

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Over 17,000 styles of silk goods are known to dealers.

The German Emperor has a walking stick made of rhinoceros skin.

Brown County, Indiana, is without a railroad and has a log court house.

Whittling contests have been inaugurated at church festivals in Sedalia, Mo.

Elphinstone died of a broken heart over the results of the battle of Flodden.

Queen Elizabeth and Mary Stuart at ways hand their meat with their fingers.

The surprise pie, in old England, contained a dozen live frogs, that leaped over the table when the cover was removed.

Gladstone, a fawn rabbit, was sold in England, recently for \$130. Its ears are 2 7/8 inches in length and 7 1/2 inches in width.

Among the students of the University of Michigan are Messrs. Toothacher, Greenstark and Champague, and Miss Annie Rooney.

The United States collectors of internal revenue at Ogden, Utah and Lincoln, Neb., are both from Farmington, Me., and each is named Norton.

A Titusville (Penn.) man, whose wife recently presented him with triplets, a son and two daughters, promptly named them Grover, Frances and Ruth.

The United States revenue steamer Bear Bear is engaged in a novel occupation—introducing reindeer into Alaska. A station has been started at Port Clarence with 177 deer.

On a farm near Bridgeport, Conn., George Beavans, while clearing away a heap of stones, found twenty-seven garter snakes curled up in a compact mass for their long winter nap.

Official returns show that Allen and Lilly, Democratic and Republican candidate respectively for Congress at Large from Pennsylvania, each received 13,548 votes in Montgomery County.

A horse can live twenty-five days without solid food, merely drinking water; seventeen days without eating or drinking, and only five days when eating solid food without drinking.

A pie served to Charles II. was made of sparrows, potatoes, cranberries, lettuce, chestnuts, oysters, citron, artichokes, eggs, lemons, barberries, pepper, nutmeg, cloves, mace, currants, sugar and wine.

At Stockton-in-the-Forest, Yorkshire, England, is a piece of land called "Petticoat Hole," and it is held on the condition of providing a poor woman of the place every year with a new petticoat.

It was not until nearly a century after its discovery that tobacco came into general use in Europe. The United States now produces about one-half of the entire world's supply of the weed nicotian.

The lumber manufacturers all over the South and West are putting in improved machinery in order to be able to meet increasing competition. Saw mill machinery makers are everywhere crowded with orders, and much old machinery is being replaced.

The open fireplace in the new public library building at Mechanics, Me., will be constructed of stones which were used as ballast on board the British war schooner Margaretta, captured by the Americans near Machias during the early part of the Revolution.

F. N. Day, of Hanford, Cal., has succeeded in writing the Lord's prayer in a space which can be covered by the end of an ordinary lead pencil. The letters are distinguishable only with the aid of a microscope, although no such instrument was used in writing the m.

WISE WORDS.

What was, is; what is, will be.

Friendship is sanity; love, insanity.

Age does not improve those who fear it.

Truth always wins its way in the long run.

The heart is a comet whose tail is memory.

Newspapers are what their readers make them.

A man may love his friends—if they are not women.

Strong language amuses, but does not convince the crowd.

What is bad in a man is of as long life as that which is good.

Time is more than money, for lost time can never be recovered.

Talent is man's mastery of mind; genius is mind's mastery of man.

The fast man is fast enough to run into debt, but not always fast enough to run out of it.

Let us be content in work to do the thing we can, and not presume to fret because it's little.

Nothing raises the price of a blessing like its removal; whereas it was its continuance which should have taught us its value.

Poverty of pocket is trifling compared to poverty of principle, and, mark the assertion! it is the fool that has not found this out.

It has been wisely remarked that you never ought to ask any one to give you his word of honor. If you are talking to an honest man it is superfluous; if to a rascal, useless.

One of the sweetest things about pain and sorrow is that they show us how well we are loved, how much kindness there is in the world, and how easily we can make others happy in the same way when they need help and sympathy.

If from no higher motive than to obtain an advantage over other people, it would be worth while to cultivate command of temper. When a controversy arises, particularly one that is public, the man who commands his temper is always esteemed more highly than the one who resorts to vituperation and abuse, and this without regard to the merits of the issue.

An Idaho town is reached by an inclined plane 2400 feet long, which is used by farmers.

GENUINE DOGS OF WAR.

FOUR-FOOTED SOLDIERS IN EUROPEAN ARMIES.

Trained to Perform Valuable Service—Employed as Dispatch Bearers and in the Hospital Corps.

THE pages of history from the earliest times record with honorable mention the services of dogs as auxiliaries in war.

They were utilized in the Greek and Roman armies, and Gortius is said to have been saved by fifty war dogs.

King Henry VIII. employed bloodhounds in France and the Earl of Essex had no less than 800 of them in Elizabeth's army in Ireland.

St. Malo, when it formed a separate republic, was guarded by 300 dogs. Philip V., in 1702, at Mt. Phillipian at the Port of Etoile, fed the dogs which were at the gates and which remained uncares for by the Austrians, and afterwards turned them to useful account as auxiliary sentinels and for accompanying the patrols.

In 1778 the British military dog Montezuma was killed at the siege of Mifflin and at Gino Berdo; they used them as a cordon to guard their camps, and later to track the unfortunate inhabitants of the countries they were devastating.

There is a fine for killing a dog in Turkey, and it is exacted as follows: The dead dog is treed up by the tail with his fore paws touching the ground, and the fine consists of as much corn as will cover the dog in that position.

During the siege of Sebastopol the French on several occasions received alarm of sorties through the watchfulness of a dog called Minette. The fame of the French military dog Montezuma is renowned. When encamped with his regiment before Alexandria, the first night he was the means of detecting a surprise; he fought at Marengo, and saved the standard of his regiment at Austerlitz, for which service he was decorated on the battle field by Marshal Lannes. He captured an Austrian sergeant, and brought two privates as prisoners into camp. He served also in the Spanish campaign and was the means of detecting several ambushes.

At dress parades he invariably appeared at the head of the regiment, conducting himself with soldierly dignity. He bore on his body many honorable scars from bullet encounters, and was finally killed by a bullet directly after the siege of Badajoz.

General Skobeleff, in Asia Minor, had a corps of dogs instructed as sentries, and they are now used in the artillery and other branches of the service. The Germans began experimenting with dogs in 1885, instructing them on outpost duty. A Jager battalion has about twenty dogs of all sizes stationed with the advance guard. The Germans dress men in the French and Russian uniforms (and the French have uniforms to similar tactics), and to lie in wait and frighten the dogs, so as to impress them at once with the appearance of an enemy. A well trained dog in a German regiment on the approach of anyone he does not know, will hide in the nearest ditch and wait until he passes, the dog will then continue his journey to repeat the process should he again be interrupted.

It was a maxim with Frederick the Great that it was pardonable to be defeated, but never to be surprised. When troops are wearied by long marches, and sentries besides being fatigued have in addition to struggle against hunger and severe cold, in such cases the aid of well-trained military dogs would be appreciated by any prudent commander.

It has been ascertained that on a certain night dogs can with certainty detect the approach of strangers up to 500 yards, and in stormy weather they will scent an enemy within 200 yards and can distinguish friend from foe.

Regarding the breed of dogs best adapted for military purposes, it is conceded that the farmer's sheep dog has the finest qualities. The retriever makes a good war dog, and spaniels have much to recommend them. In Germany they are considered second to the sheep dog. Bloodhounds have no superior when it comes to tracking. In Austria the Dalmatian has been trained; Russia prefers the Caucasian dog; Turkey selects the Asiatic sheep dog; and Italy, like England, is experimenting with various breeds.

The patient submission of dogs to surgical treatment is well known. Mr. George Fleming, veterinary surgeon of the Second Life Guard, operated on a fine pointer, having a large, hard, fibrous tumor of the breast, with deep and far-reaching roots. During the operation the animal displayed an amount of patience that would have been creditable to a human being. Even during the most painful part of the proceeding, that of inserting the sutures, the dog never flinched. The same resignation was displayed when the time for dressing the wound came round, and he would place himself in position for the surgeon.

The frontier of France abounds in smugglers and the resources of the contraband traders are called into activity. They have trained packs of dogs to carry prohibited goods across the line. The dogs are kept without food many hours; they are then beaten and laden with goods, and are started on their travels as soon as it was dark. When they reach the abodes of their masters they are well treated, and receive a good meal. According to the accounts of the French custom house, on an average 50,000 of the dog smugglers are destroyed annually, on which account 50,000 francs, as premiums, were paid to the custom officials.

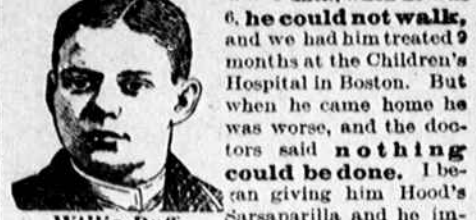
The intelligence, bravery and endurance of dogs have been attested in all ages and countries, and their fitness and value for military purposes purposes has passed beyond the experimental point. In the event of an European war they will be found operating in large numbers with the various arms of the service, and they have received training as auxiliary sentinels; as scouts on the march, or reconnaissance, and patrol duties; as dispatch carriers, on the march, in camp, and in action; as auxiliary ammunition carriers, on the march; and in action; as searchers for the wounded and killed after an engagement, and for look-outs on men of war of all descriptions.—Detroit Free Press.

It is estimated that twenty-five per cent. of the sheep of the United States are mutton sheep, producing coarse wool, and seventy-five per cent. are merino sheep, producing fine wool.

The marriages of miners are six per cent. of the wife's number.

A Mother's Story

"When my boy was 2 1/2 years of age, a fall brought on his disease, which gradually grew worse until, when he was 6, he could not walk, and we had him treated 9 months at the Children's Hospital in Boston. But when he came home he was worse, and the doctors said nothing could be done. I then gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla and he improved at once. The 14 abscesses on his hip healed up, his appetite improved and he could walk at first with crutches, then without. He is now perfectly well, lively as any boy." Mrs. EMMA V. DUFF, Wallpole, Mass.



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