

LOCUSTS IN CHINA.

They Are Regarded as a Calamity from Heaven.

The Singular Method Adopted by the Celestials for Destroying the Pests A Quick Occupation for Soldiers.

The great province of Kiang-Soo, China, is being devastated by locusts. Consul Jones at Chin-Kiang sends the state department an account of the locusts, and asks for suggestions to dispel the scourge, says a Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

There is a curious and widespread belief among the Chinese in the existence of a "king" locust—a "king" of locusts of colossal size, and quasi-supernatural character, who hovers invisibly in the upper regions of the air, directing and controlling the migrations of the different swarms.

"I know of few sights," writes the consul, "more extraordinary than a swarm engaged in pairing. The insects, circling, crossing and recrossing, with a faint, whirling noise, and settling on the ground in thousands of couples, you cannot take a step without crunching heaps of them under your feet, while thousands more start up in the air against your legs, hands and face."

The eggs are deposited in holes drilled by the female an inch or more deep in the ground. The time required for hatching depends entirely on the temperature. In very hot weather the new brood begins to make its appearance in a few days.

The destruction, by suitable measures, of this formidable pest, involving, as it does, the prevention of famines, fever epidemics and riots, is a matter of grave public concern. One constantly hears of mandarins losing their positions and being disgraced as the penalty of remissness or failure to destroy the enemy.

Consul Jones says the Chinese consider that the visitation of the locusts is a calamity from Heaven, and that there is no help for it. Chinese chroniclers mention many instances of the appearance and the calamities inflicted by locusts in former times, but they have no peculiarly effective methods of destroying them.

The soldiers, with their officers at their head, are used against the locusts as against an adverse army in the field. Instead of a gun or a lance, however, each soldier is armed with a coarse hemp bag attached to a long pole, which, with wide-open mouth, is waved back and forth among the swarms until filled, when they are killed and the action renewed.

There are 10,000 Hollanders in the chief cities of the United States—more than half of them, 5,000, in Chicago.

There are 1,400 Mexicans in San Francisco. There are 2,300 Cubans in New York city and 1,200 in Brooklyn.

There are 18,000 Hungarians in the chief American cities—12,000 of them in New York and 3,200 in Cleveland.

There are 7,000 Welshmen in the chief American cities—2,500 in Pittsburgh, 1,500 in Chicago, 1,000 in Cleveland and 1,000 in New York and Philadelphia.

There are sixteen American cities having more than 200,000 population. Of these sixteen, Cleveland has the largest population of foreign-born inhabitants. Washington has the smallest.

There are 60,000 Bohemians in the chief American cities—25,000 of them in Chicago, 10,000 in Cleveland, 5,000 in New York, 2,000 in St. Louis and 1,400 in Milwaukee.

HUMAN NATURE IN EATING.

The Food Dining-Room as a Place for the Character of People. "If I can see a man handle his fork," said the clerk, "I can tell you the part of the country he belongs from."

"The hotel dining-room is the best place in the world to study human nature and the manners and breeding of our fellows. It seems odd that people in the nineteenth century, when eating will still feed themselves with their knives, especially in a first-class hotel. Yet instances of this habit are very frequent.

"As a rule guests from Boston and New York are the most correct in their table deportment. They are very exacting as to service, and all manipulate their knives and forks in one way, which is the proper way. It may seem a little strange to form a basis for a judgment of a man's character in the manner in which he holds his fork, but it is a correct one. Some still hold the fork in their right hand, and others, others, while others grasp it as you would grasp a pineapple cheese soap.

"If a man has a mistake which falls down over his mouth he may be pardoned for putting the point of the spoon to his lips. But when you see a man do this, and women, raise their elbow and pour their soup down their throats from the point of the spoon, as you would feed a sucking pig, you regret that they cannot be educated in the ways of the world.

"The American college of the middle of this century, like its English original, existed for the work of the church. If the college dies the church dies, and the basis of its appeal for money influence is gone. Its duty was to form a class of educated men in whose hands would be the preservation of the faith. In the months of ignorant men the truth of the church would be clouded. Each wise man would be a man of wisdom, not merely by human foil.

"The needs of one church indicated the needs of others. So it came about that each of the many organizations, called churches in America established its colleges here and there about the country, all based on the same general plan.

"As the time passed the rivers and prairie grew with the progress of the country into large cities, so it was thought, by some mysterious virtue of inward expansion, these little schools in the country should be enlarged into cities. And in this optimistic spirit the future was foretold and the schools were called universities from the beginning.

"As time passed the American college and the wolf at the door—a tedious, belittling conflict, which has done much to lower the name and dignity of higher education in this country.

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CHICAGO'S BIG FAIR.

Miss JULIA WARD HOWE made an album of photographs of women ministers for the Columbian world's fair.

JAY GOULD'S collection of annual passes for 1881 is being exhibited at Chicago. There are about one hundred and fifteen or one hundred and twenty of them, but only a half-dozen or so show signs of use.

August 9 has been named as the day for a grand gathering of irrigators at the world's fair. On that day the two hundred and seventy-fourth anniversary of the assembling at Jamestown of the first representatives of the growing body of Americans will occur.

The financial report of the exposition of all expenditures up to March 1 shows that \$15,584,310.16 have been spent, and all but about \$2,000,000 of this amount is for construction. The gate receipts up to date are reported to aggregate \$26,510.75, showing that \$12,343 people have visited the grounds since the admission fee has been charged—Scientific American.

The exhibit of fine woods made at the world's fair by West Virginia in the Forestry building consisted of two hundred and fifty splendid specimens, finely polished and finished in a manner which will show the special characteristics and qualities of all growths and varieties to the best advantage.

There are 45 varieties of the common fly. Some butterflies lay over 100,000 eggs. There are 240,000 varieties of insects. Rivers hold in suspension over 100,000 of their volume of solid matter.

The pulsation of an infant is from 130 to 140 beats a minute; of an old man 75 to 80. A THIRSDAN millions of the animal-kingdom are found in stagnant water do not collectively equal the size of a grain of sand.

The amount of air that a man will inhale in twenty-four hours will fill seventy-three hogheads and weigh fifty-three pounds. LIGHT may be transmitted to the human eye through a slit in a piece of paper not more than one forty-thousandth of an inch in width.

If a lump of potassium is thrown on the surface of water it attracts the oxygen so rapidly as to become highly heated, and then it explodes, the hydrogen liberated by the abstraction of the oxygen.

WELL KNOWN IN EUROPE. Eighteen of the principal presents given to Benjamin on his birthday are valued at \$20,000. ISMAEL PASHA, the ex-khedive of Egypt, is said to be worth \$25,000,000, and resides on the Nile in the Bosporus in a palace of great splendor.

DEYAL PASHA, the grand vizier of Turkey, refuses to keep a harem. He has but one wife, over since he married her, many admirers have possessed his undivided affection.

PRINCESS MARIA, of Parma, is not pretty, even for a royal bride. She has a long, large countenance, disfigured by a very long and substantial nose, and it is ungenerally said that her face looks like that of a horse.

The ladies of Dresden have been holding a riding tournament, the honors of the contest being won by a young English girl, Miss Theresa Brooks. Her final exploit was the driving of a pair of horses tandem while riding her own horse at full speed.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE. The world over the Baptist membership has increased from 3,396,543 in 1860 to 4,915,839 in 1892. A ROMAN Catholic missionary at Pedong, on the India border of Tibet, is translating the gospel of John into Tibetan. This he proposes to have printed and sent into Tibet by the traders who pass that way.

NINE cases of missionary arrowroot have been sent to Edinburgh, this year, from Ameytown, and three from Fortuna. The latter is a contribution from the native Christians to help prepare native teachers and to build the first church in Fortuna.

The twenty-eight Congregational churches in the Manhattan association have a total membership of 15,500. Their contributions for benevolent purposes in 1892 aggregated \$20,942.21, while home expenditures for church purposes amounted to \$250,343.39.

GUN AND SAIL. In all the wars in which Britain has taken part she has won eighty-two per cent of the battles. MR. D. W. HIGGINS, of Mexico, Mo., possesses one of the few patents issued by the confederate government. It was for a breech plug for a cannon.

REAR ADMIRAL BENHAM, who commanded one of the squadrons in the Hampton Roads naval review, was commander of the vessel that bore Gen. Grant around the world.

There are actually horse marines in the service of the United States, but these are merely the name, they are entitled by rank to ride. If they go on shipboard they do not take their horses with them. Majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels in the corps have horses.

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PERSONAL BREVITIES.

THE NILE has a fall of only 6 inches in 1,000 miles. There are ninety active volcanoes in Central America.

FRUITS are the most dangerous drink in Paris. The dirtiest and most unhealthy city in the world is Amoy, China.

There are fifteen million people on the Mediterranean sea, but they are very few on the globe. In Norway the average length of life is greater than in any other country on the globe.

PELLA, 800,000 domestic animals, valued at \$6,000,000, are annually decimated by the wolves in Russia. PARIS has an insurance company that refuses to issue policies on the lives of any people who use hair dye.

The highest inhabited place in the world is the custom house of Annapolis, in Peru, 16,000 feet above the sea level. CORNELL NEWSOM reports that in Maguayra women are allowed fifteen annual visits in every hour to smoking cigarettes.

The flying foxes of Australia are multiplying so rapidly that it is feared they will soon become as great a pest to the rabbits. CHILDREN'S footsteps are light, but when they are patterning around the flat overhead they sound like thunder.

PHILOSOPHICAL—"Do you approve of going to the theater?" She (practically)—"Oh, thank you! Any night you like"—Chicago News Record. HENRY—"What do you think?" WILLIAM—"I think you're a fool."—Wicked. "He's a regular stick, and she's all fire and brimstone."—Boston Transcript.

PROVERB who doth the truth of the saying that antelopes are the most timid realization generally changes the minds after trying to realize on the thing after a pawbush.—Troy Press. JOHNSY—"Don't you see that?" HENRY—"I see it." WILLIAM—"It's a match." WICKED—"It's a match." He's a regular stick, and she's all fire and brimstone."—Boston Transcript.

EX-SENATOR JOSEPH E. BROWN was seventy-two years old a few days ago, and he is reported to be enjoying a "ripe and serene old age." BENJAMIN FRANKLIN died in 1790 and the validity of his will has only recently been established. What a warning against leaving one's good deeds to be done by other people instead of doing them one's self!

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THE INCOME of the Chinese physician, Li Po Tai, who died recently in San Francisco, where he had lived for nearly 60 years, was \$40,000 a year. He had many white patients. His specialty was asthma, and to this malady he succeeded.

TRY THESE. MENDING torn books with white tissue paper. REVIVING leather chair seats with white egg. A RUBBER a crawling hinge with a very soft lead pencil.

A COTTON-PLASTER covering for the broom, to use in "brushing up" dirt. CLEANING plaster of paris ornaments with wet starch, brushed off when dry.

A LITTLE saltpeper, or soda, or a rusty nail in water to keep flowers fresh. REMOVING grease from garments by sprinkling with one tablespoonful of salt to four of alcohol.—Good Home keeping.

THE AMERICAN HOG. Be sure the sows are studded for a crop of fat pigs that will sell well.

NO ANIMAL can compare with the pig in profitably utilizing the wastes of the dairy.

The greater the check the procreator receives the smaller the check the owner will receive.

FALL pigs have the advantage of the spring pigs, because they are sold in spring pigs, more live and do better and the results are not so far apart after all.

THE MAN with a butter dairy of 100 cows ought to raise twenty-five pigs in summer that will dress from 150 to 225 pounds each and half as many more in winter. Skim milk makes milk, clover a little middlings will do.

WHEN THEY WERE NEW. First July 9th. PINS made 1450. NEEDLES made 1545. NEEDLES made 1879. First newspaper 1844. COAL used as fuel 1891. SERRANUS used in 1182. First gold coin B. C. 300. TOBACCO introduced 1580. LEAD pencils used in 1594. WYOMING was used in 1801. First steam railroad 1826. First postage stamp 1840. KEROSINE introduced 1854. ELECTRIC light invented 1879. ENGLISH NOBILITY. LORD SHANNON, who before his accession to the title served on a mission in Manitoba, is known among his friends as the "Cowboy Peer."