

WHY THE DOG'S NOSE IS ALWAYS COOL.

"What makes the dog's nose always cold? If you will go and look at the nose of a dog, you will find it is always cold. And come and stand by a man's nose: Well, years and years, and years ago—How many I don't really know—There came a rain on sea and shore; Its like was never soon before Or since. It fell unceasing down, 'Till all the world began to drown. But just before it 'gan to pour, An old, old man—his name was Noah—Built him an ark, that he might save His family from a watery grave; And in it also he designed To shelter two of every kind Of beast. Well, dear, when it was done, And heavy clouds obscured the sun, The Noah folks to it quickly ran, And then the animals began To greatly march along in pairs. The leopards, tigers, wolves, and bears, The deer, the hippopotamus, The rabbits, squirrels, elks, walrus, The camels, oxen, and donkeys, The tall giraffe, the beavers, monkeys, The rats, the big rhinoceros, The dromedaries, and the horses, The sheep, and mice, the kangaroos, Hyenas, elephants, woodcocks, And hundreds more—'twould take all day— My dear, so many names to say— And at the very, very end Of the procession, by his friend And master, faithful dog was seen. The dog's nose he'd helping been To drive the crowd of creatures in; And now, with loud, excited bark, He gaily sprang aboard the Ark. Also so crowded was the space He sought for in that place: So, patiently he turned about— Stood half way in and half way out. And those extremely heavy showers Descended throughout nine hundred hours. And more; and, darling, at their close, Most frozen was his honest nose; And never could it thaw again. The dampness of that dreadful rain; And that is what, my curls of gold, Made all the doggies' noses cold!"

The Oriental Business.

From the Detroit Free Press. A good citizen of Crogan street was reading the other day of a good French gentleman who always walked about with a smile on his face. When the Persian was asked why he always looked so happy when other men looked sad, he replied: "I smile because it may be sunshine to some poor soul surrounded by shadow." It was very nice in the Persian, and the Crogan street man said he'd be hanged if he couldn't out-smile a Persian or anybody else walking around on two legs. He at once began to smile at his wife. She stood it for a few minutes, and then observed: "What's the matter, William—got the colic again?" "I smile because I want to carry sunshine to your darkened soul," he replied. She wanted him to understand that fifteen minutes at the wood-pile would help her more than all the grin he could grin in a straight week, and when he went into the wood-pile some sunshine at last. It was very nice in the Persian, and the Crogan street man said he'd be hanged if he couldn't out-smile a Persian or anybody else walking around on two legs. He at once began to smile at his wife. She stood it for a few minutes, and then observed: "What's the matter, William—got the colic again?" "I smile because I want to carry sunshine to your darkened soul," he replied. She wanted him to understand that fifteen minutes at the wood-pile would help her more than all the grin he could grin in a straight week, and when he went into the wood-pile some sunshine at last.

Another fatal accident, due to carelessness in leaving loaded firearms in the reach of children, occurred at Seaton Village on Saturday. A boy, son of Mrs. Roberts, seven years of age, was playing with a revolver with his sister, aged nine years. They were alternately putting the pistol in each others mouths. Unfortunately, when the boy Robert was handling the revolver, and when it was in his sister's mouth, it went off, and lodged a bullet in the brain of the poor child, who expired instantly.

Mr. W. H. Vanderbit and others interested in, or connected with the Canada Southern, inspected that railway last week. The time made was probably the fastest ever made in this country. The run from Port Erie to St. Thomas— one hundred and twenty miles— was made in two hours and thirty-nine minutes, but the time occupied by seven stops is to be taken into account. From St. Thomas to Amherstburg—one hundred and ten miles—in two hours and three minutes, but a stop of eleven minutes at Charing Cross made the run of one hundred and ten miles in one hundred and twelve minutes. On the trip one mile was run in fifty-five seconds.

Cucumber Enters, Beware!

We have always regarded cucumbers as "poor vittles," and have with which some people eat them. Cold, savory, tasteless vegetables, that must be disguised with salt, pepper, and vinegar to make them palatable, and after all they are neither nutritious, nor wholesome. They cause an immense amount of colic, bowel complaint, and cholera. But, to the other perils which beset them, there is now another added. Dr. Leidy, at a recent meeting of the Academy of Sciences, Philadelphia, announced a discovery well fitted to startle cucumber-eaters. It was to the effect that this vegetable or fruit (which is it?) is liable to be infested with tape-worm. The Dr. exhibited a specimen of a tape-worm taken from the inside of a large cucumber. It had all the characteristics of a true tape-worm, but belonged apparently to an unknown species. "The ovaries," containing round yellow eggs, are "confined to the anterior extremity of the segment." That's the scientific account of the peculiarity which distinguishes this kind of tape-worm. Perhaps the peculiarity arises from its having dwelt in the cold heart of a cucumber, instead of the warm stomach of a human being. Very likely these "yellow eggs" hatched inside a man, woman or child, develop somewhat differently than they are apt to do inside a cucumber. At any rate, it is not calculated to sharpen the appetite for cucumber, when the possibility is realized of eating along with it the fragments and eggs of tape-worm.



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