

ANGRY WATERS STILLLED.

When They Reach the Wonderful "Oil Spot" Off Sabine Pass.

A freak of nature never fully described is the wonderful "oil spot," situated about ten miles south of Sabine pass, into which flows the Sabine river...

During a gale this spot is wonderfully defined. Looking seaward the scene is grand. An acre of towering foam marks the abrupt dissolution of the lashing seas as they thunder toward the shore...

MEND YOUR BROKEN CHINA.

Use a Cement Made With Plaster of Paris and Gum Arabic.

I had such a pretty Dresden china comb and brush tray for my dressing table which was broken into three pieces just the other day by some one dropping a heavy pair of curling irons on it...

One of my friends told me she had been successful in mending several pieces of old china which were treasured heirlooms with plaster of paris and gum arabic. Make a thick solution of gum arabic and water and into it put the plaster until the mixture becomes a paste...

I tried it on my tray, and it worked like magic. The solution is white, so that it does not show like glue, and, best of all, it makes such a strong joint that they tell me that the article never breaks again the same place.

Puss and the Owl.

Owls make very amusing pets, but lose the "happy family" knack as they grow older. A friend of mine had one that he wrongly kept tied to a stake by a cord. It was of that "tiger of the north woods" species, the great horned owl, and, while apparently quiet, not to say sleepy, in the daytime, blinking with those great yellow eyes in the manner that has made the country people believe they are sightless in bright light...

Britain and Conscription.

Although few people are aware of the fact, conscription has been part of the British constitution for 700 or 800 years. The militia law states that every Englishman between the ages of eighteen and thirty is liable to be called upon for military service and that each county must furnish a contingent in proportion to its population.

Infallible.

The druggist was becoming wearied by a shopkeeper, who, with no intention to buy, kept asking questions, examining various articles, pricing them and demanding the manner of their use. Finally she picked up a bottle. "Is this pest exterminator reliable?" she asked. "How is it applied?"

Quick Cure.

"How annoying! My wife is always ailing. The hard work fatigues her." "My wife also was always ill, but now she enjoys the best of health." "How did you cure her?" "I told her that I would give her so much a month for her dresses and her doctor. Since then she is quite well."

Would Like a Look.

"Say, sheriff." "Yes." "I voted for you. Can't you show me a writ of habeas corpus? I read so much about 'em that I'd kind of like to have a look at one of the darn things."—Kansas City Journal.

MARRIAGE BY FORCE.

Greenland Youths Have a Rough Way of Showing Their Love.

The courtship and marriage customs among the Greenlanders were in early times simple and unceremonious. When a lovelorn youth made up his mind as to the girl he wanted to adorn and be useful in his hut of ice or snow he went to her house and dragged her forcibly to his own domain, where she was expected to stay without any further marriage ceremony.

If an affluent bridegroom he would perhaps soothe her lacerated feelings by presenting her with a new lamp or some other article of household utility. No matter how willing and even eager the bride was to marry a young man, Eskimo etiquette demanded that she should resist every attempt to drag her to her new home, and she must weep and wail bitterly once she was there. Indeed, she must continue to weep and wail for some days, run to her own home, only to be dragged back again.

It is said that this extremely simple marriage ceremony is the only one still in use on the east coast of Greenland, and the laws governing divorce are as informal as the laws of marriage.

TEA AS A MEDICINE.

Freshly Made and Taken in Moderation It Helps the System.

The use of tea, as opposed to its abuse or misuse, is highly beneficial to the system. There is no remedy equal to it for a tired headache. It washes out the stomach and gives it a fresh start for the next meal. A cup of tea in the early morning will often enable a better breakfast to be taken, and one in the afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock helps to complete the digestion of the midday meal.

Furthermore, it serves a good purpose in making the blood circulate more freely and in dilating the vessels of the skin, thus assisting in the elimination of waste matter. In this respect it is much better adapted than cold drinks in hot weather, particularly for those engaged in active outdoor games, such as tennis, for it makes a more efficient thirst quencher and by flushing out the tissues helps to prevent the onset of fatigue. Have it freshly made, take it in moderation, and it will never do any harm. Especially is this the case with China tea.

Homer and Humbug.

I do not mind confessing that for a long time I have been very skeptical about the classics. I was myself trained as a classical scholar. It seemed the only thing to do with me. I acquired such a singular facility in handling Latin and Greek that I could take a page of either of them, distinguish which it was by glancing at it and, with the help of a dictionary and a compass, whip off a translation of it in less than three hours.

But I never got any pleasure from it. I lied about the pleasure of it. At first, perhaps I lied through vanity. Any scholar will understand the feeling. Later on I lied through habit, later still because, after all, the classics were all that I had and so I valued them. I have seen a deceived dog thus value a pup with a broken leg and a pauper child nurse a dead doll with the sawdust out of it.

His Own Medicine.

"If you marry him," said her papa, who was exhibiting symptoms of violent displeasure, "I will not only have to support him, but I will have to pay his debts too."

But the pretty girl and petulant young thing who was hanging to his coat lapels was not moved by the argument.

"Now, papa," she said, "you know well enough that Fred has to live just the same as other men, and as to his debts, I've heard you say hundreds of times that a man's debts ought to be paid."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

All Alike.

Miss Agnes Reppier tells in the Atlantic a story about a New York social worker, a woman of earnest character and intelligent methods, who had worked hard to establish respectable dance halls for poor girls. The woman had delivered an address at a meeting. A young married woman of a wealthy and fashionable set inquired whether the girls for whose welfare the work was being conducted never stayed at home. "Never," replied the speaker, "and you will pardon me for saying it, neither do you."

Easy Bravery.

Jinks—From what you told me of your mother-in-law I should think you'd have heard enough from her in person, without having cared to induce her to talk into your phonograph. Filkins—Oh, you can't imagine the pleasure it gives me to start the machine going and then shut it off right in the midst of a sentence.—Puck.

A Human Habit.

"There is one paradoxical thing which we all do." "What is that?" "We long for things when we are short."—Baltimore American.

London's Owners.

London's 116 square miles are owned by 38,200 individuals. Only 700 people own five acres or more, and 14,000 own only the houses in which they live.

Industry supplies the want of parts; patience and diligence, like faith, remove mountains.—William Penn.

HE RILED GLADSTONE.

And It Was the Only Time Disraeli Laughed in the Commons.

Disraeli, it is said, laughed only once in the house of commons. Mr. Gladstone had made an impassioned speech in favor of the union of Wallachia and Moldavia. Mr. Disraeli, speaking in opposition, pointed out that the result would be the extinction of the independence of these people, and the only thing left would be the remorse "which would be painted with admirable eloquence by the rhetorician of the day."

In reply Mr. Gladstone said that he would not be guilty of the affected modesty of pretending to be ignorant that that designation "the rhetorician of the day" was intended for himself. Mr. Disraeli interrupted with the remark: "I beg your pardon. I really did not mean that." Disraeli sat down with a satisfied smile that told of his enjoyment.

Mr. Gladstone's face expressed amusement and indignation. His opponent had placed him in the mortifying position of applying a remark to himself which had no such personal reference, therefore Gladstone's wrath and Disraeli's smile. The Liberal leader proceeded with his speech and condemned the "sesquipedalian words and inflated language" of the leader of the Conservatives.

SWALLOWING A PILL.

By Being Too Conscious of the Act We Make It Difficult.

Reduced to plain words, the scientific reason why so many people find it exceedingly difficult to swallow a pill is because they try to.

While this sounds paradoxical, it is, nevertheless, true, according to the best of authorities. The explanation is that in eating our food we swallow it almost automatically and give no thought to the act of swallowing, but with a pill we put it in the mouth and say to ourselves, "This is a very small object and will be difficult to swallow; I must make an effort to do this."

And right there is where the difficulty comes with most people. The muscular effort made to swallow the pill, accompanied by the thinking about the act, really hinders the proper working of the throat muscles that would otherwise act properly in carrying the pill down the throat.

A similar condition is that of a musician playing well when alone and faltering in the presence of listeners. It has been advanced that fear inconveniences the nervous system, causing the musician to fumble and the pill swallower to procrastinate.

Majority and Plurality.

In politics the plurality is the greatest of more than two numbers and is also the excess of the highest number of votes cast for any one candidate over the next highest number. When a candidate receives out of 10,000 votes cast 4,000 and two other candidates receive respectively 3,500 and 2,500, the first is elected by a plurality, though he has received less than a majority of the whole vote, and he is said to have a plurality of 500 votes. If the numbers are 6,000, 3,000 and 1,000, the majority is 2,000 and the plurality is 3,000. A majority, therefore, must be more than half the entire vote cast, and a candidate's majority is, then, the difference between the number of votes he received and the combined number of votes cast for all other candidates; his plurality is the difference between his own number and the number received by the candidate nearest to him.

When a woman grows nervous and irritable, she says and does things which cause her untold suffering. She says something unkind to her husband, boxes her child's ears, and then shuts herself in her room to weep and wonder why she is so "ugly." To an experienced physician the reason is not far to seek. There is local derangement of the womanly organs and the nerves are strained to the limit of endurance. The suffering woman is not to blame for lack of self-control. The cure of nervous disorders which result from diseases of the womanly organs, is one of the special features of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It heals inflammation and ulceration, cures female weakness and the headache, headache, and nervousness caused by these diseases are cured at the same time.

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