

KING EDWARD'S PERQUISITES.

A king has many privileges, but the oddest of all King Edward's is surely the right he has by statute to the head of every whale caught on the coasts of his kingdom. The tail is to go to Queen Alexandra, the object of the division being to guarantee that the queen's wardrobe shall be furnished with whalebone. King Edward is not likely to receive many whales, however long he may reign, but there are many perquisites of the crown which are not so rare as whales in England. The king is entitled, for instance, to every sturgeon brought to land in the United Kingdom. One of them, caught in the Thames, was on the table at Queen Victoria's wedding banquet. The king should receive, too, every year from divers persons, a tablecloth worth 3 shillings, two white doves, two white hares, a catapult, a pound of cumseed, a horse and a halter, a pair of scarlet hose, a currycomb, a pair of tongs, a crossbar, a coat of gray fur, a nightcap, a falcon, two knives, a lance worth 2 shillings and a silver needle from his tailor.—St. James Gazette.

JURA MOUNTAINS CRACKING

The Neuchatel district of Switzerland is threatened with a fearful disaster. A huge mountain in the Jura range has been so quarried that its sides are cracking, and the whole vast mass of more than a million cubic meters is in motion. Indeed when the present frost breaks up it is feared that the mountain will fall into the valley.

Several towns are in imminent danger of being wiped out, and the inhabitants have been warned.

The Jura range is the block of mountains rising between the Rhine and the Rhone and forming the frontier between France and Switzerland. It is really a huge plateau 156 miles long and 38 miles broad. The height of the mountains varies considerably, but that of the Chaseron, near Neuchatel, is 5,286 feet.

The cracks in the mountain which threatens to fall are growing daily more ominous and create sounds likened to thunder. The authorities, of course, can do little to prevent the impending disaster, but they are trying to avoid it and to save life.—London World.

COST OF REGISTERING MAIL.

Many persons used to refuse to avail themselves of the privilege of registering their letters on the ground that to do so was to advertise the fact that a missive was worth stealing, while, if it were actually stolen or lost, the government would pay no compensation to the loser. Two years ago an appropriation of \$6,000 was made to provide an insurance fund.

This amount had been asked for by the postoffice department in the belief that it would not much more than cover the indemnities demanded in a year. The department was agreeably surprised when at the end of the first twelvemonth only \$154.03 was found to have been paid out on this account. Thus it appears that the adoption of this system of insurance has cost the government very little, while encouraging many people to register their letters and packages.

MADE INSANE BY SOLITUDE.

For over ten years Marcus Meyer has acted as sheep herder in the Yakima valley, there being months at a stretch when he would not see a human being. The other day he was committed to the asylum at Walla Walla, it being the unanimous opinion of the directors that he was driven insane by the solitude to which he was subjected during the long seasons in the hills with no companionship but the sheep. He is a Frenchman and has considerable money in the bank. The mania of the insane man is that he is being pursued by the king of France and that if caught he will be headed by the guillotine.—Tacoma (Wash.) Cor. Chicago Record.

SUNDAYS AND OTHER DAYS.

"Down on the Delaware-Maryland peninsula there live two families who, according to the local prints, are named Day and Sunday," said Representative Hoffecker of the first named state recently. "The Day family has seven daughters, and the Sunday family has seven sons. I am reliably informed that five of the Day girls have already married that number of Sunday boys and that still another Day girl is about to become the wife of another Sunday boy. In view of this, why isn't it appropriate to say that every Day will be Sunday by and by?"—Washington Post.

COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

Among the anecdotes related of the late Maurice Thompson is one of a visit to Gordon county, Ga. An old inhabitant said to the then distinguished author, "I can't see how you could ha' made sich headway in the worl' when I rickollect that I used to go fishin with you!"—Atlanta Constitution.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

What Happened When the Birds Put Their Heads Together.

A writer from Limington, Me., to the Portland Press relates the following: "In her back yard are some plum trees, in which some bush sparrows for several years have built their nests and reared their young. The lady of the house was accustomed to put upon her back door steps and window sills shreds of cotton yarn for them to build their nests with and pieces of cracker or sugar cookies, which the birds would come and eat and feed their young and afterward coax their young down, when they could fly, and teach them to eat also. The lady took great pleasure in the birds as they came, from year to year, and she could distinguish these from others of the same species, as all others were shy; these were not, even on their first return. One day, after the young had grown up, the whole flock were down upon the doorstep, feeding upon the supplied crackers, when, to their astonishment, a striped squirrel, which had been sitting erect near by, apparently unnoticed, leaped among them, and off they flew in a great fright. The same thing was repeated several times. Finally they flew up and lighted upon a piece of clothesline which had been left for that purpose for them, and, putting their heads together, they chattered several minutes; then down they flew again upon the steps by the pieces of crackers. After a few moments in leaped the squirrel. To his surprise, however, the birds, instead of flying away, as usual, set upon him, pecking and beating him with their wings. The squirrel, unable to successfully resist, beat a hasty retreat and, strange to say, never returned to annoy them afterward."

Message From Edward VII.

There are probably no prouder, happier children in the world today than a small boy and girl living in Ottawa. Their names are Frederick and Lizzie McKeown, and they have had a letter from King Edward VII, or, rather, a message from his majesty through the Marquis of Lansdowne. These little people, who are 12 and 10 years of age respectively, were so distressed by the death of Queen Victoria and so sorry for their "dear king and emperor" that they determined to write letters of sympathy to his majesty. They never expected an answer, but a few days ago a "military gentleman," a messenger from Government House, appeared at the door of the McKeown home and delivered a black bordered missive for Master Frederick. The letter read as follows:

The Marquis of Lansdowne was very pleased to receive Frederick McKeown's letter, in which he enclosed a letter from himself and from his sister to the king. Lord Lansdowne duly laid the two letters before his majesty, who was touched by their contents and was very gratified to hear how deeply the queen was loved and how affectionately her memory is cherished by the children of Canada. The king desires Lord Lansdowne to thank Frederick McKeown and his sister for their expression of loyalty to himself.

What Rastus Thought.

Here is a story from The Youth's Companion that gives an amusing idea by Uncle Rastus.

"The world is round, and it goes round, Uncle Rastus," said the small grandson of the old colored man's former owner. "Don't you understand about it?"

"No, honey, I can't say I does," admitted Uncle Rastus, surveying the well varnished apple with which his little guest had illustrated his argument. "Wat holds de world up? Dat's wat I'd like to know, chile?"

"Why, it goes round the sun, Uncle Rastus," said the boy eagerly, "and the sun holds it up by the law of attraction."

"Uh! Honey, I reckon you ain't gone quite far 'nough in yo' reasonin' yet," said the old man, with a smile of patronizing good nature. "In dat case, wat would keep de world up when de sun's done gone down? Answer me dat, chile."

Doctor's Visit.

LITTLE MAMMA (WITH A SICK DOG).
Come and see my baby dear.
Doctor, she is ill, I fear.
Yesterday, do what I would,
She would touch no kind of food,
And she tomes, moans and cries.
Doctor, what do you advise?

DOCTOR.

Hum, he! Good madam, tell me, pray,
What have you offered her today?
Ah, yes; I see—a piece of cake;
The worst thing you could make her take.
And she tomes, moans and cries, yes, I fear.
Too many plums and currants here.
But, stop! I must just taste again
So as to make the matter plain!

LITTLE MAMMA.

But, doctor, pray excuse me, Oh,
You've eaten all my cake up now!
I thank you kindly for your care,
But do you think 'twas hardly fair?

DOCTOR.

Oh, dear me! Did I eat the cake?
Well, it was for dear baby's sake!
Just keep her in her bed, well warm,
And you will see she'll take no harm.
At night and morning use, once more,
Her drink and powder as before,
And she must not be overfed,
But may just have a piece of bread.
Tomorrow, then, I dare say,
She'll be quite right. Good day, good day!

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. E. Hugh Lee, of Raleigh, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. N. E. Edgerton and little Ed went to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. J. Buck Hudson is buying cotton here for M. C. Winston & Co.

Miss Preston entertained the "Selma Dramatic Club" at her home on Tuesday evening. Dr. J. W. Hatcher won the prize for going foot the greatest number of times in the amusing game that was played. Last but not least, came the delightful refreshments which our hostess is noted for preparing.

Last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bright celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage at the "Preston Hotel." Those present were Misses Mallie Preston, Fannie Jackson, Nannie and Rosa Richardson, Messrs. W. H. Call, W. W. Hare, J. D. Stewart, R. M. Nowell, Creech, Dr. J. B. Person, Jr., and Dr. J. W. Hatcher. Delightful refreshments were served in the beautifully decorated dining-room. All present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening spent with the fair bride and handsome groom.

Skin troubles, cuts, burns, scalds and chafing quickly heal by the use of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is limited. Be sure you get DeWitt's. J. R. Ledbetter, Hare & Son, Hood Bros.

Easter Picnic at Wendell.

The people of Wendell and surrounding community spent Easter Monday in a very pleasant and profitable way.

The exercises were opened at 10:30 by a duet, played by Misses Pattie Richardson and Pattie Lee, after which the student body sang a charming chorus, "Easter Bells." Professor Flowers then announced that Mr. W. A. Edgerton, of Kenly, was present and would make a short speech relative to the further exercises of the day.

Mr. Edgerton came forward and, in his usual, candid, humorous way, entertained his audience for the space of twenty minutes.

Rev. G. B. Starling, of Fremont, was then introduced. Mr. Starling took the stand, and, many say, delivered the speech of his life.

A sumptuous dinner was then spread, and enjoyed by all. The evening was spent in a pleasant way; in ball games, bicycle parades, conducted by Mr. J. R. Hood; and games for children, conducted by Miss Moss. Those who were present cannot mistake the prosperity of the community and the success of Wendell High School. STUDENTS.

Those famous little pills, DeWitt's Little Early Risers will remove all impurities from your system, cleanse your bowels, make them regular. Hood Bros., Hare & Son, J. R. Ledbetter.

Nine million birds' nests, for soup-making, are brought into Canton in a year. It takes 50 to make a pound, and they cost \$1.50 ounce.

Gas is the only British trade which in 1899 employed no women. There were seven at work in electrical works.

The United States spends \$10,000,000 a year a year on its Indian subjects, more than five times as much as Canada expends on a similar number.

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No household should be without it. It can be taken in summer as well as in winter.

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Are you interested in fine poultry? If so, it will pay you to deal with me. Having hatched a sufficient number of chicks for my next year's stock, I offer for sale a portion of my Barred Plymouth Rock breeders at \$1.00 and \$2.00 each. Can furnish eggs promptly at \$1.00 a setting. Write me at once. L. F. LUCAS, Lucama, N. C.

Buy your Kainit and Acid of J. H. Parker, Selma.

NOTICE.

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: There will be an election held in School District No. 3, in Selma Township, on the 30th day of May, 1901, to levy a special tax for the purpose of establishing a Graded School for said district. This April 1st, 1901. By order of the Board. J. W. STEPHENSON, Clerk B. C. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the next stockholders meeting of the Smithfield Cotton Mills will occur on Monday, April 29, 1901, at 11 o'clock at the mill. April 11, 1901. ALLEN K. SMITH, President. S. S. HOLT, Sec'y and Treas.

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A. Creech,

Four Oaks. Apr5-17

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John W. Futrell, Treasurer of Johnston County, will be in Smithfield every Monday and Saturday and Court Weeks. Office in back room of the Bank of Smithfield. In his absence county orders will be paid at the Bank.

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March 20-3m

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