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WHO ARE THE CREOLES?

Those of Louisiana, and Particularly of New Orleans.

There is no more interesting question in Louisiana than the one of the Creoles. The word is used in many different ways, and it is not known what it means. Some say it means a person of French descent, and some say it means a person of Spanish descent. Some say it means a person of mixed blood, and some say it means a person of African blood. The word is used in many different ways, and it is not known what it means.

SKAGEN.

A Graphic Description of this Noted Fishing Village.

Skagen by daylight is less picturesque than by starlight. We found in our first walk around the town that the houses, which gave the impression of some individuality as we saw them dimly at night, were of the single story, whitewashed order, with little variation except in the color of the weather-beaten thatch, and in the number of boats which were transformed into store-houses and henneries in the yard. The Skagen streets appeared to lead wherever the sand was softest and deepest, without regard to the situation of the houses. Possibly the plan of the streets changes with every heavy wind-storm, for the wind is a great enemy to cultivation there, and drifting sand will completely bury a garden and obliterate highway boundaries in a single night. The most prominent objects in the village are the great racks for drying fish. Tall stakes are planted in the ground at intervals of a rod or so apart, and lines or slender poles are stretched horizontally between them. On these lines they hang out the flat-fish to dry in the sun, to serve both for the winter provision of the families and for the purposes of barter. This irregular row of poles, with festoons of shriveled, warped fish, forms an odoriferous if not ornamental fence by the roadside, around the cottage yards, and along the beach in all directions. It is said on good authority that the inhabitants of Skagen have gotten accustomed, after the experience of generations, to every imaginable smell connected with the curing of fish. We were disposed at first to doubt this statement, but having watched in vain for a muscular movement which betrayed annoyance at any odor, we accepted this report as a fact.

The landlord, on calling us to breakfast, asked what we would like to have. It was a scorching day, and visions of iced cantaloup and other seasonal luxuries flitted before us. But we thought we would confine ourselves strictly within the bounds of a reasonable bill of fare. While we were consulting, the genial Dane suggested, "Perhaps some nice fresh flounders?" We feebly hinted that there must be a good many chickens in Skagen, but he evaded a reply, and told how the fish had that moment been caught. We resigned ourselves on the same principle that a traveler in some parts of the Continent eats game to dull his sense of smell, and make conversation with the natives endurable. We thought, perhaps, if we ate plenty of flat-fish we would smell them less.

The village of Skagen is situated a mile and a half from the extreme end of the sand point which runs out sharply into the Skager-Rack, separating the waters of the North Sea from those of the Cattegat. The village covers nearly half the width of the point, well sheltered by high sand dunes from the sea, and swept by every breeze that blows from the east and south. Just beyond the village to the north is a high hummock, either built for the purpose for which it is now used, or else a natural isolated dune of large proportions. Generations of fishermen's wives have here built their signal fires to light their storm-battered husbands to the shore. On its grassy slopes the antiquated fishermen exchange the gossip of the place, and boast of the marvellous hauls they have made out of the waters below, which are now alive with fleets of small boats. From this hummock the village looks as irregular and as earth-colored as a prairie-dog settlement. The picturesque, dismantled tower of the old light-house rises majestically from the heather close at hand, while to the north, a mile away, the new light-house with bright brick buildings attached, contrasts strangely with the barren background of sand hills half hiding the point beyond. The Cattegat shimmers in the morning sun, delicate in color, soft and inviting; the North Sea looms, blue and cold, far away to the horizon, where it cuts the sky with a sharp dark line. It is forbidding, stern, even cruel, under the warm summer day. What must it be when the great sea meets the current from the Baltic make a turmoil in which no ship could float, and when the huge breakers thunder against the beach and dash the spray high over the dunes! Now the lap, lap, of the wavelets of the Cattegat, accompanied by the muffled roar on the northern beach, make a sweet and gentle music, restful in its monotony. When the winter storms begin, and human nerve and energy are strained in the constant fight with rude and boisterous nature, life here is at the best but patient endurance.—F. D. Millet, Harper's Magazine for May.

Mrs. W. T. Smith, of New Haven, Conn., wrote President Cleveland's inaugural message, 1,688 words, on a postal card, in two and a half hours. She sent it to Mr. Cleveland, with a request for his autograph, and he has returned it with his signature across the center of the card.

At Barnesville, South Carolina, Rebecca Samuels, 12 years old, was convicted of murdering an infant whom she was nursing, by soaking her in a pot of lime.

In the case of George W. Richards, late chief clerk in the census bureau at Washington, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from acute alcoholism.

WIT AND HUMOR.

A minister of the Gospel at New York, advertising marriages in a weekly paper, a notable set of letters attracted particular notice.

The Indianapolis American has a means to get rid of its advertisements, and the Indianapolis American has a means to get rid of its advertisements.

A father says that his son seems to possess a faculty for making mistakes for something to eat, and that he can be made to eat anything that is put on the table as a treat.

A husband was asked by her parents, when she would transfer to a present, a pair of her skates of the "Puck's" brand. "I will," she said, "if you will give me a pair of skates of the 'Puck's' brand."

A Southern State having created the office of "town-inspector," the position was immediately applied for by an ex-baseball umpire. He claimed to know all about "foul" balls, but he appeared to be a little weak in his strength.

I wouldn't be so mean as to heap coals of fire on my enemy's head, dominie," said Farmer Furrow to his pastor. "And, pray, what would you do, then?" "O, I'd just throw ashes over the fence onto his asparagus bed. That would make him mad enough!"—N. Y. Journal.

Stern parent—Here, my son, what is this? You were not at school all last week. Astonished boy—How do you know? Indignant father—Your teacher told me so. Wary boy—Did he see me? Wrathful papa—No, not once. Triumphant boy—Then how does he know I wasn't there?

Boston girls have organized a Mutual-Aid Matrimonial Society. Whenever one member marries the others are assessed to set her up in house-keeping. "It has got so that a young man must have some inducement to marry a Boston girl—culture, spectacles, and all."—Norristown Herald.

A festive dunc came into our sanctum. He had a poem. We kindly thanked him. With the office club we gently plunked over the top of his phizaraunkum. He swore an oath which sounded like blankum, and gazed at us like a dinged old crankum, and then there was a vacancy in our sanctum.—Georgia Paper.

Husband (at the breakfast table)—I think it's disgusting the amount of space the newspapers devote to this prize fighter Sullivan. His every movement is given to the last detail. This paper has a column article concerning him. Wife—Is that so? Let me see the paper. Husband—Well, wait a minute. I haven't finished the article myself yet.—N. Y. Sun.

"Mamma," said a smart Boston boy, "what relation is my aunt's sister to me?" "Why, Johnnie," replied the mother, "I am your aunt's sister, so your aunt's sister is your mother." "Sure, mamma?" "Quite sure, my son." "Well, mamma, my aunt's sister is my aunt, too, and therefore my aunt is my mother." The mother had forgotten that she had two sisters.—Merchant Traveler.

"I used to think Edmund an angel!" sighed Madeleine. "Matrimony, however, opens one's eyes, and I find him a perfect bear." "Oh, how delightful!" exclaimed Sylvia, clapping her hands and looking unutterable things. "Delightful?" echoed Madeleine, in amazement. "Yes, delightful! Tell me, dear, a bear is one of those awful animals which hug one to death. Yes, I know it! How happy you must be!" Madeleine had fainted.—Oil City Herald.

What towards women are when there is a gun or pistol in their vicinity. They will "O, dear!" and "O, don't!" and "O, for mercy's sake!" and will tremble like a poplar leaf, even though the gun or pistol be without lock, stock, and barrel. But a man, how different! He will take up the weapon with a charming nonchalance, cock it, peer into the muzzle, and give a first-class job for either the doctor or undertaker. Man is constantly and in numberless ways showing his vast superiority over women.—Boston Transcript.

In the Legislature. "Mr. Speaker, I arise to place in nomination a man, sir, what we all know, sir, to be a man what ain't got no peer, nowhar. We all know that he is more than qualified, sir, for the position, for I served him during the war, sir; he will not only represent the great Democratic party, but, sir, the entire State. Durin' the dark an' bloody days when the pale face of hunger put its bloody hand on the heart of the Nation, he was found to be as true as steel, an' grappled the gory wolf by the lapels of his shirt and shook him until he loudly begged for mercy."—Arkansas Traveller.

Whatever may or may not be said of George Francis Train, no one who has ever met him will deny that the erratic gentleman is remarkably quick at repartee. It was during a lecture he gave in Chicago some years ago that he exclaimed: "Every man has his price." "What is your price, Mr. Train?" asked a voice from the gallery. "Quick as a flash the lecturer faced the questioner and exclaimed: "Fifty cents admission; children" (pointing to the owner of the voice, while the entire audience focussed its gaze at the astonished person in line of Mr. Train's index finger) "half price."—Harper's Bazar.

"Did you ever notice how a woman takes a cork out of a bottle?" asks an exchange. No sir; we let the woman notice how we take the cork out of a bottle. No gentleman will stand idly by and let a woman struggle to get a cork out of a bottle. It takes her too long.

How the Monkeys Tricked the Bears.

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Ladies & Gentlemen.

Read Observe and Prove

What we Announce in this Column

During the past season we have sold a large quantity of our goods, and we are now ready to receive orders for the new season. We have a large stock of goods, and we are now ready to receive orders for the new season.

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At the Owoosso Police Office, July 6, 1903. The following persons were arrested: John J. Smith, charged with larceny; James H. Brown, charged with larceny; and John D. White, charged with larceny.

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NEWS DIGEST.

The Chicago Police Force Opens the Randolph Street Line.

An Improved State of Gen. Grant's Throat Permits of an Examination. The Pulse and Voice.

The Stars and Stripes Put at Half-Mast on the National Holiday at Salt Lake.

GEN. GRANT RELIEVED BY HIS WORK'S PROGRESS.

Mount McClellan, N. Y., July 6.—When he sat down to the breakfast table yesterday morning, Dr. Douglas said he had enjoyed a night of better rest than in a long time, and added humorously that Gen. Grant also had slept unusually well. The physician had not been aroused, and the fact, as well as the implication, was that the patient had been so quiet that he did not need attention.

Through the twelve hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning, Gen. Grant had slept fully eight or nine hours. He took food and was treated by the doctor, but he was not dressed, and dozed on at intervals through the forenoon. The sick man was feeling weak. Sunday, though his weakness was not occasioned by the disease, but was incident to other causes. This morning he felt stronger, as was indicated in a note he wrote for Dr. Douglas between 10 and 11 o'clock. "I think I am not as weak as I was this time yesterday," ran the communication. The patient was also in better spirits this forenoon. The last week's work on the book had so ended that the general-to-day felt much relieved as to its progress. He had begun to think the work of gathering the different portions of his book together was making slow headway, but he found on Sunday evening that the book was nearly completed, and what remained to be done would be finished after the matter had returned in general prints. The abatement of his ailment, however, was a relief to his physician, who feels that while a healthy engagement of the general's mind is to be desired, any source of harassing anxiety is to be deplored.

This morning the physician found the patient's pulse stronger than yesterday, and the condition of the throat was so improved that the examination of the affected parts was easier and more thorough. The electric light instrument could be presented nearer to the base of the tongue. Comparatively, the voice was fair, though quite husky. Soon after midday, Gen. Grant donned his clothing, and after being comfortably fixed in his chair on the piazza, devoted more than an hour to reading the papers, while the family and Senator Caffery were grouped near, chatting cheerily.

MORMONS INSULT THE FLAG.

SALT LAKE, Utah, July 5.—Much excitement was occasioned here yesterday morning when it was discovered that the stars and stripes hung at half-mast on the city hall, the county court house, the *Deseret News* office, the Mormon tabernacle, the church of the Latter-day Saints, and the city hall. The manager of the latter place, as soon as he saw where the flag hung, ordered it placed at full mast. About noon, a committee of members of which were ex-confederates, called upon the city marshal in reference to the matter, and were informed that the flag hung at half-mast as a result of his personal whim. The city officials said the fourth of July was a day of mourning to them, added that the flag over the city hall did not belong to any ring of so-called loyal Americans, and intimated that any man who attempted to take it down would be shot. A number of indignant citizens wished to run the flag up by force, but were warned by the police to desist on pain of being shot. A Grand Army post and a number of citizens wanted to put the flag up at any hazard, but Gov. Murray prevailed upon them to desist. A committee of five finally went to the mayor and demanded that the flag be sent up to the mast-head on the city hall, and in a few minutes the demand was complied with. Sheriff Groesbeck also hoisted the flag on the county court house at the demand of the citizens' committee. The flag on the co-operative store was also run up, but the others hung at half-mast throughout the day.

A TEXAS WATERBURY.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 6.—An east-bound freight train was struck by a waterbury near Weldon yesterday morning. The engineer saw the cloud approaching, bounding about like a rubber ball, tearing up earth and uprooting all in its way, and reversed the engine to avoid the waterbury, whose

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