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The Ancient and Modern History of Salt—Its Zany Uses and Where It is Obtained—A Great Industry,

The history of the "salt of the earth" is coeval with the earliest evolutions. Elisha, with salt, healeth the unwholesome waters; and to this day the cultured Israelite of Europe blesses sait at the last meal on the eve of his Sabbath, and then distributes it among his guests and family. He Rosh, Hashana, or New Year, Jom Kipur, or the Feast of Reconciliation, and Lonthos, or Feast of Tabernacles. It is a strict requirement of the Jewish religion that any slaughtered meat be soaked in brine for an hour.

Salt was used by the earlier Egyptians in fertilizing the famous soil of the Nile lands. It entered largely into the religious ceremonies of many people, and we find it mentioned in the hymn Rig Veda of the Brahmins, the Dhammapada of the Buddhists, the Zend Avesta of Zoroaster, the Analycts of Confucius, the Koran of the Mussulman, the Talmud of the Israelite, and the Divine Pymander of the Egyptians.

The Arabs have always regarded the giving of salt to their guests as the first and greatest requisite of hos- the Massachusetts coast. pitality. Give a grain of salt to a Mohammedan, and for the twenty-four sight, though you be his deadliest enemy

At the late grand Oriental ceremony of crowning the emperor of Russia, ment of the industry. the blessing and distribution of salt were marked features.

salt" of Greece is historical as the article with Quebec and Montreal. synonym of wit. Cicero said of a statement of dubious correctness, that which these mines have been developed it was to be taken cum grano salis-"with a grain of salt." Pliny compares a precious stone to a scintillating grain of salt. Cornelius Nepos uses salt as a synonym for good taste.

The Romans regarded a salt mine as giving extra value to a conquered territory, and in Hungary, even to the present day, the very mines opened by the Romans are still in working order. The mines at Chester, England, were also discovered and worked by the Roman conquerors. Livy speaks of the salt works founded by Ancus Martius at Ostia, and Cæsar also mentions them.

Horace writes of the Salinum or salt cellar as an heirloom, one of the sacred Lares and Penates or household gods, and Livy refers to it as being used at all sacrifices.

In the feudal period the salt cellar on the table was the line of demarcation between the patrician and plebeian, the former being seated above and the latter below it.

Among all races the spilling of the salt cellar is ominous of a quarrel or other misfortune. In cases of such accidents the French invariably throw three pinches over the left shoulder or sprinkle a little on a fire to avert the ill omen.

forbade the giving of salt to criminals, bear in mind the fact that the conie greates punishments to which they could be subjected; and the judges of Athens, by whom the almost inspired Socrates was condemned, and who were afterward censured for their action, were debarred the use of salt during the remainder of their lives. All the diamonds that ever came from the mines of Golconda-all the gold, silver, coal, iron and other metals that lie hidden in the bowels of the earth-all can be dispensed with in the extreme necessities of nations and people; but not so salt. It is their superior in that it is an absolute necessity, without which existence would be difficult and many of the daintiest viands that ever tempted the palate of a gourmand would lose their flavor. The London Lancet, in a recent issue, says; "Salt is the most widely distributed substance in the body. It exists in every suid and in every solid, and not only is it everywhere present, but in almost every part it constitutes the largest part of the ash when any tissue is burned. In particular, it is a constant constituent of the blood, and it maintains in it a proportion that is washed. They then take it in a state almost wholly independent of the called "blanks," that is, perfectly it maintains in it a proportion that is quantity that is consumed with the food-the blood will take up so much and no more, however much we may take with the food; and, on the other hand, if none be given, the blood parts unwillingly. Salt is used as a curative for dyspepsia. It is an emetic, a styptic, and a spoonful of dry salt will sometimes stop a hemorrhage. It is effectually applied to sprains and bruises, and is often used in cases of intermittent fever. In small doses it is a stimulant tonic, and in larger quantities a purgative and emetic. So great is the desire of animals for salt that they make regular trips to the places where it is to be had. This accounts for the so-called buffalo, deer, sheep and cow-licks so numerous throughout the country, and it is a well-attested fact that many discoveries of natural salt reservoirs by man are due to this cause. Suit is produced, first, from sea water by solar evaporation ; second, from lagoons, part solar and part steam evaporation; third, from solidified rock; fourth, from springs and wells varying in depth from 200 to 1200 feet, whence it is pumped into large vats and kiln dried. Asia is a large producer of salt. In China there is a continuous chain of salt wells all through the country, at a distance of 50 miles from one another. The lands are irrigated by these wells, and are so fertile that they produce crops that are the wonder of tism.

the world. Java followed her example, and immense crops of coffee were the result. In Siberia and Tartary the plains are covered with saline incrustations. There are some 50 salt lakes in Persia, which contain brine of extraordinary strength. In Palestine the waters of the Dead Sea contain unusual saline properties.

There are extensive tracts of salt lands and beds of rock salt in Africa, also. Honolulu is likewise a large producer, and ships the article in great quantities to San Francisco.

At Gracow, in Poland, there are salt mines 270 miles in extent, in whose uses it freely at the celebration of the, dark interior thousands of people pass their lives. Within their precincts is a lofty cathedral dedicated to St Anthony. The entire building, altar, statues, columns, pulpit and all, is built of solid rock salt. The imperial family frequently visits these mines, which are then illuminated, and festivals held within their limits. The kings of Poland derived their chief revenue from these mines, and depended upon them for the doweries of their queens and the endowment of their convents and other religious institutions.

Soon after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers the eastern portion of the Atlantic coast became dotted with factories for the making of salt by solar evaporation, and some vestiges of this industry are still to be found upon

Virginia had salt works at Cape Charles as early as 1630, and in 1689 hours that it remains in his body your person and property are sacred in his develop those of South Carolina, which later on assumed such importance that the colonial authorities enacted special laws for the encourage-

In the Northern States the Jesuit, Lemoyne, discovered the Onondaga salt In the works of all the classical mines as far back as the year 1700, writers frequent mention is made of and immediately thereafter the Indians salt and its many uses. The "Attic opened up a profitable traffic in this

Some conception of the extent to may be gained from the statement that while their product in 1788-less than a century ago-was only 100 barrels, it has now attained the enormous figure of nearly 2,000,000 barrels annually.

From 1830 to 1859 Michigan struggled in her efforts to utilize her salt wells, without avail. In the latter year the Legislature of that State decreed a bounty of ten cents per bushel. Since then its product in quantity and quality has excelled that of every other State in the Union. The annual product of the first date above was 400 barrels; now it exceeds 13,000,000 bushels.

During the Civil War the South had to rely upon the springs at Saltville, Washington county, Va., and a few other places within its borders for its supplies of salt; and a cargo of salt was regarded as one of the most valuable that a blockade-runner could bring in. In 1864, after General Stoneman made his raid upon the saltworks in Washington county, the inhabitants were compelled to dig up the earth of their old smoke-houses and wash out the residuum of salt therein, and the Confederate army found it necessary to send relays of men to the Florida coast to furnish them with a regular supply. Some idea of the vast amount of salt

The ancient laws of the Spartans used annually can be formed when we sumption per capita in the United States is estimated at 60 pounds; in Great Britain 25, and in France 20 pounds. The famous wool-growing merino sheep of Spain are estimated as consuming 25 pounds each year-as much as is consumed by the average Briton.-New York Truth.

A Composer.

"That gentleman at the plano is Professor Keymasher," sald Mrs. Crimsonbeak to the lady sitting next to her, in response to an inquiry while at a public rehearsal of the Philaccordeon Society last week.

"Well, I can't say that I think much of his playing," replied the lady frankly. "Why, bless my soul," exclaimed the surprised Mrs. Crimsonbeak; "he is

one of the finest performers in our society, and besides he is a composer." "A what?" interrogated the stranger.

"A composer," replied Mrs. C. "Well, all I have to say is that it

would take better playing than that to compose me. It makes me frantic."-Yonkers Statesman.

A Judge Shaking his Head.

When Lord Mansfield once exclaimed to Mr. Dunning, as he was laying down a legal point, "Oh, if that be law, Mr. Dunning, I may burn my law books?" "Better read them, my lord," was the ready retort.

In a sin ilar manner, an Irish judge shook his head as Mr. Curran was elaborating one of his points to a jury. "I see, gentlemen, the motion of his lordship's head; common observers might imagine that it implied a difference of opinion, but they would be mistaken. It is merely accidental. Believe me, gentlemen, if you remain here many days, you will yourselves tine. perceive that when his lordship shakes his head there's 'nothing in it!"

European Telegraph Lines.

The following list shows the lengths in kilometres (one kilometre-fiveeight's of a mile) of the telegraph lines throughout the Continent; Germany, 260,636, of which 37,604 are underground, France, 211,607 (11,652 underground);Russia, 523,538 (250 under-ground); Austria, 92,572 (571 underground); Italy, 89,150; Switzerland, 16,115 (327 underground); Belgium, 27,622 (232 underground); Spain, 40.+ 842; Denmark; 8,450(79 underground); Norway, 15,601. In Germany there are 4388 inhabitants to each telegraph station; in France, 7442; in Russia, 25,091; in Austria, 8594; in Switzerland, 10,850; in Sweden, 2794; in Spain, 43,358; and in Norway, 7411.

The careless use of matches annually entails enormous losses. A record of 133 noteworthy fires caused in this way during the year ended June 30 last, shows a property loss of \$411,540, and an insurance loss of \$211,685, which sums are believed to represent only three-fifths of the actual loss.

Under the head of "Traders and Dealers"- meaning commission men, middle-men, brokers and speculatorsthe United States census gives 481,450 as the total number in the country.

The Crow Indians are estimated to be worth \$2500 each in land.

Denver Dolngs.

Mr. J. A. McBeth, Pacific Express Office, Denver, Col., was cured by St. Jacobs Oil of an excruciating pain in the neck, and also tooth-ache. One application did the work.

A bad man shows his bringing up when he is brought up by a policeman. Picayune.

Mr. C. H. Draper, of No. 255 Main street, Worcester, Mass., volunteers the follow-Worcestar, Mass., volunteers the follow-ing: "Having occasion recently to use a remedy for kidney disease, I applied to my druggist, Mr. D. B. Willians, of Lincoln Square, this city, and requested him to furnish me the best kidney medicine that he knew of, and he harded me a bott's of Hunt's Remedy, stat-ing that it was considered the best because he had sold many bottles of it to his customers in Worcester, and they all speak of it in the highest terms, and pronou co it always relia-ble. I took the bottle home and commenced taking it, and find that it does the work ef-fectually; and I am pleased to recommend to all who have kidney or liver disease the use of Hunt's Remedy, the sure curs." April 11, 1883.

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Druggist's Evidences Mr. George W. Holcomb, druggist, 129 and 131 Congress street, Troy, N. Y., writes April 7, 1883:

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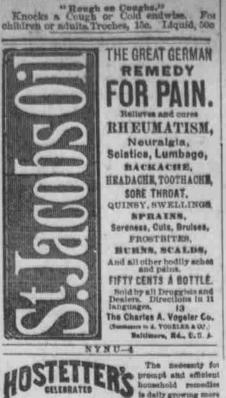
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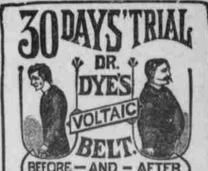
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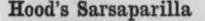
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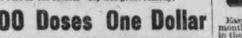
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