central Park, New York, a monstrous Russian bear, which we have named 'Peter the Great,' on account of his tremendous size. Not long after 'Peter' arrived we found that he was suffering from the rheumatism, and in a pretty bad state. Pete was not the only one in the Zoo, which had a touch of that delicious torture; the lion likewise had it and in fact I was just being cured of a bad case of the rheumatism, myself, by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, the Great German Remedy. I found St. Jacobs Oil an excellent remedy, for it cured me in a short while, and my case was a very aggravated one. I argued that if it cured men it must be good for animals as well;

Why the Term "Commencement" is Used. A correspondent writes as follows to the Albany Times: "I have noticed that several of your readers are in perplexity as to the meaning of the word 'commencement,' as applied to collegiate exercises. I had occasion some years ago to study up the origin of this and other words of like character, in the sense used. The term is an Americanism, or more properly, a New Englandism, originating many years ago among the Yankees in Connecticut, whose vocation it was to direct the education of the young. With a shrewd business sense they determined that the then growing practice of distributing premiums might with advantage be adopted at the beginning instead of at the close of the term. All who expected prizes of distinction were thus tempted to continue at school after the close of the summer vacation, the prizes being awarded and bestowed at the commencement of the term following that in which they had been merited, and only given to those who had renewed their scholarship. The scheme became generally adopted, and was in vogue only a few years, when the former custom was renewed, but the exercises retained the name, and this piece of Yankee ingenuity is the real reason for the peculiar term in question.

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A CRACK SHOT.—Exeter can boast of having within its limits a large number of splendid shots, but we think by the time Robert Sandersy returns from the Northwest he will be able to claim the championship of the Exeter gun club. During his stay on the prairie Province he has killed all the game that came within his reach, so we are informed. He must have made it pretty scarce in some parts, for we hear of him killing in one day no less than 70 prairie chickens.

A DEAD BEAT.—A few days since a man who gave his name as McPherson, came to town, and called upon one of our medical men, and informed him that he had purchased a farm in the township of Usborne, near Farquhar, and wished to engage him as the family doctor. A few days having elapsed, McPherson came to town on Tuesday last, and informed the doctor that his presence was required, as Mrs. McPherson had taken sick. After having made the necessary arrangements with the doctor, McPherson started for a liquor store to purchase some brandy, and a quantity of tea. Having made the purchase he again returned to the doctor and inquired if he thought brandy would do for medical purposes. He was answered in the negative. McPherson was then supplied with some brandy which the doctor had in possession. Shortly after the doctor had left to visit the sick woman, the grocer's suspicions were aroused that McPherson was not to be relied on and started out in search of the rascal. He overtook him at the Sauble bridge but as he was going in the direction of Farquhar the grocer concluded to wait until the doctor returned. It was not long before the doctor arrived home again, when the grocer was informed that no such person has lived at Farquhar. The grocer again started in pursuit of McPherson, whom he caught in the vicinity of the station, but he had disposed of his tea to Mr. Reynolds in payment of a little account he was owing there. The grocer finding he could get no satisfaction out of his victimizer cut a small limb from one of the trees and administered it freely.—[Times.

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Precept and Practice.

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