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Items Gathered in
From Far and Near

Summer Homes.

From the Boston Transcript.

In few respects have the customs of the American people more rapidly changed within the memory of living men than in reference to the summer outing. It is only within the last generation or two that people have generally left the cities for summer homes in the country, by the seashore or in the mountains. Not only has the custom of maintaining two regular homes practically come in, but the way in which the year is divided between the two has very greatly changed in the last half century. The country season is steadily growing longer. All this is the logical outcome of the growth of our cities, as well as the growth of wealth and of public taste. The old Boston of seventy years ago was almost as rural in its access to the fields and the seaside as are many of the places in which Boston people now maintain their summer establishments. The time has gone by when an unwritten law or duty or a social custom compelled even the wealthy to choose between staying in the city during the heated term or seeking what repose could be found in a few approved watering places whose mammoth hotels were usually congested. Yet the time when the revolution in thought that impelled the city countryward in the summer began is not so long gone by that the middle-aged, or the man and woman in the forties, cannot recall the curiosity which inspired them to doubt whether the closed shutters on urban residence streets mean that the family was actually away.

Whiskers.

From the Providence Journal. Nothing in human eccentricity is more amazing than the obtuse persistency with which the average devotee of whiskers clings to his exhibit of face fringe, in spite of all esthetic and hygienic arguments for its elimination. Whiskers seem to be a most peculiar obsession with those who wear 'em. The predilection of this form of hirsute outbreak constitutes a fanaticism such as has been rarely equaled in the annals of the human race. The malignant manner in which it takes hold of its victims is unapproached by any other form of mental error, with the possible exception of that remarkable hallucination that infuses occasional individuals with a strange passion for the game of croquet. The great trouble with whisker wearers is apt to be that they come to regard whiskers as a matter of principle instead of allowing them to hold their proper status in the scheme of natural phenomena as mere facial incidents, to be developed or suppressed according to the actual demands of art, health and happiness or the exigencies of time, place and circumstances.

Milwaukee's Experiment.

From the New York Tribune. The election of a socialist mayor, backed up by socialist municipal councils, in Milwaukee, will assure some interesting political experimentation. It is well enough for socialist candidates to spend the time before election telling the people about the wonderful things which will happen if the socialist party is victorious. But sad is the fate of the candidate who, having made all the gorgeous promises compressed into social campaign literature, is called upon to redeem them in post-election performances. The new administration in Milwaukee is pledged to secure, among other things, cheaper gas, coal and wood through the operation of municipal plants, three-cent street car fares, cheaper bread, penny lunches, work for the unemployed at union wages and free use of water for widows who do washing to support families.

TWINKLES

(By Phyllis Johnson.)

The Social Lion.

"That man insists on considering himself a lion in society."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, "and for no other reason than that he has a large voice and exceptional hair."

A Call to Jubilation.
Let joy expand throughout the land,

A LETTER FROM OHIO

"I have just been reading in the Commercial Tribune of Cincinnati, about the Indiana convention, which states that Senator Beveridge spoke in scathing terms of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, and that his speech was frequently interrupted by enthusiastic applause. The paper then, editorially, slaps the Indiana Republicans in the face by calling Beveridge a 'theorist' and saying that he and the Indiana Republicans 'might as well yield to the inevitable.' I hope the Indiana Republicans will slap back so hard that the smack will be heard across the continent."

That is an extract from a mild and gentle farmer's letter from a neighboring county in Ohio. We have been told that all the farmers are for the Payne-Aldrich tariff law as it stands, because of the supposed benefit which the farmer receives from certain schedules. The objection will be raised that this is some man who cannot keep soul and body together because of his poor managing ability. On the contrary in the very next paragraph he casually remarks:

"I came home from Cincinnati last evening where I had been with another car load of \$11.10 hogs."

The man has also a considerable number of sheep and cattle.

Of course this is an exception and the man is not informed on the tariff question because he believes that this is merely a moral issue. There are a number of misguided farmers like him in Indiana. Of a certainty he is the only one in Ohio. Beveridge and the Indiana Republicans must accept the Commercial Tribune's inspired "inevitable" and hold their own election in their own way. This is mere "theory."

YES?

Says the Shelbyville Republican:

"In these days of determination to speak of and write mean things about the Payne-Aldrich bill, it is extremely gratifying to know that the government's revenues are increasing at a surprisingly delightful rate, which fact the more pronounced Republican advocates of free trade should notice."

Is the Shelbyville Republican in favor of a protective tariff or has it gone over to the Democratic idea of tariff for revenue only?

Mrs. Taft will give her garden party. The people of Indiana will look over the society column with interest.

Mr. Roosevelt will see Mr. Pinchot on Monday. European diplomats will breathe more easily. Perhaps by that time Mr. Ballinger will have sued Collier's for libel.

Since fortune has prevailed. We're well along in April and The fruit crop hasn't failed.

Not complaining.

"Don't you wish your wife would stay home with the children instead of going to card parties?" inquired the meddlesome person.

"No," replied Mr. Meekton. The children are too young to learn to play bridge whilst."

A Happy Ending.

"Did your novel have a happy ending?" inquired the friend.

"I should say so," replied the author. "I got a big check from the publisher as soon as I delivered the manuscript."

Hard to Believe.

"What makes you think King Menell is not dead?"

"The reports of his demise sound too lifelike and natural."

"Play Ball!"

The umpire stands beneath the sky With steadfast purpose in his eye.

The pitcher gives himself a twist And stands, a mute contortionist.

The stick within the batsman's hand Waves like some fierce magician's wand.

And yonder in the distance dim Are figures all alert and grim.

No shout disturbs the air so warm; It is the calm before the storm.

Oh, what care we, 'mid scenes like these,

For strife that threatens o'er the seas?

This is in life's enormous scheme The moment of suspense supreme!

An Irish lad fell in love with a sprightly lass and determined to put his fate to the test. The next time he met her was St. Valentine's day, and he boldly said to her, "Will ye be my valentine?"

"No," she replied. "I am another's." He heaved a sigh and said:

"Shure, thin, darlin', I wish ye was twins, so that I could have at laste the half of ye."

The Kid Glove Kid.

The average kid glove, according to those who should know, is not made of kid at all, but of goat or lamb skin.

The kids from which the real kid glove is made are nurtured and cared for almost as carefully as are race horses.

Most of them are reared in a mountainous district of France. The kids are nourished on milk alone and are never allowed to eat grass, as that would coarsen the skin. The kid is kept in a pen, where he can receive no scratch or bruise. They are thus kept, as it were, in cotton wool until the age when the skin is of most value.

They are then carefully killed and the skin dressed with the utmost skill.

Sheep, deer and colts are also used for so-called kid and dogskin gloves.

Make People Happy.

I find the gayest castles in the air that were ever piled far better for comfort and for use than the dungeons in the air that are daily dug and caverned out by grumbling, discontented people.

A man should make life and nature happy to us or he had better never been born.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Great Attraction.

The boys' brigade of Glasgow, several thousand strong, held a grand review some time ago.

Lord Roberts had promised to inspect the brigade battalions, but at the last moment was prevented by illness. A local officer was secured to fill his place, and in selling tickets for the inspection it was thought only fair to let purchasers know that the distinguished field marshal would not be present. One small brigade boy came up and asked for two tickets for his father and mother. The clerk said, "Do your father and mother know that Lord Roberts is not to be present?" To which the boy replied, with a look of self confidence, "It's no Lord Roberts they're comin' to see; it's me."

The club women of Boston are interesting themselves in a club house for undergraduate girl students.

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