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MANON

An Incident of the French Revolution.

On the outskirts of the little village in which we lived stood an old house, tenanted by such an old, old man.

The house was old, but its tenant much older. No one in the place could remember him even as middle aged. He had been old Niles to everybody for years.

My brother and I, the youngest of a very large family, were thrown very much on our own resources, and we admired and cultivated Niles, for he had won our childish hearts one Christmas by telling us a gressome story at supper, where he occupied the post of honor at the table—a story so dreadful that we were afraid to go to bed alone for the next three nights.

In that gentle and friendly community Niles, by means of his old age and infirmities, was a privileged character.

People living in the great houses around used to send him tidbits from their own tables. Truth compels me to relate that Niles did not always receive these offerings with gratitude. If the dish was not to his taste, he would reject it with contumely, and the mistress of the house advised by him to get a new cook. But Steens, our cook, beloved of our children, had found favor in Niles' eyes. Her offerings were never rejected by him; especially an eel soup and an eel pie of hers were welcome to his taste.

How well I remember the day on which he told us the following tale, the last, as it happened, we were ever to hear from Niles' lips.

A day in June, I remember it was, full of sunshine and perfume and the song of birds. Niles sat out before his door on a bench, so old and shrunken, shivering in the hot sun and muttering, "The sun does not warm one as it used to do, but I am an old, old man."

He accepted, however, Steens' offering of a basin of soup, and when he had swallowed it, to our great delight, offered of his own accord to tell us a story. "Not," he added, "one of those foolish tales of ghosts or fairies you children are so fond of, but a true tale, one I lived through myself.

"It was long ago. You have heard and read, have you not, of the French revolution, when blood flowed like water in the streets of Paris and Frenchmen chopped off the heads of both king and queen? At that time I was a boy in the service of a young Danish nobleman.

"How tired we grew of it all—the guillotine, the shrieking Paris crowds, who sang and danced and jeered around while the tumblers full of their victims were being dragged away to their death. But we were in Paris and could not get out, you know. We were there no longer known as master and servant; citizens—the name dinged in our ears.

"My master—I call him master now—was an aristocrat of a high and noble family in one of the northern lands, but we kept that to ourselves. I could speak not a word of French. My master could speak it like a Frenchman, of course.

"Opposite our lodgings was a wine-shop, kept by one of the red-headed Frenchmen. He offered one day to let me see some very fine French wine. "Wine fit for the king himself," he added, with a wink, which told me that the king, dead now and his bones moldering in a ditch, had once upon a time had this wine in his own royal cellar.

"I went to the wine-shop directly after to buy some of this wine, as my master was in more need of something to cheer his heart. My tongue, however, could never twist and turn itself to utter a word of French, and when Manon, the shopkeeper's daughter, heard me she fell into a state of laughter. I thought the ceiling would come down then and there on our heads. The sassy fellow I mentioned said, and in the face and with my head up. I roared. I would never put myself in the way of being laughed at by her, a girl who could not speak a word of my tongue.

"When the wine was drunk, I returned to go again to fetch it. He could give me it, I told my master. He was in no great hurry to go, but did so at last. There was no laughing at the French, if you please, and my master got into the way of going there every day or two to pass the time with Manon. They sat in a room back of the shop, Manon with her needles and my master with his books. In the midst of the alarms they spent a pleasant time enough, for they were young and in love with each other.

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A PRETTY HOT SPOT.

How it Feels at the Top of a Burning Furnace Chimney.

"If you want to know what heat is," said the high climber, "you must be at the top of a chimney while the furnaces are going at full clip below. I was pointing up the sides of one high chimney in Massachusetts one hot summer day. I was up about a hundred feet. I had done one, two, three sides, now I pulled myself up to shift my hook around to the fourth. My boy's arm chair swung down from this hook, you understand.

"It was hot enough anywhere on the top; but around the cap on the fourth side, where the wind was blowing out the smoke and heat, it was awful. I dropped my hook down and walked around to the cooler side to rest a bit. Around the cap I had a space of about a foot's width to walk on. In a moment I went back and put my hand on the hook to slide down the rope to my chair. Gee! I thought the hair would come out of my head. My shoes frizzed. The hot iron of the hook blistered my hands. I could stay nowhere near it.

"Again and again I went back to that hook. Each time I was driven to the other side. There in the sun and the furnace heat pouring up, blowing this way, the hook got hotter and hotter. There was no other way of getting down even. I was caught there.

"Finally in desperation I took off my undershirt and grabbed the hook with it. Blistered and burned, I half fell into my chair and managed to let myself down."—Frank Leslie's.

GOOD ROADS FACTOR

INFLUENCE OF TROLLEY LINES ON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT.

Their Extension Need Cause Good Road Advocates No Alarm—Will Increase the Volume of Travel—Problems to Be Considered.

A new factor that must soon be taken into consideration in connection with the good roads problem is the rapid extension of the electric traction systems into the rural districts. Not content with the immense volume of earnings of the intramural systems, the street railway interests have invaded the country with long interurban lines that are already projected all the way across large states, says H. W. Perry in Good Roads Magazine.

These street railways, or electric traction roads, are not to be ignored by the good roads workers. They must be studied for the purpose of determining the effect they will eventually have upon highway travel.

Practically all of these railways parallel important highways between the principal cities and towns. Many of them have franchises from the state granting the right of construction and operation directly on the public highways, while others own part of them in the shape of purchased rights of way. The cars on these lines transport passengers from town to town or between the points on the road as comfortably, more cheaply and almost as quickly as the steam cars between stations and far more quickly and agreeably than the trip, long or short, can be made by horse and buggy or wagon. It seems obvious, therefore, that the electric roads will tend to reduce the light passenger travel along the wagon roads which they parallel.

But the traction companies are not by any means content with passenger business alone. They have already embarked in the express and light freightage traffic, despite the legal obstacles which are being thrown in their way by the States. Unless legal restrictions, whose conditions have been defeated in the supreme court of Ohio, this freightage or express business promises in the near future to become more profitable to the roads than the transporting of passengers and to grow more rapidly in volume. It cannot be doubted that this draws wagon traffic from the parallel highways.

As yet few if any of the electric roads have attempted to embark in the heavy freightage business in this country, though it has been done in Europe.

We may safely predict, however, that in time the traction companies will attempt to secure much of this business, unless legal restrictions, whose conditions they can operate as cheaply as the steam roads, and in many cases they have advantages over the latter in facilities for handling such freight.

However, if the interurban roads reduce the travel between towns on the highways which they parallel, they will surely increase the travel on the cross-roads leading from the farms to the railroads and which act as feeders to the steel ways. They will also undoubtedly increase the volume of travel on the roads reaching from villages off the lines of the electric and steam roads to those through which these lines extend.

Good roads advocates have no reason to become apprehensive that the extension of the interurban electric railways will cause any of the wagon roads to be abandoned and to fall into decay. While they seem likely to reduce traffic on some of the main thoroughfares connecting towns, their effect will be to increase the number of short hauls in the aggregate on other roads, and in many cases to increase the volume of travel on the roads reaching from villages off the lines of the electric and steam roads to those through which these lines extend.

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LOSSES IN COOKING MEATS.

Conclusions Drawn by Government Experts From Experiments.

Dietary investigations made by government experts show that of the total food consumed by the average man in this country 20 per cent is flesh, if that term is taken to include not only meat, but also poultry, fish and shellfish.

Incidentally a question studied has had to do with the amount of nutritive material lost in the cooking of meat. That there is a loss, of course, is obvious enough, especially where the material is boiled and the water afterward thrown away, but nothing has been known on the subject until recently with any degree of accuracy, and hence the value of the government investigation, which ought to have no little interest for the American housewife.

Here are some of the conclusions drawn by the experts from their experiments:

The chief loss in weight during the cooking of beef is due to the driving off of water. Lean beef will lose in this way as much as 28 per cent of its weight.

When beef is fried, there appears to be no great loss of nutritive material.


When beef is cooked in water, from 3 to 20 per cent of the total solids are found in the broth. If the broth is used for soup or otherwise, it is no loss obviously.

Beef that has been used for a preparation of beef tea or broth has lost little of its nutritive value, though much of the favoring has been removed.

Pork meat contains less water proportionately and so shrinks less in cooking. Other things being equal, a small piece of meat cooked in water shrinks more relatively than a large piece.—Saturday Evening Post.

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Curious Smoking Customs.

In Rhenish Westphalia a singular custom prevails. At stated intervals the veteran smokers in each district assemble in a large public hall and compete for prizes, which are awarded to those among them who can smoke the longest.

Each competitor is provided with a long pipe which has a colossal bowl. Exactly the same quantity of tobacco is put into each bowl, and after this operation is performed matches are lit and at a given signal the contest begins. Each competitor is allowed as much tobacco as he can consume, and the prize is awarded to the one who continues smoking after all the others have stopped.

In order to guard against suffocation all the windows in the hall are opened, yet even then the smoke is generally so dense that persons who are not used to tobacco are unable to endure it. Indeed, at a recent contest the smoke issued from the open windows in such volume that the local fire brigade thought the building was on fire and promptly deluged it and the unsuspecting smokers with water.

Peru's History.

The shortest history on record probably has been written by Senor Carlos Cordero, a Peruvian. It is only 100 pages in length. Following is the English translation:

"The Asiatic origin of the primitive Peruvians admitted, their rudimentary civilization ended with the appearance of Manco Capac, founder of the Inca empire. His thirteen successors, continuing his policy, constituted that vast theocratic and communistic monarchy which astonished the world. Conquered by Pizarro (1532), it became a Spanish colony, whose fourteen viceroys kept it in mediocrity and darkness and whose heavy yoke provoked the independence proclaimed by San Martin (1821), cemented by Bolivar and Sucre at Junin and Ayacucho. The republic established, anarchy superadded, presidents rapidly succeeded, until the disastrous war with Chile, which, chastening minds, has prepared the future."

Animals That Weep.

Do animals weep? Explorers say they do. Lady Burton says that she has seen horses in the Syrian desert cry from thirst, a mule cry from pain of an injured foot and a camel shed tears in streams. Gordon Cumming declares that he has observed tears in the eyes of a dying elephant, and Dr. Livingstone used to have a pet ape which cried when the explorer would not take it in his arms. Wounded apes have died crying, and apes have wept over their young ones slain by hunters. Sea lions are said to cry for the loss of their young, and a giraffe which had been injured by the rifle of a hunter began to cry. Another explorer tells of a chimpanzee which had been trained to carry water jugs. It let one fall and break and in its sorrow set a-crying. There seems to be little doubt that animals do sometimes cry from pain, sorrow or annoyance; but, as a rule, we cannot catch the wailing dog or the family cat having a "good cry."

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Where Women Go Last.

In a tiny island called Minikot, off the southern coast of India, a most peculiar state of society exists, for women are lord of all the surveys. The wife is the recognized head of the house. She owns and everything in it, while everything and her husband, who works very hard, can earn good to increase her wealth. Her husband belongs to her, and when she marries him she gives him her name instead of taking his.

His Present.

The following story is told of a certain actor who was fat and scant of breath: He was a bad actor as well as a fat one, and the gallery eyed him a little while he went through his part in a temporary drama. He kept his temper fairly well until toward the close of the act, when he had to be shot dead. His supposed corpse was stretched out on the stage, but did what no respectable corpse is expected to do—it panted.

Said one irreverent galleryite to another on the opposite side of the house, "I say, Bill, look how his bellows blow."

Thereupon the writhing corpse sat up and, with angry looks, replied, "Respect the dead."

Animals and Food.

The strongest animals exist entirely on a vegetable food. It is the quality of the food rather than the strength that makes him formidable. An elephant is a match for several lions and is a vegetarian. The animals with most speed and endurance—the horse, the reindeer, the antelope and others—are also vegetarians.

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