

FIRST WASHINGTON STATION.

The Incident That Gave Houdon Just the Pose He Wanted.

In Washington's diary for Oct. 3, 1786, he writes that about 11 o'clock, after they were in bed, Mr. Houdon and his three young men assistants arrived, coming by boat from Alexandria.

During the sculptor's two weeks' stay, Washington sat for a bust that was modeled in clay, writing in his diary a full account of the method of mixing the plaster of Paris and the making of the molds, a process in which he was greatly interested.

The clay bust was the work of the sculptor at Mount Vernon, where today it is the most highly valued of all of Mount Vernon's relics of the Father of His Country.

One day, during his stay at Mount Vernon, Washington was looking at some fine horses, with a view to their purchase, but the high price asked by the groom in charge so incensed him that the man was promptly sent away.

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Little Brother (whose sister is playing cards with a gentleman)—Mr. Smiler, does Minnie play cards very well?

Mr. Smiler—Yes, very well indeed. Little Brother—Then you had better look out. Mamma said if she played her cards well she would catch you.

Madagascar possesses the only oxen cavalry regiment in the world. The climate is so unhealthy for horses that some suitable substitute had to be found.

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DARING AND ENDURANCE.

One Man's Heroic Rescue of a Sinking Ship's Whole Company.

A historic case of daring and endurance rarely equaled in life saving annals was that of the rescue in 1867. The fishing schooner "Sea Clipper" was driven by the "tempest" against a reef near the Spotted Islands and speedily went to pieces.

Then she arrived, the boatmen were available of communicating with the vessel, so Jackman fastened a rope around his waist and made fifteen more trips, returning with the survivors on each occasion.

Accordingly he plunged into the surf again and soon bore the hapless creature to the shore, where divesting himself of his flannels, he wrapped them round her, as she was almost at death's door.

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THE ORKNEY ISLANDS.

Britain's Great Naval Base Came to Scotland as a Dowry.

No other territory in the British empire has a more tragic significance to Englishmen than the Orkney islands, off whose shores Earl Kitchener lost his life when the cruiser Hampshire was sunk.

These islands, ninety in number, of which only thirty are inhabited, are separated from the mainland of Scotland by the Pentland firth from six and a half to eight miles wide.

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FACE TO FACE WITH A TIGER.

And a Curious Escape From the Very Jaws of Death.

It is probable that no man's life was ever saved to him by a more unusual circumstance than that attending the experience of a captain of the Bengal lancers, a famous regiment of Indian troops.

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