

**THE COCONUT TREE.**  
It Furnishes Food, Shelter and Employment to Thousands.

Some interesting facts concerning the bearing of the Plantations—its Principal Products.

This palm does not grow spontaneously on Key West or on any of the other Florida islands, as the violent north winds which often prevail in winter reduce the temperature of southern Florida too low for this heat-loving tree, although when planted and cared for while young it grows to a moderate size on the keys, and sometimes bears fruit; otherwise the nuts which are cast upon those shores by the gulf stream would have produced plants that would gradually have covered them, for it is in this way that the coconut has been able to gradually spread over all the sandy coral shores of the tropics of the two worlds. The place of its first home is uncertain. It was believed by the younger Candolle to have first appeared on some of the islands of the Indian archipelago, whence it was carried either by ocean currents or by man to the southern coast of Asia, east tropical Africa, to the islands and shores of Pacific tropical America. Undoubtedly it was brought by man to the West Indies and Brazil after the discovery of America by Europeans, although it has now so spread almost over the entire world, and is now being introduced by the agency of man, that it has every appearance of being indigenous on the shores of east tropical America.

The coconut palm, says Garden and Forest, is a magnificent plant, well named "a prince of the vegetable kingdom," with tall, slender columnar stem eighty or a hundred feet high, and thick, scaly bark, and large, fan-like leaves which are thirty or forty feet long, and flutter and rustle with every breath of wind.

The coconut grows only near the shore, where its roots, penetrating the sandy soil, may drink freely from clear underground springs. Of all trees it is the most useful to man, furnishing food, shelter and employment to hundreds of thousands of human beings. In tropical countries, especially in southern India and Malaya, the coconut supplies to whole communities the chief necessities of life. Every part is useful, the roots and trunk being used against fevers; from the trunk, houses, boats and furniture are made; the leaves furnish the thatch for houses and the material from which baskets, hats and many other articles are made; the network of fibers at their base is used for sieves and is woven into cloth; from the young flower stalks a palm wine, called toddy, is made, from which an arak, a fiery alcoholic drink, is distilled. The value of the fruit is well known. From the husk, which is called coir, commercially, cordage, bedding, mats, brushes and other articles are made. In the tropics, lamps, drinking vessels and spoons are made from the hard shells. The albumen of the seed contains large quantities of oil, and is used for cooking and as a illuminating; in Europe and the United States it is often made into soap and candles, yielding, after the oil is extracted, a refuse valuable as food for cattle, or as a fertilizer. In some parts of the tropics the kernel of the seed forms the chief food of the inhabitants. The cool, milky fluid which fills the cavity of the fruit when the nut is young affords an agreeable beverage and the albumen of the young nut, which is soft and jelly like, is nutritious and of a delicate flavor.

As might be expected in the case of a plant of such value, it is often carefully and extensively cultivated in many countries, and numerous varieties, differing in the size, shape and quality of the fruit, are now known. The coconut is propagated by seeds; the nuts are sown in the ground, and at the end of six or eight months the seedlings are large enough to plant. The plants are usually set twenty-five feet apart each way, in carefully prepared beds filled with good soil. Once established, a plantation of coconuts requires little care beyond watering, which is necessary in its early years, to give a rapid and vigorous growth. In good soil the trees usually begin to flower at the end of five or six years, and may be expected to be in full bearing in from eight to twelve years. Thirty nuts from a tree is considered a fair average yield, and some individual trees have been known to produce an average of three hundred nuts during a period of ten years. An application of manure increases the yield, and the albumen of the young nut, which is soft and jelly like, is nutritious and of a delicate flavor.

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A friend relates to me an incident that occurred on the evening of the day when the news of the death of Preston S. Brooks came to Massachusetts, says the Boston Herald. It was at a spiritualistic exhibition held in the town of North Bridgewater, near the city of Boston. A committee of citizens had been chosen from the audience to sit at the table on the platform with the medium to ask questions and otherwise represent the audience in the interest of candid investigation. One of the committee, a well-known citizen, was one of the questioners. He was to do the questioning. After a few introductory inquiries, to which replies were made by the regulation of the table, the questioner asked the spirit world by the query: "Is the spirit of Preston S. Brooks present?"

There was no reply and the question was repeated. After a few more hesitating raps at the table, but which could not be determined whether the answer was in the affirmative or the negative.

"You know that he is dead, don't you?" shouted the committee member.

The answer by raps was now distinctly "no."

"Well, he is, thank God!" yelled "Uncle Jake, who was wrought up to great excitement, and who had had better make a note of it."

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**DINED WELL WITHOUT COST.**  
The Trick by which a Moneyless Scamp Swindled a Washington Restaurateur.

An unprincipled scamp, recently played a game upon a Washington restaurateur that for originality and cleverness has not been matched in any of the time-honored stories of Benvenuto Cellini or any other "entertainers" of the "bill." He was a well-dressed, gentlemanly-looking person—any other would not have secured much attention in the cafe which he worked—and he ordered a dinner until the bill was presented. At that point he uttered an exclamation of horror, and beckoned frantically to the waiter. That functionary not being sufficient to vent his wrath upon, he summoned the head waiter, and eventually the proprietor. They then pointed out the cause of trouble—a dead fly in the desert. Words could not express his well-figured disgust, or the proprietor's indignation at this unfortunate occurrence. The cook was called up and "roasted" more effectively than he ever did his meats, and the restaurateur offered every amenity in his power. But the guest professed to be almost overcome with nausea, and could not eat any more—he had probably had all the wanted. Of course the proprietor could not think of charging for such an unfortunate meal, and was only too thankful that the guest should escape the attention of the other guests. But when the disgraced guest had gone a bystander, who had watched the occurrence, remarked to the proprietor, "Why, didn't you see him put that fly in the desert?" And the subsequent conversation was unfit for publication.

**POWERFUL WAVES.**  
The Effect of a Gale Over the Great Salt Lake.

A correspondent of the Youth's Companion recently witnessed a most convincing proof of the weight of salt-laden waters of the Great Salt Lake. A strong gale of wind blowing over the lake and driving its surface into low, white-capped ridges, while along the shore the foam lay like flat banks of new-fallen snow. If it had passed across a lake of fresh water of equal extent that wind would unquestionably have produced such an agitation of its surface that navigation in small boats would have been difficult if not highly perilous.

But the waters of the Great Salt Lake, although driven into ridges as just remarked, showed a curious resistance to the wind and the waves, rising only a slight elevation, moving along with an appearance of slowness that the eye could not but notice.

Yet there was an immense momentum stored up in those low, heavy, slow-moving waves. Venturing into the lake with a boat, the depth did not exceed four feet the observer found that it was impossible to stand against them. Their sheer weight swept him resistlessly along.

The buoyant buoyancy of the water, containing twenty per cent of heavy salt in solution, increased the helplessness of the bather. He was not submerged, as sometimes occurs in the Atlantic breakers, but was lifted and carried along by the waves.

It would probably have been impossible to dive through an oncoming wave after the manner practiced by bathers along the Atlantic coast. In the Great Salt Lake people are not drowned through sinking, but straggled while still afloat. The bitter water may enter the air passages with fatal effect, but the body continues to float until it reaches the shore or is picked up.

**BRUIN WAS KNOWING AND BOLD.**  
It Was Against Orders to Shoot, So He Killed the Soldiers' Camp Nightly.

"I was in Yellowstone Park this summer," said a Wyoming "buck" man, "one of the gamekeepers told me about a bear that worried a camp of government soldiers almost to desperation for several weeks. Late one night a bear walked into the camp upon a tent, put the soldiers to flight, got what he wanted to eat, and went away. The next night the bear came around again, smashed down a tent and stole a mule. The next day the park rangers and the soldiers were prohibited from firing at the thieving brute, as well as from jabbing a bayonet into him, and the only thing they could do when the bear appeared, and was helping himself to rations was to get out of his way. Night after night the bold beast made a raid on the camp and ruined a tent or two. My informant said that this bear acted in this manner until the soldiers weren't fire at him, and that on each visit he became more saucy and destructive than before. When the bear's raids had become unbearable the commandant ordered the facts to the secretary of the interior, and what do you think? Word came back to shoot the bear, and that night, when the soldiers strolled boldly into camp, the bear put up a fight with his career by ridding him with bullets."

**PECULIARITIES IN MASSAGE.**  
The Differ-ence of Temperature Caused by Friction of the Skin.

Light friction of a part reduces surface temperature, says the New York Ledger. In ten experiments on healthy adults, whose arm-pit temperatures on both sides was equal, and whose feet temperature on the surface of both forearms was also equal, an eighty-eight degrees Fahrenheit or more, it was found, on subjecting the left forearm to gentle upward friction, that whilst the temperature in both armpits and in the unfrictioned right surface of the opposite limb remained constant, the temperature of the left forearm fell in all cases more than two degrees, and in three cases nearly four degrees. After firm friction, rolling, squeezing and kneading of the skin of the limb in all cases, the free cutaneous temperature rose to ninety-five degrees; but the armpit temperature remained the same on both sides, whilst in seven cases an interesting phenomenon was noticed on the opposite side—viz., the right limb sensibly perspired, and the free surface temperature of the unfrictioned forearm fell to eighty-four degrees during the time that the firm friction of the left limb was in progress. In regard to light friction, it has been impossible to detect any effect on the patients' sense of heat or cold, or on the circulation of blood. After firm friction of a part for five minutes comes a decided increase of the sense of touch, and the sense of locality, in most instances, being apparently improved.

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How an English Captain Put Out a Fire in the Night of Time.

The "Historical Records of the Forty-Third Light Infantry," the famous regiment which played a most important part in English warfare during the last quarter of the eighteenth century and the early part of the nineteenth, contains a stirring incident of the prompt action which averted a tragedy, says the Manchester Times.

Worn out with hard march the brigade under Capt. Lloyd approached the convent at Benevento, where the cavalry and reserve still remained, hoping for shelter. They were disappointed. The convent was occupied by several thousand infantry, and the lower galleries were so densely packed with the horses of cavalry and artillery that it was hardly possible for a man to make his way among them.

Two of the officers stood looking in at the dubious prospect through the single door that gave ingress and egress. A sudden cry of alarm burst from the lips of one of the officers. "Look out!" he cried, pointing over the backs of the horses. At that moment one of the inside wooden shutters burst into flame. Horrified, the officers looked at the burning shutter, and realized the hopelessness of the situation. It would be impossible to get the 6,000 men and horses out, and they must stand by and see their comrades perish miserably. There was no water near, and if there were, how get it through those densely crowded horses?

The flames crept upward towards the rafters. "Good heavens! Something must be done!" cried Capt. Lloyd. And then with a motion of the hand outside to be quiet, the brave captain leaped on the back of the nearest horse, and stepping from back to back of the animals, ran to the blazing shutter, tore it from its hinges and pitched it from the window. The fire was thus cut back to the door in the same way as before.

So quickly was the act performed that even the horses were scarcely disturbed. The building was saved and there was no panic, which would have been as disastrous as the flames. The captain's eyebrows and mustache were scorched, but that was all. "And they'll grow again," he said with a laugh.

**THE NILOMETER.**  
A Queer Instrument Used During the Annual Overflow of the Nile.

During the time of the periodical inundation of the valley of the Nile a queer recording instrument, known as the "nilometer," is hourly and daily consulted by a sluggish Egyptian officer, who, to judge from his manner and actions, is not very little of the river keeps its bed or overflows the whole northern half of the African continent. But, as it is the only labor he is forced to perform, and as his bread and cheese usually depend upon proper execution of the duties assigned, the record is taken with scrupulous accuracy. This queer and ancient "thermometer of the Nile" (it dates back to 845 A. D.) is situated at the end of the island of Ithania. It is simply an immense upright octagonal pillar standing in a well-like chamber, surrounded on four sides with strong walls provided with arched openings which allow the rising waters free access to the nilometer. The top of the pillar is covered throughout its length and on all of its eight sides with cubits and digits nicely divided, painted with great precision, much resembling sections of a gnomon. The pillar stands on a high platform, and is reached from above down by the bottom of the cistern, in which the nilometer stands, the well-worn steps attesting to the immense number of times the instrument has been consulted.

**GLASS BLOWERS.**  
Many attempts have been made to supplant the glass blowers by machinery, but up to this time none has attained commercial importance. Either the cost of production has been found to be higher than by the time-honored method, or the product produced was not of a quality up to the demands of the market. This is more especially the case in the kinds of bottles used to contain effervescent drinks, which must be capable of withstanding a pressure of several atmospheres without failure. This, in fact, is the critical point in the automatic manufacture of bottles, since the difficulty which must be overcome in the distribution of the glass, formed in the handwork, is the uniformity of the bottle as to shape and size. The attempt has been made to press the body and bottom separately and to unite the two by fusing them together, but the bottles made in this manner were very heavy and of poor appearance. The bottle machine invented by Ashley, in England, aroused much interest and was much talked of, but the machine being formed to engage in bottle manufacture by this method, but none, if they still survive, has succeeded in putting any great amount of ware on the markets of the world.

**A CHINESE TALENT.**  
There is a strange Chinese legend concerning the tea plant, according to the story, there once lived a very pious hermit who passed the greater part of his life in prayer and vigils. He was, however, unable to keep awake as long as he wished, and often found his eyes closing while he was in the very midst of his devotions. This naturally annoyed him, and one day in a fit of wrath against this weakness of the flesh, which he deemed to be a hindrance to his piety, he cut off the offending eyelids and cast them upon the ground. But his action had been observed by a god, who immediately caused a tea shrub to spring up from the spot where the eyelids had fallen. It is in the leaves of this shrub, according to the legend, that the leaves of the tea plant are shaped like eyelids, fringed with lashes, and possess the power of warding off sleep.

**COULD I MARRY ON \$30,000 A YEAR.**  
"No," remarked the young man with a touch of sadness in his voice, "it may be that some day happiness will be mine, but at present it is beyond me. There is a girl whom I love dearly. She would have me if I only asked her, but I dare not. I really cannot marry and live on \$30,000 a year." His two friends to whom he spoke looked at him in wonder. For a moment they were speechless—concomitant and pity depicted on their youthful countenances. But presently speech returned to them exactly at the same time, and they fairly howled in their excitement. "You cannot marry on \$30,000 a year? Why not?" "Why not?" echoed the youth with the sad voice, which grew still sadder. "Why, simply because I haven't the \$30,000. And the mystery was explained."

**A GENERAL HINT.**  
The youthful clerklyman of a country place was invited to take tea with an elderly spinster whose attentions to him were of the motherly sort in all eyes, except those of her still older coachman and general factotum. To him his mistress could never grow old, nor other than a coveted match for any man. As he was bringing the guest of the occasion from the village he suddenly mentioned his business. Then, turning to the clerical boy, he demanded: "I've been thinkin' why don't you an' her hitch up?"

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The warden told the prince, who had been a convict in the prison, a Frenchman who had fought at Waterloo and had been in several battles with Napoleon the first emperor. The prince naturally asked to see the man. The warden then explained that the prisoner was in a dark cell for misconduct; that it was contrary to prison rules to take him out, but as the guests were going to see the man, the warden opened the door of the Frenchman's cell.

Then all followed the warden down the stairs and across the keyroom and the narrow passages to the galleries where the prisoners, and are a fine day. He paused at the door of the cell on the right hand tier of the main galleries and unlocked and opened the door. Louis Napoleon stepped inside the cell, with a merry twinkle in his eye, to see the man who had been in. It was too good an opportunity to be lost. The gentlemen were amused and brimming over with fun, when after a momentary detention, the door was opened and the noble Frenchman joined them to see the man. The warden enjoyed the joke except the subject of it. His sallow countenance reddened perceptibly for a time and then he joined in the laugh raised at his expense.

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THE YOUNG IDEA.  
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