

FEW TAKE CARE OF RAZOR

Memorial Artist Gives Advice to Average Shaver—Best Is Good for Instrument.

The average man who shaves himself doesn't know how to take care of his razor, despite all the advice that has been given to him in the public prints from time to time.

DEEP SEA LEVEL RISES.

Changes Observed from Several Points Along Mediterranean Show Increase in Depth.

Changes in the level of the sea are well shown in the case of the Mediterranean. M. Ph. Negris, in a recent lecture presented to the Academy of Science, furnishes interesting information on this point.

HORSE HAS A HAPPY FACE.

Chicago Equine Driven to Grocery Wagon Is Dear Friend of Numerous School Children.

Said the man whose equine acquaintances outnumber the humans he knows intimately, and who seems glad of it, according to the Chicago Inter Ocean:

EASY TO BE EXPERT SHOT

Cavalry Captain Tells How One May Become a Crack with Pistol in a Short Time.

"Any man with ordinary nerve can become a fair shot with a revolver from the saddle with a few weeks' practice.

NEW ROTARY ENGINE

SUCCESSFUL INVENTION OF A BUFFALO MAN.

Claimed That It Will Revolutionize Locomotive Building—Occupies Less Space and Costs Less Than Present Style.

A perfect rotary engine, the much desired achievement of hundreds of mechanical inventors, is the triumph which, in the opinion of eminent experts, has grown more than a score of years' work by William M. Hoffman, a successful inventor of Buffalo.

The problem in my invention," Mr. Hoffman said, "was to overcome friction of packing, and this I have done by what I consider a unique yet simple combination, consisting of revolving the cylinder around a stationary abutment.

KING TAKES UNIQUE TITLE.

Ruler of Ava Signs Himself "Monarch of the Twenty-Four Umbrellas."

A collector of curious trifles notes that the sultan of Turkey has 71 titles, and on the parchment containing them are the words, "As many more as may be desired can be added to this number."

BLUE LIGHT ANAESTHETIC.

Discovery of Two Swiss Professors Likely to Revolutionize the Practice of Dentistry.

After three years of patient research two professors of Geneva, Switzerland, have discovered a new anaesthetic which promises to revolutionize the practice of dentistry.

Duke to Visit the Arctic.

The duke of Orleans has asked permission of the government of Norway to hire the arctic steamer Fram, in which Dr. Nansen made his voyage to the arctic regions, for the purpose of making an arctic expedition in 1905.

MARQUIS IN FOOTBALL TOGS

Two-Hundred Pound Member of Nobility Will Try for Honors on Yale's Gridiron.

Count Louis M. de Vallambrosa, marquis de Mores, the first member of the nobility ever entered at Yale, has enrolled as a member of the football squad and hopes to make the team this fall.

De Mores did not play football last year, but as the squad is small this season he believes that he can be of some assistance and will loyally respond to the call for volunteers.

NEW EVOLUTION THEORY.

Scientist Who Disputes Darwin Idea Tells of Important Discoveries in Plant Life.

Professor Hugo de Vries, director of the Botanical Gardens, Amsterdam, and scientist who disputes Darwin's theory of the "origin of species," explained his views at length at the New York Botanical Garden recently.

Prof. De Vries differs with Darwin in asserting that a new species of plant may be seen to develop at once from the parent plant, while Darwin's theory demands many generations, marked by innumerable minor differences and years of time.

REVIVES; THEN DIES AGAIN

After Being Pronounced Dead Man Comes to Life, Creates Terror and Excites.

Given up by a physician as dead, Frank McCormick, of Guttenburg, N. Y., returned to life just as an undertaker called to embalm his body.

Strong Breath, Too.

Fortunes in fancy farming continually stagger the imagination. Fourteen acres of onions in Indiana have this year yielded their cultivators a clear profit of \$10,000.

Not Necessarily a Nice Girl.

Surgeons lately relieved an Ohio young woman of 51 needles that were scattered through various parts of her anatomy. The Chicago Tribune remarks she must have been a girl with many fine points about her.

SENATOR QUAY'S JOKE

Sly Trick He Played Upon Newspaper Man Who Boasted of His Acquaintance.

One of the qualities which gave power to the late Senator Matthew S. Quay of Pennsylvania, was a wonderful ability to judge human nature.

"What are you hunting this time?" asked the senator.

"I'm going to interview Gen. Beaver," was the reply.

"Just give that to him, if you will," he said, handing it carelessly to the writer.

"With the greatest pleasure in the world," was the ready reply.

"Before we begin," said the reporter, "I must give you this note from Mr. Quay, whom I met on the train."

Gen. Beaver took the note and opened it. His face broke into a broad smile.

"I have changed my mind," he said. "I have decided not to be interviewed to-day."

Then, as the joke grew upon him, he laughed aloud. "O, this is too good to keep!" he cried, and handed the note to the reporter.

It read: "Dear Beaver, don't talk. Quay."

Mr. Quay had assumed that the newspaper man, being a gentleman, would not read the loosely folded note, and that he would give it to Gen. Beaver before the interview to get it off his mind.

THE BEST WAY TO REST.

Good Suggestion for the Housewife Who Is in Danger of Overworking.

I hold, in theory, that every woman should lie down every afternoon and relax, taking an hour's interval of entire repose, not even thinking of anything that taxes her, and thus repairing the waste pieces of her life after a busy morning.

Certain men among my friends say that a day's fishing rests them to an extent that nothing else does, and they affirm that the rest is in the fishing, not in the catch.

Corn Chowder.

Chop fine one-quarter of a pound of fat salt pork, put into a deep kettle with two large white onions chopped fine, and cook for ten minutes without browning.

Green Corn Custard.

From a newly published book of southern recipes is taken this green corn custard with broiled tomatoes.

Plenty of Room There.

The maid—I can't find your costume for the last act.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

POINTS ABOUT AIR BRAKES

Steam Car Appliances Concerning Which But Little is Generally Known.

Every one has heard of the air brake and references to it are sure to be made when the subject of protection against railroad accidents is under discussion.

The modern air brake consists of 12 parts, among which are the air pump, which compresses the air; a main reservoir, in which the air is stored; the engineer's brake valve, regulating the flow of air; the train pipe, which connects the brake valve with the triple valve under each car; the quick-action triple valve, controlling the flow of air and from the auxiliary reservoir, which is supplied to and from the main reservoir and the brake cylinder piston rod which is forced outward, thereby applying the brakes.

The theory of the air-brake is the equalization of pressures. When the brakes are not in action the pressure on the train pipe is made such as to prevent an escape of air from the auxiliary reservoir. When the engineer desires to make an application of brakes he turns his brake valve so that there is a moderate reduction of the pressure in the train pipe.

When it is desired to release the brakes, the engineer turns his valve in the opposite direction, permitting the air to flow from the main reservoir located on the engine, into the train pipe.

When the pressure, thus restored in the train pipe, is increased above the pressure in the auxiliary reservoir certain valves are moved, communication is thereby restored between train pipe and auxiliary reservoir, the piston is forced to its normal position, the air escapes from the brake cylinder, and the auxiliary reservoir is recharged through the train pipe.

When the train breaks in two or a hose-pipe connection is broken, it has the effect of a sudden and material reduction of the pressure in the train pipe, the same as though the engineer had made an emergency application.

The sudden reduction of pressure also opens supplementary valves, which increase the pressure upon the brake cylinder about 20 percent. The brake shoes are attached to rods, which are in turn attached to the piston in such manner that when the air from the auxiliary reservoir forces the latter out a pull force is exerted upon the brakes.

STAMPS NOT LEGAL TENDER

Intending Purchasers of Government Literature Persist in Thinking They Are.

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BORAX IN UNITED STATES.

Immense Quantities of the Commodity Obtained in the Fields of the Southwest.

The borax fields of the United States are mainly in the desert "dry lake" region of southern California, though deposits are found also in Nevada and Oregon.

The amount of crude borax produced in the United States in 1903 was 34,470 short tons, valued at \$61,490.

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