

MODERN INVENTION.

In the Modern March of Progress the Farmer Will Hold His Own.

In modern life one of the most striking features that has been and is being developed more and more rapidly is the interdependence of the members of the human family.

In the same order of things is the modern fertilizer. For different crops different fertilizers are made in factories.

Where the process of development of modern life will end, it is hard to see. The farmer, who would seem to be the last to be subjected to modern scientific advancements, is really, speaking relatively, the one most affected.

Iron Plates at White Heat. "While I was in Brussels a few years ago," said Dr. T. L. Taylor, of Boston, at the Lindell recently.

Art and Nature. The aesthetic Frau Von St. had contrived to secure the leading hero in a well-known theatre, and a great favorite with the ladies, as her companion at the supper table.

THE SEAS OF THE WORLD.

The first mention of the Gulf Stream is in the journal of Alaminos, the pilot of Ponce de Leon, in 1513.

It is estimated that the water of the whole ocean contains in solution over 2,000,000 tons of pure silver.

The sea pen moves by alternately expanding and contracting the folds of its body, like an earth worm.

Every tiny protuberance on a branch of coral represents a living animal, which grows from it like a plant.

One kind of sea-bladder has no mouth, but absorbs all its nourishment through the pores of its body.

The Red Sea takes its name from the presence of great numbers of animalcules of that color in the water.

It is estimated that two years are required for the gulf water to travel from Florida to the coast of Norway.

The proportion of salt in sea water is largest where the water is deepest, but does not increase with the depth.

The coral insects are said to consume prodigious quantities of worms, small fish and other living creatures.

If the surface of the earth were perfectly level, the waters of the ocean would cover it to a depth of 600 feet.

It is estimated that more gold and silver have been sunk in the sea than are now in circulation on the earth.

The ocean hydræ have no heart, no lungs, no liver, no brains, no nervous system, no organs save mouth and skin.

A colony of medusæ has been compared to a collection of muslin sunbonnets floating right side up in the water.

The Banks of Newfoundland are formed by the sand, earth and stones brought from the north by the icebergs.

Over one-half of the sand of every shore is composed of minute shells, each of which was once the home of a living creature.

At the lowest depth from which specimens of the bottom have been brought up 116 different species of infusoria were found.

The bed of the North Atlantic consists of two valleys, separated by a mountain range that runs from the Azores to Iceland.

The water of the ocean contains gold, held in solution by the iodide of calcium. The quantity is about one grain to the ton.

The water of the oceans, notwithstanding numerous local influences, is nearly of the same composition in every part of the world.

Sea anemones have been known to live for three or four years without any nourishment save what they extract from the water.

The Yellow Sea of China is so called from the presence of yellow mud washed down by the great rivers that empty into its waters.

The first map of the Gulf Stream was made by Benjamin Franklin, who tried to point out the utility of ocean currents in navigation.

The Venus Belt is a thin, flat membrane from one to two feet long, and about the width of a lady's belt. Its mouth is in the middle of its body.

The sea anemone is capable of swallowing an animal many times larger than itself. It spreads its body and thus surrounds its prey.

Coral larvae are born alive and swim off to seek a locality on which to settle. After they have once become fixed they never again change place.

Franklin taught that the ocean currents were due to the influence of permanent winds, in which opinion he was sustained by Sir John Herschel.

The color of the sea is usually described as blue, but it is by no means uniform. In the tropics it is sometimes an indigo blue, at others a deep green.

The actinia swallow sea shells and their inhabitants, and when inconvenienced by the presence of the hard substances, simply turn themselves inside out like a stocking and get rid of the intruding shells in this way.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PEOPLE OF NOTE.

Prince Bismarck's correspondence, both political and non-political, will be published, Continental papers say, by a Stuttgart firm under the editorship of Herr Ritter Von Poschinger.

Berlin newspapers say that the revenue from Emperor William's "Song to Aegir" up to the present time has been about 33,600 marks, or over \$8,000.

Through the earnest agitation of the question by Nathan Haskell Dole, of Boston, it is quite probable that a chair of Russian language and literature will be established at Harvard college.

Gov. Greenhalge, of Massachusetts, wants the United States Marine band at the great testimonial to be given in honor of the Rev. Dr. Smith, the venerable author of "America," in Boston during February.

The Japanese Mikado is a man of great personal magnetism. He is in fine physical condition, and is naturally extremely vivacious.

J. F. Raffaelli, the famous Franco-Italian painter, is coming to this country in February. He will hold an exhibition of his pictures at the American Art Galleries, in New York, and will deliver a series of art talks that cannot fail to be most interesting.

Gen. Swain, who has just been placed on the retired list of the army, was one of the bravest of the officers of the civil war, and served with distinction in the South during the stormy days of reconstruction.

Called—Can I see Miss Snuggly? Servant—She's engaged, sir.

Called—Of course she is, and I'm the man she's engaged to.—Vick's Monthly.

CHOLLIE'S SERIOUS MIND.

It Was Bored by Foolish Questions and Very Properly Rebellious.

The dude met a friend of his at the club and sat down by him with a tired air.

"By jove, Frank," he said, "I may look like a fool, but I'm not one, am I?"

"Well, no," hesitated the friend; "I should say appearances in your case were deceptive."

"Thanks," "Why?" "Because," replied the tired youth, not recognizing the relevance of the "why."

"I meet so many people who ask so many silly questions. For instance, the day I got home from my summer vacation I met an acquaintance on the street and he greeted me with, 'Ah, there, are you back again?'"

"Don't you fancy he could see I was back? Then I met a lady on a train the other morning, about fifteen minutes after it had started, and she smiled and said: 'Good morning. Are you leaving town?'"

"Do you suppose she thought I was not leaving town when the train was on its way going away from it at forty miles an hour?"

"Oh, those are only expressions," said the friend.

"But aren't they silly, just the same? Only yesterday a man came into my office, and after talking to my partner for a while he noticed me in the back room and greeted me with, 'Hello, Chollie, is that you?'"

"And the man has known me ever since I was a boy. Do you fancy he thought it was some one else? Another friend met me while I was on horseback the other evening, and when I stopped in response to his halloo he said, 'How d'ye do? Are you taking a ride?'"

"I wonder if he thought I was walking?"

"At this point the two were joined by a third man, who had evidently been with the dude earlier.

"Hello, Chollie," he said, "did you get here at last?"

"No," replied Chollie, looking hopelessly at the man he had been talking with, "I haven't got here yet. Can't you see I haven't?"

"And the third man demanded an explanation of such a fool answer to a civil inquiry.

We Think Not.

Was early man a savage? That's a poser! Let us see: At night he never had to fit an unobliging key; he never had an empty purse, nor did he have to scheme to get his girl past—safely past—the place they sell ice cream; he never bribed a jockey, and then bet a pile and lost; he never was an umpire, or was by an umpire bossed; nor felt the keen concussion of a big financial drop, nor paid a festive plumber all his savings at a pop; nor did he mortgage real estate so's he could go to law, and lose the case, and see it drop in litigation's maw; he never had a favorite cook to simply up and quit; he never put up stoves at all, nor pipes that wouldn't fit; nor had a new silk hat exchanged for some old seedy tile, nor had his teeth attended to by dentists with a file; he never donned his best dress suit and then fell in the mud; and, since he never wore a shirt, he never lost a stud; he never burst a buttoned glove, nor—till his neck was raw—wore collars that resembled much the saw-teeth of a saw; he never wrote a poem that an editor declined, nor hatched a joke within the incubator of his mind; he never moved into a house whose chimneys wouldn't draw; nor knew exactly what it was to have a mother-in-law; nor had to catch suburban trains, as nowadays he does; and, since these things make savage men, I don't believe he was!—Puck.

Her Cruelty.

"I little thought," sighed Mr. Lease, as he wrung out the dish-cloth and hung it on the nail over the sink; "I little thought, when you called me your clinging ivy and promised to be my sturdy oak, that the time would ever come when you would treat me as cruelly as you did yesterday."

"Well, what did I do?" growled Mrs. Lease.

"You know very well," sobbed the injured husband. "You deliberately let me start out shopping without telling me that my hat was not on straight."—Life.

The Trick of the Trade.

"Tell me the secret of your success." The retired merchant prince could not but admire the audacity of the young man who faced him boldly as he asked the question.

"It is simply this," he answered, after a moment's thought, "if goods at \$1.50 don't go, mark 'em down to \$1.98."

With an inside tip, who could not win? That young man's "sacrifice sales" are now the talk of the commercial world.—Puck.

Mrs Malaprop.

A most estimable and well-known lady, says the Washington Capitol, is reported to have spoken of her invalid daughter as indelicate, and to have said that most of her family ride to Baltimore on communion tickets.

Recently, at a tea, she referred to a beautiful spinal staircase that had been constructed in the house of a neighbor. "Perhaps," suggested a bright girl, in an aside, "the lady refers to her neighbor's back stairs."

Desperation.

"I can tell you, Baron, that when my offer of marriage was rejected by the prima donna, I was so miserable, that I was on the point of throwing myself out of the window."

"What prevented you?" "The height!"—Karlsbaden Wochenblatt.

His Experience.

"I tell you that idleness doesn't pay. The surest way for a person to get ahead is to keep moving."

"I fancy you're right. That's the way four or five tenants got ahead of me last week."

He Knew It.

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Caller—Of course she is, and I'm the man she's engaged to.—Vick's Monthly.

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