ORDER OF THE GARTER.

The Most Illustrious Order of Knighthood in Existence.

The Order of the Garter was founded in 1350 by Edward III. of England. The sovereign, its head, and the number of the knights is limited to twenty-five natives and a very small number of distinguished foreigners. As the original number has never been enlarged, this badge of distinction continues as valuable as at its first institution; and is still an honorable, though cheap, present which the prince can confer on his greatest subjects or allies. Men whose fame is world-wide have regarded it as the greatest testimony to their merit to have the garter of the order tied around their left knee by the hands of England's sovereign. Even the mightiest potentates esteem it a distinguished privilege to be admitted to this honor. In 1857 Victoria installed Napoleon III. as a member of the order, and with her own hands, much to the offense of many of her staid subjects, tied the garter on his leg at a session of the chapter held specially for the purpose.

The historian Hume gives the following romantic account of the institution of the Order of the Garter, though he declares that it is not supported by any authentic authority: "At a court ball a favorite of Edward, commonly supposed to be the Countess of Salisbury, dropped her garter, and the King, taking it up, observed some of the courtiers to smile as if they thought he had not obtained this favor merely by accident, upon which he called out, 'Honi soit qui mal y pense'—evil to him that evil thinks (another author adds that the King tied the garter around his own leg and wore it during the remainder of the evening); and as every incident of gallantry among those ancient warriors was magnified into a matter of great importance he instituted the Order of the Garter in commemoration of this event, and gave these words as the motto of the order." This origin, though frivolous, is not unsuitable to the manner of the times; and it is indeed difficult by any other means to account either for the seemingly unmeaning terms of the motto or for the peculiar badge of the garter which seems to have no reference to any purpose either of military use or ornament.

The Box Was Safe.

"One of the coolest actions I ever observed in the course of my express experience," said an express messenger, "was that of a rough fellow from New Mexico. He was poorly dressed, and boarded our train at Tombstone on a second-class ticket, depositing at the same time a box in the care of the express agent, labeled, 'Rattlesnakes—handle with care.' It was a small soap box and not very heavy, but you can bet that box was zealously guarded. At Kansas City he came and got the box and carried it off to a bank. The banker was a friend of mine and meeting him the next day, I asked what the fellow did in the bank with the rattlesnakes. 'Rattlesnakes? Well that's a good joke on the express company,' he replied. 'That box had exactly $80,000 in $10 greenbacks in it.' If the money had been entered as money we would have charged him a neat sum for its transportation, but, by labeling it rattlers, he had it caried for a trifle, and I'll venture it was more secure from robbers under that simple title than it would have been in the stoutest safe."

Lots of Sense in This.

While a lot of editors and philanthropists are wondering what is to become of the Indians of Alaska, in the increasing frequency of their encounters with white men, the government has quietly solved the problem by introducing about 200 reindeer. The trouble of all American Indians, as whites encroach upon their territory, is that the game, on which they subsist, is either killed off or frightened away, and the redskins must either starve or steal, the last named condition implying a deplorable amount of fighting and killing. Indians with proper food supply never make trouble. Across Behring's Straits, in Siberia, some redskins, about as wild as our own, live peaceably by the aid of their reindeer herds; if the animals are domesticated in Alaska, where all the conditions are similar to those of Siberia, the nation will be spared some meaner Indian wars than it ever yet has had, and the natives will slowly become civilized. A full stomach is an absolute requisite to civilization.

Natural Gas Failing in Ohio.

All of Ohio using natural gas is greatly aroused over the unmistakable evidences that the supply is slowly failing. The pressure in the great Mercer County fields has decreased from 400 pounds to 75 and 80 pounds, and new wells are being constantly drilled in what has been a discouraging effort to fulfill contracts to supply gas to cities on the big pipe line. All manufacturers have been cut off and nothing larger than a hotel is now supplied with the convenient fuel. The pressure is getting so unreliable and variable that hotels are taking out their burners. The local officials of the company are discouraged over the prospect, and consumers fear that they will have to return to the use of coal Some are inclined to think that the arge flow from the big wells in Indiana and the largely increased use of it there has something to do with the failure.

Judge Waxem's Proverbs.

Thar's more politicks in honesty than honesty in politicks.

Thar's a good many more politishans ar sale than is bought.

It don't do no hurt to watch the public doins of a statesman whose private doins won't bare watchin.

Thar's some things that men in politickle life does that wimmen in politikle life wouldn't do.

Public offis is a public trust that's mighty onreliable fer lastin' qualities.

Politickle efference skips some powerful good material.

A statesman fer glory gits tired quickern one fer emoliments.

The Amerikin eagel don't draw no salary.

This glorious republic ov ourn is gittin' to be the yuniversle disinfectant.—Free Press.

A Bull Dog Prevents a Child's Rescue.

A farm-house at Summerville, Ark., took fire Saturday, while the farmer and his wife were away from home and their two children were locked in the house. Neighbors saw the flames and rushed to the rescue, but were met at the door by a ferocious bull dog, which prevented them from entering. One of the children jumped out of a window, but the other remained in the house. No one had sense enough to shoot the dog and the child was burned to death.

SWALLOW MILLIONS OF THEM.

A Steamboat-Shaped Creature that Lives in Drinking Water.

Of all the interesting microscopic objects contained in our every-day drinking water, the common rotifer is the most wonderful, says a scientific writer. When first placed under the microscope he is generally found contracted into globular form. A short interval of perfect quiet will generally restore confidence, and then the circus begins. First a sort of unsheathing of the body will begin. Then the body, except the feet, will suddenly shoot forward, drawing out the little animal into a form ten times as long as he is broad, showing for an instant only two bright red little eyes, exhibiting all the ferociousness of a tiger when seeking its prey. The next instant, quicker than thought, the head seems to split asunder or turn inside out, assuming the form of a hammer-headed shark, and carrying on each side of the head, apparently, two little propeller wheels which revolve so fast that the eye cannot follow their revolutions. The movement of these cilia or wheels causes a current of water to set in from the head and sides near the head, bearing on the flood such small animalculæ as might be unfortunate enough to be caught in the neighborhood. Just inside of the head and below the wheels is situated a set of grinders working together like two segments of cog wheels performing about one-eighth of a revolution back and forth and at a rate of about six or seven movements in a second. These grinders are occasionally given a little extra movement, and the food that has been masticated is dropped in o the channel that carries it to the stomach. There is also a movement of cilia near the head which casts outside the radius of the wheel's influence any objectionable substance that does not exactly suit the taste of this little epicure. When startled by the near approach of danger, Mr. Rotifer contracts himself into the globular form so quickly that the human eye cannot even guess how he did it. I have also frequently seen him when he seemed to be in a hurry to get to some distant station stretch himself out to his full length, produce a little propeller wheel, directly on the end of his nose, and in the exact manner of a steamboat going backwards, pull himself forwards at an almost lightning speed.

Growth of the Hair.

The influence of diet upon the growth of the hair is the subject of a paper in which the writer says: "Several cases of shedding of hair after influenza have confirmed my opinion that diet has much to do with the production and with the cure of symptomatic alopecia. Hair contains 5 per cent. of sulphur, and its ash 20 per cent. of silicon and 10 per cent. of iron and manganese. Solution of beef (or, rather part of it), starchy mixtures, and even milk, which constitute the diet of patients with influenza and other fevers, cannot supply these elements, and atrophy at the roots and falling of hair result.

"The color and strength of hair in young mammals is not attained as long as milk is the sole food. As to drugs, iron has prompt influence. The foods which most abundantly contain the above-named elements are the various albumenoids and the oat, the ash of that grain yielding 22 per cent. of silicon. I have often found a dietary largely composed of oatmeal and brown bread to greatly promote the growth of hair, especially when the baldness was preceded by constipation and sluggish capillary circulation. Those races of men who consume most meat are the most hirsute.

He Defied the Leopard.

The bravest deed I ever witnessed, says a Southern traveler, was performed by a Mexican some years ago at Durango. A menagerie was exhibiting in the town, and a large fierce leopard escaped from its cage and went bounding down the principal street. A child about two years old was playing on the curbstone and clapped its hands with glee as the beautiful beast came bounding toward it. Everybody was skurrying for a place of safety, when a rather handsome young Mexican came around the corner. The child was midway between him and the leopard, and both advanced toward it, eying each other. When a dozen feet distant the leopard crouched for a spring, but the Mexican was too quick for it. He sprang forward, caught up the child, threw it behind him, drew his long knife and advanced on the leopard. The latter beat the pavement with its tail, and made an ugly hissing sound like that of a monster house cat. I expected to see it spring upon the Mexican, but it did not. When his antagonist was within a dozen feet of him the leopard sprang across the street, and with a low growl trotted off.

It Beats the Suez Canal.

The Suez canal has a world-wide renown, and serves the commerce of Europe and Asia. It has a vast traffic, since it shortens so greatly the distance between the continents named, yet a small canal in the northwestern section of the United States, which is but little known outside of this country, is the avenue of a much greater traffic. The Saulte Ste. Marie canal, connecting the State of Michigan with the Canadian province of Ontario, has this year done an immense business. By the close of navigation the amount of freight carried through it will be over 11,000,000 tons, which is fully 2,000,000 more than the Seuz canal floats in twelve months. In October freight went through at the equivalent of 300 barrels of flour every minute. It is the channel through which the vast commerce of our Northwest passes, and of which the world generally has but little conception.

She Is Seeing America.

A young English girl is traveling through America in a novel way. She was anxious to see the country, but had only enough money to pay her expenses from place to place. At Washington, which she first visited, she applied for a position as chambermaid in one of the best hotels. Her neatness and pleasant manner at once secured her the coveted place. She performed her duties quietly and faithfully, had every other afternoon out, saw all the sights of the capital, and in a month was ready to leave for the next point of interest.

Remarkable Self-Control.

"For this place," said the man at the desk, "we need a man of great self-control."

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A GREAT TROTTING SEASOM.

About 2,500 Newcomers to the 2:30 List.

The remarkable reductions in trotting and pacing records in 1892, both in number and extreme speed, are admitted to be largely due to the bicycle-pneumatic-tired sulky, says the New York Sun. A good thing going the rounds is to the effect that a gentleman informed his wife that Nancy Hanks had trotted a mile in 2:04 to a pneumatic-tired sulky.

"Good gracious!" exclaimed the lady, "how fast would she have gone if the sulky had not been tired?"

Well, she would not have gone nearly as fast, as people of more horse experience than that good wife know, and, with the aid of these "tired" sulkies, there have already been reported during the past season about 2,200 accessions to the ranks of the 2:30 list, trotting or pacing, and when all the back counties are heard from there will, probably, be not less than 2,500. There can be no question, reasoning from past experience, that succeeding years will add still more largely to the number of horses with standard records.

An especially notable feature of the performances of 1892 is the number of stallions that entered the list. There were thousands of entire horses in the country which lacked the qualification of a 2:30 record to entitle them to standard registration, and the bicycle sulky has already drawn in a good many of them. For a gelding the standard distinction is of comparatively little consequence, and records are, as a rule, avoided rather than sought.

While the accessions to the 2:30 ranks have been as numerous as stated, the proportionate increase in faster classes has been still greater. In discussing these, pacers are left out of the account, and we find that the past season furnished no less than 571 newcomers to the ranks of 2:25 trotting speed, while twenty-five years ago there were only nine horses all told in this class, and about 1,300 at the close of 1891.

Still greater is the proportionate reduction in the 2:20 class, which had 252 newcomers in 1892, and a total of 507 performers prior to that date, the increase being almost exactly 50 per cent.

Fame Oft' Comes Unsought.

Few of the men who enjoy world-wide fame ever set out to win it, and many of them did not care a snap of the finger for it. Socrates and Plato are famous because of their wisdom; Alexander and Cæsar because of their conquests; Isaiah and Paul because of their moral supremacy. Buonarotti and Shakspeare and Dante owe their fame to artistic genius; Newton to his scientific discoveries; Bacon to his learning; Washington to his patriotic services; and Edison to his inventions. The famous men of the world have been men who possessed great powers of mind, or who performed great deeds. They did not win fame by seeking for it. Fame came to them as a result of their character or their career.—New York Sun.

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County Superintendent's Notice.

Examinations for second grade certificates will be held in my office on the third Friday and Saturday of each month except July. The candidate must pass a thorough examination in the structure and use of words, reading, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, physiology, Page's Theory and Practice and school law in so far as it refers to teachers, pupils and directors, and must also show a satisfactory knowledge of the course of study for this county.

For a first grade certificate, the candidate must be qualified in all that is required for the second grade and in addition must pass an elementary examination in the philosophy, zoology and botany.

Estimated in per cent the required average for the second grade will be 80 with a minimum of 70; for the first grade 90 with a minimum of 75.

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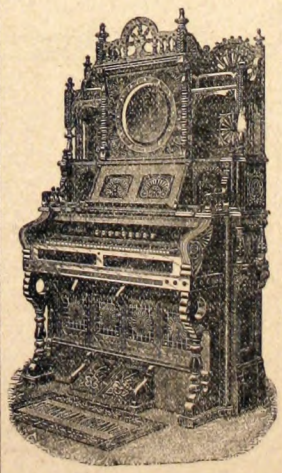

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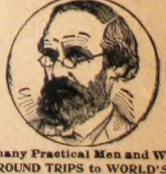

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