

COCKTAIL AT THREE FORKS

Deception That Was Too Much for Cowboys and the Mixer Had to Drink It.

Standing in the barroom in a room at Three Forks, said a traveling man, "waiting for the proprietor to arrive, in the hope of placing a small order. While I was waiting, two cowboys wrapped in fur coats, their own dignity and a reputation as the top riders of the country which stretches away toward the head of Willow Creek, came into the saloon and marching up to the bar, demanded a cocktail.

CASTE IN THE KITCHEN.

Case of a Cook Who Couldn't Afford to Reside on Just a Plain Street.

The Lindsay family was moving out of the old house on an avenue into a new house on a fashionable street. At that critical period the Lindsay cook gave notice of leaving. The mistress was in despair, for the cook was a model one, and had lived with them for years, relates the Chicago Record-Herald.

BOOKS WRITTEN IN PRISON

Some of the Most Famous Writers Did Their Best Work Behind Bars.

A publisher was talking about Oscar Wilde's strange book, "De Profundis," with its pathetic decoration of a bird beating its wings against the bars of a cell.

Theater Banks.

New York is to have a bank, near the chief theaters, which will be open all night, so that ladies attending entertainments will be able to deposit their jewels for safe-keeping ere returning home.

HAND-PRESSED LEMON OIL.

Only Way of Extracting the Flavoring Matter from the Rind of the Fruit.

"This oil of lemon," said the spice merchant, "is an exquisite thing. It is hand-pressed—pressed by hand out of lemon rind. Smell it."

SCENTED LUBRICATING OIL.

Used for the Bearings of the Dainty Drills Employed by Dentists.

"No, we don't perfume axle grease, nor do we scent the oil used on the journals of freight cars," said the dealer, "but there is one lubricating oil that we do scent, and that is the fine oil used on dentists' drills.

DOG'S NAME IN DIRECTORY

Utica List Contains One with Occupation Given as That of Watchman.

"Robert Badgero, watchman, No. 39 West street," is the way it read in the Utica city directory, and the woman who responded to the bell call told the man at the door that "Bob" was in says the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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There is a dog in Augusta who dresses just like a man, wearing the regulation coat, vest, collar and cravat and is very proud of his apparel, seemingly, being very much distressed and ashamed whenever his busy master does not have time to rig him up in his clothes, reports the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

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"PAGAN" TOWN IN ENGLAND

Village of 1,700 People Who Seem to Have Gone Spiritually to Sleep.

"Pagan Hook" is the name now enjoyed by the quiet little village of Hook, which is situated some three miles from Kingston-on-Thames.

THE FUR-LINED OVERCOAT.

Dressy Gentleman Will Carry the Garment Inside Out on His Arm.

The precise and high-priced tailor drew a check picture on the customer who was "trying on," relates the Providence Journal, stuck three pins in him and said:

YOUNG MAN FROM JAPAN.

Knew But Few Words of English, Yet Knew How to Be Polite.

The other day, at a railroad station, a Japanese young man was noticed among several Americans who were eating, that is, bolting, their food by jerks. He knew but few words of English, but managed to call for some oysters and coffee.

MORAL VIEW OF "TIPS."

Philosophical Essay Distributed to the Guests of a Summer Hotel.

At one of the summer resorts where hotel life comes very near being robbed of all its terrors, the following circular is given to the guests:

MAGNIFICENT AND COSTLY.

Beds of Monarchs That Were Worth Enough to Enrich Ordinary Mortals.

While a certain New York hotel boasts a bed costing \$10,000, this is by no means the record holder, for there are instances of beds far more costly, states the Herald, of that city.

HE ESCAPES BURIAL ALIVE.

Russian Soldier Finds 310 Rubles in Pockets of Man Shot Dead After Attempt to Bomb Him.

Berlin.—During the late war in Manchuria the Russians were often so hard pressed as to be obliged frequently to dispose of their dead and wounded in great haste. One wounded warrior told an interviewer, says a correspondent of the Hanover Courier, an almost incredible story. It appears that the practice was to give the dead and mortally wounded a black mark, and the slightly wounded a red one. Bodies with a black mark were then buried in large trenches by a sanitary column.

WEAR SLAVERY'S SYMBOLS

London's Belles Put Anklets Under Their—Ah—Stockings to Grace the Feet.

London.—The anklet, after hundreds of years, has returned to favor in London, and will form a necessary part of the outfit of the belle of to-day. The plain gold bands first worn were a sign of bondage, and the modern anklet resembles these.

COLLEGE CAT QUITS GRAVE

Refuses to Stay Dead and Startles Girls at the Breakfast Table.

Burlington, N. J.—Breakfast in the dining hall at St. Mary's hall was brought to an abrupt end: Two cats that have been mascots among the fair young students at the college for the last five years had outgrown their usefulness and the janitor was ordered to dispatch them.

ABOLISHES DUSTY STREETS

New Substance Discovered in Greece Reported by American—Remedy Is Effective.

Washington.—Akonia is the name of a newly discovered substance which, mixed with water and used for sprinkling, will prevent dust rising from streets.

TINY JAPANESE GARDENS.

Landscapes in Miniature That Are Veritable Cameos That Have to Be Studied.

To the stay-at-homes who cannot depart to summer retreats there comes a dainty garden in miniature, and a Japanese garden at that, as perfect a landscape as can be found in the Catskills, constructed by deft workmen fingers in a shallow porcelain bowl only six inches across. The prices are not prohibitive for modest aficionados of Japanese miniature gardening, says the New York Herald.

EDUCATION IS COMPULSORY

All the Children Are Hunted Up and Made to Go to School in France.

Every child in France, according to law, is obliged to go to school between the ages of seven and thirteen. If a child misses half a day, a teacher is sent to her home to find the cause of her absence, each case of absence being carefully investigated, for in each "arrondissement" (there are 20 in Paris) a school commission under the presidency of the mayor is charged to watch the regular daily attendance, writes Jeanne Camberlin, in Good Housekeeping.

HUSBAND AND WIFE IN INDIA

Bound by a Union That Amounts to a Permanent Spiritual Relation.

The relation of a Hindoo husband to his wife is not like a contract sanctioned by the court of justice, but it is a permanent spiritual relation which binds two souls together, writes Swami Abhedananda, in Good Housekeeping. A wife is regarded, therefore, as a true helpmate in the spiritual progress of the soul; the husband is considered to be the greatest blessing in the earthly and spiritual career of his wife. When she becomes a mother, she represents divine motherhood and holds a unique position in the household.

Novel Method of Carving Lumber.

Near the St. Lawrence river, in Canada, there is a water-slide three miles long for conveying pulp-wood to the railroad. It is capable of moving nearly 3,000 cubic feet of wood per hour. The company operating this slide had at one time a pile of pulp-wood 1,000 feet long, 25 feet high and 40 feet wide, all of which had been transported from the woods to the railroad by this novel method. A large company have on one of their jobs a water-slide seven miles long, by which their pulp-stock is carried to the river, whence it is driven to their mills.

A Belle.

"Hello, old man!" exclaimed Bull, at the Literary club reception, "I tell you it's a delightful surprise to see you here."

"So good of you to say so," replied Brown.

"Yes, you see I was afraid I wouldn't find anybody but bright and cultured people here."—Philadelphia Press.

Bostonese. He had invited the Boston girl to play golf.

"Wait until I get my perspiration," said she.

"What?" exclaimed the young man. "Oh, don't mind her," explained the Chicago dandy. "It's her sweater she means."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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