

FRIED POTATOES.

Sold on the Streets From Pushcarts in Parts of France.

The street vending of pommes frites, or French fried potatoes, is peculiar to the northern part of France.

The pushcarts are of the ordinary type, but covered. A coke brazier is inserted through the flooring over which is placed the large iron cauldron holding the fat obtained from beef suet.

Pommes frites have the advantage that they supply a satisfying and nutritious meal for a few cents.

BULL ANTS OF AFRICA.

Elephants, Lions and Even Man Himself Flee From Them in Terror.

In the vast equatorial forests of Africa the most dreaded of animals is the great bull ant.

These ants march through the forests in a long thin column, two inches wide and miles in length.

Any creature overtaken is at once attacked with irresistible fury and instantly devoured.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Sleepy Donkey.

A man near Meadville, Pa., has an innocent looking, sleepy little donkey, which he keeps in a yard back of his house.

For some time every dog that passed made it a point to stop and bark at the long eared animal.

The donkey was thoroughly provoked. One day when two big dogs growled and tried their best to jump the fence the man quietly opened the gate and let them in.

Sa's Marvellous Incident.

The instinct of the seal is marvellous, writes Sir Edward Morris in the Wide World Magazine.

Conundrums.

What is the difference between a stylish young lady and a burglar? One wears false locks and the other false keys.

Why is a watch like a river? Because it won't run long without winding.

Who was the fastest runner in the world? Adam, because he was first in the human race.

Why should one wear a watch when he travels through sandy, dry country? Because every watch has a spring in it.

What is the difference between a baby and a nightcap? One is born to wear the other worn to bed.

What is that which Adam never saw nor possessed, yet left two to each of his children? Parents.

Puttng—A Hoop Game.

In this game a large circular track should be marked out, with stations at equal distances, one for each player.

The player at the first station trundles his hoop to the second station, the player at that station takes his to the third, and so on, the player at the last station taking the hoop on the first again.

Gold Miners.

It is chickens that usually pick up gold nuggets. In Nebraska the ducks have gone into the business and are likely to put the chickens to shame.

The Bell Buzzard.

The bell buzzard has come back to Ohio, according to the newspapers. He was seen two weeks ago in Ross county, which is in the southern part of the state.

The Sensitive Jester.

"De Wooze seemed to get mad because I didn't laugh at that wretched joke of his."

Time and Money.

The counterfeiter was in 'prison' for ten years.

What are you doing here? asked a visitor.

"Passing time."

"Ah! What for?"

"Passing money." And the visitor passed on.

For the Children

Prince William, Her Apparent to the German Throne.



Photo by American Press Association.

The innocent looking little boy here, with pictured is the eldest son of the crown prince of Germany.

The Oldest Tree.

There is a yew tree in a churchyard at Portinjal, in Portugal, which De Candolle nearly a hundred years ago proved to be over 2,500 years old.

How De Candolle arrived at this estimate of the age of these living trees is a simple thing.

This yew, as well as most other trees, adds about one-tenth of an inch in circumference a year.

The sequoias of the Mariposa, California and South park woods are more than 1,000 in number.

The "grizzly plant" is the Mariposa yew, which is 4,000 years old, while the fallen "father of the forest" is very much older.

Looks Impossible.

The possibility of putting a bulk as large as twenty quarters, weighing four ounces, into a wineglass already full in the brim with water seems a moot, yet it can be done.

Riddleman.

What's the difference between friends and enemies? You sit on one and stand on the other.

What word contains the five vowels in order? Facetious.

Why is I the luckiest of the vowels? Because it is the center of bills while E is in earth and all the others are in purgatory.

Why are birds so melancholy? Because their little bills are all over dus.

Why are buttons like great men's birthday anniversaries? Because they are always coming off.

Why is a fish merchant never generous? Because his business makes him selfish.

Thread.

Before the advent of spoils there was supplied in skeins. The skein was cut through at one end and it was wrapped in a bit of paper or cloth with the loop projecting a paper or a few stitches secured the wrapper and thus kept the thread clean.

Buttercup.

Little yellow buttercup nodding in the grass, down the road is coming a merry little lass.

Curse are all a-tossing in the morning air, if she stoops to pick you wouldn't that be fair?

Ah, I guess it wouldn't, for a yellow buttercup slips the dew of morning from your cup so light!

So hide among the grass, hide from the little lass, once she spies your beauty she will never, never pass.

But grayly stoop to pluck you, and the thrifty buttercup will never more sit high, from your cup so light.

Burton's Fear

It Proved to Be More Imaginary Than Real

By Clarissa Mackie

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The sun burned like a malignant eye over the Panama town.

Sunday was the dullest day in the week for the corps of American engineers stationed here, and they were lined along the veranda, cool looking in white linen, feet on rolling smoking after luncheon cigars.

Lester shook his head negatively. "If one must die in this hole," he told his companions, "I prefer not to take the cholera route, thank you."

"No use in trying to dodge trouble, I say," drawled Burton. He rolled a cigarette and scratched a match along the railing.

Lester watched Burton's thin, dark face flame into color in the light of the flaring match cupped in his palm.

He hitched his chair a little closer to Burton's and laid a hand on his arm.

"We'll, Ralph," the other asked quickly with a nervous gesture.

Lester sank back in his chair "Oh, nothing," he said rather awkwardly.

"I'm going," he said shortly. "I know it," nodded Lester. "I was waiting for you because I'm going too."

The Indian moved ahead at a slow trot, and the Americans followed him at a stolid pace until at last the outer walls of the jungle closed behind them.

As they followed his impetuous lead the manager of the hotel ran down to intercept their journey and to say that he regretted that he could not accommodate them on their return from the fever district.

"Pack our things and hold in readiness for orders," said Lester as they moved on.

"The Indian moved ahead at a slow trot, and the Americans followed him at a stolid pace until at last the outer walls of the jungle closed behind them.

Hours passed. They stopped for rest and a luncheon from Burton's neat and clean basket, but the Indian waved aside all food, but occasionally he drank from a water bottle that hung from his waist.

Just as the sun was setting and the forest was all but steeped in twilight they came to its end.

"No leave of absence for me. I'm slated to be fired," said the other gloomily.

"Then be ready to make good in any other direction when you are fired. Don't set this job throw you down for good. Don't be a quitter, that's what I mean," ended Ralph.

"You've lost your nerve and you'll suffer till you get it back again," said Lester.

Presently he paused before the veranda and addressed them in a wild, incoherent, incomprehensible speech.

Regard and unkempt with matted black hair growing low on his forehead, he peered from rolling eyes at the white men.

Lester held up a handful of money to the black servant. "This for you, Lulu, if you can find out what the man wants," he said in Spanish.

The Indian grinned and darted to the street, where he conferred with a stranger. A low counter came up from them, and finally the stranger turned impatiently away, while Lulu uttered a few words in the vernacular that southered the crowd like chaff.

"Well, what did you find out?" demanded Lester, pouring the coins into the black's ready palm.

"The man says he came from the jungle yonder—it is half a day's journey to his hut"—Lulu hestrated as if at a loss for words; then, clutching the money tightly in his hand, he added hurriedly: "The fever—the fever—his mother is dying of the fever, and he craves that one of the learned seniors will return and cure with the bitter root."

"By Jove, but Burton has certainly got 'em bad! I suppose he'll try to drown that bad impression with a quart or two."

As if by mutual consent the group of men dissolved, and only Lester was left. He seemed to be waiting for some one, and while he waited he pulled out a little pocket medicine case, satisfied himself that there was plenty of quinine and other necessary remedies, went into the bar for a flask of whiskey and waited.

All at once Burton appeared in the doorway, a straw covered bag in one hand. On his head was a pith helmet. His eyes met Lester's straightly, confidently.

"It's his mother, you know," explained Burton.

28 Years Headache.

Waterloo, Ind., R. R. 1, Sept. 1, 1911. I had been suffering from nervous headache for 28 years, since I was 18 years old; the pain increased with my age.

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