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RELIEF OF LUCKNOW.

Romantic Incident as Related by M. de Bannevoi, a French Physician.

The following romantic incident connected with the relief of Lucknow, as related by M. de Bannevoi, a French physician, who was in India at the time, is well worth reading:

"On every side death stared us in the face; no human skill could avert it any longer. We resolved rather to die than yield, and were fully persuaded that in twenty-four hours all would be over."

"I had gone out to try and make myself useful, in company with Jessie Brown, wife of a corporal in my husband's regiment. Poor Jessie had been in a state of restless excitement all through the siege, and fallen away visibly."

"At last, overcome with fatigue, she lay down on the ground, wrapped up in her plaid. I myself could no longer resist the inclination to sleep, in spite of the continual roar of the cannon."

Suddenly I was aroused by a wild unearthly scream; my companion stood upright, her arms raised, and her head bent forward. A look of intense delight broke over her countenance; she grasped my hand, drew me toward her and exclaimed:

"Dinna ye hear it? Dinna ye hear it? Ay, I'm no dreamin', its the slogan of the Highlanders! We're saved, we're saved!"

"To describe the effect of these words upon the soldiers would be impossible. For a moment they ceased firing, and every soul listened with intense anxiety. Gradually, however, a murmur of bitter disappointment burst out as the colonel shook his head. Our dull Lowland ears heard nothing but the rattle of the musketry."

"A few moments more of this death-like suspense and Jessie cried in a voice so clear and piercing that it was heard along the whole line:

"Will ye no believe it noo? The slogan has ceased indeed, but the Campbell's are comin'. D'ye hear, a ye hear?"

"At that moment the pibroch of the Highlanders brought us tidings of deliverance. The shrill, penetrating, ceaseless sound could come neither from the advance of the enemy nor from the work of the Sappers."

"No, it was indeed the blast of the Scottish bagpipes, now shrill and then harsh, as if threatening vengeance on the foe, then in softer tones seeming to promise succor to their friends in need."

"Never surely, was there such a scene as that which followed. Not a heart in the residency of Lucknow but bowed itself before God. All, by one simultaneous impulse, fell upon their knees, and nothing was heard but bursting sobs and the murmured voices of prayer.—Tit-Bits.

Grecian Breadmaking Modernized.

The ancient custom of baking bread in Greece is being changed. In the old oven a fire of branches is kindled in the compartment where the bread is baked, and one of ordinary wood in that beneath. When the oven is sufficiently heated the brushwood and cinders are raked out of the upper, and the bread is put in.

The change, made in the interest of the protection of the forests, is to fit the lower compartment for burning coke at one-half the cost of wood. Many of the bakers of Athens, have already changed their form of oven.

CATCHING FISH IN BASKETS.

An Easy Method Which Obtained Around the Bay of Fundy.

The Bay of Fundy has always been a famous fishing ground especially for salmon and shad. Fifty years ago the fish were so plentiful that a method was used to catch them which seems odd nowadays when a fish has at least half a chance to escape the hook or the net.

The tide rises high in the Bay of Fundy and its headwaters, and of this fact the fishermen of fifty years ago took full advantage. At high tide the water makes sizable rivers of tiny streams. Large schools of shad and other fish in those days came up the river with the tide.

The method of catching them was simple in the extreme. At low tide a seine would be staked to the river bed and the top of the seine weighted to the bottom with leads. Then after the tide had risen the fishermen would pull up the seine so that it formed a barrier across the entire river bed.

When the tide began to run out the fish would find their return to the sea and freedom barred effectively. The little fellows, of course, would make their way through the seine, but the ones worth catching would flop impotently against the meshes.

Soon the tide would be out completely, leaving only a foot of water in the river. Several thousand fish would be there for the taking. A pair of rubber boots and a basket would be sufficient equipment for the fishermen, who waded out and gathered them in wholesale.

The fish don't run up the rivers any more, and the seining must be done in the bay itself. This is profitable, it is true, but a fish with half a head can avoid capture for a long time.

ORIGIN OF MOVING PICTURES.

Result of an Experiment to Show Both Sides of a Coin at Once.

The beginning of the moving picture was in this wise: Sir John Herschel after dinner in 1826 asked his friend Charles Babbage, how he would show both sides of a shilling at once. Babbage replied by taking a shilling from his pocket and holding it to a mirror.

This did not satisfy Sir John, who set the shilling spinning upon the table, at the same time pointing out that if the eye is placed on a level with the rotating coin both sides can be seen at once. Babbage was so struck by the experiment that the next day he described it to a friend, Dr. Fitton, who immediately made a working model.

On one side of a disk was drawn a bird, on the other side an empty bird cage. This model showed the persistence of vision on which all moving pictures depend for their effect. The eye retains the image of the object seen for a fraction of a second after the object has been removed. This model was called the thaumatrope.

Next came the zoetrope or wheel of life. A cylinder was perforated with a series of slots and within the cylinder was placed a band of drawings or dancing men. On the apparatus being slowly rotated the figures seen through the slots appeared to be in motion. The first systematic photographs taken at regular intervals of men and animals were made by Muybridge in 1877.

How wise to the Acre.

If there is a pied piper in the United States who is out of a job he may fall into a good berth with Uncle Sam. It all depends on his ability to get away with field mice as successfully as the pied piper of old disposed of the domestic mice of the little village of Hamelin. The western alfalfa belt of Nevada is overrun by mice, and the farmers are unable to cope with the ravages of the little creatures. The expert sent from the Department of Agriculture to suggest means of eradicating them has failed. He reported to Dr. Henshaw of the biological survey that there were probably as many as 8,000 mice to the acre. He said that in following the plough fifteen minutes he was able to catch with his hands more than 275 young mice. Owls, hawks, badgers, and foxes, which feast on mice, have been killed out by hunters, and the little rodents of the field have been left to flourish and multiply in the midst of their favorite diet. It is said that the department probably will substitute poison for the flute, if no piper appears.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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Leave Bloom for Catawissa A. M. 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30.

P. M. 1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00.

First car leaves Market Square for Berwick on Sundays at 7:00 a. m.

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