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Once Towed Into Ostend Harbor-Strange Things Found On the

It may come as a surprise to the reader to learn that whales and porpoises often visit British shores, and that several whale-hunts have taken According to an old fisherman interviewed by the writer recently, whales are often found when the tide is out lying half-buried in the sand. It was not so very long ago that over sixty bottle-nosed whales were stranded in Mount's Bay, near Penzance. They came in with the tide, and were left helpless at low water. Crowds of holiday-makers made their way to the beach to inspect the whales, some of which measured quite 25 feet from nose to tail. Several mischievous lads slashed the leviathans with pocket knives, and eventually the wounded monsters were killed by gunshot. Later, when the tide returned, the living whales, mearly forty in number, floated off in-

A large whale was once thrown upon the beach at Scarborough, and when ft came to be measured it was found to be no less than 49 feet in

length. Perhaps the largest whale ever caught by chance was the one towed into Ostend Harbor many years ago. It measures over 100 feet in length, and weighed 249 tons. Four thousand gallons of oil were obtained from the blubber, and the skeleton was conveyed to London and exhibited to weigh from some 80 to 100 pounds, the public at so much per head.

The sea is constantly throwing ap strange things upon the shore. Much excitement was caused at Mundesleyon-Sea, Norfolk, some time ago, when it became known that old gold coins were being washed up on the beach. Men and women flocked to the shore in the hope of securing treasuretrove. It is said that on various occasions over \$250 in gold coins were picked up on the foreshore, scarcely a day passing but that guineas, half guineas, George shillings and sixpeaces were found on the sands. One man discovered a guinea and a half guinea well within an hour. Some of the older coins which were flung up by the sea dated to the reigns of Charles II., William and Mary, and George III., and it was surmised that they came from the numerous wrecks which took place on the coast years

There is a class of men and women who earn a livelihood by walking along the coasts of Britain gathering together what articles of value they come across. The larger portion of their "finds" consists of rubbish such After as bits of string, bottles, old boots, fragments of fishing-nets, old iron, wood, and so on, but now and again thrown up by the sea. One man who picked up a living on the sands once found a Roman sword, which he sold to an antiquarian for \$50, while on another occasion he picked up a little mosaic box with a map of ancient Britain cut into the lid and worth nearly

Made Him Famons,

A. M. Palmer, the famous theatri cal manager, once told a story which illustrated the reason for Mansfield's success on the stage. Mansfield before he was known to fame was cast for the part of Baron Chevrial, a part so small that other actors refused to play it. The night of the first performance Mansfield made the hit of the production owing to the realistic manner in which he simulated death from paralysis. It afterward transpired that he had employed a physician to coach him in portraying the effects of a paralytic

Kissing the Toe.

The custom of kissing the feet o persons whom it was desired to honor originated with the ancients. The people of oriental nations used to kiss the hands and feet or hems of the clothes of the persons they wished to show respect for. The ancient Egyptians got this custom from the Assyrians, and later the Greeks ery line. Estimates given in all kinds adopted the habit from the Egypor repairs and new work; also hards tions. The Romans followed the

A Handkerchief Trick.

To take two corners of a handker hief, one in each hand, and with single straight motion and without letting go either corner, to tie a knot in the handkerchief seems at first thought impossible. Nevertheless it is simple. Before you take hold of the handkerchief fold your arms, then grasp the two corners of the handkerchief. Holding an opposite corner in each hand, draw the arm apart. That single straight movement will tie the knot.

Students of architecture may have often wondered why the two towers of Notre Dame at Paris were not of the same size. It appears that when the cathedral was built it was the cathedral of a suffragan bishop, who was not entitled to two towers of equal height, and for centuries the bishop of Paris was suffragan to the

Martins, bluebirds, and wrens de new, bright wood. Their instincts lend them to prefer the places which more clearly resemble the insides of decayed trees, in which their ancestors have nested from time immemor-ial. Build your birdhouses to suit the birds rather than to please your own tastes.

Cause For Applause At the close of the premiere perormance of a recent operatic noveloperagoer was observed beating bis

asked a friend. The only safe bet on a woman's "To show how thankful I am that THE "TURCOS"?

Blooded Arabs Officered by Whites The announcement that, in an he

role charge, a battalion of Turcos was almost wiped out, seems to have puzzled not a few people, who apparently think they are an Oriental corps which in some mysterious way has been mobilized to assist the allies. The confusion arises from the fact that "Turcos" is a slang name for the Tirailleurs, one of the best of the

they have been brought up to "rough" it" from infancy. Furthermore, as Mr. C. W. Randle points out, they are accustomed to living on next to

The Turco's staple diet is boiled semolina, seasoned with some simple is occasionally added, but the semolina is the mainstay. Few soldiers carry such a weight on their shoulders as the Turcos. Their knapsacks man carries some portion of the camp equipment. Then there is, of course,

With their black, straight hair surmounted by a red fez; and their black beards, and wearing a sort of Moorish trousers, strong Boots of a greyish leather, and cloth anklebands, they make one of the most picturesque corps at present engaged to the war.

A Tug of War.

for several moments watching the is practically on deck or superintendbrawny drayman who was laborious- ing some drill or exercise from the ly tugging at a large, heavy laden time the hands fall in at 5.30 in the box, which seemed almost as wide as the doorway through which he was the ship at 9 p.m., when he has to trying to move it. Presently the kindly disposed onlooker approached the perspiring drayman and said with a ceived reports from the representapatronizing air: "Like to have a tives of the engine-room department,

and for the next two minutes the two all their departments are correct for men on opposite sides of the box the night. worked, lifted, puffed and wheezed; but the box stuck fast. They went at it again, but it did not move an inch. Finally the portly man straightened up and said between puffs, don't believe we can get it in there. "Get it in?" the drayman almos

head, I'm trying to get it out!" Too Much Expense.

"Yes," said Mr. Tyte-Phist, "I was conductor gave the motorman the ed. My foot went out from under

Flies' Eggs.

and cost me \$30."

Eggs of flies are so small that you must use a microscope in order to see their real peculiarities. Each female fly lays on the average of 150 eggs, For her cradle she selects a heap of garbage or refuse. The eggs hatch covered plate which stands on into minute maggots. In five days table in the centre of the room and the maggots turn into little chrysa- tell your guests that a certain spell lids, or pupae, shaped like miniature cast on the famous Blarney stone in beans. Within another five days Ireland caused the virtues of that these give birth to flies, which de- wonderful stone to be transmitted to velop with amazing rapidity into the stone in the very room where adult insects, and then the mischief they stand, and that if a girl or boy

Besides his five or six consumma works, which by universal consent are practically above criticism, it may be said that Goethe's songs are the best in the world. He is the greatest of all literary critics, and in subtle and abundant observation of human life and in the number and value of stone. his wise remarks and pregnant sentences he is one of the greatest writers of all time. Goethe may be classed as one of the "greatest men."

Apple Charlotte. The literature of the kitchen son limes sheds a light on the traits historical personages. For example, that rather agreeable dish of breadcrumbs, fruit and spices known as the thrifty wife of George III. invented the pudding in order to use

Old Lady (to grocer's boy)-Don't you know that it is very rude to whistle when dealing with a lady? Boy-That's what the guv'nor told

up the weekly palace crusts.

"Told you to whistle?" for the money,"-London Fun.

The Ubiquitous Purist, Vicar-I'm sorry to hear you've been so poorly. You must pray for a good heart, Thomas. Thomas-Ya-as, zur. But it's my Landon Telegranh.

Of course there is plenty of room in on the ground floor.

WHO RULES A WARSHIP?

A commander is an officer pro-10 to 12 years' seniority, these promotions taking place twice a year, the 30th of June and 31st of Decemmander holds that rank for some five leurs, indeed, are a corps of sharp- to captain, again by selection. Once shooters, who have been practically a captain he goes up the captain's list trained from boyhood to fight. The you might say, automatically, as each greater proportion of the Turcos are flag-officer on the admiral's active Arabs of pure blood, though the off. .list retires or dies. The senior capare mostly French. Excluding the admiral, unless he attains the age of French element, all the Turcos are 55 while a captain, when he has to Mohammedan, and death has no ter- retire. The captain is in supreme them to enter the Mussulman Para-, own mess and quarters, except in flagships, where he messes with the In years gone by they fought admiral and staff, and in destroyers amongst themselves, tribe against and torpedo boats, where all officers tribe, and at one time used their mess together. The commander is swords against the French. Ultimate-, the next in command, and his duties by they became French subjects, and are numerous. He organizes the are now only too glad to have a go ship's company for their various duat the enemies of France. The Tur- ties. On a ship being placed in comtraordinary powers of endurance, for various heads of their departments, and gunnery and torpedo officers, chief of the police, and warrant officers with him, and as each man comes up, chief petty officers, petty officers seamen, stokers, etc., each man re ceives a card with his name, number on the ship's books, mess, hammock, sauce and sometimes eaten with vege- | bag (which he keeps his kit in), his place in action, fire, collision, or aban-

der the captain) of the ship, as he is the only officer, with the exception of the captain, who has the power of punishing. The engineer commander who carries out the superintendency of his department, has no power to defaulters are brought first before the commander, who either deals with them himself or forwards them to the captain. The communder messes in the ward room, and is ex-officio

The commander is the bustest man on board. His day is never finished. Every signal, official correspondence and anything dealing with the ship The well-dressed, portly man stood or fleet he has to see and initial. He morning until his final inspection of report to the captain that everything is correct, he previously having repolice, gunnery, and torpedo officers,

The average age of a commander s about 33 when promoted. three years is equal in rank to a

A commander in the royal navy is shouted. "Why, you blamed muttonis junior to that rank.

Too Tame to Kill.

just stepping on the car when the Trade Lord Buxton, the new Governsignal to go ahead, and the car start- is not generally known, is a keen me, and I sat down on the muddy His orchards had been invaded by crossing, ruining a twenty-two dollar a number of bullfinches and other fruit-eating birds, and they did so "Then you sat there, swore like a much damage that it was obvious trooper and gnashed your teeth in something must be done to stop rage, I suppose," remarked the sym- them. So the head gardener produc-"No," said Mr. Tyte-Phist. "I may among the trees to wreak whatever have sworn a little, but I didn't do vengeance he could. Shortly afterany gnashing. My teeth are new wards he came back and, half apologetically, informed the then Mr. Buxton that the bullfinches were "so DENT, AND AUTOMOBILE IN. blooming tame" that they actually SURANCE. perched on the end of his gun, and he hadn't the heart to kill them.

Blarney Stone Game. win friends and fortune.

then turn them around three times up to and try to kiss the stone. Very few will come anywhere near the

Taxes on Hearths and Windows. English taxes which have from time to time been imposed are those upon chimneys and upon windows. The former tax was first enforced in 1662 and was at the rate of 24 cents upon every hearth or chimney. This was an obnoxious tax, and William III. book of recollections of the origin of immediately on his accession to the throne obtained some popularity by sending a message to Parliament de-"apple charlotte." It appears that siring that the imposition should be taken off (March 1, 1689), and his majesty's faithful commons complied with its sovereign's request. The win-dow tax, of which our fathers and grandfathers still talk, was not repealed until 1851.

Quite In Character,

The late William Terriss, who for many years was invariably the hero in When the dramss produced at the Adelphi "Yes'm. He said if we ever sold theatre, London, seems to have been on anything we'd have to whistle in nice accord with the characters he played. One day, writes Ellen Terry in her book, "The Story of My Life." he came into the theatre soaked.

"Looks like it, doesn't it?" said Terriss carelessly. Later it came out that he had liver wot be wrong, ye know, zur .- jumped off a steamboat into the Thames and saved a gir!'s life.

It isn't every man who can keep | Sometimes it is hard to agree with age is that she is older than she the curtain is down at last," he rehis end up when he can see his fina man's political views and still keep B. N. Robinson & Co. Regd., Coaticook, Q

Frenchi Colonial Troops Are Full Captain is in Charge But Comman der Does the Work. The littles captain and commander in the royal navy are very confusing to the "man on the street."

moted from a lieutenant of generally French colonial forces. The Tirail. or seven years, and then is promoted cos are born fighters, possessing ex- mision he sits at a table with the

The commander has the whole control of the discipline (of course, un punish his stokers in any way, and all president of the mess

th carpenter, and other officers that

A captain in the royal navy of

colonel in the army. the peer of a lieutenant-colonel, but

In connection with his term of office as President of the Board of or-General of South Africa, who, as naturalist, tells the following story ed an old fint-lock and sallied forth

Put a large clean stone on a doily when blindfolded can walk up to the table and kiss the Blarney stone she | the stomach, liver, kidneys and or he will ever after be able to easily

Then tie a handkerchief over the fit, and this action is promoted by eyes of each of the players in turn, where they stand and let them walk

Among the most curious of the

"Is it raining, Terriss"

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