

## GOSSIP.

A Boston wool grader recently found a watch embedded in a layer of tags in a fleece of Western wool, picked it up, wound it, and found it would go like any other useful watch. It had probably dropped from some shearer's vest pocket as he was rolling up the fleece.

Perhaps your work is of such a routine nature that you find it difficult to keep out of ruts and grooves; but by doing it the best you can, by reading and studying about better and newer ways, you can at least keep the mind out of ruts, and that is the main thing.

An old lady was telling her grandchildren about some troubles in Scotland in the course of which the chief of her clan was beheaded. "It was nae great thing of a head, to be sure," said the good old lady, "but it was a sad loss to him."

A country doctor was once riding over a wild stretch of down, and asked the lonely shepherd how he managed to get medical assistance for his wife in the isolated cottage where they lived. "Well, sir," replied the shepherd, in all good faith, "we dwun't ha' no doctor; we just dies a nat'ral death."

"I'm ready," shouted a pompous orator, "to meet calmly any emergency that may arise."

At this moment the platform collapsed, and the speaker exhibited great perturbation.

"How about that one?" they asked him later.

"That one did not rise."

P. T. Barnum was fond of the following story told him by a Hartford physician:

"The other day," said the physician, "a circus came to town, and a baby was taken sick. I was called upon to prescribe for it, and suggested elephant's milk. Now, would you believe it, that baby gained 239 pounds in one week. 'Twas the elephant's baby."

In his fifth annual report on the "Destruction of Charlock (wild mustard) in Grain Crops," Mr. Strawson, an English experimenter, says that the progress made during the last year has been steady and successful. Larger areas have been dealt with by spraying, and the conclusions arrived at are that: Young charlock can be destroyed in growing grain crops without injury to the grain; the crops are much improved when the charlock is destroyed and the young grass and clover is uninjured; spraying early is more successful than waiting till the charlock is in flower; the increased yield of grain leaves a profit after paying the expenses of the treatment.

An Irishman who owned a sick horse went to see a veterinary doctor up town some days ago.

"So you've got a sick horse, Mike! Well, what's wrong with him?" said the doctor.

Mike described the beast's symptoms. "Oh, I can fix him up all right without seeing him. Here's some powder you're to give him; but he won't lick it up. Take a piece of paper and roll it up—so—into a cornucopia. Then put the end of that between his teeth and pour in the powder, and if it doesn't go down easily just blow in the other end."

Armed with the medicine and these instructions, Mike departed. Next day he was back at the doctor's office.

"Well, how's the horse?" inquired the veterinarian. "Better, I'll guarantee. Did you do as I told you?"

"Shure, an' Oi did, sor; but the horse is no better, an' Oi'm none too well meself, sor."

"You're not well? What's the matter with you?"

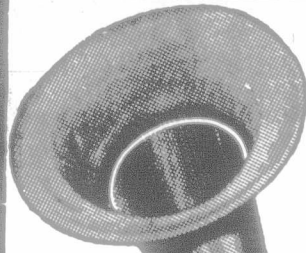
"Well, ye see, 'twuz this way, sor. Oi fixed the powder the way yez told me, an' shure it betwixt the horse's teeth. Thin Oi put me mouth to the other end to blow, sor."

"Yes; that was all right."

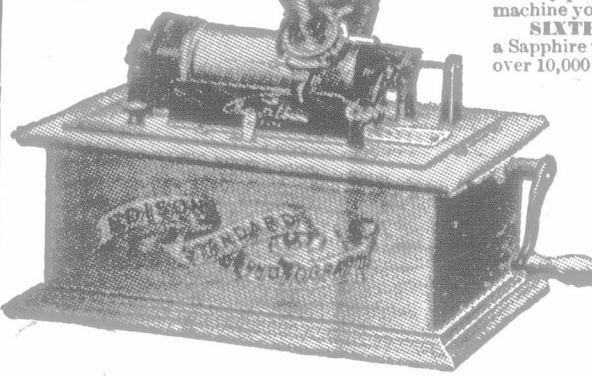
"Och, but it wuzn't, sor."

"What was the trouble?"

"The horse blew first, sor."



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