

THE EMPEROR OF COREA

Ruler of the Hermit Kingdom As a Host. AUDIENCE AND BANQUET A Traveller's Impression of the Emperor and the Crown Princes.

Dr. Hagen, who has travelled in Korea, recounts in a most interesting manner his impressions of the country and its people.

Before the dinner we were offered a glass of vermouth in the next room. The dining-room was well heated and furnished with European furniture.

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Largest British Land Owner. There are a number of famous estates in England, but the man who probably owns more land than any other one inhabitant of that country is the Duke of Sutherland.

WORLD'S CHAMPION TALKER.

Fastest Talker is Ready to Meet All Comers. The greatest talker in the world has been discovered in Baltimore—not a woman, but a man in the employ of the auditing department of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad office.

"I am at any time ready," says Mr. Conway, "to meet any person in the world in a talking or reading contest for any amount of money. I am positive that I have no peer in the world at rapid reading, and am willing to back my opinion well financially."

"The great thing in my favor is that all my work is done from sight—that is, sight reading. It makes but little difference to me if I have ever seen what is placed before me or not. In fact, fast reading is my daily work."

From the Korean Weekly Courier. Sergeant Stitichsky is putting a new flap on his top.

The smiling face of Wabai Nipponji the well known Japanese scout, was seen in our midst Wednesday.

Hiram Buttinsky paid ye editor a hurry call yesterday. He says there is heavy firing up North, and he is hurrying South.

Admiral Shrydloff is confined to his bed with a touch of la grippe.

Private Sapollo, of the Thirteenth Japanese Rookies, was seen on our streets Thursday with a shine.

Dannie Deeveroff was hanging around our burg this morning.

A few of our esteemed patrons recently started to cross the Yalu and forgot to land. Now is the time to subscribe.

Captain Kinsky, who gave us a want ad, not long ago, lost one of his legs in yesterday's skirmish.

Getting Back at Whistler. The late James McNeill Whistler had a French poodle of which he was extravagantly fond.

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This estimate does not take into consideration the fact that with improved machinery and skill it might be possible to carry on mining at a depth of 7,000 feet.

If England's fuel supply is assured for 371 years she need have no alarm by that time coal may have become quite obsolete as fuel.

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MONEY COVERED VASE

Soldered on a Large Copper Vase Valued at \$75,000. A LIFE'S WORK FINISHED Twenty-three Years of Patient Labor Required to Complete It.—Spanish Coins of Pizarro's Time, Roman Coins of the Caesars and American Coppers.

After twenty-three years of patient labor Eduard Rausch, of Philadelphia, sits in the front parlor of his little home, nursing his rheumatic toe, and admiring the result of his toil all day long.

It is a huge vase completely covered by coins—coins of all nations and all ages and it is no idle boast of his that no similar work was ever completed or perhaps dreamed of by any man of the dead or the living.

If the fancy of the Gedman cornice maker should delve past the mere outward appearance of those 4,000 shiny scrapings of dead ages, wealth which he stunted himself through a quarter century to secure, he might see more than a remarkable ornament which he would be willing to part with for a good-sized fortune.

Rausch has surrounded it by a glass case and a brass railing. People walk into the little front parlor of his home, and stand gazing in mute wonder.

Many of the collection have increased in value since the time Rausch came into their possession.

But a wife and growing family intervened in the midst of this pastime and Rausch felt the necessity of finding coins that had to be used for other purposes than to ornament a copper vase.

With the perseverance of his race, however, and the belief that he was making a good investment, Rausch put every available cent into the purchase of rare coins.

Last week he finished it, and bought a bunch of flowers to put in the top of his vase. Rausch says he ought to get \$75,000 for it.

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An Engineering Feat. A remarkable feat of engineering was accomplished at the Narragansett brewery, at Cranston, R. I., when a 192-foot chimney, four feet out of plumb was straightened without cracking it.

A Self-Lighting Cigar. An Austrian inventor has applied for a patent for self-lighting cigars and cigarettes.

Object to Being Counted. The Boers resent an attempt to take a Transvaal census.

New Prefixes for Americans. The London Express learns that "it is proposed in America that the prefix 'Mr.' should be abolished by acts of Congress.

Age of Individualism. This is the age of individualism. We demand individual peppers, salts, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups and plates at the hotels.

Voices and Climatic Effects. Generally speaking, voices living at high altitudes have weaker and more highly pitched voices than those living in regions where the supply of oxygen is more plentiful.

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CLOCKS OF ROYALTY.

Buckingham and Windsor Royal Houses Contain Several Hundred. There are nearly 250 clocks at Windsor castle, and about 170 in Buckingham palace.

A Louis XIV., buhl, clock in red shell in the Van Dyck room at Windsor castle is very fine, supported by four sphinxes, and exquisitely engraved by Marot, who was born in 1620.

At Buckingham palace the Augsburg clock on the equerries stairs is among the earliest examples of the clockmakers art and very beautiful is the clock in the state dining room.

A Wonderful Vessel. There was launched a short time ago at Lorain, O., the largest fresh water steamship afloat.

Figures collected last year by the American Medical Association, shows that 4,449 deaths and injuries resulted from the celebration of July 4, 1903, in the country at large.

Intense Cold of Thibet. The intense cold found at the high elevations over which the British troops lately marched into Thibet nearly disabled the Maxim and rifles.

King Cotton in Texas. So far from being doomed as a cotton State, we have reason to believe that cotton production in Texas is in its infancy.

Uses for Old Parchments. Quite a good price is paid by a French firm for old parchments of all descriptions.

Coreans as Wood Finishers. When the palace at Seoul was burned the famous Hall of Audience was destroyed.

Deer Come to Town. A herd of 37 deer were seen feeding in an open field within 100 yards of the main street at Oakland, L. I., the other day.

Electricity Duty Free. The Royal Italian Minister of Finance has just granted an Italian firm permission to import free of duty electric power by wire from a power station to be erected in Swiss territory.

An Insurance Novelty. An English firm issues picture postal cards, the purchaser of one of which can, by mailing it to the firm with his name and address on it, insure his life for \$2,500 for 24 hours against travel accidents.

TURKISH DISCIPLINE LAX

Army and Navy Are Almost Completely Demoralized. HUMOROUS INSTANCES

Escape Fighting Whenever Possible—Albanians' Suggestion of an Alliance of England, Italy and Albania Against Europe.

It is said that the Turkish soldiery is becoming demoralized to the point where displays of cowardice are common. Some extraordinary instances of this are related by a recent traveler there who declares that the Turkish troops have displayed their lack of nerve many times.

Apparently the demoralization of Turkey's fighting forces extends also to its naval vessels.

Some of the Albanians whose insurrectionary operations have been an occasion for concern both to Turkey and to the powers which are trying to compel reforms in that region are curiously ignorant as to the conditions in the outer world.

Everything possible about the boat will be done by machinery, and she will acquire distinction by being painted yellow.

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MEN OF GENIUS.

Evidence Seems to Show Them to be Long Lived. Havelock Ellis's studies of the original and habits of the British men of genius show that most came from business life, many from "good families," so called, and few from the clerical profession.

A genius is not often an only son; he is more likely to spring from a large family. Nor is he often the son of a distinguished father.

Grizzly Bear is Supreme. It is a matter of interest, if not of patriotic pride, that of all the fighting animals America has in the grizzly bear the fiercest and the most formidable.

The Value of the Whale. An American company has established a plant at Balena, Newfoundland, for utilizing the entire carcasses of whales.

Medicine for a Dying Tree. A very old tree was once rejuvenated in a remarkable manner. It was a very ancient walnut that had for years shown signs of decay.

Financial Aid to Racial Increase. The latest scheme for the encouragement of population in France is that of the Paris, Lyons & Mediterranean Railway Company.

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