Origin of the Fork.

It seems clear enough, in the light of negative evidence, that the few forks included in the silverware of the agen were not used as forks are used today. Since kitchen forks served as spils and for holding roasis, it is probable that the high-born lords and iadies of those times, who only appear to have presented these instruments, used | their silver forks for toasting their bread at the breakfast-room fire. There is some direct evidence that they were employed to hold subatances particularly disagreeable or inconvenient to handle, as toasted cheese, which would

leave an unpleasant smell ; or sticky sugar dainties; or soft fruits, the ASPECIFIC FOR MALARIA, juice of which would stain the fingers.

Ouly one incident is related of the use of the fork in the eleventh century fashion. This was by r. noble lady of Byzantium, who had married a Doge of Venice, and continued in that city to eat after her own custom cutting her meat very finely up and conveying it to her mouth with a two-pronged fork.

The act was regarded in Vanice, according to Pietrus Damianus, as a sign of excessive luxury and extreme effeminacy. It suggests a probability that the fashion of eating with forks originated at the Imperial Court of Byzantium and then extended to the west. Some hundreds of years had still to pass before it could be domiciliated in Europe, for this Doge's Byzantine wife lived in the eleventh century, while the fashion of eating with forks did not become general till the seventeenth cencentury.

The Snow Flower.

Count Anthoskoff's curious disevery of the snow flower is likely to interest floriculturists for some time to come, as from the accounts given of it, it appears to be not only a remarkable but a singularly beautiful plant. It was discovered on the perpetually frozen ground of Siberia, but Count Anthoskoff has succeeded in raising plants from seed placed in a pot of snow at St. Patersburg. The blocm lasts only for a single day, and comes once in two years. A French contemporary thus describes it : The leaves are three in number, and each about three inches in diameter. They are developed only on that side of the stom toward the north, and each seems covered with microscopic crystals of saow. The flower when it opens is star shaped, its petals of the same length as the leaves, and about balf an inch in width.





that the most delicate stomach will bear. the disappearance of whole cities was not unusual. In 1456, 60,000 persons RHEUMATISM. NERVOUS PROSTRATION,

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Few of those who have sojourned ever quite a long time in Yosemite valley are aware that it is filled with myriads of mocking birds, the other sights and sounds overpowering all else, and beside, the birds make their haunts as far as possible from the places where the travelers go. The writer of this was in that wonderful valley and was invited to make one of a quiet party and ride down to the Bridal Vell falls. The stream that fell from that sublime cliff was thin and transparent, and looked a little thing from that awful height seen through this natural rift in the trees which made a fitting frame for so grand a picture.

The thundering of the water inte that seething caldron ceased, and we looked to see where it had gone. The wind had swept that floating, misty veil aside and dashed the bright drops against the mighty sides of the mountain, where it nourished millions of beautiful flowers, and the misty veil swayed and swept in a rainbow arch far aside, and silence reigned unbroken for one moment, and then burst forth the song of the mocking birds in the trees, the bushes, the air, until the whole forest pulsated in unison with their song.

Millions of brown coated birds there were everywhere, until the whole of our very natures seemed permeated with their music. Sometimes low and sweet, again sad plaintive, and then full, rich and triumphant like a pman of joy and gladness, while we looked at each other in wondering silence. Just as it seemed that the melody was unsupportably sweet, and that our hearts could not contain more without the relief of tears or shouts, the wind died away and the water again struck with an awsome roar into its rocky hollow with a force that made the earth tremble, and was again lashed to furious foam and the song of the mocking birds hushed. Thus it goes on ever and ever, alternately, and has for ages, the song of the birds and the thunderous reverberation of the cataract.

Royal Dinners in England.

The royal dinner partles of England are the most formal and studied in the world, To beginners they become a frightful ordeal, and they rarelysat the end can tell what the meal consists of ; to old stagers they are a frightful bore. The novices are expected to arrive early so as to be posted by Sir Henry Ponsonby in court etiquette. The queen usually receives her guests for afternoon tea in her own sitting room, and remains a short time with them chatting on light subjects ; then they are permitted to wander over the eastle or stay in their rooms till dinner time, which is at 9. She says a few words to each guest as she enters the dining room, and then leads the way to the table. It always seems so discourteous for no one to step up and offer the old lady his arm, but it would require an equal in rank to do so, and she enters and leaves the room alone. There is very little conversation at the table. Each guest is asked one question by the queen, and can make one reply. The pauses between are dreadful, and the mechanical parceling out of questions and answers makes it seem as if the queen were putting a Bible class through is catechism. Each one walts for his turn to come next, and in the embarrassment the "answers" are often of the most stupid kind. Making the Sun Work. One of the most notable invention displayed at the Paris Exhibition was an apparatus for transforming the heat of the sun into motive power for pump-

Chinamen as Smokers,

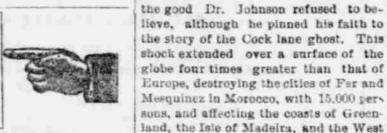
The Chinese emoke early and often and it is as good as a play to watch one of the nobles of China using tobacco. He prefers the water-pipe, and he has a servant who puts the pipe-stem in his mouth, and waits till he has taken half a dozen whiffs before he carries n away again. The smoke comes bub. bling through the liquid, and the al. mond eyes of the Celestia! sparkle with enjoyment as the nicotine enters his blood. Li Hung Chang smokes in this way, says Frank Carpenter in the One. ier, Journal, and during the interview which I had wish him at Tien Tein, his servant held a pipe with a stem at least four feet long to his lips, and lighted a for him at intervals of ten minutes The great viceroy took about ten whith at a time, and then the servant took the pipe away, pulled out its metal bowi and refilled it with tobacco, bringing it back a little later on to patiently hold it to his excellency's Hps while be smoked.

The Chinese do not use cigara nor chew. They have tobacco much like the American pigtail twist, which they cut up for smoking, and they are large. ly addicted to shuff. You will find snuff stores in the larger cities, and the article used is coarser than the South snuff. The women smoke, and not a few of the boys and men are addicat to the use of cigarettes. The average Chinese cigarette is the poorest and cheapest in the world. You can get three of them for one-tenth of a city, a d they are dear at that.

The Man In the Moon.

Most persons are under the impres. sion that this familiar impression refers only to the faint appearance of a face which the moon presents when fall. But these better acquainted with folk-lore are aware that the object reforred to under the name of the Manin the Moon is a dusky resemblance to a humau figure which appears on the western side of the luthinary when eight days old. The figure is something like that of a man in the act of climbing, and carrying a them bush upon his back. There is a detached object before him which looks something like a dog. Among various nations it is a popular notion that this figure is the man referred to in the book of Numbers as having been detected by the children of Israel in the wilderness in the act of gathering slicks on the Sabbath-day, and whom the Lord directed to be stoned to death without the camp. Dante, in his "Infero," makes a reference to the Man in the Moon, but calls him Cain, a variation from the popular English idea.





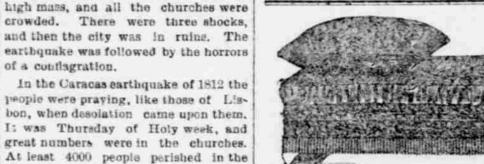


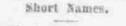
bon, when desolation came upon them. I: was Thursday of Holy week, and great numbers were in the churches.



The Moors have extraorditary ideas concerning female beauty. They fancy

an oily skin, teeth projecting beyond the lips, pointed nails an inch long and a figure so corpulent that two persons very entry to take. One or two pills rinke set. They are strictly very take and do ripe or purge, but by their gentle action is all who use them. In vials at 25 centar pulting their arms around the waist Par St. Bold courses





The family in France which has no other surname than the letter B, has, since the publication of the account of a registry efficial's perploxity over the name, developed several rivals. In Balgium there is a family of some distinction whose name is O. One branch of this family is said to be drseended from a French Marquia of O. who was a court official in the reign of Henry HIL

In addition to the French village named Y, there is a river Y ; and in Sweden there is a village called A. It is said that there is in China a village named V, but as the Chinese have

no equivalent for our alphabet, the bestowing of this name upon it on the maps must have been the result of the ingenuity of the geographer, who had no room to get in "Vop" on his chart.

How to Resent the Prowning

A noted swimmer in answer to the question : "What is the best course to purgue in aiding people who are drawning says : "Take by the back hair and hold them at arm length; 1've noted one thing about drowning people. When they are sinking the first time if they see you and they rize again they know where to grapple with you, and the result is you both go down together. with a strong probability that you will be drowned. Is is my advice, that if you go to rescue a drowning person you should swim around him and keep behind him, so he won't see you when he comes up the second time. Another thing when going to a person's rescue try to gain his confidence. It is a fact ! that one singer placed under a swimmer's body will keep him affo t if you can only get him to believe it."

A Valuable Seed.

Undoubtedly the most valuable aingle seed in the world has recently been offered for sale at Calcutta,, India. 1: is the ekumkhi rudrakshi, a sacred seed regraded with much veneration by the followers of Shira, because of certain supernatural qualities ascribed to to it. What these qualities are is something of a mystery. The seed is produced by a tree in Nepaul, the only one in existence. It is only once in many years that any seeds are produced, while out of a million it is seldom that more than three perfect seeds are found. An offer of the large amount of a inc of rupees (\$50,000) has been made for this seed, but has not been accepted, as | it is thought a much higher price will be paid for it.

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could scarcely make their fingers touch. A woman of moderate pretentions to beauty needs a slave under each arm to support her as she walks, and a perfect belle carries weight enough to load a camel. Mothers are so applous to have their daughters attain this unwieldly size that they make them eat a great quantity of millet pudding and drink several bowls of camel's milk a day. Mungo Patk snys he has seen a poor girl sit crying for more than an hour with the bowl at her lips, while her mother stood over her with a stick and heat her whenever she perceived that she was not swallowing. Toe Moors marry at a very early age and wives are always purchased. The futher of the girl cannot refuse an offer unless there is some stain on the young man's character. If a wife does not become the mother of a son she may be divorced by the busband. The mother of many sons is held in the highest respect and is never suffered to perform any mential office. How Far Can You Hear. Some experiments in judging distance by sound were carried out on Saturday last by one of the London brigades of the Metropolitan volunteers. This branch of military tatics is quite a departure in volunteering and one which, if it is to be made of service, will require more than an ordinary amount of practice. It was first explained to the men that sound travels ALTOONA, PENN'A at the rate of 1,100 yards in three seconds, and on this basis they were to estimate the distance at which some rifles were being discharged in the darkness. The answers at first were very wide of the mark, some of the men being as much as 150 yards out in their calculation. With a little practice, however, a great improvement, was shown, many of the men guessing the distance exactly. I am told, however, that the experiments are not as satisfactory as was hoped, and is thought some time must elapse before judging distance by sound can be relied upon with any certainty. A Dinner In Palestine. The Jews generally eat their dinner before noon, and their supper after sundown. The chief meal of the Jews was in the evening ; of the Egyptians it was at noon. The early Hebrews sat or squatted round a low table upon which the meal was served, but in later time conches were used to recline upon before the tables. The guests were ranged in order of rank side by side, resting upon the left elbow, the right arm being free. The disbes, as they



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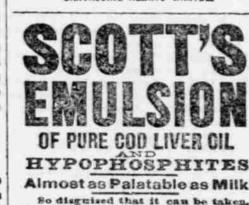
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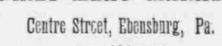
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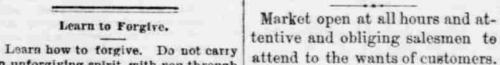
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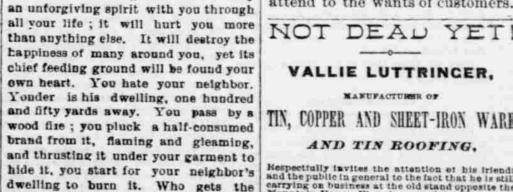
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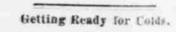
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must be torture.

Does'n't it beat all how people will begin to muffle up their necks the moment a bit of frost appears ? People who live is the country, and are to fit manner born, never bother with the bundling up of the neck and rendstat themselves liable to colds, but 33 your city man who has a farm or place in the country who comes into the call with a moffler about his neck and his coat collar up, or caps on our muffabfore it is scarce time to discard size hats, and then he wonders where he sa that cold, and if there isn't something the matter with the country after al For he recalls that he scarce ever had a a cold of a winter while in the difbut now has the regulation winter cold What a spectacle is it to see bankers and brokers and booksellers and bosh ness men generally bustling for the early morning train, wrapped life mummies is their expensiv muller

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