

ALL ABOUT PAPER.

Eighteen hundred years ago the Chinese, who seem to have had an inkling of most of the great European inventions, including gunpowder and printing, made paper from a fibrous matter, vegetable and animal, reducing it to a pulp in water.

A manufactory of paper from cotton was established at Samarcand, in Bokhara, by the Arabs early in the eighth century. Thence it was taken by the Saracens to Spain, where first was made paper from linen and hemp, as well as from cotton.

Cotton paper was in use in England long before the introduction of European paper, in the fourteenth century. For a long time the best paper was made in Holland. To this day Dutch paper is considered superior to, as it is also dearer than, all other paper.

Papyrus manuscripts have been found in the Egyptian Catacombs, apparently several thousand years old. Manuscripts have been discovered in large numbers (say 1,800) in Hieraculum, a small city near the Mediterranean, and not far from Naples, which, sharing the fate of Pompeii, A. D. 79, was destroyed by a great earthquake.

The oldest manuscript in England, written upon cotton paper, bears the date A. D. 1019, and is in the British Museum, in London. One in the Royal Library at Paris is dated a year later. The "Apophoreta of Hippocrates," translated into Arabic, has the date of the year 1109, and is said to be written on the oldest specimen of linen paper extant.

To the same year belong Arabic manuscripts on satin paper (made of silk) and highly ornamented with paintings and gold leaf. Subsequently such ornaments were called illumination, of which many fine specimens remain.

The name of the inventor of paper made from linen is unknown. The earliest English manuscript upon such paper bears the date of A. D. 1129, which was the fourteenth year of the reign of Edward I. It has been decided that this was foreign paper.

The first paper mark, which was a ram's face, was found in a book of accounts, dated A. D. 1430. Thirty years later Uman Stroner began to write at Nuremberg, in Bavaria, the first book that had paper marking for its subject.

What is called hand paper was designated from a water mark, some years later, of a hand with a star at each finger's end. So, from a jug or a pot, which also was a favorite mark, the term pot paper is said to have originated.

What is called fool's cap paper gets its name from the fact that, after the trial and execution of Charles I, in front of his own Palace of Whitehall, London, in January, 1649, the Parliament party, to show contempt on royalty, changed the water mark of paper from the King's arms to a fool with a cap and bells. The mark ceased when the monarchy was restored, but paper of the particular size, on which it had been placed retains the name of fool's cap.

Post paper is said to have been so called from the post horn, which was its distinguishing mark at one time. When the general post was established in England, about the year 1670, it was the postman's practice to announce his coming by blowing a horn.—Woolsocket Patriot.

EARTH FROM BOREAS.—In the last century a merchant vessel came into London Docks with yellow fever and the Captain was suffering severely from it, and no one would get near the sufferer. Dr. Fothergill, however, went on board, partly out of compassion, and partly from his desire to study a disease which was new to him, and he removed the Captain to his own house, and finally succeeded in getting him through the fever. When the Captain recovered, he inquired from the Doctor what was in his oil, but Fothergill refused to receive any payment. The Captain then wished to know how he could compensate him for such kindness, upon which the Doctor replied that there was one thing he could do for him, if he were making a voyage to the East, and would pass through the Straits of Malacca, he should be glad if he would bring him back two barrels full of the earth of Boreas, which the Captain promised to do. However, when he reached the spot on his voyage, he thought of the ridicule he must experience on his crew in so strange an undertaking, and his heart failed him, and he sailed through the Straits without fulfilling his intention.

On his return by the same route the same thing happened again through his fear of the scolds of his crew.—New York, after he had left the straits two hundred or possibly three hundred miles behind him, his conscience smote him with his ingratitude and the non-fulfillment of his promise, and he put the ship's head about, returned to the spot, and filled the barrels with the earth. On his return he sent it to Dr. Fothergill, who had the surface of a piece of ground thoroughly burned, and he then sprinkled the Boreas earth on it, when it is a known fact that there came up all kinds of new and curious plants, said to be one hundred different sorts, some geraniums, and n flowers, which have subsequently spread throughout the gardens of England.—Land and Water.

It is estimated that fifty head of poultry will make more than enough manure for an acre of land.—seven ewt. of guano being the usual quantity applied per acre, and poultry manure being even richer than guano in ammonia and fertilizing salts. No other manure will give an equal return in this way, and these figures demand careful attention from the large farmer.

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INTERESTING FACTS.

Coal was first dug as fuel in 1239. Carthage was founded by the Phoenicians in 886 B. C.

Utica and Cadiz were built by the Phoenicians in 1450 B. C.

The Bank of England suspended its payments in cash in 1797.

The plow was invented by Dagon, the brother of Cronus, in 2930 B. C.

The Gangas rises from April to August, thirty-two feet, and then creates a flood 100 miles wide.

Richard Porson, celebrated for his memory, learning and eccentricity, was born in 1759, and died in 1803.

Springs are formed by the intervention of clay and sand strata, the former holding water and the latter permitting its free passage.

In 476 Rome was taken by Odoacer, who was made king of Italy, which put an end to the Roman Empire.

In 1822 and 1823 Chili was visited by a continuous series of earthquakes, which raised the whole coast from three to four feet above the former level.

Jumnotree, in the wildest part of the elevated Himalayas, has a temple visited by distant devotees, sacred to the goddess Jumna. Benderpouch, near it, 25,000 feet high.

The Amazon, the Orinoco, the Mississippi, the Nile, the Danube, the Zaire and the Gangas rivers all have islands at their mouths, and the sea is muddy for a great distance.

The Hindoos believe in the unity of God, and in subordinate deities represented by the element, stars and planets. They teach a fifth element, which effects, attracts attention, repulsions, etc., and call the sun a deity, a tractor.

Spanish wives do not take their husband's name. Spaniards unmountained with Moorish blood are called "honorable," however poor, but no rank secures them from the stigma of maldonado. In Spain the passions are the causes of crime and of 5,400 crimes in a year about 3,900 are murders.

EGG SHELLS FOR SETTLING COFFEE. A few weeks ago we noticed an item recommending the use of egg shells for settling coffee, and being short of eggs we resolved to test the shells to see if they were as effective as represented.

Two weeks' use have proved them of practical value; not only do they clear the coffee beautifully, but they prevent the coffee from foaming up and running over, as was always the case when a part of an egg was used to clear the coffee, when first put to boil.

We feel that thanks are due the writer, whoever it may be, as we have forgotten under whose signature it appeared, for giving the fact a public presentation. Let more such facts be put in circulation; they are helps worth remembering.

Every new idea born of practical experience should be set down, written out, and sent to some live paper of extensive circulation, that it may not be lost but add to the storehouse of knowledge for the benefit of mankind.

AN EXPLANATION.—Every one who is familiar with cottage barometers—those little wooden toy-houses with two doors, out of one of which the man comes in wet weather, and on his going in, the wife comes out of the other when it is fair. The principle on which they are made is that entrap in wet weather shrinks, and in dry weather regains its strength a yard or more of common whipcord, with a plummet attached, suspended against the wall, will indicate the weather by rising before rain and sinking before fair weather.

Salt which has been thoroughly dried greatly increases in weight before rain. A pair of scales kept suspended with an iron or brass weight in one and an equal quantity of dry salt in the other, will infallibly show any change in the atmosphere.

SCIENTIFIC POTATO CULTURE.—A French agricultural journal, the *Basse Cour*, describes the result of some experiments in potato growing recently conducted by scientific men in Germany, in which it is demonstrated that the "eyes" at the top of the potato produce a much more vigorous offspring than those in the lower part, and the consequence is that those agriculturists who cut their potatoes in half before planting them are not well advised in cutting them vertically, but should always divide them horizontally, planting the upper half and using the other as food for cattle.

The best plan of all is to plant the tuber whole, cutting out, nevertheless, all the "eyes" except those in the top part.

A NEW MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.—A new musical instrument, called the "Pyrophon," has been invented by M. Kas'ner. It consists of numerous jets of hydrogen, or illuminating gas, which are burned in tubes in such a way as to produce innumerable detentions, the vibrations of which can be regulated at pleasure and made to yield high or low notes. The tones are more like those of a flute than any other instrument. The invention is, at present, rather a scientific toy than a really practical musical instrument.

RELIEF FOR FROSTED FEET.—Frosted feet, take pure flaxseed oil, bathe your feet, and heat in by the fire well before going to bed; wrap some oil clothes around the feet to keep the oil from rubbing off, and bathe again in the morning. A few applications will remove all soreness and itching.

A WASH composed of lime, salt and fine sand or wood ashes, put on in the ordinary way of whitewash, renders a shingle roof much safer against fire from sparks and falling cinders, in case of fire in the vicinity.

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