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The late Prof. John Stuart Blackie was a man of marked individuality, as well as one of the most learned and prolific writers of his time. He was fond of peace, but had a good deal of Scotch pugnacity in his composition.

He himself used to tell a story of his early life which he thought exemplified both the traits in his own character.

"As a boy," he said, "I was always antagonistic to school fights; pugilism had no fascinations for me. One day a fellow pupil came blustering to me and said:

"Come, now, will you fight me?"

"No," I replied, "but I will knock you down."

"This I proceeded to do, amid the applause of the school."

This seemed very like fighting, but it had the effect to cause the Blackie boy's desire for peace to be respected after that. It may sometimes be found necessary for nations to proceed on the same plan.

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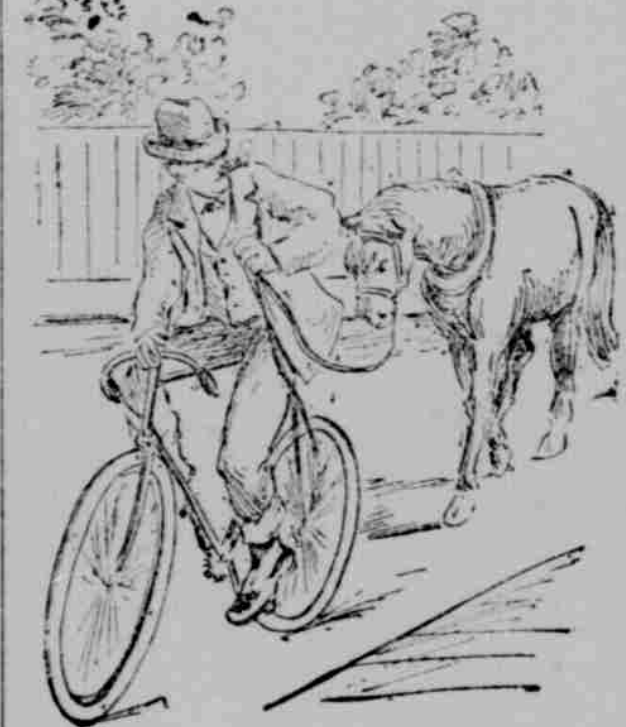
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#### LAYING ON THE LAST STRAW.

The Horse May Now Be Seen Led on the Street by a Bicycle.

The horse has been getting the "worst of it" for some time. First, he was found to be edible and was made into sausage and canned and sold in steaks and his hide made into cordova. Then electricity took away the work of his old age—pulling street cars. And now the bicycle has further restricted his sphere of usefulness by depriving him of pulling the Sunday young man and his best girl on their afternoon drives. Livery, which was his exclusive field, has been adopted by the impertinent wheel, and now, in the next stall to the horse, is the glistening bicycle, which needs neither oats nor bedding. Then, too, they have shared with him and the bicycle the honorable epithet "steed," and the gaudy wheel with its noiseless, sneaking rubber shoes is called the "noble iron steed," etc., ad nauseam. The future of the horse is indeed dismal.

The crowning insult, however, went unresented the other day. Down Grand avenue rolled a man on a wheel, leading a fine, sturdy, middle-aged horse, in the prime of life and usefulness. The horse jogged along after the wheel with his head hanging dejectedly and shamefully. He evidently realized his degradation, but was too hopeless and heartless to resent it. And lovers of the horse, man's intelligent friend and companion, looked after him pityingly and wished he would back up, pull the man off the wheel and dance on the machine—but he didn't.—Kansas City Star.



THE CROWNING DEGRADATION.

Current Condensations.

Ten thousand bushels of dried apples are among the products of the Kansas penitentiary farm.

The sum paid in Paris to the Wagner family in royalties on the operas of that composer for this year up to the end of last month amounted to \$7,510.

A West Virginia man is so peculiarly affected by riding on a train that he has to chain himself to a seat to prevent him jumping out of the car window.

It is said that the blind never dream of visible objects, and a mute has been observed when dreaming to carry on a conversation by means of his fingers or in writing.

A variety dealer in a town in Ulster announces his wares as follows: "Bibles, Blackbills and Butter, Testaments, Tar and Treacle, Godly Books and Gimblets, Sold Here."

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#### ORIGIN OF CURIOUS WORDS.

Some Ordinary Expressions Which Came Into Use in a Singular Manner.

One need not search far in the dictionary to find curious words. Most words have an interesting history as to development and change of sense, and the regular processes of formation by compounding different elements into one new vocable are very interesting as a study. If you desire to know the English language well and to be able to express thought clearly you cannot afford to neglect the study of etymology.

One of the most interesting discoveries made by the student of etymology will be the unaccountable origin, or rather the utter absence of systematic origin, of some of the commonest words. Thus, gas is a name that has never been explained, beyond the mere statement that it was invented by a Belgian chemist named Van Helmont. Guesses have been made about what suggested it to him, but he gave no information as to its source, but merely wrote in Latin: "This vapor, hitherto unknown, I will call by a new name, gas."

Certain snakes are called adders. Is it not a curious fact that the name adder originated simply through erroneous understanding of sound? The Anglo-Saxon word was *madre*, and the German is *natter*. Adder comes from misunderstanding a *nadder* as an *adder*, and the Century dictionary says that *adder* arose through a similar mistake. Just opposite to this peculiar change from *nadder* to *adder* is that which gives the name *nix* for what used to be an *ewt*.

A common saying is that a surprised person is taken *aback*. This is said to have originated from the same expression used nautically, as in saying that sails are taken *aback* when they are driven by the wind against the mast. Probably it would be hard to prove that either of the sayings had its origin in the other, for they both use the word *aback* in its literal sense—backward.

*Aback* and similar words disclose a curious fact in their etymology, namely, that the first syllable is merely a letter that stands for the original Anglo-Saxon word on, which meant not only what our present "on" means, but also at, to, in, into, or almost anything of that kind, according to circumstances.

Accord, concord and discord come from what seems a queer thing to suggest such words for the sense in which they have always been used. In each the second syllable is from the Latin word *heart*. Accord in its elements means "to the heart." Real agreement or harmony must have been considered so sweet and so rare that the only fitting name for it must contain that of the heart as the seat of human affection.

Caprice and capricious seem to arise from the fact that people could find no better comparison for certain actions than the capering of a goat. The etymology of these words that connects them with the Latin word for goat is questioned by the Century dictionary, but there is no doubt that caper is from that Latin word.

Pilgrims were so called for a very queer reason, and the word was used in a queer way. They walked through the land, and, as this was their prominent characteristic, it suggested the name for them, which is made from the Latin words *per*, meaning through, and *ager*, meaning land.—Philadelphia Times.

Crippled by Praying.

The first instance on record of the constancy of prayer having a bad effect is reported from Chattanooga, Tenn. A revival has been going on there for several months. Rev. W. F. Levy has been the most zealous worker in the cause. He believes in praying nearly all the time. For three months he has spent from three to four hours a day on his knees. Now he is laid up in bed, unable to walk, and Dr. W. T. Fain of that city, who was called to see him, is authority for the statement that he injured himself by throwing himself on his knees too much and staying there too long.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Jerrold's Sarcasm.

Among the sayings attributed to Douglas Jerrold is a very bitter one he applied to Mark Lemon, then editor of Punch. Lemon was deeply attached to Dickens, and showed it in a very open fashion, which perhaps aroused the great satirist's jealousy. At all events, as Jerrold was walking out one day with Lemon and another friend, and Dickens with several more behind them, Lemon suddenly dropped away and turned back. "What has become of Punch?" asked Jerrold's companion. "Did you not hear Dickens whistle?" was the cynical reply; "Dickens pays the dog-tax for Lemon."

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And then papa looked at Jennie over his glasses.—Harper's Bazar.

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