

SOME POPULAR BELIEFS.

WHY CROSSED KNIVES ARE SAID TO BE UNLUCKY.

What Spilling the Salt Meant—The Ill-Luck of Breaking a Looking Glass—The Superstition of No. 13.

Why is it bad luck to cross the knives at table? Well, the original knife used at the table was nothing less than the dagger which all men wore in their belts, ready either for parrying the mutton, or for cutting throats.

Every sailor wears the knife to this

A MINISTER OF RICHMOND HILL.

Rev. F. Elliott Frankly and Strongly Endorses Dodd's Kidney Pills.

The Great Kidney Remedy Inspires Gratitude Wherever it Goes—No Medicine so Highly Endorsed—What a Minister of the Gospel has to say about Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Richmond, Hill, May 29.—Special.—A sensation was caused in this township when it was reported that the Rev. F. Elliott had published a strong letter in the papers, endorsing a patent medicine. This happened some little time ago, but the matter has not been forgotten. The medicine in question was the famous Dodd's Kidney Pills and the Rev. Mr. Elliott is still in the receipt of frequent enquiries about his experience with them.

To a recent questioner who asked him about Dodd's Kidney Pills Mr. Elliott was quite outspoken.

"I believe Dodd's Kidney Pills to be an excellent remedy," said he. "I see no reason whatever why I should not recommend them; they have helped me and I believe they will help others. If they were not a strictly honest, meritorious, reliable cure for everything they are claimed to be, nothing would be more objectionable or further from my thoughts than for me to endorse them to anyone, much less lend my name to a printed statement. But as the facts stand I hold by my former course and shall always be happy to recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills by any means in my power."

The letter referred to in which Mr. Elliott endorses Dodd's Kidney Pills, was published in this paper some time ago. It reads as follows:

"I feel it my duty to inform you of the great benefit I have derived from using Dodd's Kidney Pills. Last spring in particular when suffering from lame back, pain and weakness was so great I could hardly turn or get out of bed. Knowing it all came from disordered kidneys, I began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and my pain and lameness soon disappeared. I consider Dodd's Kidney Pills a good reliable medicine for the diseases for which they are recommended.

"When I hear people complain of lame back or rheumatism, I always say, 'Why don't you take Dodd's Kidney Pills?' I wish to add that this testimonial is entirely unsolicited and only good will to men would induce me to allow my name to be published in this connection.—Rev. F. Elliott."

day which nerves him constantly both at work and at meal-times, and the belt-knife of the British mariner is a thing very justly dreaded in foreign seaports. In days when private quarrels

WERE ALWAYS FOUGHT

out with dagger or sword—and that is not so very long ago—the very beginning of a dispute, made the womanfolk nervous for their husbands, brothers or sons concerned in the argument.

The crossing of blades was the sure sign of a fight and it's no wonder the women found crossed knives suggesting misfortune. But there is no reason why crossed knives on the family dinner-table should suggest the idea of duelling nowadays. They have ceased to mean bad luck.

Spilling the salt meant once the worst of bad luck. Salt was, until quite lately very expensive, a dear necessity, as it is to-day among the natives of India. So important was it that the finding of salt-springs in Cheshire, England, first brought merchants from Europe into savage Britain, opened up the earliest English trade, and led to the civilization of the island. The very phrase "worth his salt," means "worth his wages," and "true to their salt," is a catchword to express the loyalty of soldiers to their Service. The word salary means salt-money. Because it was so important, old English usage placed the salt-box in the middle of the table, that all hands might be within reach. The family and the guests sat "above the salt," the servants "below the salt," and so the difference of rank was created between

"GENTLE" AND "SIMPLE." In the regalia at the Tower of Lon-

Sozodont

A Perfect Liquid Dentifrice for the Teeth and Breath

25c

Sozodont Tooth Powder

Both forms of Sozodont at the Stores or by Mail; price, 25c. each; Large Sizes, together, 75c. HALL & RUCKEL, Montreal.

don the salt-box is one of the most gorgeous ornaments, built like a castle of silver, heavily gilded. Such being the importance of the salt-box, the upsetting of it was something more than an accident. It was an event. But suppose that the guest of the house, or the ambassador from foreign parts, upset the salt, it was taken as a sign that he betrayed the "bread-and-salt" of hospitality, turned against the hand that fed him, and was only in the house as a spy to betray its master.

The spilling of salt was taken as a providential warning of coming attack, of danger drawing near the house. That is why it became a sign of bad luck.

Now, as to the ill-luck of breaking a looking-glass. Before there was such a thing as a workhouse there were plenty of poor old women left friendless, and long past doing any work to win their bread.

They knew the world, they knew the herbs in the field, and garden which were useful in case of sickness, and they did no harm by

SELLING GOOD ADVICE,

or a little medicine, so they managed to keep body and soul together. They were called "wise women." They were supposed to possess powers. It was whispered that they had sold themselves to the Evil One.

Many a poor old woman, pretending to be "wise," for the sake of attracting customers, was haled up before the magistrates, charged with witchcraft, and burned to death as a punishment. Suppose one wanted to get rid of any enemy, the usual thing was to consult the local witch, and she would provide a little image of clay, or a rag doll, supposed to represent the person who was hated. Stick pins into the doll, and the enemy would suffer the pains of "pins and needles;" hang the doll in your chimney, and the enemy would "burn for ever;" break or destroy the doll, and the enemy would be overtaken with sudden and awful death.

The charges of the witch were really very moderate, considering, and it was good to know that you could kill your enemy by merely destroying his image. Even his image in a looking glass was quite sufficient, if you promptly broke the glass. That is why it became unlucky to break any looking-glass which had the honour of reflecting your face. It is certainly a fact that

A LOOKING-GLASS FELL.

and broke in the State apartments at Windsor just before the late Queen died.

The witches used to sell "charms," which were supposed to ward off all sorts of danger, and that is the origin of the charms worn on watch chains. Most famous of all talismans is the horseshoe, as hung over door-

bered thirteen. The unlucky bedroom is numbered as a rule, "12 bis," or "12a," which is supposed to make it perfectly safe to sleep in. At English hotels one can generally get room thirteen when the rest of the house is crowded. Before the "Drummond Castle" sailed on her last voyage, a passenger turned up late, and found that there was only one vacant berth in the cabin—number thirteen. He chanced it, and, so far from meeting with bad luck when the ship foundered off Ushant, he was the only passenger saved.

The idea that forty days of bad weather follows rain on St. Swithin's Day came from a fine old Saxon legend. St. Swithin was Lord Chancellor in the reign of King Ethelbert, and when he died in the year 862, he left directions that his body should be buried in Winchester Cathedral, but in some spot where the rain might fall on his grave.

Afterwards the monks, thinking that it was beneath the saint's dignity and theirs that he should be exposed to the weather like a common man, attempted to dig him up for removal to the shelter of the church. The attempt was a total failure being prevented by a deluge of rain day after day for six weeks. According to tradition, they afterwards succeeded in moving the saint, despite all protests from the weather, and for a thousand years a tomb was pointed out in the cathedral as that of St. Swithin. At last, in 1797, the matter was put to the test, it being a known fact that St. Swithin's head was buried in Canterbury Cathedral. The sculptured stone was raised, and underneath it was found a skeleton of some other personage, with skull complete. So it seems that the old saint triumphed over the monks, and still lies out under the rain, which keeps him so kindly in memory.

A CORNER IN CARDS.

France Makes a Profit Out of Their Manufacture.

Of all the ways of protecting an industry, that adopted by the Government of France, for making a profit out of the manufacture of cards must certainly take rank as being among the strangest.

In the first place, there is no half-heartedness about dealing with foreign competition, for the importation of cards is simply prohibited; while the manufacture is so hedged in by severe laws that it is in comparative few hands.

One of these hands, at least, is Governmental, for the paper on which the suits are printed is manufactured by the Government, which insures its exclusive use by prohibiting the card makers from employing any other.

Furthermore, the Government does not allow anyone to make the court cards, or the ace of clubs, the plates for these belonging to the State, which merely sells the slips of printed paper to the makers, who have only to colour them and print the common cards on the special paper which they have to buy from the properly constituted authorities.

These French cards are smaller than our own, but they are scarcely so expensive, for an excellent pack can be bought for twenty-five cents, and there is scarcely any demand for cards which are dearer than forty cents a pack.

CEYLON AND INDIA TEA, GREEN OR BLACK. A GREAT NAME

has been made for machine-rolled Ceylon and India Tea. The purity, cleanliness and economy of this tea are responsible for its popularity. Ever decreasing consumption shows that it is only a matter of time when JAPAN teas will be a thing of the past.

"SALADA" Ceylon Teas are sold in sealed lead packets only, never in bulk. Black, Mixed or uncoloured Ceylon Green. Sample on application. Address "SALADA," Toronto.

ways, worn as a breast-pin in miniature. Originally the sign was a crescent moon; but any crescent was good, and horseshoes were easily had, and served just as well. Two thousand years ago the Greeks and Romans wore the charm as the symbol of the goddess Diana, the charm which saved one from the evil eye. That is the origin—protection from the power of the evil eye; and if anybody looks crossways at you, squints at you, or makes you nervous by staring, you can only save yourself from being blighted with evil by presenting the points of a crescent in self-defence. A horseshoe does; but if that is too cumbersome, point the first and little fingers, tucking in the second and third fingers, which makes a very passable crescent figure, besides being cheap. The Italians, a most economical people, defend themselves thus, when they meet an Englishman, a snap-shot camera, or anything doubtful.

The superstition about sitting down thirteen at table has arisen from the memory of the Last Supper. There is the beginning of the idea that the number thirteen is unlucky in all sorts of ways. On the Continent you may

SEARCH ALL THE HOTELS

without ever finding a bedroom num-

Vessels of 4,000 tons can ascend the St. Lawrence to Montreal, a distance of 1,000 miles from the sea. Only one other river in the world, the Amazon, is navigable to such a distance for craft as large.

KAWARATHA LAKES.

One of the finest of the many excellent summer outings open to the tourist on a holiday is a trip through the Kawartha Lakes, Lindsay, Cobouk, or Lakefield, are the best points to start in from, and the scenery is well worth the time, to say nothing of the fresh air the traveller can imbibe. The steamers which are running in the route, are all fast, safe craft and are well appointed. The Kawartha Lakes are the summer pleasure grounds of the continent.

UNPARALLELED GENEROSITY.

Town Councillor—Have you heard, Mr. Skinfint, that our generous townsman, Mr. Muller, is defraying the cost of a new promenade all round the town? We think a wealthy man like yourself might also do something for us.

Skinfint—Well, what do you say to my giving you a park of oak trees?

Town Councillor—Oh, you noble-hearted philanthropist. Why, do you really mean to—

Skinfint—Yes, yes; I'll make the town a present of an oak forest. You have only to find the land, and I will supply you with as many acorns as you may want for seed.

LUDELLA

CEYLON TEA

Is made for all classes. It is the best product of Ceylon gardens and Canadian skill.

Load Packages 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 Pounds

PAINTS FOR ALL



There is just one kind of paint all should have; that is the best paint. Poor paint never pays. Don't use cheap paint if you want your work to last—if you want your house to look well. Buy only a good old standard brand.

RAMSAY'S PAINTS

are the recognized standard brands in Canada, and have been for sixty years. Don't take some other just because a dealer wants to sell you. Send to us and ask for

BOOKLET "K" FREE.

It will tell you all about paint and show you how some beautiful homes are painted with Ramsay's Paint.

A. RAMSAY & SON,
PAINT MAKERS,
MONTREAL.
Est'd 1842.

If You Want The Dawson Commission Co. best results SHIP all your BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY, APPLES, other FRUITS and PRODUCE, to Limited, Cor. West Market and Colborne St., Toronto.

Finland turns the tables on England in lunacy statistics. Out of a million Finns, 1,700 only are fit subjects for the lunatic asylum. No part of England drops below 2,500. London heads the list with 3,610 mad people in each of her 6 millions. Hard-headed Scotland has 2,580 a million.

Stratford, 4th Aug., 1893. Messrs. C. C. RICHARDS & Co. Gentlemen.—My neighbor's boy, 4 years old, fell into a tub of boiling water and got scalded fearfully. A few days later his legs swelled to three times their natural size and broke out in running sores. His parents could get nothing to help him till I recommended MINARD'S LINIMENT, which, after using two bottles, completely cured him, and I know of several cases around here almost as remarkable, cured by the same Liniment and I can truly say I never handled a medicine which has had as good a sale or given such universal satisfaction. M. HIBERT, General Merchant.

In Holland's swampy provinces 9 per cent. of recruits to the Army are rejected as being under height. The proportion in other provinces is only 5.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box. 25c

The land-tax in Egypt amounts to 5 million sterling a year, being £200,000 more than the estimated land-tax for all China.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS MRS WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by mothers for their children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea, 25c a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

In the year 1891 there were but 51 hospitals in the United Kingdom. This number has grown to 498 in the present year.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

222 out of a million Englishmen attain to a fortune of £200,000, and no fewer than 1,000 to the comfortable sum of £25,000.

MONTREAL HOTEL DIRECTORY. AVENUE HOUSE. Family Hotel rates 62c per day.

The value of houses in Scotland has increased from 90 millions in 1851 to nearly 240 millions at present—a record for the United Kingdom.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

LARGEST KITCHEN IN THE WORLD

This is in the great Parisian store, the Bon Marche, which has 4,000 employees. The smallest kettle contains 100 quarts and the largest 500. Each of fifty roasting-pans is big enough for 300 outlets. Every dish for baking potatoes holds 235 lb. When omelets are on the bill of fare 7,800 eggs are used at once. For cooking sixty cooks and 100 assistants are always at the ranges.

Thanks, dear Mr. Brundy for your advice about 40¢ of Monsoon Ceylon Tea. I have tried it & must say it is most delicious - my husband now says that breakfast is something to look forward to.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

In the past 40 years Great Britain has produced 40 million tons of steel, or about one-third of the world's total product.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dread disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

R. J. CHENEY & CO., TOLEDO
Hall's Family Pills are the best

He—I point out your faults because I love you. She—Nonsense! If you really loved me you would think my faults were excellences.

Minard's Liniment Cures Carget in Cows.

Don't you see that sign. No fishing on these grounds? I'm not fishin' on the grounds; I'm fishin' in the water. W. P. C. 1077

CALVERT'S CARBOLIC OINTMENT.

For all skin ailments. J. C. Calvert & Co., Manchester, England

FRENCH CLEANING.

For made up Goods, Suits in Cloth, Velvet, Silk or Fur and all valuable house Hangings, nothing to equal it if done by the BRITISH AMERICAN DYEING CO., Montreal.

Brass Band

Instruments, Drums, Uniforms, Etc. EVERY TOWN CAN HAVE A BAND. Lowest prices ever quoted. Free catalogue, 500 illustrations, mailed free. Write us for anything in Music or Musical Instruments. Whaley Royce & Co., Toronto, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man.

ARE YOU IDLE, OR BUSY, AND WANT

A better yourself? Write, in your own hand, to G. Marshall & Co., tea importers, London, Ont. Outfit furnished.

Metallic SKYLIGHTS

DOUGLAS BRASS, 124 Adelaide St. Toronto, Ont.

Dominion Line Steamships

Montreal to Liverpool. Boston to Liverpool. Portland to Liverpool. Via Queenstown. Large and Fast Steamships. Superior accommodation for all classes of passengers. Saloons and Staterooms are splendid. Special attention has been given to the Second Saloon and Third-Class accommodation. For rates of passage and all particulars, apply to any agent of the Company, or Richards, Mills & Co., 77 State St., Boston. D. Torrance & Co., Montreal and Portland.

WOOD PHOTO ENGRAVING J. L. JONES ENG. CO. 6-8-10 ADELAIDE ST. W. TORONTO

SOZODONT for the Teeth LIQUID POWDER each 25c