

THE WAR WORN TOURISTS.

I yearned to take a trip abroad. So dad and ma and I Bought tickets for a foreign tour.

Never thought that I would weep For joy to see once more The bobbing little ferry boats

FROM INDIA.

By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. Off on a Trip to Kashmir. Wood, the Only Fuel. Customers Wait While Shopkeepers Pray.

JHANSI, AUGUST 21st, 1913.

Dear Home Folk: By the time this letter reaches you, if all goes well, I shall be on my way to Kashmir.

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While opportunity is supposed to knock at least once at your door you need not expect her to kick in the panels.

ing how odd and queer all the customs of these people are.

Today I went down into the city to see a sick woman and on the way back passed four "coolies" and I wondered how they would appear to you; naked, except for loin cloth, big sacks of grain (as large as four ordinary sacks of flour) resting on their backs, a broad strap passing about the bottom of the bag and then up across their foreheads held the sack in place, their backs bent at an angle of 45 degrees.

I am becoming more and more irritable and today after a very bad burst of temper I decided I had better start to put a stay on my tongue or you will be for shipping me straight back here once I get to America, and as I don't want you to do that, am starting right now to count ten before I say anything.

My little lizard is catching his evening meal and the various night sounds are telling me to go off to bed; but I want to tell you that a week ago a nice long "kryste" (one of the most deadly snakes here) was killed in the yard, which had evidently just been having its dinner for although as black as ink, its skin was so stretched it was showing white where the swelling was.

(Continued next week.)

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene.

A HEAVY HANDICAP.

In all of our schools there are children, who to use the small boy's expression are "blind in one eye and can't see out of the other."

Near sighted children struggle to see the blackboard from their benches in the rear of the school room and far sighted children in the front rows endeavor vainly to get distinctly the image on the board immediately before them.

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Of three hundred thousand children inspected in the rural schools of Pennsylvania over 82,000 were found to have defects of sight which no effort had been made to correct.

Greeley, the Speller.

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His schooling began in his fourth year, and the art of spelling at once became a passion with him. In school and out he kept incessantly at its study.

The blackest treachery you can be guilty of is to betray the confidence of the man who trusts and believes in you.

How a Forest Grows.

The laws which govern the distribution of trees produce two great types, the pure and mixed forest.

In the North Woods the balsam occupies the swamps, usually to the exclusion of all competitors, since no other of the native trees can thrive in wet places.

Where climate and soil are favorable to various trees, we find the mixed forest, the number of species in mixture depending upon the suitability of the locality to forest growth.

Upon the hardwood flats of the Adirondacks the hard maple, the yellow birch and the beech are the only deciduous trees able to withstand the severe climate.

The distribution of trees, therefore, is the joint result of local conditions and of the individual and varying requirements of the different species upon moisture, soil and climate.

Whenever a mixed forest occurs there is an unrelenting struggle going on. Let us see how the combatants are armed, and why the representation of each species remains unchanged.

The more important of the characteristics which affect the capacity of a tree to hold its own in mixture with trees of other kinds are its demands upon light, its rate of growth, and its power of reproduction.

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It is curious to note that in Virginia, growing in the vicinity of Norfolk, was brought there when the slave traffic from North Africa was at its height.

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Cowardly Women.

A great many times a woman is regarded as cowardly because she fears to be alone at night, starts at unusual noises and faints if startled or shocked.

The number of Persons Living on territory of the United States was estimated on July 1 to be 109,021,992, of which 5,333,537 is the figure set down for the city of New York.

Immigration Record is Broken.

Advance figures serve to show that the number of immigrants for the fiscal year ending June 30th, as reported to the Immigration Bureau, will exceed 1,355,000.

The statistics of immigration form an interesting study, and plotted on a graphic chart with curves would show remarkable fluctuations dependent upon industrial and political conditions.

Pennsylvania ranks second in number of immigrants, more than one-seventh of all arrivals giving this State as their destination.

It is seen that our interest in the quality of our potential citizens is more than academic. Countless enterprises of magnitude within our borders depend upon the mental and physical capacity of the immigrant.

Peanut Industry is Large.

Peanuts are inseparably connected with the circus and pink lemonade, but in the trade annals of the United States they play a much more important part.

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

DAILY THOUGHT.

A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere. Before him I may think aloud.

That skirts are growing wider is by now a well established fact; what their circumferences will be by September or October is problematical.

For evening classical lines will prevail, with variation provided by the introduction here and there of beautiful gowns of brocade and satin, distinctive in their relationship to the styles and fancies made historic by the paintings of Fragonard, Boucher and Watteau.

The band of gold, or the bond of love, is changing with the seasons. The up to date bride is married with a band of platinum, which has taken place at many fashionable weddings of the band of gold.

For generations the ring has been of gold, and to the traditional bride's mind, for generations more it should be of gold.

Few women seem to have an intelligent idea of a good figure or how to retain it after they have acquired it.

It is early to begin to worry about the figure, I can hear you say, but then, you see, I do not advocate worry.

One bad habit is that of slumping the shoulders, causing the flesh of the back and shoulders to be pushed upward and to accumulate above the shoulder line.

Blouses are being sold at present more than any other article of toilette, and nothing is too thin.

Another is an organdy muslin, the most popular of all the materials for blouses this season.

Cut off the tops of eight medium sized sweet bell peppers, saving the tops with the stems attached; remove all the seeds and white portion without breaking the pepper, then throw into ice water for 30 minutes.

Brandied Peaches.—Take off skins with boiling water. For each pound of fruit allow one-half cupful of sugar and one-half pint of water.

Boil a new baking dish before using it, starting it in cold water and ending it in the same way, and it will be much less likely to crack.

If you keep your clothespins in small grape baskets with a wire hook and then place the hook over the clothesline, pushing it before you as you pin, it will save a lot of stooping.

—Have your Job Work done here.

FARM NOTES.

—Farming is as old as the human race and is yet in its infancy.

—Success is bound to come to the farmer who plans while he plows.

—No civilization has ever advanced beyond its agricultural development.

—No farmer is successful who thinks more of his barn than he does of his home.

—The development of the farmer himself must precede the full development of the ground he tills.

—The amount of work that a horse may stand can easily be increased by proper treatment and careful feeding.

—The morning ration of the farm horse should contain about one-fourth of his daily ration.

—Hiccoughing in pigs is caused by a derangement of the stomach. One of the best ways to correct the trouble is to change the sow's ration, feeding less corn and more of such feeds as ground oats and bran.

—The more manure and vegetable matter in the soil the sponger the soil becomes and the more it drinks in the rain that falls.

—Strength, endurance and speed are undeveloped by violent usage, but rather by a judicious amount of exercise given so as to develop, but not strain.

—The condition of the work horses is largely dependent on the kind of feed consumed. Molded grain and musty hay should not be placed before them.

—Common sense, and a good supply of it, is an essential equipment in the management of the farm.

It may mean that the name refers to the fact that this valuable sort of sense has generally been noted as a characteristic of plain, practical people—common people, as distinguished from the so-called upper class.

Let the origin be what it may, it has always been exhibited here and there, and is becoming more common among folk.

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