

COLUMBUS.

Behind him lay the gray Azores, Behind the gates of Hercules; Before him not the ghost of shores, Before him only shoreless seas.

DO SHARKS BITE?

Assertions That They Will Not Attack a Swimmer. On the question whether sharks will attack men when swimming, a correspondent of the New York Sun writes as follows:

GEOGRAPHICAL ODDITIES.

Some Little Wonders of the Western World. On Lummi Island, State of Washington, there is a mountain slope of white sandstone, 100 feet wide and 1,800 feet long, called the Devil's Slide.

Indian Courage.

The annals of no country can show any savor for so formidable for his number to trained regular troops of the white race as the American Indian.

White Tea.

White tea is one of the latest inventions or discoveries. It will not become soft under the sun's rays in any climate, and is expected to be used largely in calking the seams of fine yachts.

THE JAPANESE WAITRESS.

A Vision of Perfection That Seems to Americans Impossible. The Japanese waitress is evidently a creature full of kindness and winning graces. Sir Edwin Arnold met her at a dinner in Japan, where she contributed greatly by her tact and courtesy to the success of the occasion.

She never speaks or settles to any serious duty of the entertainment without falling on her little knees, smoothing her skirt over them and knocking her nice little flat nose on the floor, and will either demurely watch you use your chopsticks in respectful silence, or prettily converse and even offer her advice as to the most succulent dishes, and the best order in which to do them justice.

WHAT TO TEACH A DAUGHTER.

How to Make of Her a True and Noble Woman. Teach her that not only must she love her father and mother, but honor them in word and deed. That work is worthy always when it is well done.

Illusions of Great Men.

Goethe states that he one day saw the exact counterpart of himself coming toward him. Pope saw an arm apparently coming through the wall, and made inquiries after its owner.

Oats As a Brain Food.

The Paris School of Philosophy has recently conducted experiments as to the value of oats as a food, which seems to show that the kernel contains three medicinal principles, the first of which tends to calm, soothe and tone up the brain and general nerve tissues.

The Bird of Wisdom.

The owl took his hat and his gloves one night, His sweetheart for to see; When his daddy asked him where he went, "On a definite object I'm intent, 'To wit, to woo," said he, "To wit, to wit, to woo!"

A Horse With Feelings.

A lame and half starved old white horse, attached to a wagon partly loaded with ashes, stood on John R street, near Adams, and a schoolboy about 10 years old stood with his hands in his pockets looking at the horse, says the Detroit Journal.

Mr. Blank's Maturity Was Ill-Timed.

A well known citizen who resides in the northern part of town when he went out bareheaded this morning after the paper found a hat lying on the sidewalk in front of his gate, says the Stockton Mail.

Pat's Device.

The following incident, told by the Utica Times, of the method employed by a clever son of Erin to induce his passengers to walk up hill, shows that a graceful, witty hint is pretty sure to prove irresistible.

A Needed Warning.

Oh, never converse with a dynamic fiend, The harmless to you he may seem, For he with his creed is so well magnified, So brimmed to the lip with his scheme.

Henry was visiting a relative who had a large attic full of old things.

One day when he had been playing up there, he came running down stairs and shouted: "Cousin Anna, what do you think I found in the attic? I found a Bible with an apothecary in it."

Mrs. Youngwife—I want a nice ham, please.

Shopman—Yes, ma'am. I can strongly recommend this one; it's well cured. Mrs. Youngwife (in alarm)—Oh, don't give me one that has had anything the matter with it, even if it is cured now! Let me have a perfectly healthy one, please!—London Punch.



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