

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

A silent hour under the stars may whisper to your soul great thoughts of eternity.

Honesty is of all things the most cunning, because it is the only thing that the cunning do not foresee.

To find friends when we have no need of them, and to want them when we have, are alike easy and common.

Progress in evil is so rapid and inevitable that long after one has entered upon crime he believes himself still only in passion.

If you are not truly rich, why remain poor, since there is no need of it. Take a little stock in the "gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich."

This "gold tried in the fire" is in the market now, and though it is never below par value, yet all can buy it, for the price is renunciation of sin. You had better purchase now, for soon you will move away from the market.

The great highroad of human welfare lies along the old highway of steadfast well-doing; and they who are the most persistent and work in the truest spirit will invariably be the most successful. Success treads on the heels of every right effort.

A Confederate Shoe.

An interesting relic of the war is on exhibition in the store of a shoe dealer in Church street. It is a shoe weighing two pounds, one of a pair worn by a confederate at the battle of John's Island, S. C. After his capture he exchanged shoes with a private of the One Hundred and Fifty-sixth New York. The latter wore them for a while and brought them to Kingston, N. Y., in 1864. The shoe is of rude construction, having rawhide uppers, with a hard wood sole half an inch thick, covered at the edges with a strip of wrought iron half an inch wide. Seven iron rivets fastened the sole and uppers together. The heel is of wood, and covered with a heavy iron plate shaped like a horseshoe. This shoe was made in England for the use of the Confederate army, and is similar to those worn by miners there. -New York Tribune.

HUMAN HAIR.

Where Crops of It Are Grown; Bought and Sold.

It is Recognized as a Regular Article of Commerce.

In remote Swiss, German and French villages, traffic in human hair is as recognized a portion of the commerce as the sale of butter and eggs, and is, to the young peasant girls, a very important matter. They grow their hair with a view to selling it, just as their fathers and brothers grow their cereals and raise their cattle for the same purpose. In many cases, where they are fortunate enough to have it of a good marketable color and fine texture, they get for their ware more than their male relatives could hope to clear after many years of hard toil.

The great drawback to the lucrativeness of hairfarming is the slowness of growth and the fact that the same head is rarely known to produce a remarkable fine crop twice. An objection to it is a dislike, natural to a woman, to part with what is a nature-given ornament. We may feel positive that in the districts where hair is sold it is a proud distinction to be in constant possession of a good crop which is definitely understood to be "not for sale," and which argues well for the amount of worldly goods enjoyed by its possessor.

Here, where there is no recognized commercial value placed on luxuriant locks, it was a year or two ago quite fashionable to have hair short and wavy, like a man's. There, however, the consolation has to be administered in the shape of hard cash, and even with that great consolator in their hands the peasant hair growers can seldom see their shorn tresses gathered up by the indifferent purchaser with equanimity.

One village market is held every second Friday, and is attended by buyers from Paris only. These walk about the street—the village boasts but one long narrow one—while the girls stand about in couples so that they may give each other moral support. The business is transacted in a large room. The sellers, having had their hair combed out and examined, wait for an offer.

If this be satisfactory the buyer takes up a bright pair of shears fastened to his waist, and cuts the treasured tresses, papering and pocketing them quickly so that the denuded girl may see as little of them as possible once they have passed out of her possession. She then goes off and uses all the means she knows of to cultivate a new crop, which occasionally is successful up to the third and even fourth transactions, though rarely is the first bargain bettered. The crop, however, is capricious; occasionally a second growth and a third have been known to exceed the first in length and fineness to a surprising degree, though, if the color be fair and particularly of golden sheen, the second crop even is almost invariably not satisfactory in this one particular.

Purely white hair, if long and fine, may be converted into a little fortune by its possessor, supposing she be so minded. Albino women have been known to obtain for a crop of hair white as snow and fine as spun silk the nice little sum of \$750, which certainly would make hair farming a remunerative occupation, supposing that only two such crops could be raised and disposed of in a lifetime.

It is said that the French ex-empress Eugenie paid \$200 an ounce for hair to match her own, which was, in her youth, that much-prized hue which is the same as virgin gold. The difficulty of exactly matching hair is much greater than might be supposed by the casual observer, who sees only the four colors known by hair experts as type colors—white, black, brown and blonde. Each of these produce numerous shades, not less than sixteen of every type, and the subtle difference in these shades of hair is wonderfully perceptible, as those who have a little and want to match it speedily find out. Hair which is artificially colored to match is most unsatisfactory, as the hue is not stationary.

Hair died on the head is a far more enviable possession, as it requires frequent redippings, and its owner (the waves of hair dye being inscrutable) has usually to disappear from social ken during the process. Not alone that fact, but also that medical men declare softening of the brain to be brought on by the use of hair dye as well as diseases of the eye, makes this a most undesirable practice.

A fine head of virgin-gold colored hair will bring from \$200 to \$500, according to its length and luxuriance, and to those who have it and are anxious to convert it into hard cash it may be pleasing to hear that there are orders in advance for all that can be produced of this description for the next five years.

Sitting in the Saddle.

It is the English method of horsemanship that is being taught altogether in the riding schools of this country now. The English style is widely different from that which the best American riders used to employ. Englishmen sit far back in their saddles and rely on the pressure of the ball of the foot in the stirrup to keep them in place. It is not the most favorable system, either, for the horse or for the rider. It means harder work for each, and it is the more fatiguing. The American way of riding, which was taught in Kentucky and South Carolina, when a boy could jump on the back of a thoroughbred and steer him over the roughest country, was to sit nearly erect in the saddle and depend upon the pressure of the knees and thigh to hold the seat. The English system is artificial and the American is natural. You obtain an easier seat and a better control of your horse by the leg pressure than you can possibly do by virtually swinging yourself on your stirrups. You could not possibly ride bareback in the English fashion at a gallop; but the American way makes it perfectly easy to do so. But the imported notion has conquered in our fashionable riding schools, and you can hardly see the genuine American riding without traveling down the rural districts along the Southern border. -Horse and Stable.

How Tea was Introduced.

Tea came into use almost by accident. Some Buddhist priests, going on a missionary expedition from Northern India to China, took with them the dried leaves and also some cuttings of an indigenous shrub, which was said to have the power of correcting any injurious properties in the brackish water they might meet with on the way. The dejection thus made pleased the missionaries so well that they continued, as a matter of taste, to drink it after they reached China, and introduced it to their converts. They also set about planting the precious shrub, and although it did not thrive so well in China as in its native Assam, becoming smaller both in stem and leaf, it was so well liked that it soon formed the foundation of the favorite beverage of all China. Thence it was brought to Europe, to be drunk and desired by Englishmen of every degree. And it was only of late years that Assam tea has come into the European market, to be looked upon rather suspiciously as the rival of its own degenerated Chinese daughter.

How few people are blessed with presence of mind when danger threatens! A lamp explodes; five out of six run screaming from the vicinity, leaving it to do its deadly work unchecked; the sixth snatches up a woolen shawl or blanket and smother the flames. A woman faints in a public place. A struggling, suffocating crowd presses about. Suddenly three or four in the crowd begin to exclaim, "Stand back! Give her air!" But not one of them makes a move to stand back himself, and the crowd gathers more and more closely, until some one with the gift of leadership comes to the rescue. The wheels of a carriage become interlock with those of a heavy wagon. The horses are terrified and restive; an accident seem imminent when a man cries, to the one next him, "Help me lift the carriage clear!" In the flash of an eye it is done and the peril averted. Leadership lies in thought; cultivate it, you who can.

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