

FACTS AND FANCIES.

Shingled roofs shed water, and shingled boys are apt to shed tears.

Mr. Danil lives in Illinois. He is not a very prominent citizen, but his name is a household word.

Time changes all things. From romantic the young man comes to a rheumatic.

When you reach the plane of manhood it is quite natural that you should include in a little shaving.

Whenever a doctor visits a country he sees the figure of patients on several monuments smiling at grief.

Alabiados, long since deceased, was a "crank." Anyhow, history says he paid \$250 for a dog.

The man who can see sermons in running brooks is most apt to go and look for them on Sundays when trout are biting.

The turkey makes a good Thanksgiving dinner, but if you want to provide handsomely for a poor family, give them a gold eagle.

The proverb says: "The good die young." That settles it. We change our method of life. We don't desire to die immediately.

It is said that the new horse disease, pinkeye, can be caught by human beings. There is nothing strange about this. Potatoes had it many years ago.

Recently, at the launch of a ship, the orator of the occasion made a bow, picked his nose and delivered a few stern remarks in mastery style.

"Notice that you always sit at your wife's left, Mr. Miggins." "Yes, frankly returned Miggins, "that's the side her glass eye is on."

It is said that Guitarr is suffering from softening of the brain. Possibly, but no alarming symptoms of softening of his cheek have yet been noticed.

A young lady on Madison street now hush, "Meet me at the gate, love," the cool weather necessitating a change from "Meet me at the gate, love."

The Boston Post is authority for the statement that an esthetic, in English, recently paid \$500 for a couple of blue cans ginger pots, and the gentleman who owns a \$350 dog thinks the esthetic an ass.

"I tell you," exclaimed the theatre manager, "that Miss Dusk had an splendid reception. The house was fairly ablaze with enthusiasm." "Yes," said Fogg, dryly, "as the house was all paper it was easily set ablaze."

When New York policemen want to make an arrest they stand on a corner and yell "Free Lunch." If the criminal doesn't come on the run, they think he's dead.

Georgia sports of a goose over 40 years of age. The proprietor is obliged to wear a white coat, it is thought, to prevent neighboring boarding house men from securing it.

"Come on, boys," cried Ragbag's son, yesterday morning, "let's go down to the pond with our skates. If it ain't frozen so we can skate, we can go in swimming."

A telephone is a mighty handy thing to have in the family when you want to order something and have not the cheek to ask the man, to his face, to give you more credit. Yes it is.

THE WOMEN OF GEORGIA.—A letter from Odesa to the London Times says:—Georgia, I need scarcely mention, is the famed land of beauty, and the men we had with us in the train, or saw here and there in the country, do not certainly belie their reputation, for they are, usually tall and well-made, and have the classical high brow, the thin aquiline nose, the good mouth peculiar to the Caucasian type. They all, high and low, affect the Oriental garb; wear long, dark, almost trailing garments, round for caps, or white cloths, turbans, fashioned, but curiously and fantastically, if not picturesquely, falling in folds and folds to their shoulders; and all are girt with a silver belt on which hangs a ponderous scimitar and a long yatagan.

The practice of bearing arms is as universal among these Christians as among their most savage Mussulman fellow-subjects, though there is nothing warlike, or even very much in the look and bearing of these backboneless Georgians, who cannot forget how little their weapons availed them against Persians and Turks, from whose invasions they could find no other escape than in an ignominious surrender of their national existence; no refuge from the Turk except in the arms of the Russ. Of the beauty of the Georgian women no very striking specimens came anywhere in our way. Here, as everywhere else in Russia, females of all rank have their cigarette-cases in their pockets; but here for the first time I was applied to by a lady—a demure, more than a middle-aged lady—for "a light." Would the goddess of soul have been surprised? I reminded her that she also was in a non-smoking carriage, and that some of the stranger, and might object to tobacco smoke?

A SMALL BOY'S CURIOUS MISHAP.—The Hudson (N. Y.) Republican says: "A few days ago one of the residents of the town of Ghent was proceeding along the highway, driving a team of horses drawing a load of hay. On top of the hay was a small boy, son of the man driving the team. The air being chilly, the boy's prudent mother wrapped around his head and ears a muffler. As the team proceeded along the wagon was drawn under the branch of a tree, when, singular to relate, the limb passed under the muffler at the top of the lad's head and hauled him off the load in short order, leaving him suspended from the perilous position of his son in time to jump from the wagon and relieve him from the limb, which had yielded to the pressure upon it and was gradually letting the boy down. Although it was a very narrow escape for the lad."

FRENCHMEN AS COOKS.—Kate Stanton writes: "The Paris men have found one proper vocation—namely, to cook, and wash dishes, and administer to the needs of the most scientific city in the world, and men's 'sphere' is here scientifically settled in one respect, I am happy to know. If men fall below women in every other fine art, they may claim the palm in cooking. It is delightful to see how domestic and useful men can be when they are in their natural element. I am led to believe that one of the charms of the 'fented field' is the man's cooking. War is relieved of half his horrors, in my eye, if the soldier can only enjoy a good breakfast, cooked by French hands, before he goes out to be shot down! I wish American gentlemen would turn their attention to the high art of scientific cooking. I know many a household where turmoi incessant reigns; and I am now disposed to attribute the fact to the bad cooking of the hostesses. Let the men govern the cuisine and bring in peace. Tens of thousands of men have failed as merchants, manufacturers, speculators, teachers, lawyers, doctors and ministers, might make good cooks. Let them try."

BREATHING THROUGH THE NOSE.—The pernicious habit of breathing through the mouth while sleeping or walking, is very hurtful. There are many persons who sleep with the mouth open, and do not know it. They go to sleep with it closed and wake up with it closed; but if the mouth is parched and dry on awaking, it is a sign that the mouth has been open during sleep. Snoring is a certain sign. This habit should be overcome. At all times, except when eating, drinking, or speaking, keep the mouth firmly closed, and breathe through the nostrils, and retire with a firm determination to conquer. The nostrils are the proper breathing apparatus—not the mouth. A man may inhale poisonous gases through the mouth without being aware of it, but not through the nose.

A French inventor has patented an application of the electric light to bleaching of textile and other substances.

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