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When you enter one you will notice that in the middle there is an oven-like structure of boulders piled upon the other. Along the sides of the walls are rows of seats fashioned out of the branches of trees. Apart from this the bath is devoid of furniture. Bathing day is on Saturday, and early in the morning of that day wood is brought and a fire started in the bath.

When the stones in the centre become hot the fire is put out, the place is cleaned, a large vessel of water and slender birch twigs are brought in, whereupon the preparations may be declared complete. There being no dressing rooms, toilets have to be made and unmade in the various houses. Needless to say, nobody loses any time in making the journey from the home to the bath house.

When all the men and boys of the hamlet are in the bathhouse the door is closed. The water is thrown on the hot stones until the place is filled with steam. Then the fun, from the youthful point of view, at least, begins. Perspiration pours from the sweaters' bathers. Nevertheless, more active exercise is demanded, so the switches come into play, each bather whacking his neighbor with a stick until "Enough!" is cried.

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The Home Doctor.

Hops used as a tea are highly recommended for all blood impurities.

A good remedy for sprains and twists is to cut a red onion into slices and bind them on the afflicted part.

Hemorrhages of the lungs or stomach are promptly checked by small doses of salt. The patient should be kept as quiet as possible.

For cuts use alum water to stop the flow of blood, afterward drawing the severed parts together with narrow strips of court plaster.

For neuralgia apply an ordinary bread poultice as hot as can be borne to the afflicted part. This remedy is very highly recommended.

For a burn by vitrol or anything else apply the white of egg mixed with powdered chalk to the parts burned with a feather. It will afford instant relief.

The following remedy is recommended as a preventative of tonsillitis: Oil of peppermint, ten drops; pure carbolic acid, one dram; alcohol, three drams. Add ten drops to a glass of hot water and use the solution as a gargle several times a day.

The adage that one "must stuff a cold and starve a fever" is pernicious. A cold is a fever, and one of the surest means of cutting it short is to take a laxative, abstain entirely from food for twenty-four hours and drink two or three quarts of cool water.

Will Help Pennsylvania Railroad.

The proposed thirty-foot channel from Philadelphia to the sea, for which the Government has made an appropriation of \$600,000, will make Philadelphia one of the most important ports and help the Pennsylvania Railroad amazingly. The Pennsylvania managers realize this and are preparing to handle a heavier traffic. The B. & O. will also reap much benefit from the open channel connecting Philadelphia with the ocean. Large vessels like those of the Merchants & Miners Transportation Company and other lines could pass through such a channel at any time.

Loafers fill the jail. Loading men have time to think up schemes that make society shudder. Loading women are those whose doors are the portals of hell. Loafers are criminals in the chrysalis whether rich or poor, educated or refined or coarse, black or white, civilized or savage. A law against loafers properly enforced against the rich as well as the poor, would stop more than half of the crimes in the world. Work is man's greatest blessing. Take away the opportunity to work and civilization will slump to barbarism in ten years. When people feed well, whether on corn-bread or bacon, or on thick porter-house, and sit around and let the devil run through their blood in idleness, nothing but their own cowardice can keep their hands from wickedness. Food is meant to sustain work. Work lifts man from the animal. Work brings his soul into harmony with creation, which gives him moral courage and strength. Laws should not be made with pity or mercy in them for drones.—Ez.

When Richard Harding Davis was in Philadelphia last fall he rode a bicycle quite frequently. On one of these occasions an elderly lady and a young girl, her niece, both from Germantown, were standing in front of the Lippincott mansion, at the corner of Broad and Walnut streets. Just as they stepped forward to board a car a bicyclist dashed by. The young girl had barely time to draw her aged companion out of harm's way.

"Oh, auntie!" she exclaimed in an awe-struck whisper, "do you know who it was who nearly ran over us? Why it was Richard Harding Davis."

"Estelle," said the old lady severely, "you talk as if he had done us a favor. All I noticed was that he had very big feet."

Will Employ 3,000 Masons.

During the coming spring and summer the Pennsylvania Railroad company will have 3,000 brick and stone masons at work between Altoona and Pittsburg. Several large stone walls and two or three new bridges are to be rebuilt, and the new tunnel at Gallitzin is to be walled with brick and stone. The big retaining walls at Paek Saddle and the elevated tracks through Latrobe will be expensive pieces of stone work, on which 500 men will be employed several months. The work in and around Pittsburg will require the services of several hundred stone and brick masons during the year 1902.

A Serpent's Appetite.

From a gentleman who was at one time a resident of Brazil comes a remarkable story about a snake that he encountered in the woods one day which followed him with much persistence.

"Sitting on a stump, I became aware of the approach of a huge snake," writes this gentleman. "He must have been fifteen feet in length. There was no doubt the snake was about to attack me.

"Without hesitating for a moment I discharged my two barrels. For a short time the reptile raged furiously, and I climbed a nearby tree. I had hardly reached the first boughs when I saw the snake approaching the tree, and it climbed up behind me.

"Higher and higher I went. Higher and higher came the serpent. My heavy rubber boots were a great drawback to my climbing, so I tried to get rid of them. I took one off and dropped it, and just as I had the second in my hand the snake reached me, and I, in my desperation, tried to shield myself with the rubber boot.

"Then the snake made a dash and, getting hold of the boot, turned and descended the tree. I was saved, but I had not the courage to leave the tree before my friends arrived. I told them of the adventure I had and rode home minus one rubber boot. Of his snake-ship nothing could be seen.

"A few weeks later on another hunting trip we found in the road a big dead snake, terribly swollen. We cut it open and found, to our astonishment, my rubber boot not in the least injured."—New York Times.

Natural History.

Thoroughbred dogs are less intelligent than mongrels.

A full grown elephant can carry three tons on its back.

The horse has no eyebrows.

There are 4,500 muscles in the body of a moth.

The Dorking fowl is the only living bird which in its adult condition possesses a five-toed foot.

The largest bird of prey in the old world is the lammergeier, or bearded vulture, which has a wing expanse of nine to ten feet.

Comparatively few horses attain to seventeen hands, but Kansas boasts of one that measures twenty hands and weighs 2,412 pounds.

Wasps may often be observed detaching from fences, boards or any old wood the fibers, which they afterward manufacture into paper mache.

The smallest of British animals is the harvest mouse, which makes a globular nest in wheatfields. A full grown specimen weighs half an ounce.

The First Iron Ship.

The first iron ship has more reputed birthplaces than Homer. Both the Clyde and the Mersey claim pre-eminence in this respect. Sir E. J. Robson of Edinburgh designed an iron vessel in 1816, which was not launched till three years later, and it is said that an iron boat was worked on the Severn, even as far back as 1787. Steel was not used in the construction of merchant ships' hulls until 1855. Old salts were not alone in their belief that wood was meant by Providence to float, but iron to go to the bottom. A naval constructor of some repute once said: "Don't talk to me of iron ships. They are contrary to nature." Now none but small craft are built of wood in this country.—Chambers' Journal.

Soothing.

Li Hung Chang had beyond all doubt an iron will and a very un sentimental heart. Once when he was viceroy of Chihli a man who had tampered with a telegraph wire was brought before him. The man wrung his hands and begged for mercy, saying that he would never touch the wire again.

"Don't be vexed, my good fellow," said Li, "or trouble yourself any further about the matter. I shall take care that it does not happen again."

Then he turned to the jailers and gave the order, "Cut off his head!"

A Transit of Venus.

On their way between Telzir and Teheran the members of an expedition sent to Persia by the German government to observe the transit of Venus met a solitary European lady riding in the opposite direction, a member of the English colony, who was as clever as she was beautiful. Having been long a resident in Persia, she was fearlessly riding alone a long way ahead of her caravan. The Germans marveled at such an apparition in such a dreary waste—wondered she wasn't afraid. Wouldn't she let some of them stand by until her servants and baggage came up? No, she was quite at ease, and usually in her travels was far ahead of her attendants, whose mules, more heavily laden, could not keep her pace.

"And now, gentlemen," she said, "who are you, and where are you bound for?" They introduced each other. One was the astronomer, another the photographer, another the archaeologist, the naturalist, and so on, and they were going to Isfahan to observe the transit of Venus. The lady smiled, started her pony and waved her adieu, saying: "To observe the transit of Venus? Ah, well, you can go home, now, gentlemen! Your duty is done. Goodbye!"

The fair visitor disappeared at a canter toward the horizon, and it was said that the Germans did not see the joke till a long time after Venus had disappeared from their ken.—Life of Major General Sir Robert Murdoch Smith, K. C. M. G.

More in His Line.

"Do you think I will make a player?" asked a sluggish applicant for football. "You may make a chess player," said the coach. "You are slow enough in moving."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

What It Costs in Money.

Naturally most people who contemplate visiting the Pan-American Exposition desire to know what it will cost. I am going to assume that every one can learn the cost of a round trip ticket to Buffalo good for 15 to 30 days. I would advise every one to prepare for at least a two weeks' trip. Those who come on short limit tickets generally regret that they cannot stay longer to enjoy more fully this rare opportunity for pleasure and study, for I am safe in saying that never before has there been such an opportunity for the pleasure seeker or such a magnificent school of progress for those who wish to study what the world is doing in all lines of effort. No one who can possibly raise the money to visit the Exposition should for a moment think of denying himself this signal advantage.

The people of Buffalo have made ample preparation for the entertainment of all who come to the Exposition. In addition to the large number of hotels, where the rates are moderate, the private houses have been very generally thrown open for the entertainment of guests. Visitors may find comfortable accommodations as low as 50 cents a night for lodging, while better accommodations close to the Exposition can be secured for 75 cents and \$1 per night. Breakfasts are served by many of the householders at 25 cents to 50 cents, and there is an abundance of good restaurants where meals can be had at very moderate figures. The cost of living in Buffalo should not exceed \$2 or \$2.50 per day for those who want the best. The admission to the Exposition is 50 cents. This includes admission to all the exhibit buildings and to all parts of the grounds, including the Stadium, where the athletic games and races, parades of live stock and vehicles take place. The Midway also is free, except where one chooses to enter the concessions. There are some 50 shows, ranging in price from 10 cents to 50 cents, all of them of unusual merit.

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