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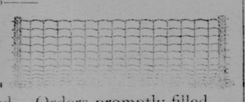

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YACHTING ETIQUETTE.

Rules Governing the Conduct and Attention of Pleasure Boats.

The yachtsman called on me one day this week, and we talked boating.

"Etiquette of the yacht is as severe a code as I know," said he. "I have been a yachtsman for 25 years, and in rowing past a boat I can tell whether she is in charge of a yachtsman or a fisherman. A fisherman can sail your boat and keep her shipshape, but she will still look like a mackerelman.

"I remarked that there is no etiquette more rigid than the etiquette of yacht life. Any yachtsman can tell by the way a boat rounds to in a fleet and comes to anchor whether the skipper is to yacht's deck born or whether he has stubbed around in a coaster and drawn the lines over a fisherman. It is just the same as in a ballroom. You can tell the novice.

"Take the etiquette of flags. Of course the owner has his private signal, either square, swallow tail or triangular. Then he will have his club pennant and of course the regular yacht flag. Other flags are for decorative purposes.

"If he is cruising, he carries the yacht flag (an ensign with a foul anchor in blue in place of the stars) flying at the peak. If he is lying in port, he flies the yacht flag at the flagstaff above the boom on the taffrail, or if he has no flagstaff he has it on a leader to the topping lift. When the owner is aboard, the owner's signal is flying. When he is ashore, a blue flag should fly at the crosstrees on the starboard side. When he is at his meals, fly a white square flag in place of the blue. When the crew is at table, fly little triangular red flag on the port side. A schooner yacht always flies both the yacht club and private signals.

"Steamers come under the general rule of sailing craft so far as etiquette goes. We were passing Mr. Morgan's magnificent steam yacht, the Corsair, last season. I was directed to blow the whistle to salute.

"It was my plain duty to obey, although I knew it to be contrary to the rules of the New York Yacht club. The Corsair dipped her flag in reply. Mr. Vanderbilt was on board our boat, and he asked me why the Corsair did not answer the salute.

"'She did, sir,' said I. 'It is not a salute to blow a whistle. The only recognized salute is by the flag. It is not good yachting form to blow a whistle at another boat.'

"When we came in, we steamed alongside the Corsair, and Mr. Vanderbilt went aboard, presented his compliments and explanations.

"I know no life with more of romance and adventure, year in and year out, than the life of a yachtsman, and I have lived to see the schooner yacht practically displaced by the sloop and the English steamer with the size and appointments of a ship become the fashion of the very wealthy. I sailed years ago the sloop Coming, one of the biggest sloops in American waters—the marvel and the monster. How long do you suppose she was over all? Less than 80 feet."—Lewiston Journal.

IN A JUNGLE STORM.

When the Rain Comes Down Like Bullets and All Is Darkness.

People who have never been in a jungle talk of the sky as a painter talks of the horizon or a seafaring man of the offing—as if when you wanted to see it you only need use your eyes. But in the jungle you don't see the sky—at least you only see a few scraggy patches of it overhead through the openings in the twigs and leaves. Neither do you feel the wind blowing, nor get burned and dazzled by the sun, nor even see that luminary, except by momentary glimpses about midday, from which it follows that a jungleman does not usually pretend to be weatherwise. If he does, he is even a greater humbug than the rest of the weather prophets. On the afternoon about which we are speaking I remember setting forth on my walk in the still glow of the tropical calm and wondering rather at the intense stillness of the surrounding forest. Then the air grew cooler and the green of the foliage in front seemed to deepen, and presently there was a sound as of a giant waterfall in the distance. Waterfalls do not, however, grow louder every second, whereas the noise in front did so. Then there was a loud, angry growl as of a dozen lions. A minute more and the whole jungle began to roar as if 50 squadrons of heavy cavalry were coming up at a gallop. Then came a drop of rain and a peal of thunder which seemed to make the world stop.

Then the storm began. The sky above darkened; the trees clattered; the brushwood beneath hissed and bowed itself. A deluge of raindrops blotted out the narrow view. Down it came, soaking through the densest leaves under which one fled for refuge, striking the grass and sand with millions of dull thuds, dashing furiously against the leaves as if they were so many hostile shields, streaking the air with innumerable perpendicular lines and hurling itself down with the force of bullets. In such a downpour one may as well walk and get wet as stand still and get wet. Unfortunately one did not know where to walk to. The "circumbendibus system" presupposes the fact that the wagon wheels and bullock tracks can be seen and noted, but when the cart track is no longer a cart track, but "all turned to rushing waters," such tracks cannot be seen, and unless you have a pocket compass you may as well try to fly as to get back to where you came from. When one reads of travelers lost in the backwoods, they always steer by the sun and probably very badly, but when there is no sun what are you to do?—Current Literature.

WOOL FROM MARY'S LITTLE LAMB.

Made Into Yarn That Seventy-five Years Later Sold For $300 an Ounce.

"I have got some yarn that was made from the fleece of the original 'Mary's little lamb,'" said the wife of a well known Orange county lawyer. "There are only four strands of it, and each one is only a few inches in length, and it cost 50 cents a strand. There is no doubt about its being the genuine wool of that immortal creature. I was in Boston a few years ago at the time the ladies of that city were raising funds to purchase the Old South church, which was threatened with destruction by the march of modern improvement. Among other devices was a fair called Aunt Tabitha's knitting bee, the attraction of which was a number of venerable dames who spun yarn on ancient spinning wheels, just as they and their mothers had spun it from the wool in the early days. Some Boston lady heard that Mary, the heroine of the little lamb rhyme, was living at Sterling, Mass., in the person of octogenarian Mrs. Tyler, a widow. This lady went to Sterling and not only found that Mrs. Tyler was really the original of the poem, but induced her to come to Boston and spend a day at the knitting bee. She was a delightful old lady and told the story of her little lamb.

"When she was but a few years old, her name being Mary Sawyer, among the lambs born on her father's farm one night was one which was such a weakling that Farmer Sawyer said that it could not possibly live. The child Mary felt such pity for the helpless lambkin that she begged her father to let her take it and try to nurse it into strength. He told her to take it. She carried it to the house, and all the rest of the day and all the following night treated it with such gentle care that next morning it was much improved, and Farmer Sawyer rejoiced Mary by telling her that it would live and grow strong. Such proved to be the case, and as it grew the lamb's affection for Mary was so great that it was miserable when separated from her."

"The stanza which says

"It followed her to school one day,
Which was against the rule.
It made the children laugh and play
To see a lamb at school,

records a fact, Mrs. Tyler said. The occurrence led a youth who attended the school to put the story of Mary and her little lamb into verse. The poet's name is lost. The lamb grew up and had lambs of its own, but the fondness of the lamb for Mary and of Mary for the lamb never grew less. One day as it was following Mary, who had gone to the pasture after the cows, the lamb was attacked by a vicious cow, which gored it with her horns and threw it into the air. It fell at Mary's feet and died. Mary's grief was deep and long lasting.

"The fleece was removed from her ill fated pet's body, and she spun it with her own hands into yarn, a quantity of which she kept ever after among her treasures. She was willing to part with some of it to aid in raising the fund for preserving the Old South church and brought with her to Boston perhaps a quarter of an ounce. After she told the story of Mary and her little lamb her yarn was in such demand that it was cut up into lengths sufficient to net $75 by the sale. I bought four little pieces of it at 50 cents a piece, and that is how I happen to have some of the wool of Mary's little lamb."—New York Sun.

Rub 2½ pounds of strawberries through a sieve and add half a pound of powdered sugar and a quart of whipped cream. Place a layer of macaroons or any small sweet biscuit in a dish. Add a layer of the strawberry whip, then another layer of biscuit and continue alternately until the cream is used up. Set aside in a very cold place or on ice and serve in the dish in which it is prepared.

John Bright says: I would prefer to have one comfortable room well stocked with books to all you can give me in the way of decoration which the highest art can supply. There is no greater blessing than can be given to a family than a love of books.

Precedents For Title Hunters.

The objection raised by a section of the American press against the frequency of marriages between Yankee "millionairesses" and British and other European "pauper" noblemen recalls the circumstance that in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries it was the custom for American gentlemen, descendants of those old English families who had escaped the Elizabethan and Caroline persecutions and settled in the States, to come to England in search of wives.

Occasionally, too, the American girl found her husband in the old country. Thus in 1824 the three lovely Misses Carroll of Carrollton, Baltimore, made their debut in London society and took the town by storm. They did more; they carried off the best prizes in the matrimonial market of the period by becoming respectively Duchess of Leeds, Marchioness of Wellesley and Baroness Stafford. The most beautiful of "the three graces," as they were popularly called, however, first married Sir Felton Harvey and only became Duchess of Leeds in 1827. She died in 1874. These ladies may be said to have been the pioneers of those fair daughters of Columbia who have selected titled mates in the "old countries."—London Chronicle.

How Diaz Painted Nature.

He has worked lovingly and searchingly over the remote woody haunt in which his figures stand, and now, with the coming of those enchanted and enchanting visitors, he lets his love of gorgeous hues spring out and have free play. Tube after tube he empties upon the palette, brush after brush is snatched up by his nimble fingers. Even then the color will not come swiftly enough, and the palette knife is called into service. The paint goes on in layers, and the silvery flash of the dryad which he paints grows warmer and firmer, the flowers in her hair grow brighter, the drapery flung from her shoulder takes in one bold, passionate stroke a quivering life of color into its texture, and the picture is complete, the record of an inspiration begun in meditative contemplation of a lovely scene and developed further and further until the fervor of the artist rises into a species of happy intoxication, and you get the ravishing art which makes Diaz a master.—Royal Cortissoz in Century.

Coast Defenses Unnecessary.

"It is perfectly fascinating," Maud exclaimed, "to read about the proceedings of congress."

"I suppose it is interesting," Mamie answered with a sigh, "but it's rather hard to understand."

"Yes, but that's where the enjoyment comes. You find out so many things. I never realized until a short time ago how greatly we are in need of coast defenses."

"I don't think we need them at all," Mamie replied with emphasis.

"Why, of course, we do."

"I know better. A brake is only in the way. If you come to a hill so steep you are afraid to coast it with one foot on the front tire, the only thing to do is to get off your bicycle and walk."

And Maud admitted that this was a view of the subject that had not been presented to her.—Washington Star.

Here is the latest story of the Turkish custom house: A richly bound copy of Herodotus was found in the trunk of a Greek traveler. "Who is the author of this book?" said an official. "Herodotus." "What subjects does he deal with?" "Kings and international conflicts." "Does he allude to eastern affairs?" "He treats of nothing else." Whereupon the book was incontinently confiscated.—London News.

Helgoland Soup.

What do the Helgolanders do with their birds? Some are sent away to the Hamburg market, and the rest kept for home consumption. Roasting before a slow fire, with the trail on, over toast, is practically an unknown art, or at least one rarely practiced. Everything goes into the pot for soup. "Trosselsoup" is an institution much lauded. Mr. Gatke tells us how it should be prepared. Take care to commit some 40 or 50 thrushes, according to the requirements of the family, to the soup pot, and do not have the fattest birds drawn, and if the cook is a true artist, no one will fail to ask a second helping. A favorite Helgoland dish is kittiwake pie. In November and December these gulls are very fat, and when prepared in Helgolandish fashion are considered a delicacy, although a somewhat fishy one. The gray crow is also a very favorite dish. — Chambers' Journal.

An Italian tailor in constant employment will make from $2.40 to $4.20 a week, out of which he provides his own macaroni.

"No Admittance" With Variations.

"I saw the other day," said a stroller, "a variation of the 'No admittance' sign that was unfamiliar to me. This sign read: 'No admittance. This means you.' A little abrupt, but not altogether without reason, for there are many persons who seem to think the sign 'No admittance' is not meant for them."—New York Sun.