

China's Peerless Iron Mine. China's famous iron mine, the Tayeh, the foremost in the far east, is especially notable for the ease with which it is worked.

Settled the Question. In Regensburg, in the middle ages, the headman died and three applicants presented themselves for the post. A test of their skill would settle the matter.

Harvard's First Building. No man now living can describe as an eyewitness the crudities of Harvard's first building, where the ground floor was devoted to academic uses.

Wasp Waisted Cretans. In describing the civil guards at Canea, Mr. Trevor-Battye in "Camping in Crete," alludes to the slender waists of the Cretan men.

A Lesson in Morals. Mother—Now, Willie, you told me a falsehood. Do you know what happens to little boys who tell falsehoods?

Reason For His Popularity. Stranger—The whole town seems to be turning out to this funeral. The deceased must have been very popular.

Wine Tasters. When wine tasters are employed in their professional duties they never swallow the wine they taste. They merely hold a sip of the beverage in the mouth for a few moments and breathe through the nostrils.

An Alternative. Passenger—Do I have to change cars in Chicago? Excessively Polite Conductor—Not necessarily, madam. You can go back to New York if you want to.—Life.

Koreans and Chinese. While the Chinese do not care for alcoholic drinks, but are addicted to opium, the Koreans like strong drink and do not care for opium.

CHINESE JUNKS.

Their Shape Due to the Whim of Some Ancient Autocrat.

In striking contrast to the modern constitution and government of China are its industrial methods. The leaders of the new republic have succeeded in transforming the land politically, but the every day life of the people remains practically unchanged.

Chief among the industries which have languished for hundreds of years under the blighting influence of an ignorant, tradition bound autocracy is that of shipbuilding.

While the shipbuilders of Europe and America were gradually progressing from the caravel and the square rigged Indianman to the clipper ship and later to the iron ship, and its lineal descendant, the modern ocean greyhound, the Chinese—pioneers in many lines of endeavor—continued to build their ridiculous seagoing slippers.

The inferiority of the Chinese upon the sea today is directly traceable to the whim of an almost forgotten ruler of the Flowery Land.—Detroit News.

A GARDEN TRAMP.

Travel of the Smiling Daisy From the Old World to the New.

Tradition has it that from the early garden of Governor John Endicott in Salem, Massachusetts, came what is now perhaps the commonest field flower in the United States.

From this old dooryard garden it has danced to the music of the east wind straight across the land, up and down the meadows, through the long grass and the short grass, along every highway and every byway.

That Endicott valued the daisy enough to bring it with him to the new England from the old marks him as a man of taste, for this dower had in ancient days "found its way into the trimmest gardens; the greenwards and arbours were 'powdered' with daisies," and Chaucer wrote of it in superlatives.

An Elephant's Appetite. Since the elephant's digestive functions are very rapid it requires a large amount of fodder daily—about 600 pounds in most cases.

Stern George Washington. Etiquette at the White House has never been so severe as in the days of Washington. The first American president had a code of observances drawn up, with which all persons coming into contact with him were expected to make themselves acquainted.

Won a Wife by His Skill. Action was a Grecian painter of about the time of Alexander, and he won his wife by his great work.

Celluloid Cement. Celluloid articles can be mended with a cement made by dissolving bits of celluloid in acetone.

The Waning Honeymoon. "I forgot something," said the husband.

Not Deliberate. Wife—I claim that the story you told me last night when you came home was a deliberate lie! Hub—And I say it wasn't. I never thought up one more quickly in my life!

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.—Emerson.

CRANKS AT SEA.

Some of the Things With Which Captains Have to Contend.

"Panic, more or less suppressed, seizes many passengers on an ocean liner when anything out of the ordinary happens," said the ship's officer.

"On our last trip, which was very rough, one old gentleman tried to reach the bridge where the captain was and had to be halted by force.

"But I want to ask the captain about the crew," he fumed. "Is the crew trustworthy? What shall we do if we sink? What shall I tell my wife?"

"Two sailors were detailed to take him below with instructions to remain and answer his questions.

LOST HIS OWN CASE.

An Unfortunate Contradiction That Queered Him In Court.

A Cleveland lawyer tells a story about a woman from the country who wanted a divorce. When the case got into court the judge, disregarding for the moment the technical grounds, tried to find out the real reason for the lady's desire to be separated from the man she had lived with for so many years.

"Mrs. Dash," said the judge, "tell me what fault you have to find with your husband."

"He is a liar, a brute, a thief and a brainless fool!" answered the lady promptly.

Answered the Call. Floors cast, home of the Duke of Roxburgh, was the scene of a curious psychological mystery over a century ago.

No Joke at All. Reginald came into the club in a highly excited state one afternoon and drew an acquaintance aside into a corner of the lounge.

Rough on Ellen. Among the quaint scrapbooks of the late Clyde Fitch there was one devoted entirely to typographical errors.

Her Ears in Danger. Susie had left her toys about the kitchen. Mother (picking them up)—Susie, if you leave these things about the kitchen again I'll box your ears and throw them in the ash pit.

Satire. Satire is a sort of glass wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own.

The world would be both better and brighter if we would dwell on the duty of happiness as well as on the happiness of duty.—Sir John Lubbock.

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