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### Dehorning a Rhinoceros.

A rhinoceros which lived in the London zoo was troubled by its horn, which grew down in front of its mouth, so that only with difficulty could it eat or drink. To save its life the keeper decided on amputation. The horn of a rhinoceros is not a horn at all, but an accumulation of hair and skin which has hardened and become cemented together by some gummy substance. The owner of this one had a very touchy temper and was not easily approached. Its keeper, however, decided to try what he could do. For some days it required all his skill to persuade the beast to come to the front of the cage and put its horn through. Then for some days he stroked the horn, much to the animal's disgust at first, although later it seemed to like it. When it found he meant no harm it let him take the horn in his left hand and then with the right imitate the motion of a saw across it. When this had been done some time and the rhinoceros no longer minded it, a piece of wood was held in the right hand, and at last, when even this no longer worried the animal, a real saw was brought in and the horn cut off without the slightest remonstrance from the owner of it.

### Outcome Always Same.

A Philadelphian was praising for his learning and uprightness the late Judge M. Russell Thayer. He quoted the moving passage from Judge Thayer's will, "Owing to the fact that almost my entire life has been passed in the public service of the United States and of the state of Pennsylvania, I have but a small estate to leave to my dear children and wife."

"Judge Thayer," he continued, "was a very honorable man. First as a lawyer, afterward as a judge, he treated all with whom he had dealings with the greatest fairness. Once, years ago, after he had served me well in a difficult case, I remonstrated with him about the smallness of his fee.

"Well," he said, smiling and smelling the flower in his buttonhole, "I, you know, am not that type of lawyer whose client once said:

"I never was entirely ruined but twice—once when I lost a lawsuit and once when I gained one."—Washington Star.

### A Terrible Punishment.

A man suspected of treason in Morocco was punished by having the flesh of his hand sliced, the wound filled with salt and the whole hand sewed up in leather. It is a common belief that this punishment causes mortification to set in and that the hand decomposes, but such is not the case, for by the time the leather wears off the hand is healed, the result being that the hand is rendered useless and remains closed forever. It is a punishment not often in use, but is sometimes done in cases of murder or constant theft, as, without in any way injuring the health of the man, it prevents his committing the crime a second time or for the hundredth time, as the case may be. It is a punishment that cannot be applied except by the sultan's orders.—Blackwood's Magazine.

### A Fairly Big Fish.

Paddy had been telling the story of a big pike he caught, too big to get into the boat, so that he had to be towed behind (with the gaff in it, it must be understood). Then followed this dialogue: "What weight, Paddy?" "Divil a know I know, but he was an ojus baste." "Was that the biggest you ever saw, Paddy?" Then Paddy gave a description of the biggest he ever saw. "What weight, Paddy?" "Sorra a bit I know. He was a terror!" "How big, Paddy?" "Sure, I can't tell to a foot or two, but a man could walk down his throat." On this incredulity, but Paddy "clinched the matter and silenced all controversy" by adding, "Wid his hat on."—Angler's Evenings.

### Emergency Foods.

According to Dr. Robert Hutchinson of London, if at any time meat is not available, bread, sugar and eggs will make "a very respectable support for the body." Sugar is an exceedingly valuable article of food as a source of energy, the unfortunate thing about it being that it contains no nitrogenous matter. Bread, however, does contain some; hence it balances up well when combined with sugar. In times of scarcity of food bread and molasses is not a half bad diet—at least it can be relied on to keep the body up to a fair state of efficiency.

### Women as Walkers.

Even the athletic girls and women of today can hardly make any advance upon the record of Mary Lamb, who wrote to Miss Wordsworth (both women being between fifty and sixty years old): "You say you can walk fifteen miles with ease. That is exactly my stint." She then speaks pityingly of a delicate woman who could accomplish "only four or five miles every third or fourth day, keeping very quiet between."

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### Courage!

If you get a job the first day you look for it don't be discouraged. You may lose it Saturday.—Atlanta Journal.

## THE DUTY OF HAPPINESS.

### Keep Your Face to the Sunlight and Smile Through Your Tears.

I know an old man who has had a great deal of trouble and many losses and misfortunes, but he started out in life with a firm determination to extract just as much real enjoyment from it as he went along as possible—not in dissipation, but in wholesome recreation and fun. He has always tried to see the humorous side of things, the bright side and the duty of happiness.

The result is that, although this man has had more than his share of sorrow in his career, he has developed the inestimable faculty of making the best of every situation and of always facing the sun and turning his back to the shadows. This life habit of cheerfulness and optimism has brought out a sweetness of character and a poise and serenity of mind which are the envy of all who know him. Although he has lost his property and the most of his family and relatives, yet he radiates sunshine and helpfulness wherever he goes.

A man who can laugh outside when he is crying inside, who can smile when he feels badly, has a great accomplishment. We all love the one who believes the sun shines when he cannot see it.

A potted rose in a window will turn its face away from the darkness toward the light. Turn it as often as you will, it always turns away from the darkness and lifts its face upward toward the sun.

So we instinctively shrink from cold, melancholy, inky natures and turn our faces toward the bright, the cheerful and the sunshiny. There is more virtue in one sunbeam than in a whole atmosphere of cloud and gloom.

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