A Kansas Blizzard.

"When a real Kansas blizzard starts," said a native of the state, "the snow at first is usually soft and fine and comes down with an ominous quiet. Then it increases in volume, and a wild wind hurls it along. It is blinding and enveloping, and, aside from being freezing cold, one cannot but lose his way. The storm sometimes lasts two or three days. When one of these blizzards comes up, the farmer who wants to get from his farmhouse to the stable or milkhouse takes a cord and starts for the stable or milkhouse, as it may be, even if it is only 50 yards off. He seldom makes it the first time, and the cord is to keep him from getting lost and wandering in the snow. Sometimes the people stand in the door and beat a tin can for a signal to any one who may be out in the storm, but this is of little use, as the noise of the wind is so great that it drowns almost every other sound.

"I know of a case of a man who got lost going from his stable to the house, so swiftly and blindingly did the storm whirl down upon him. He stumbled over the entrance to a cyclone cellar and crawled in there and dropped the door after him to keep out the snow. The snow fell faster and faster and buried the door so deeply that when it was all ended and he tried to open it he found it impossible. His family searched the country around for him, and it was not until the snow had melted and gone and some one happened to go into the cyclone cellar that he was found there."—New York Tribune.

Vest Was Committed.

"I remember well once when Joe Blackburn and I were on the same committee," said a senator. "It was during a Democratic administration, and there had been a good deal of bother trying to get the secretary of agriculture to agree to a certain thing, and Blackburn had been sent to talk him over to the committee's plan. In fact, the whole cabinet had been difficult to deal with. When Joe came back, several of us were assembled in the committee room, among us Senator Vest, who was sunk dejectedly in the depths of an armchair. Some one asked:

"'Well, Joe, did you succeed?'

"'Succeed?' he echoed. Then he began to tramp up and down, fuming and fussing. Finally he broke out:

"'Of all the obstinate things in the shape of a cabinet officer I ever encountered, commend me to J. Sterling Morton! Don't you agree with me, Vest?'

"Vest roused up slowly and answered:

"'I'm sorry, Joe, but I am committed to Hoke Smith.'

"It was the funniest thing I ever heard," continued the senator, "and our bill was never even reported."—Saturday Evening Post.

What He Would Have Said.

In a complicated criminal case an old land surveyor was subpœnaed to give his professional opinion in the matter. As the proceedings were about to begin he asked permission to say a few words, but was called to order sternly by the judge, who told him to wait till he was questioned. The case then proceeded. A host of witnesses were examined, and even the prisoner frequently was called upon to make a statement.

After a couple of hours the judge said to the old surveyor, "Now, sir, we shall be glad to hear what you have to say on the whole case."

The witness stood up and replied: "I only wished to remark awhile ago that I am quite deaf in my left ear and rather hard of hearing in the right. I was merely going to ask if I might be allowed to sit immediately in front of the witnesses and the prisoner. Up to now I have not heard a single word of the proceedings."—London Telegraph.

Foote Could Be Caustic.

One of the best repartees on record is that of Foote, the actor. Dining with some friends, a heated dispute arose between himself and a young nobleman. The latter sought to disparage Foote by asking him what his father was.

"A tradesman," said Foote.

"Then, sir, it is a pity he did not make you one."

"And pray, let me ask, what was your father, my lord?"

"My father, Mr. Foote, was a gentleman."

"Then, my lord, it's a pity he did not make you one."—Collier's Weekly.

Chinese Dinner Invitations.

"When a Chinaman issues invitations to dinner," writes Dr. Sven Hedin, the traveler, "he sends out, one or two days beforehand, a tiny card of invitation, contained in a huge envelope. If you accept the invitation, you are supposed to keep the card. If you have not time—that is, if you decline—you are expected to send it back. If the banquet is appointed for 12 o'clock, you need not go before 2 p. m."

A German tailor who died at Breslau in 1837 had such keen sight that he was able to see two of Jupiter's four moons with the naked eye.

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GREEDY MACKEREL.

A Gorging Feast and the Way It Was Managed.

I once enjoyed the privilege of seeing an army of mackerel successfully corner a shoal of small fry in a rocky shallow pool which was a cul de sac. The mackerel swam behind their victims in serried ranks, a company of hungry, determined creatures, intent upon a gorging feast to which there need be no limit. They had followed the fry for miles maybe, merely swallowing one here and one there to keep their appetites whetted. Now they had cornered them where there was no escape for their victims. No alert fisherman on the lookout for just such an opportunity was at hand to convert their triumph and feasting into captivity and lamentation. They might feast at will.

And, ye gods, feast they did! No one who has not seen it would believe that the cubic capacity of a mackerel could possibly deal successfully with the number of small fish he actually swallows. The way he conducts the operation of feasting is unique. Opening his mouth wide, the mackerel darts in among the small fry, some of which are perhaps one-third of his own length. In an instant one of these is to be seen sticking half in and half out of his mouth. Then the mackerel gives one gulp, and the victim has disappeared. Without a moment's delay the process is repeated and repeated so many times that the spectator cannot fail to be concerned for the immediate future of the particular mackerel he has watched. Yet nothing happens.

As for the fry, their helpless anguish is somewhat heartrending. The whole shoal of them boils and churns the water in an agony of fear. High into the air they leap in order to avoid their voracious enemies, landing themselves often enough upon the weed covered rocks which skirt the pool and panting their lives out there rather than leap back into the seething mass of their harassed companions beneath.—Longman's Magazine.

SETTING TIRES.

The Old Way of Shrinking Them on and the Modern Way.

The old way of putting a tire on a wheel was to shrink it on. The tire was made just a trifle smaller than the wheel and then heated, with the result of expanding it slightly. When thus heated it was crowded down over the rim of the wheel and then cooled with water to keep it from burning the wheel and also to contract it. Cooling, it was shrunk on to bind the wheel tightly. The modern way of putting a tire on a wheel is with a hydraulic tire setting press.

By this method the tire is made just a trifle larger than the wheel, so that it will go over the rim freely. The bed of this press, upon which the wheel lies horizontally, with an opening at the center for the hub, is composed of 18 sections, radiating from the center and in shape like the spaces between the spokes of a wheel. The outer end of each section is turned upward, the turned up ends making a continuous flange, or collar, all around the bed of the press. Each one of the sections has under it a hydraulic cylinder, and the sections are all arranged to work to a common center. In use the wheel is laid on the press with the cold tire around it within that turned up collar, or flange, around the edge. When the press is set in operation, the collar, or flange, is irresistibly contracted. When it comes in contact with the tire around the wheel, it does not bring up against it, but keeps on contracting just the same, now contracting the tire as well and setting it upon the wheel, the pressure being continued until the wheel itself has been brought to the requisite degree of dishing.—New York Sun

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Lady—Well, I'm sure your quart boxes haven't got theirs.

THE DAY AFTER.

Mrs. Mixer—Tell me the worst, doctor, is my husband's condition serious?

Doctor—There is no cause for alarm, madam; he is now out of danger, although suffering acutely from enlargement of the cerebral glands.

Mrs. Mixer—But, doctor, how do you suppose it was brought on?

Doctor—On a tray, probably.

HAD THE SAME EFFECT.

Dasher—That was a splendid spring poem you had in the last issue of Gusher's magazine.

Spacer—Why, that wasn't a spring poem.

Dasher—Wasn't it? Well, it gave me that "tired feeling" just the same.

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All Kidney Diseases Have Been Rendered Harmless—Maria Guimond's Case of Rheumatism—Her Gratitude for Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Montreal, May 21.—Another cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills is reported in this city. This time it is Rheumatism which that excellent remedy has conquered. There have been scores of similar cases this winter, few of which have reached the press. Rheumatism is so common in this city—as it is indeed throughout the province—that every day Dodd's Kidney Pills are coming more and more into general use. In Montreal alone there have been dozens of cures of Rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills reported since last fall.

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NO SATISFACTION.

Mrs. Newcomb, to little Willie—I'm afraid you must be sick, dear, you make so little noise.

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