

THE GENUINE ARTICLE

'I don't know about this picture, Bobby,' said the visitor, as he ran over specimens of the youngster's camera work. 'I am afraid a dog with a propeller instead of a tail is something of a fake.'

'That ain't a propeller,' said Bobby; 'that's his tail. He kept waggin' it while his picture was being tookened.'

PARENTS WERE LOST

He was a kind-hearted man, and the sight of the little nipper who stood wailing mournfully on the sands filled him with sympathy. He approached the youthful sufferer.

'Well, my little man,' he said as cheerfully as he could, 'what's wrong? Are you lost?'

'N-no,' blubbed the little man, 'I ain't lost!'

'Then what's the matter? Tell me, and I'll see if I can help you.'

Still the little one sobbed.

'It-it ain't me who's lost,' he said sorrowfully.

'But I'd like to know where father and mother's gone and wandered off to!'

REMEMBERED THE ACCENT

'Queen Mary,' said the teacher to the class, in the history lesson; 'loved France so much that she declared "Calais" would be found written across her heart after she was dead.'

Pausing a moment, the teacher looked at a boy steadily.

'Jimmy Smith,' she said, 'you were not listening.'

'Oh, yes, I was,' Jimmy replied.

'Well, what did Queen Mary say would be found written across her heart?'

'"Kelly,"' was little Jimmy's triumphant reply.

AN AMATEUR ENGINE DRIVER

The railway trouble in Scotland has recalled some stories respecting the North British railway strike of twelve years ago. In the emergency an amateur engine driver had been put on duty on a branch line. At one station he ran his train a considerable way past the platform; stopping at last, he 'backed,' and went as far beyond at the other end..

The old porter, who had remained loyal, eyed the proceedings with cynical amusement. 'Stop whaur ye are,' he shouted, 'and we'll shift the station for ye.'

NOT MUCH CHOICE

Father Bernard Vaughan, the well-known English Jesuit, relates a humorous incident which occurred to him in the North of Ireland. Arriving late at a small village, he made inquiries from a 'jarvey' concerning the two local hotels.

'Which is the better, Pat?' he asked.

'Well, it's like this, your reverence,' was the reply, 'whichever you go to, you'll wish you'd gone to the other.'

FAMILY FUN

Ask a friend to write down any number of three figures, the last figure of which is less than the first. Get your friend to write beneath it the same figures reversed and subtract. Below this remainder let him write the remainder reversed in the same way. Then tell him to add the two remainders together. No matter what figures your friend chooses, if the above conditions be followed, the remainder will be found to be 1089. Note that every zero in a remainder must also be set down.

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On the Land

During the past fortnight (says a Press message) 27,000 boxes of butter were received in Auckland for export. This quantity constitutes a record for butter received for one fortnight. Including the shipment mentioned, the quantity of butter exported for this season totals 165,682 boxes, against 158,263 boxes for the corresponding period last season—an increase for the present season of nearly 5 per cent. Should no set-back be experienced with regard to weather, it is considered a possibility for the export of butter for the season to show an increase of 10 or 15 per cent.

Strictly speaking, a manure and a fertiliser are not the same thing, though now the terms are used synonymously. To manure originally meant to work with the hand, being derived from the Latin *manus*, a hand, and *opera*, work; through the French *manœuvre*. Lime may then be called a manure, but not a fertiliser. Lime if applied alone, and the land cropped every year, will exhaust the soil. When used with farmyard manure, green manure, or chemical fertilisers, it proves very beneficial in most cases. Lime assists in hastening the chemical action of other materials, and renders them more readily available as plant food.

The yardings at the Burnside weekly stock sales, held on Thursday last, were larger than was the case in the previous week. A total of 2592 sheep was penned (says the *Otago Daily Times*). Some good quality sheep were penned, and with the exception of a dozen or so, all were shorn. They made exceedingly good prices, and with present values farmers have certainly no cause to complain. Wethers made up to 22s 9d, and ewes up to 21s. It is predicted that the existing high prices must come down. There was a yarding of 518 lambs, and on the whole the quality was only of a medium description. In consequence of the excessive rains the grass does not possess the fattening properties required, and as a result the lambs coming forward are not in prime condition. Prices were easier than was the case the previous week, being about on a par with those ruling a fortnight ago. There was a small yarding of 115 head of cattle. They were of a mixed description in point of quality. The yarding included some nice cattle sent forward from the North Island, and these realised the highest prices of the day, making up to £15 per head.

At Addington last week there were moderate entries of stock and a fair attendance. Fat cattle were easier, and there was a decided drop in price of fat lambs. Store sheep, which were mostly wethers, sold at an advance on late rates, and fat sheep showed little or no change. Fat pigs also sold better, and there was an improved demand for store cattle. The entry of fat lambs totalled 1604. A considerable proportion of the lambs were unfinished, and as there was little business done for export there was a decided drop in prices, and a number of the lighter lots were purchased by graziers. The decline in values was equal to 1s 6d to 3s per head. There was a moderate yarding of fat sheep, about two-thirds of which were wethers. There was a good demand on the part of butchers, and wethers maintained late rates, whilst the line sold rather better. There was no business done for export. Prime wethers made 17s 6d to 23s 3d, lighter 12s 1d to 17s, prime ewes 15s 6d to 19s 6d, extra to 20s 6d. There were 251 head of fat cattle penned, and included a good proportion of North Island cattle. The quality was generally good, but the demand was slack, and a dragging sale resulted in values being down about 1s per 100lb. A small entry of fat pigs came forward, and prices, especially for porkers, showed an improvement. Choppers made 50s to 84s, large baconers 60s to 72s, and smaller 50s to 57s 6d, large porkers 42s 6d to 47s 6d, smaller 30s to 40s.

Each complaint drags us down a degree in our upward course. If you would discern in whom God's spirit dwells, watch that person and notice whether you ever hear him murmur.