

**A Railroad Dog.**  
Napoleon is a dog residing at Salida, Col., belonging to an engineer of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. He has been engaged with his master for the past two and a half years in running locomotive No. 26. His apprenticeship commenced at the early age of six months. His first trip was not a success on account of fright. This was speedily overcome. He can now go into the roundhouse, where twenty-eight engines are demitted, single out and mount his own machine and, in the absence of his master and the fireman, defend it against all intruders. He rides on the fireman's side of the cab, with both front paws and head hanging out in the wind, intently watching the track.  
He frequently scents a cattle a mile or more distant. When they appear in sight he becomes greatly excited, looking first at the cattle and then at his master, as though trying to make him comprehend the gravity of the situation. On his first approach he sets up a cry similar to that of a human being. If necessary to come to a full stop, he bounds out of the cab, runs ahead and loses no time in convincing the trespassers of the importance of finding some other stabling ground.  
When necessary to communicate with help at the pumping stations, frequently at long distances from the track, a note is written and given to the dog, who delivers it and speedily returns with a reply.  
Signals to start from his own engine are readily interpreted by him, but he pays no more attention to the whistles and bells of other engines than to cattle that may be safely grazing on the sides of the road. His factory powers are so keen that he has frequently given his master timely warning against stock that, if struck, might have resulted disastrously. He is well known to all railroad employes between Ogden and Salida. It accidentally left at any of the stations, he returns to Salida on the first train.

**The Seven Bibles.**  
The seven Bibles of the world are the Koran of the Mahometans, the Tri Pitakas of the Buddhists, the Five Kings of the Chinese, the Three Vedas of the Hindus, the Zandavesta, and the Scriptures of the Christians.  
The Koran is the most recent of the five, dating from about the seventh century after Christ. It is a compound of quotations from both the Old and New Testaments and from the Talmud. The Tri Pitakas contain legends, morals and pure aspirations. Their authors lived and died in the sixth century before Christ.  
The sacred writings of the Chinese are called the Five Kings, the word "king" meaning web of cloth. From this it is presumed that they were originally written on five rolls of cloth. They contain wise sayings from the sages on the duties of life, but they cannot be traced further back than the sixth century before our era.  
The Vedas, the most ancient books in the language of the Hindus, but they do not, according to late commentators, antedate the twelfth century before the Christian era.  
The Zandavesta of the Parsians, next to our Bible, is reckoned among scholars as being the greatest and most learned of the sacred writings. Zoroaster, whose sayings it contains, lived and worked in the twelfth century before Christ; Moses lived and wrote the Pentateuch 1,500 years before the birth of Christ; therefore, that portion of our Bible is at least 350 years older than the most ancient of other sacred writings.  
The Eddas, a semi-sacred work of the Scandinavians, was first given to the world in the fourteenth century.

**The Moon and Vegetation.**  
The influence of the moon upon vegetation is very feeble compared with that of the sun, but it is established. Professor Lindley says that possibly the seasons which are drawn over by houses at night to prevent loss of heat by radiation, may produce some injury by cutting off the rays of the moon, which nature intends to fall upon plants as much as the rays of the sun. Aguin, M. Duchalais, a French scientist, a few years ago experimented on the sprouting and germination of seeds in moonlight instead of sunlight. He subjected the seedlings of lentils, vetches, etc., to its influence. When the seeds had sprouted he put them in a dark place and kept them for a time, so that the stalks grew slender and of a yellowish white. Afterward on three nights, when there was clear moonlight, he exposed them for two hours each night. He found that the stalks at once turned toward and followed the moonlight just as many plants turn toward and follow the progress of the sun through the heavens. In hot countries it is well known that vegetation is largely dependent upon the moon. West Indian planters affirm that the growth of the sugar cane is twice as great during moonlight nights as when there is no moon, an assertion which has been repeatedly proved.

**Miles of Various Nations.**  
The Irish mile is 2,240 yards.  
The Swiss mile is 1,120 yards.  
The Italian mile is 1,760 yards.  
The Scotch mile is 1,874 yards.  
The Tuscan mile is 1,808 yards.  
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The Arabian mile is 2,143 yards.  
The Turkish mile is 1,820 yards.  
The Flemish mile is 6,869 yards.  
The Vienna post mile is 8,206 yards.  
The Roman mile is 1,628 or 2,023 yards.  
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**Chinese Floating Gardens.**  
The first point of interest to the traveler in China is the boat-town of Canton. The Chookang, or Pearl River, for a distance of miles, is covered with boats, which form the residences of a numerous population. Land is valuable in China, and it is presumed that the rent of the river is merely nominal.  
The Chinese not only live on the rivers but they also use them for gardening purposes. In the month of April a bamboo raft, ten to twelve feet long, and about half as wide, is prepared.  
The poles are lashed together, with intervals of an inch between each. Over this a layer of straw an inch thick is spread, and then a coating two inches thick of adhesive mud, taken from the bottom of a canal or pond, which receives the seed.  
The raft is moored to the bank in still water, and requires no further attention. The straw soon gives way and the soil also, the roots drawing support from the water alone.  
In about twenty days the raft becomes covered with the stems and roots of the plants. In autumn the small white petals and yellow stamens, floating among the round leaves, present a very pretty appearance.  
The chief use, however, is to raise vegetables for the owner's family, and with half a dozen of these, a Chinaman will have enough and to spare.  
In the lower Yang-tze Kiang and the Hoang-Ho Rivers extensive rice fields are cultivated in this manner. Upon rafts constructed as above, weeds and adherent mud are placed as a flooring, and when the rice shoots are ready for transplanting they are placed in the floating soil, which, being adhesive and held in place by weeds, the plants are maintained in position throughout the season, the rice ripening in from sixty to seventy days.  
The rafts are fastened to the shore by cables, and these floating fields were submerged and their crops drowned or rotten, these floated and flourished, and when a drought prevailed, they subsided with the falling water, and while the soil around was arid, advanced to maturity.

**Adopts at Stealing.**  
The native races along the southern coast of South America are described as professional wreckers and thieves. Their practices are told by the author of "The Cruise of the Falcon," not for commendation, of course, but to warn sailors who may be cast away on those shores.  
On a sailor is sitting half on his sea chest. A gucho comes up and taps him on his back.  
"Hieno, Johnny; bueno, Johnny."  
"It you are first off, I will send a bullet into you," says the sailor.  
"Bueno, Johnny; bueno; till tomorrow," and off skulks the gucho to his home, which he mounts. With a sarbolic smile he takes off his hat to Jack, bids him farewell, and digging his spurs into the flanks of his wily little horse, leaves over his neck and is off as full gallop over the short grass of the sandy plains.  
At the first stride of the horse, to Jack's intense surprise, his box is wrenched violently from under him. He jumps up, robs his eyes, and before he can recover his senses he sees his property rolling and bumping away over the sand hills at the heels of the gucho's steed; for this clever gentleman had managed to make one end of his lasso fast to the handle of Jack's box while engaged in conversation with him.

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**Don't light a sick-room at night by means of a jet of gas burning low, use sperm oil.**  
Don't allow offensive matters to remain; in cases of emergency where these can not at once be removed wring a heavy cloth, for instance like Turkish towings out of cold water, use it as a cover, placing over this ordinary paper. Such means prevent the escape of odor or infection.  
Don't forget to have a few beans of coffee handy, for this serves as a deodorizer if burnt on coals or paper. Bits of charcoal placed around are useful in absorbing gases and other impurities.  
Don't have a sick-room much over sixty degrees; seventy degrees are allowable.  
Don't permit currents of air to blow upon the patient. An open fireplace is an excellent means of ventilation. The current may be tested by burning a piece of paper in front.  
Don't give the patient a full glass of water to drink from, unless he is allowed all he desires. If he can regulate the quantity before handing it to him. Don't neglect during the day to attend to necessities for the night, that the rest of the patient and the family may not be disturbed.  
Don't ask a convalescent if he would like this or that to eat or drink, but pare the delicacies and present them in a tempting way.  
Don't throw coal upon the fire; place in brown paper bags and lay them upon the fire, thus avoiding the noise which is shocking to the sick and sensitive.  
Don't jar the bed by leaning or sitting upon it. This is unpleasant to one ill and nervous for the most part.  
Don't let stale flowers remain in a sick chamber.  
Don't be unkind to yourself if you are in the responsible position of nurse. To do faithful work you must have proper food and stated hours of rest.  
Don't appear anxious, however great your anxiety.  
Don't forget that kindness and tenderness are needed to successful nursing. Human nature longs to be soothed and comforted on all occasions when it is out of tune.

**The Way to Four Tea.**  
There is more to be learned about pouring tea and coffee than most people are willing to believe. If those directions are made at the table, which is far the best way, they require experience, judgment and exactness. If they are brought on the table ready-made, it still requires judgment to apportion them that they shall prove sufficient in quantity for the family, and that the order members shall have the stronger cups. Often persons pour out tea, who, not being at all aware that the tea grows stronger as they proceed, bestow the poorest cup upon the greatest stranger, and give the stronger to a very young member of the family, who would be better without any. Where several cups of equal strength are wanted, you should pour a little into each, and then go back, inverting the order as you fill them, and the strength will be apportioned properly.  
An earthen pot is by far best for brewing; the tea may then be poured into a silver pot if desired. Heat the pot and pour the water out before putting in the tea required, filling up at once with boiling water; set from the fire about ten minutes to draw, then pour out as above.

**Words of Wisdom.**  
Adversity undermines many a structure of prosperity.  
They never need fear a fall who never scale the heights.  
He who wisely uses his health need not leave it for his tombstone.  
"True genius stalks abroad in the full light of day."  
Prosperity awaits all men, and even pursues some, but it is never found in the haunts of vice.  
The sight of a man's money is often times the antidote for the odor of a very bad character.  
The wisest fish long escapes the most dangerous hooks, and is finally caught with a bent-up pin.  
The ambition of youth looks forward to the triumphs of age, while sated age turns back a wistful eye along the rosy path of youth.  
It is well the book of life is opened to us page by page. Were all the hard lines bared at once the task would be too hard to master.

**There are many considerations aside from pure sentiment which conduce to marriage. Convenience, pecuniary advantage, social elevation, business connections, all have their influence.**  
He who complains that the world is hollow and heartless unconsciously confesses his own lack of sympathy, while he who believes that people as a whole are kindly and humane is certain to have the milk of human kindness in his own nature.  
The transfer of bees from a hive or locality to another may be made in the fall, but it must be done before warm weather is over in order that the bees may mend and repair the comb and seal up with propolis, but the transfer is better made in the spring, as early as possible as the weather will permit. The combs are more easily handled then, having little honey. No process in apiculture gives a better introduction to bees or more confidence to self than transferring. After this is successfully done, no man or boy has any fear of bees.

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The greatest circulation in the United States—Blood's.

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