

GUNPOWDER IN WAR.

For Centuries Its Use Was Opposed in the Name of Humanity.

There was a period when any kind of "explosive" fighting in war was considered barbarous.

This remarkable compound of salt peter, sulphur and charcoal, which was given its first tryout at the siege of Constantinople in 1453, had been known to both the chemist and the soldier for a hundred years or more.

The fall of Constantinople was brought about by the use, the wholly unethical and altogether barbarous use, of cannon balls, and it was not until about a century later that the world gave its full sanction to the killing of men by means of gunpowder.

WHISPERING GALLERIES.

Old World Churches With Remarkable Acoustic Properties.

The most celebrated whispering gallery is that which surrounds the base of the interior of the dome of St. Paul's cathedral, London.

In the cathedral of Gloucester a whispering passage leads from one aisle to the opposite behind the east window of the choir.

The cathedral of the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, has most marvelous echoes and reverberating qualities, but is scarcely a whispering gallery.

If Animals Could Speak. It is a startling fact that if some animals could tell their life history they would be able to recall events which happened hundreds of years ago.

Plenty of Room. The young man who writes verses was standing out in the night gazing at the sky when a friend ran across him.

What are you doing—studying astronomy? Go away and don't disturb me. I am gazing into infinite distance.

The Amethyst. A good example of one of the ways in which magical properties became attributed to natural objects is the stone known as amethyst.

Idle Dreams. "Poor dad! Sister told him that the girls of her class are going to graduate in dollar gowns."

Two Sides. Willis—Why don't you go to church? Gillis—Too far. Why don't you go? Willis—We live next door to one, and I hate to get all dressed up just to go that little way.—Boston Journal.

SAVED HIMSELF. UNAWARE.

Showing How the Eye Sees More Than One Thinks It Does.

Writing on psychological subjects in the Ladies' Home Journal, H. Addington Bruce says:

"From Dr. A. H. of Pennsylvania, one of our well known psychologists, I have received this impressive piece of testimony to the power of the eye to see more than one consciously apprehends:

"Three summers ago, when I was on a visit to my old home town, I took a short cut across familiar fields where a fair growth of weeds covered the ground. I was going along at a rapid gait, with my mind wholly occupied with matters other than my path, when suddenly, quite reflexly, my left foot, instead of going down on the spot where it should, jerked itself over to the left, and I went on fully ten steps before I realized that I had made the sharpest kind of an offset in my path.

"During my boyhood summers I used to go barefooted much of the time. Through sad experiences with stubble fields, brier patches and stony paths I learned automatically to pick my way without giving thought to the matter.

A LESSON FOR THE NURSE.

She Didn't Like It When She Was Paid in Her Own Coin.

A mother overheard her nurse girl talking to the child she was putting to sleep, and among other legends of the nursery in which she was indulged was this: "If you don't go to sleep this very minute a great, big, awful, black bear, with eyes like coals of fire and sharp, white, cruel teeth, will come out from under the bed and e-a-ty-o-u-a-l-l up!"

That night when the stolid nurse had composed herself in her own comfortable bed and had put the light out there came a sudden rap at the door, and the voice of the mistress called loudly through the panels: "Maggie! Maggie! Get up as quick as you can! There's a burglar under your bed!"

The lesson was more instructive than the mistress designed, but when the girl's fears had calmed she said to her: "You did not hesitate to tell my delicate child, who could not possibly know that it was a lie, a cruel story about a bear under her bed. Now, when I treat you to the same kind of a story, you are nearly frightened to death. Tomorrow you can go into the kitchen and work there. You are not fit to care for little children."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Curious Experience. Lombroso, the famous Italian criminologist, once had a curious experience. He was in a printing office correcting the proofs in his "Delinquent Man" with the chief reader when on reaching a page which dealt with a young man who, impelled by jealousy, had stabbed his fiancée he made a surprising discovery.

"Suddenly," Lombroso said in telling the story, "he threw himself at my feet, declaring that he would commit suicide if I published this story with his name. His face, before very gentle, was completely altered and almost terrifying, and I was really afraid that he would kill himself or me on the spot. I tore up the proofs and for several editions omitted his story."

Thunder. Winter thunder is considered throughout Europe to be of very ill omen, but April thunder is considered to be very beneficial. In Devonshire and other older counties of England there is a saying that "when it thunders in April you must clean up the barrels"—in readiness, that is, for a plentiful crop of apples. The French consider April thunder to be indicative of a good yield from vineyards and cornfields.

Getting It Straight. It was in the Elysian fields. "I am gratified to see that Shakespeare is more sought after than the military heroes," declared a highbrow shade. "I consider this a tribute to the peaceful arts."

Angel Coins. An "angel" was an ancient gold coin weighing four pennyweights and valued at 6s. 8d. in the reign of Henry VI. and at 10 shillings in the reign of Elizabeth in 1562. It took its name from the effigy of an angel embossed on one side.

Desperation. Lady Visitor—My poor man, what first drove you to a career of crime? Desperate Criminal—Trying to match samples for my wife.—Baltimore American.

There never was an excuse as interesting as a duty well done.—Toledo Blade.

Garcia's Method. Mesdames Viardot-Garcia and Malbran, the wonderful daughters of Manuel Garcia, who was perhaps the greatest vocal teacher of all time, literally "learned in suffering what they taught in song."

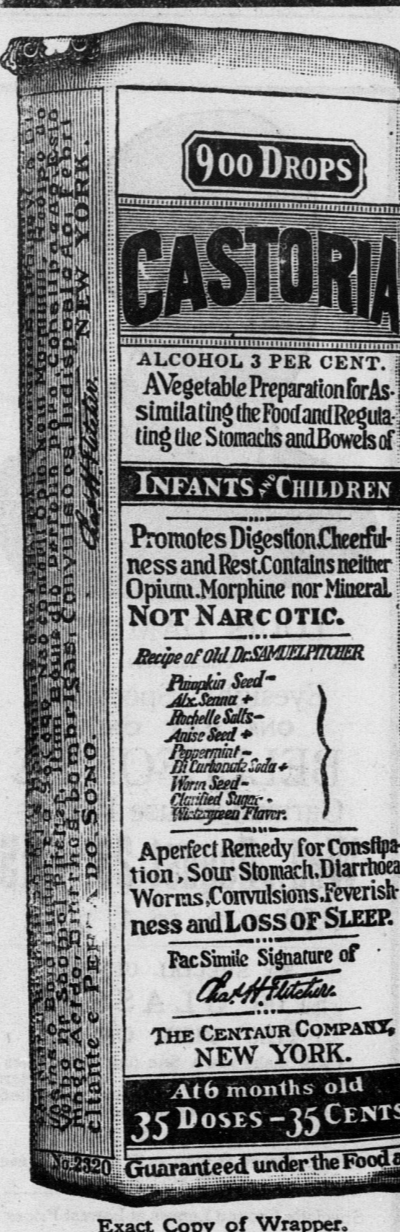
The discipline of the Garcia home was extremely severe. According to Henry T. Finck, who writes in the Musician, it was said that he used to beat his unfortunate daughters till they screamed.

The neighbors, however, did not confuse methods with madness, and on such occasions they quaintly said, "It is only M. Garcia teaching his girls to sing."

First Life Insurance Policy. William Gibbons, who deserves to be better known, was the first man to insure his life. This policy was made in June, 1583, and was for the sum of £38: 6s. 8d. for twelve months, sixteen underwriters dividing the risk.

KNOW THYSELF. The highest purpose of intellectual cultivation is to give a man a perfect knowledge and mastery of his own inner self, to render our consciousness its own light and its own mirror, hence there is the less reason to be surprised at our inability to enter fully into the feelings and characters of others.

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