

Rainy Day Hint.

To mend an umbrella that tears loose from the rib at the point, when you are on the street and needle and thread are not available, close the umbrella and bringing the cloth in position, insert a small hairpin in the hole of the rib, and wind securely around cloth. This "first aid to the injured" is so efficient you will be tempted to leave it permanently.—National Magazine.

Attractive to Men.

No woman has been heard to rave over the beauties of millinery, but men must have found something alluring in the shapes and colors, especially those samples that are displayed in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street shops, for one milliner on that thoroughfare has considered it expedient to decorate her window with this sign: "Men are requested not to lounge against these windows."—New York Times.

Plumber Rat.

An old story used to go around of a plumber who kept a lot of rats in his shop in a trap, and when he had a call always took one along. The rat was frightened or forced to take to the drain, and he burrowed through to his liberty in the sewer. Of course, it was not necessary to take the pipes all to pieces, but the big bill came in, anyhow.

Rules for Right Living.

To be honest in the direst way and virtuous by epitome, be firm unto such principles of goodness as carry in themselves volumes of instruction and may abridge thy labor. So may we have all in a few, and the law and the prophets in a rule, the sacred writ in stenography, and the scriptures in a nut-shell.—Sir Thomas Browne.

Busy Embroiderers.

As early as 1773 over 6,000 women were engaged in stitching the fine embroideries which made St. Gall famous even in those early days. The number had increased by the beginning of 1800 to 30,000, the industry having extended to Baden, Wurtemberg, Bavaria, western Austria and all the country about Lake Constance.

Look to the Future.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is the new day; begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit to be cumbered by the past.—Emerson.

Easy Method of Making Salt.

The process of making salt at the springs in Salinas, Mexico, is very simple. The water, which contains 4 to 7 per cent. salt, is pumped into tanks; it is then evaporated to 25 to 28 per cent., beginning to crystallize at 18 per cent. The water is then drained off and the salt swept out.

Completely Spelled.

"What's the trouble with that prima donna?" asked the manager. "She used to be very pleasant and considerate." "Yes," replied the stage manager, "but she has gotten so she believes all the press agent writes about her."

Milton's Summing Up.

Wise men have said many books are wearisome; who reads incessantly and to his reading brings not a spirit and judgment equal or superior, uncertain and unsettled still remains—deep versed in books, and shallow in himself.—Milton.

Beyond Power to Injure.

The tyrant will bind—what? The leg. He will take away—what? The head. What, then, can he not bind and not take away? The will. And hence that precept of the ancients, "Know Thyself."—Epictetus.

Tobacco in China.

The tobacco consumption of China is very large and mostly home-grown. The finer grade of leaf comes from the Philippines, but the whole situation is controlled by the tobacco trust.

The One Essential Point.

The permanent interest of every man is never to be in a false position, but to have the weight of nature to back him in all he does.—Emerson.

Louvre's Honorable Descent.

The Paris Louvre, now the world's finest art gallery, was originally a royal residence in the reign of Dagobert, about the year 628 of our era.

Value in Giving.

In giving, a man receives more than he gives, and the more is in proportion to the value of the thing given.—George MacDonald.

Natural Longing.

You cannot expect the working classes to see luxury, wealth and ease without longing for a share.

Honor to the Average Person.

It is the average sort of person who occupies the most useful places in life.

MIKADO IS A POLYGAMIST

Japanese Royal Palace is Separated From Other Places in Tokio by Triple Moat.

The mikado, earth-born son of heaven, and his court of demigods dwell in a forest solitude in the midst of the great city of Tokio. The palace world is separated from the world of the people by a triple moat of dead water and a double wall of granite crowned by twisted pine trees and mottled with the moss of ages. Except upon stated occasions, the mikado is an invisible and well nigh as inaccessible as the sun goddess amid the hereditary treasures of the Ise shrine. In his august person the hotly disputed origin of his race finds its reflection, for he has the eyes of the Mongol, the coloring and facial structure of the Malay.

Unlike the reigning houses of Austria, Russia and Prussia, the house of Japan, which, thanks to the system of plural wives and the custom of adoption, has survived so many hundred years in an apparently unbroken line, has no family name and the given names of its members are not by any means what they seem to be or to mean upon a superficial examination. The Mikado Mitsuhiro is not the "mook man" nor is Prince Haru a "verdant" or "springlike prince." These names have an occult meaning which is probably hidden from all except the princes of the blood and it is in a close family council that they are decided upon.

Behind the moss-grown battlements and the stagnant moats, the Lord of Ten Thousand Years leads a singularly sober and frugal life. It has been suggested that he is still haunted by the memory of the threadbare court of his father, the Emperor Komel, where not seldom even food was lacking. The support of hawking and of the old swordmakers with their secret methods to collect the widely scattered books relating to the Shinto cult are his only extravagances.—Metropolitan Magazine.

CAUSE OF CANCER IN CHINA

Eating of Steaming Hot Food Responsible for Prevalence of Disease Among Men.

In China, when a native family sits down to dine, the men of the household and the male guests, if there be any, are served first. Their food comes to them steaming hot. The women must wait until later to be served, and by that time the food has grown cooler. The men commence to eat immediately the dishes of steaming hot food are set before them. Rice, cow peas and other things are boiled hot. The women have to be satisfied with only lukewarm dishes.

So much for etiquette. Now for the consequences. In China cancer of the oesophagus, or throat, is common among men. Among Chinese women the disease is very rare; practically unknown. All of this, and more, was reported by Dr. E. D. Bashford at the recent annual meeting of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund held in London. He said, in referring to the alarming inroads made by cancer among Chinese, that the frequency of the disease would be diminished if such practices as the eating of very hot rice were discontinued. The rice the women eat is cool and non-irritating, and they rarely contract cancer.

Big Buck Shot in the Adirondacks.

D. P. Webster, Ernest Hendricks and Clarence Lapp returned Monday from the Adirondacks with the largest buck brought from the north in many years. It was shot by Mr. Lapp and weighed 310 pounds, measured nearly nine feet from tip of nose to tail and had a most perfect head, each antler having five uniform and nicely formed prongs. The buck must have been trotting the Adirondacks for years, as it was without teeth and the Antlers indicated that he was well along in years.

Mr. Webster, who each year visits the Adirondacks, when he first saw the deer after it had been shot was so startled at the size of it that he gasped and imagined it was a mule. The guides also informed the Fort Plainers that nothing to compare with it had been shot in the Adirondacks during the last decade.—Mohawk Valley Register.

Regular Habits.

It is a good plan to have a regular time for reading. One accomplishes so much more in this way, and besides establishes a kind of intellectual habit that is a good thing in itself. In an hour, or even half an hour given regularly each day to reading, a great deal may be accomplished. Do not confine your self to serious books. Alternate light with heavy reading and do not attempt heavy reading when you are tired. Do not read merely to be amused. Treat your books as friends. Do not follow blindly the teachings of any book.

Indian Relics Found in Massachusetts.

Moses B. Phillips of the Log Linn road has found and left in the town clerk's office two attractive specimens of Indian implements. One of these is a spear head, apparently unfinished, of native stone and of unusual size, and the other, an arrow tomahawk, is somewhat unusual in being made of a native stone of rather coarse grain. Both specimens were found by Mr. Phillips on his farm—Greenfield correspondent, both in the Republican.

THEN THEY WERE MARRIED

Millionaire Produces Morocco Case That Has Startling Effect on Chorus Girl's Hearing.

"It isn't true that every beautiful chorus girl is mercenary," said George M. Cohan, the brilliant young actor-playwright of New York; "but it is certainly true that some chorus girls are."

"I know an aged millionaire who laid his heart at the feet of one of the most beautiful chorus girls who ever trod the Great White Way. But the girl received those protestations of devotion coldly.

"Are you deaf to my suit?" the poor old fellow groaned. "Yes, I am," said the chorus girl, and she laughed coldly. "Then the millionaire took from the pocket of his frock coat a black morocco case. He sprang the gold clasp, the lid flew back; within, on a bed of black satin, glittered a necklace of huge diamonds. The chorus girl gave a little, breathless cry. The necklace seemed alive, it seemed, on its black satin bed, a thing of pure fire that quivered and glowed and trembled, continually emitting the clearest rays.

"Are you still deaf?" asked the millionaire.

"Ah, no," sighed the chorus girl. "Ah, no; I am not stone deaf."

MOTHERCRAFT TO BE TAUGHT

School in New York Will Give Prenatal and Postnatal Instruction to Mothers.

Miss Mary L. Read has been chosen as director of the motherhood school which is soon to be opened in New York city. The name of the institution is the New York School of Mothercraft. It is to be on the West Side. Besides classes and lectures at the school there will be prenatal and postnatal instruction for mothers in their homes. There will be a selected library and public reading room and a public information bureau for problems relating to the family, marriage and eugenics as well as the care and training of children in the home. The school is to be worked in co-operation with well-known physicians, educators, sociologists, club women and mothers. Miss Read is a graduate of Teachers college, Columbia university, and spent some time as a special student in Clark university and the University of Chicago. She was the organizer of the home committee's exhibit in the New York Child Welfare exhibit, held last winter.

Famous Bride's Petticoat.

A cambric petticoat, yellow with age and trimmed in fine crocheted edging and insertion, holds the record of having been 55 years in one family and of having served 18 brides as the "something old" which every maid must wear to the nuptial altar. This petticoat was made 56 years ago by Nancy Emma Stroud of Atlanta, Ga., who wore it to the altar when she became the bride of Aaron Nunnally of the same city. Even before forming part of her nuptial attire it was famous, for Mrs. Nunnally made it when she was a pupil of the Baptist college in Madison, Ga., and it took the prize not only for the exquisite needlework, but also for the fine and excellent quality of the hand-made lace. Less than a year afterward a younger sister was married and the petticoat was loaned. Sixteen other brides have worn the Stroud petticoat and it has been sent recently to form part of the bridal finery of Mrs. Stroud's granddaughter, Miss Rose Belle Hines of McKinney, Tex.

Knighthood for Women.

It is not at all well known that knighthood has constantly been conferred upon women. Many English ladies received the accolade and many more were members of such knightly orders as the Garter and St. John. When Mary Cholmondeley, "the bold lady of Cheshire," was knighted by Elizabeth for "her valiant address" on the queen taking the command at the threatened invasion by Spain, did she know that a whole city of Spanish women, the gallant women of Toriosa, had been knighted for saving that city from the Moors? Mary and Elizabeth had both been knighted at their coronation; but by the time Anne, the second Mary, and Victoria ascended the throne it had been quite forgotten that according to English law and use a woman who filled a man's office acquired all its privileges and was immune from none of its duties.

Partridge Berries.

"One of the most satisfactory ornaments for the center of your dinner table is a glass jar or bowl filled with the growing plant of the partridge berry," said a New Yorker who just has returned from a visit to her former Vermont home. "The bright red of the berry against the green moss and the green foliage of the plant is always attractive and looks cheerful. A bowl of these berries on their delicate vines, carefully planted in well moistened moss and kept covered, will last all winter and need no further attention. The partridge berry is native to both Vermont and New York. Keep this in mind during your next ramble in the woods."

Why They Killed the Calf.

The prodigal son was coming up the road. "Hurry and killed the fatted calf!" said his father. "You remember that the boy always was fond of people."—Judge.

"The White Man's Burden"

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