

A Census of Domestic Servants.

A census recently taken of the domestic servants of the principal cities of Germany discloses that Frankfurt has more than any other town in proportion to its size...

Bagley—"Bent is a very generous man." Brae—"In what respect?" Bagley—"He never passes a beggar that he doesn't borrow a dime from me to give him."—Harlem Life.

Mrs. Fidelia Papa, who is visiting friends in Cleveland, is the widow of the famous Dario Papa, one of the founders of the new Republican party in Italy...

Miss Trill—"I love to hear the bird sing." Jack Downright ("warily")—"So do I. They never attempt a piece beyond their ability."—Tit-Bits.

The Caretaker.

Caretaker is a word adopted into modern use and means one who takes care of, and is very generally applied to those employed to take care of things committed to their keeping...

Oh, What Splendid Coffee.

From Goodman, Williams Co., Ill., writes: "Mr. O'Connell, Salzer's German Coffee berry coating is a great success..."

Turkish Girls.

Turkish girls of the better class in the cities, after they are too old to attend the primary schools, are largely educated at home by governesses...

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The Queen and the Bicycle.

It now turns out that there was no such thing as the published story about the cycling performance of the young Queen of Holland...

Gentle Art of Blushing.

One of the latest additions to the curriculum of a Parisian school of education is a department for instruction in the gentle art of blushing...

The Ripple Collar.

The newest collar is the one known as "ripple," which really does not ripple any more than those of last year. It differs from the old collar in that it is snugger to the neck...

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AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Selling Off Poor Stock.
As winter approaches every farmer should look over his farm stock and consider what of it will pay best for keeping through until spring...

Halting Fall Calves.

There is a great unwillingness on the part of most dairymen to allow calves dropped in the fall to mature naturally. It is really the greatest objection to the extension of winter dairying...

The Apple Maggot.

The furrows which you see in apples are due to the presence of a worm in the apple, which is the product of an egg laid very early in the growth of the apple by the apple maggot...

Successful Grape Grafting.

J. I. Porter, of Ohio, writes: An old Clinton vine stood at the corner of the woodhouse which was so vigorous that its branches spread over everything within reach...

Women Centennarians.

It is an acknowledged fact that a great age is attained by women often in England. One of the most famous female centennarians was the Countess of Desmond, who lived to be 145 years old...

Old-fashioned Pink Cameos.

Old-fashioned pink cameos are coming into vogue again, and the old-time setting is to be retained. Huguenot caps are added to the tops of many of the short, full, puffed sleeves of evening bodies...

Collars with Stole Ends.

Collars with stole ends are worn by the woman who loves frills. They can be fashioned by any deft fingers directed by taste. Many of the demi-trained dress skirts are cut with nine gorges, and at the back some are box-plated and others fan-plated...

The New Shirt Waists for Spring.

The new shirt waists for spring are made up in the zephyr goods, with pockets, it is said. Instead of battons many of the prettiest shirt waists will be laced up with cords. Cravats of white net, small or liberty silk, trimmed with frills of lace, chiffon or net, are made easily and may be as simple or as elegant as time, skill and purse permit...

Whiskers For a Pillow.

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A TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

THE DRINK EVIL MADE MANIFEST IN MANY WAYS.
Trust in God—Beer and Dyspepsia—Medical Expert Shows the Appalling Physical and Mental Effects of Beer Drinking—Supreme Duty of the Hour—But thou trust in God, and He will lead thy faltering footsteps through temptation's maze...

THE SUPREME DUTY OF THE HOUR.

Our readers must have observed how continuously in our editorials we have urged upon temperance workers the importance of assailing the fortress of moderate drinking and overthrowing that stronghold as being the key to the situation. We are glad to see that Miss Willard, in her address as President at the National W. C. T. U. Convention, at Buffalo, called attention to this point in the battle against alcohol...

Greatest Cause of Poverty.

Trade unions, technical schools and benevolent societies have done much to elevate the condition of the laboring population in England. It is still, however, lower than in the United States, and in many places descends to degradation. John Burns, the English labor reformer, was asked what was the greatest cause of poverty in his country...

Doctors on Drink.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Association for the Study and Cure of Intemperance was held in Boston, under the Presidency of Dr. Lewis D. Mason. Among the papers read was one by Dr. E. D. Brothers, of Hartford, Conn., on "The Insanity of Intemperance."

An Intemperate Rule.

There is a firm of glass manufacturers in Philadelphia which was established in the early part of the century, whose founders, strict and consistent members of the Society of Friends, not believing in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, established a rule which has never been violated. These manufacturers have never made a whisky flask, nor any sort of decorative bottle, and their bottles contain either malt, vinous or spirituous liquors.

Temperance News and Notes.

The man who drinks champagne at night generally feels real pain in the morning. A match may start a conflagration and a powerful of brandy a thirst for liquor. A goldfish will die in ninety minutes if placed in water which contains one per cent of alcohol. In water which contains twenty per cent of alcohol it will die instantly.

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A Huge Python.

A python twenty feet in length, that lived in the reptile house of the London Zoological Society last month, was the largest reptile ever confined here. There is a general impression that pythons reach a length of forty feet or more, an absurdity made manifest when the authorities assert that the female Indian python still in the gardens, and but a trifle over eighteen feet long, is the longest snake in captivity of which there is any record. General impressions as to the length of these great reptiles are due to the absurd pictures that formerly decorated geographies and other works used sometimes as text books, showing a picture of a python in the act of crushing and swallowing an Indian buffalo. That was a ridiculous picture that was the father of many of the "freak journalism" pictures of the present day. The London python, which was a real instead of a fabulous reptile, was just over twenty feet in length. It was obtained in Malacca, and was presented to the society by Dr. Hampshire on August 29, 1876, and had, therefore, lived rather more than twenty years in England. During that period it had been fed principally with ducks, of which it sometimes swallowed four or five at one meal. Its food was offered to it once a week, but it sometimes refused to eat for a month together. The specimen will be mounted for the Tring Museum.

Some Tricks of Heredity.

Dr. Conklin gave many peculiar instances of family characteristics ranging through many generations. In one family it was noticed that three extremely long hairs appeared on the eyebrows of the children generation after generation, and in another family a small mark on the ear was reproduced for three generations by actual knowledge. Twins and triplets usually appeared time and again in the same family, and while the marked hereditary characteristics might be latent in one generation, they would appear in the next. He said that in Italy many hundred years ago a son was born who had six fingers and the number of his descendants who were similarly affected was countless. The facial expression, the color of the eyes, the hair, the carriage, and many little oddities appeared and reappeared. In his own family he noticed a peculiar manner of crawling on the floor in childhood was repeated in descendants and could not be corrected.

What Was Not in 1797.

Think of New York about one century ago! It did not contain one bathroom or a single furnace. In summer there was no ice. There were no public stages, no matches, and there was no such thing as a latchkey. The streets were narrower than the Liberty or Wall street of to-day. They were widened. There was a State law that commanded pedestrians northward bound to get out of the way of those going south. Pigs were the city scavengers. There was scarcely any light from the miserable lamps at night, and not a man in the city limits wore a mustache.

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Bad Digestion, Bad Heart.

Four ailments of an insane irregularity of the heart's action. This irregularity may be mistaken for real, organic heart disease. The symptoms are much the same. There is, however, a vast difference between the two; organic heart disease is incurable; apparent heart disease is often cured if good digestion be restored. A case in point is quoted from the New York Medical Journal, under the name of Mrs. Ellen Colson, Newport, Ind., a woman forty-three years old, had suffered for four years with distressing stomach troubles. The gases generated by the indigestion pressed on the heart and caused an irregularity of its action. She had much pain in her stomach and heart, and was subject to frequent and severe choking spells, which were most severe at night. Doctors were tried in vain; the patient became worse, despondent, and feared impending death.

A CARE OF HEART FAILURE.

She was most frightened, but noticed that in intervals in which her stomach did not annoy her, her heart's action became normal. Reasoning correctly that her digestion was alone at fault, she procured the proper medicine to treat that trouble, and with immediate good results. Her appetite came back, the choking spells became less frequent and finally ceased. Her weight, which had been greatly reduced, was restored, and she now weighs more than for years. Her blood soon became pure and her cheeks rosy.

A CARE OF HEART FAILURE.

The case is of general interest because the disease is a very common one. That others may know the means of cure we give the name of the medicine used—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves.

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