

When the State Fixed Hotel Prices.

Before, during and for a time after the Revolutionary war the courts of the Commonwealth used to fix the price of tavern board and liquor, so when the sojourning stranger from afar struck Richmond he could pretty nearly know what "horse feed and breakfast" cost. There was also an assize of bread as well as of drink. The price of bread was regulated by the price of wheat. A fourpenny white loaf, a twopenny white loaf, a fourpenny brick loaf and a fourpenny brown loaf had each to weigh so much, according as they had other ingredients mixed with flour. In those days a "Boston blenit" costing 1 cent had to weigh six ounces and two drams and so on. The connection between a loaf of bread and sixty pounds of wheat at so much per bushel has grown beyond the grasp of the modern mind. However, in the old time in Virginia the custom of regulating the price, or rather, the weight, of a loaf of bread by the price of the wheat of which it was made was universal. So far as liquor was concerned, the courts used to fix not only the price of a single drink, a quart or a gallon of the stuff, but also "a gorum of punch."--Richmond Dispatch.

When Friends Are Enemies.

"One of our greatest troubles is to prevent patients from being killed by kindness," said a trained nurse in one of the public hospitals. "On visiting days, when relations or friends are admitted, we have in many cases to exercise extreme vigilance. The amount of improper, even dangerous, food which one able-bodied relative can smuggle in under cover of a satchel or a voluminous cloak is almost incredible. Only a few weeks ago I captured and carried away from the bed of a convalescent typhoid case a pasteboard box containing two big green pickles and a piece of exceptionally rich coconut cake. It was the boy's mother who brought the dainties, and presumably she did not wish to shorten her son's days in the land.

"This sort of thing is of frequent occurrence in a hospital. It is strangely illustrative of how little the average man or woman understands the delicate mechanism of the stomach and stomachic disease."--New York Press.

The Great Eastern.

The Great Eastern was 690 feet long, 83 feet beam, 28 feet draft when loaded, 23,000 tonnage; screw engines, 1,000 horsepower nominal; paddle engines, 1,700 horsepower nominal. She was commenced to be built at Millwall in the spring of 1854 and was launched after many difficulties on Jan. 30, 1858. The history of the Great Eastern was from the first financially an unfortunate one. She made several voyages to the United States at a great loss to her owners, but in 1855 and 1856 she somewhat redeemed her character by successfully laying the Atlantic cable. Subsequently, owing to her vast size, she was instrumental in laying most of the important cables across the Atlantic, in the Mediterranean, through the Red Sea, etc. In 1888 she was sold at auction in Liverpool to be broken up, bringing the sum of \$280,720--London Globe.

The Human Body's Tireless Organs.

Man has within him a stationary engine called his heart, which, with its veins and arteries, constitutes a perfect system of hydraulics, compared with which man's best work is clumsy, intricate and wasteful. The lungs are a working bellows, the most perfect method of sanitary ventilation. The stomach is a working vat of marvelous perfection. The brain in a wonderful condenser, and the skin is a great working evaporator, with reserve automatic appliances, ready for extra work in moments of need. All these are in action at all times, day and night, tireless, unceasing, self-winding and repairing, for seventy years or more.

Dramatic Deaths.

What is a dramatic death? Of course the most dramatic death ever recorded was that of Plautus, who dropped dead while paying a bill. Then there was the death of Fabius, who was choked by a hair in some milk; that of Louis VI, who met his doom because a pig ran under his horse and caused him to stumble; that of Saururus, who was poisoned by the albumen in a soft-boiled egg, and that of Zeuxis, who died from laughter at sight of a bag he had painted.

Her Feet Too.

"That new saleslady," said the blond at the ribbon counter, "has false hair and teeth." "Yes," replied the brunette, who condescended to sell handkerchiefs occasionally, "and it seems that's not the only thing. I heard her complaining that she hadn't had a chance to get off her feet all day."

She Works at Home.

Hicks--I understand Mrs. Bias has learned how to keep her husband at home. Wicks--Nonsense! Bias is out with "the boys" nearly every night. Hicks--You misunderstand me. I mean the work she does at home keeps him. She's a dressmaker, you know.--Philadelphia Ledger.

Unavailing Pursuit.

"Don't be so sweeping in your judgments. There's that prominent man I mentioned just now, who I am sure has always pursued an upright life." "That may be, but he's never caught up with it."--Baltimore American.

Sarcasms.

First Medical Man--My practice has doubled since I came to this town. Second Medical Man--Oh, so you have got another patient?

The absent are like children--helpless to defend themselves.--Reade.

Men are quite as eager as women to cultivate good looks. We know of men in this vicinity that are taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Smart fellows, 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. (McDuffie Drug Store) King Drug Co.

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Goods sold without guarantee of quality or quantity.

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J. A. HUSKE, Route Agent.

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