

It Is Liable to Play Pranks With the Wash in Yellowstone Park.

Nature's gifts are widely and variously distributed. In one place the elements of things are given, to be made available by labor; elsewhere she provides things ready for man's use.

To gain our bread the seed must be first sown and months afterward the grain harvested, thrashed and ground.

On one occasion a party hung their bag of clothes in the basin of the geyser called "Old Giant" and, wandering off, were absent longer than they intended to be.

CHINESE TREASURES.

"Rubbing" on Paper From Ancient Tablets and Monuments.

Chinese men of letters are exceedingly fond of ancient records in the shape of long scrolls of paper "rubbing" from famous stone tablets and monuments.

To the foreigner in China rubbings from the tablets the one left by the Nestorian Christians at Sianfu, in Shensi, about 600 A. D. and the Mohammedan tablet are especially interesting.

Those from the tablets at the temple of Confucius at his burial place, Chefoo, in Shantung, are among the collections of the Chinese men of education.

Man More Liquid Than Solid.

Every fiber and every cell that enters into the formation of a living body is bathed in moisture, by which means alone these ultimate elements are kept alive and are enabled to carry out their duties.

Tortoise Shell.

The finest of tortoise shell is said to be that which comes from the Indian archipelago, although much of that obtained on the Florida coast is of the very best quality, says the Scientific American.

A Policeman's Duty.

Some of the answers given by candidates for the Chicago police force at a recent examination were: "The duties of a policeman are to guard the peace and limb of the city."

His System.

"Do you count your chickens before they are hatched?" asked the visitor. "You bet I do!" says the dealer in mining stocks and promoter of town sites.

THE GENTLEMAN.

Robert E. Lee's Definition of the Qualities That Make Him.

Lee hated parade, display and ceremony, hated above all things being made an object of public gaze and adulation. His idea of high position was high responsibility, a superior was simply one who had larger duties, and the mark of a gentleman was a keen sense of the feelings and susceptibilities of others.

"The forbearing use of power does not only form a touchstone, but the manner in which an individual enjoys certain advantages over others is a test of a true gentleman.

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SKIN OF A BADGER.

So Loose the Animal Can Almost Turn Around in It.

The pelt of an adult badger is extremely thick and difficult for a biting adversary to penetrate, writes a trapper in Fur News, and so loosely does the skin cover the body that the animal is able to turn almost around in its hide.

Should a dog acquire a hold on the throat the badger turns himself so that the dog's grip is on the back of the badger's neck without having loosened his first hold.

He who has removed the pelt of a badger and is at all observing does not wonder at this animal being sharp bitten and that he is able to hang with bulldog tenacity when the formation and adjustment of his jaws are noted.

A badger is chiefly valuable when it has a long coat, so that the guard hairs can be plucked and used to make shaving brushes.

When Ice Covered Europe.

During the long tertiary epoch, when opossums disported themselves on the site of Paris and mastodons trumped along the valley of the Thames, the earth was in the throes of mountain making.

Children's Prattle.

At times it cannot be denied the questions of children become irksome, but who would wish a child to ask no questions? Julius Sturm tells in one of his pretty fairy tales how a grandfather, driven into impatience by the constant questionings of his grandchild, exclaimed: "I wish your tongue were out of joint!"

A Notable Exception.

"All animal products, you know," said the teacher, "are perishable and soon decay if not artificially preserved."

Ridiculous.

Newlywed—What, \$20 for a hat? Why, that's simply ridiculous, my dear! Mrs. Newlywed—That's what I thought, Harold. But you said it was all we could afford.—Atlanta Georgian.

Only Technically.

"Is your child in bed by 8 every evening?" "Technically, yes. We begin arguing about that time."—Washington Herald.

The eyes of other people are the eyes that ruin us.—Franklin.

KANNA BURIAL GROUNDS.

Bolivia's Fearsome Valley of the Shadow of Death.

There is a valley in Bolivia, South America, which might well be called the Valley of the Shadow of Death. It has been inhabited for an indefinite period of years by the Kanna Indians, who are kindred to the various South American tribes and number now only a few hundred souls.

That they were once a very powerful tribe is indicated by the condition of the land which they as a tribe still inhabit. One cannot travel any distance through their land without coming upon the old and forsaken burial grounds of the Kanna dead.

In one of these burial grounds there will be probably fifty high skeleton platforms, and on each will lie from three to five of the Kanna dead.

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"What's the matter, Mr. Z?" asked Sir Herbert in his most sarcastic tones.

"No, Sir Herbert," was the retort: "I've never been able to save anything under your management."

Opposed to Mourning Clothes.

"A southern physician of recognized skill and eminence urges that all outward symbols of mourning should be abandoned," says Munsey's.

A Generous Actor.

I remember when Toole was playing an exceptionally fine engagement with us that he said laughingly: "Oh, by the way, Calvert, if my wife comes down next week don't say anything about the big receipt."

Quite Different.

"I suppose his wife is the most careless housekeeper in town."

Gossip.

"I wonder why gossip travels so fast."

"Because the tongues which carry it are always on the rail."—Baltimore American.

Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Could Hardly Hear

SENSES OF TASTE AND SMELL WERE ALSO GREATLY IMPAIRED.

"I was afflicted with catarrh," writes Eugene Forbes, Lebanon, Kansas: "I took several different medicines, giving each a fair trial, but grew worse until I could hardly hear, taste or smell."

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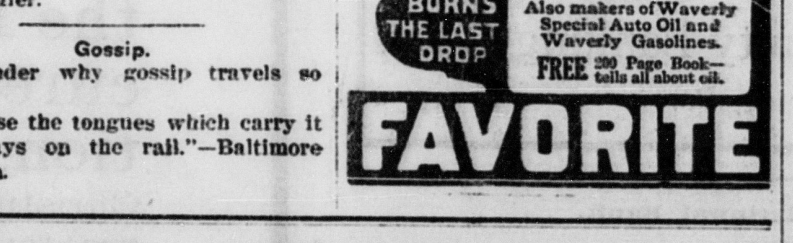
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