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Elegance in Its Architecture and in Its Appointments.

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KILLING A COBRA.

A Plucky Crow For Which the Big Snake Had No Terrors.

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Things China Knew Long Ago.

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SIKH SOLDIERS.

An Interesting Division of the British Army in India.

In the English papers one may frequently see pictures of tiny soldiers, about seven or eight years of age, gravely saluting elderly officers. These infants at arms are boy recruits holding regular and dignified places in the Indian army.

The Sikh soldiers are an interesting and remarkable part of the British army in India. Their conduct in frontier engagements has distinguished them as brave, steady and devoted to their English officers. Yet about fifty years ago these well ordered soldiers were fanatical savages who in their mad uprisings shook the power of Great Britain.

Assyrian Healing.

Some of the medical treatises of ancient Assyria are models of simplicity, and we cannot doubt the effectiveness of their prescriptions. Thus we are told that if a man has colic we should "make him crouch down on his heels and pour cold water over his head."

Primrose Day.

Primrose day in England, the anniversary of the death of Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield, had its origin in the tribute, a modest wreath of primroses, sent by Queen Victoria for the funeral of Beaconsfield.

"Swallowed a Word."

Little Mary was telling what she thought was an exciting story about a dream. She stuttered in her effort, gulped and paused hopelessly without completing the sentence.

The Main Thing.

Aged Sultor—It is true that I am considerable older than you, but a man is as young as he feels, you know, and—Miss Pert—Oh, that doesn't matter! What I want to know is if you are as rich as you look.—Boston Transcript.

Good Substitute.

Edna—Did Mabel get that six shooter she spoke of providing herself with as a protection against burglars? Eva—No. She got a six shooter.—Judge.

There are persons who are not actors, not speakers, but influences.—Emerson.

AMBERGRIS.

The Part it Plays in the Production of Costly Perfumes.

Ambergris is supposed to be a morbid secretion of the liver of the sperm whale, found floating or washed ashore. It is a little lighter than water and might easily be taken for a piece of the bark of a tree.

It is found in all sizes, from a pound up to twenty or thirty, but occasionally pieces weighing 100 or 200 pounds are found in whales.

Ambergris has been known from an early period, some pharmacopoeias prescribing it for fevers and nervous complaints. It is sometimes mingled with the incense burned in churches and is also put in certain kinds of wine to improve the "bouquet."

In this respect it bears a resemblance to the use of mordants in dyeing, without which the colors would fail to become permanent; hence all the best perfumes contain ambergris, which is one reason of their costliness, and hence also the fact that "homemade" cologne, for instance, smells only of alcohol.—Exchange.

The Bloodhound.

The bloodhound is sometimes called the sleuthhound, and it is the largest variety which hunts the scent. The male weighs from 85 to 100 pounds, and the female from 95 to 110 pounds. They vary in height from twenty-three to twenty-seven inches measured at the shoulder.

Progressive Courtship.

"No, Annabel Green, I cannot marry you. My rich bachelor uncle declares he will cut me off with a nickel if I wed without his approval." And the young man with the weak chin sighed forlornly.

Why Certainly.

May—Girls, what do the papers mean when they talk about the seat of war? Ella—I don't know, any more than I do what a standing army is for. Bell—How ignorant you are, dears! The seat of war is for the standing army to sit on when it gets tired.—London Tit-Bits.

Easily Got Over.

Papa—I'm ruined, completely wiped out in the stock market. Daughter—Oh, well, what's the difference? I will simply marry Fred instead of Jack.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The self satisfied person is cheaply satisfied.

The Office Boy's Windfall.

It takes little to encourage a poet. A typographical error, says the Washington Star, fanned the flame of hope in the breasts of the Crestville versifiers. The local editor had written this notice for the head of the editorial page:

"Poultry taken in exchange for subscriptions and advertising." But in the paper the note appeared as "Poetry taken in exchange."

However, the only person who profited by this error was the office boy, for the next fortnight he sold to the junkman a quarter's worth of paper from the wastebasket every day.—Youth's Companion.

Womanly Intuition.

Mrs. Flatleigh—The new family upstairs have a lot of money, but they used to be very poor and ordinary. Mr. Flatleigh—How do you know? Have you called on them? Mrs. Flatleigh—No, but there was a half eaten broiled lobster and a whole Camembert cheese in their garbage can on the dumb waiter this morning.—Judge.

The Star of Brazil.

The most important cut stone of Brazil is that called the "Star of the South," which was found by a negro woman in 1853. It was appropriated by the mine owner who gave her in return a pension for life. The stone was sold for \$15,000, the new owner depositing it in the Bank of Rio Janeiro and receiving on this security a loan many times greater than the value paid for the gem.

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Soils that are heavily manured for cabbage, lettuce, celery and other crops will not need very much manure the following year, when planted with tomatoes, peppers and root crops, especially if a fair amount of commercial fertilizer is used.

Preacher—Here, stop fighting, little boy.

Little Boy—What, stop, and my girl standing on the corner eyeing me! Not on your life! She'd think I was a