

**Exploits of a Fakir.**

In a short time the fakir had sufficiently recovered from his trance to stand up, and when the sheik pointed to the brazier, he thrust his hand into it, seized some of the live coals, blew them until they emitted sparks, bit off pieces of them, as one would bite an apple, and eagerly ate them up. He then went to a large prickly cactus, which was standing on the platform, plucked a leaf armed with strong spines, bit off a piece, and swallowed it. With equal avidity he crunched and consumed thin sheets of glass. Fragments of the cactus and the glass were handed to the spectators, who examined them and convinced themselves that they were really the substances they were represented to be. An attendant brought in a shovel, the iron part of which was red hot, so that a bit of paper thrown upon it flashed at once into flame. The fakir took the wooden handle of the shovel with the right hand, placed his left on the glowing iron plate, which he also licked with apparent relish, and then stood upon it with his bare feet until it became black. This last exploit filled the air with a faint odor of burned horn. A sword, so sharp that it cut a piece of paper in two when drawn across the edge, was handed to the fakir, who thrust it with all his force against his throat, his breast and his sides. The sword was then held in a horizontal position about three feet from the ground with the edge upward, by the servant who took hold of the point, which was wrapped in several folds of cloth for the protection of his hand, and by another 'Aksani, who held it by the hilt. The fakir placed his hands on the shoulders of the two men and, keeping up barefoot on the edge of the sword, stood there for some seconds. He then stripped and, resting his naked abdomen on the edge of the sword, balanced himself in the air without touching the floor with his feet, the sheik meanwhile pressing down upon the fakir's back with the whole weight of his body. — Popular Science Monthly.

While cutting up a tree in a swamp near Snow Hill, Md., recently, two colored men found an old cannon ball embedded in its trunk. Much of its growth had taken place since the ball found lodgment in the trunk. There has been no artillery firing in that region since the Revolutionary War.

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**FARM AND GARDEN**

**FEEDING YOUNG CALVES.**  
It should not be forgotten that milk has much solid substance, and does not supply all the water a young calf needs. I may often suffer from thirst while being fed wholly on milk. A drink of water should, therefore be given to the young calves daily, especially during the very hot weather. — American Agriculturist.

**ORANGE BOXES FOR HEN NESTS.**  
Orange boxes make good nests and can be bought for a small sum, or got for nothing oftentimes from a fruit dealer. If you have a well-laid poultry house, it would be neither more convenient to have a row of movable nesting compartments, each hooded together so that they may be quickly separated and cleaned when necessary. Earth, under a layer of hay or straw, is considered a good material for a nest of a sifter; the moisture from the earth is distributed in moderation over the eggs, making them hatch more easily at the proper time. — New York Independent.

**MAKING FLOWERS PROFITABLE.**  
We don't mean that the farmer who grows flowers should vie with the florist in selling what he produces to the public. It is possible that the flowers produced by the farmer would come mostly at times when such flowers were abundant, and brought low prices. But they are worth just as much to beautify his home and give pleasure to the farmer's wife and family as if they sold at winter hot house prices. It is because farmers do not realize the pleasure and comforts they get from the farm that they think farming don't pay. Few rich men can deck their tables with flowers half the year at least as can the farmer if he tries. He can with some hardy perennials begin about as soon as snow is off in spring, and decorate his rooms with these and their successors until snow flies in the fall. When a farmer does this one or two years he will probably try hard for a greenhouse, and thus get more pleasure, than of course with some additional work. It is not easy to gain honest pleasure in this world without working for it, and it is always the work that precedes that makes the pleasure more welcome and enjoyable. — Boston Cultivator.

**MILK AS MEDICINE.**  
In the long, trying days of summer, men who work as hard as the average dairyman does will be weary with the strain that they undergo. Mind and body will be tired, and night finds them nervous and out of temper. When this condition is reached, there is nothing so useful to work a cure as a glass of milk. It should be heated to about ninety-nine degrees and sipped a little at a time, and nothing in the way of food taken with it other than a very small piece of bread and butter and eaten slowly. Such treatment will more quickly restore a man with nerves unstrung and temper ready to explode to a normal, mental and physical condition, than anything else that is known. It will work with women equally well, and as it is always in the house a daily trial of it according to directions will result in improvement of nervous troubles that are often, when left to grow, the fore runners of protracted illness. Physicians in the search for remedies for diseases that drugs cannot cure have taken up milk and are surprised at the results. It has brought health where their knowledge had decreed death must occur. A western exchange tells us of a case of a woman, where the physician had pronounced her incurable, getting well and staying so on a few ounces of cream used daily with the addition of some sponge cake. Sip warm milk when you feel out of sorts. It will relieve your nerves and fortify your stomach, and the world will look brighter to you after you have taken it. — American Dairyman.

**FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.**  
Turnips are one of the best-paying crops. Cold storage for fruit is strongly recommended. Manure and cultivation should go hand in hand. The cherry does well with grass about its roots. More tomatoes are used than any other vegetable. Thinning the fruit improves both quantity and quality. Cut hay, with ground feed, is most economical for horses. Do not manure the roots of young trees when setting them. The loss of bees will be lessened by keeping them in darkness. For a late tomato crop, sow the seed about the beginning of June. The Italian bee is generally considered the best for all purposes. In order to keep beetles off cucumbers, cover the plants with netting. To destroy dandelions, cut away the crown of the plant with a sharp knife. It is said that bees will sometimes fly a distance of six miles for white clover. Cabbages may be fed to cows at night, after milking, without flavoring the milk. If the bee-keeper's supply of honey is small, he will find it better to sell it near home. Black bees are not considered so liable to the "nameless bee disease" as the Italians. If only the best fruits are grown there will be little danger of overdoing the fruit business. A safe rule to follow is to cultivate all newly planted fruit trees the same as a crop of corn or potatoes. Sealed covers are not to be recommended, particularly in a severe winter, with bees in the open air. A succession of sweet corn may be secured for the season by planting different varieties the same day. The Italian is the most prolific and best all-round bee. With its long tongue it is able to go right to the bottom of the flowers, as the black bee cannot. The successful sheepman, he he breeder, feeder, dealer, or wool grower, owes his success to the fact that he keeps in closest touch with the buying and selling markets. He keeps an eye on sheep commercially.

**A Monster Petrified Whale.**  
Leon del Mar, a Frenchman attached to the surveying corps connected with the National Museum, San Jose, Costa Rica, reports a find of equal or greater value than the Montezuma (Cretaceous) fossilized monster. Leo's find is not a "Dinosaur" or other half mythical creature which the lapse of ages has transformed into stone, but a common everyday whale, 210 feet in length, with bones mineralized until they are as hard as paper and as heavy as lead. The "Museum" officials are in a quandary, and are debating as to which would be the cheapest, to move their museum buildings over onto the mountain range, or to try to transfer his fifty remains to the Costa Rican capital.

The point selected by this ancient-inventor when he concluded to give up the clock along about the time of the close of the Cretaceous or some other geological period, is a rift between two mountain peaks, seventy-two miles from San Jose and 2500 feet above sea level. There must have been a flow of high water in that section at the time. Either that, or the petrified monster was together with the petrified remains of the Costa Rican capital.

**Tropical Moonstruck.**  
There is no doubt that persons are often moonstruck, particularly in the tropics. There is in particular to-day the maker of a vessel whose face is happily disfigured by a check from the moon's rays while he was crossing the equator on his way north. The water ship no one is allowed to sleep on deck, and the lunar rays, therefore, cannot reach them, but on merchant vessels, where there is less discipline, especially in hot weather, they are liable to be moonstruck. — New York Herald.

**HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.**  
**FLOUR AS A PURIFIER.**  
Flour has long been known as an excellent purifier. Children's hoods of Angora wool may be perfectly restored, when soiled, by rubbing them with flour that has been made very hot. When the flour is cold, pin the hoods on a line and leave them in a strong wind, or beat thoroughly with a rat-tan. Angora fur may be cleaned in the same way. The flour must be stirred while heating to prevent scorching. — New York World.

**HOW TO SCOUR WATER BOTTLES.**  
Carafes, which have so largely replaced the ice pitcher, are really very pleasing and refreshing to look at if they are kept fastidiously clean and bright. Unfortunately the purest water obtainable very soon dulls the inside, and it is not every one who knows a quick and easy method of removing this.

**What a Simoon Is.**  
"Perhaps the Asiatic type of cyclone, known as the simoon, is the most remarkable phenomenon of the earth," began Colonel Samuel Knapp, who is at the Laclede. "In my travels about the world I have never as yet observed any such appalling scene as that of a simoon sweeping its course in the distance. Cyclones in this Western hemisphere are usually accompanied by great masses of clouds and drenching rain-storms. The simoon of Asia is quite different. I have stood on the Arabian desert where my eye could sweep the distant horizon in every direction without encountering one object to vary the monotony of the scene. Over this vast sea of glowing sand it seemed as though not so much as a breath of air was straying. In such dull, oppressive moments the natives perceive the first premonition of the awful simoon. Such knowledge was of little avail, however, for on that wide limitless stretch of inland sea, like the great bosom of the ocean, one place was as safe as another.

"The great sand storm would come and sweep its way without any definite path and with no prospect of any sudden variation from its course. Here we have a storm heralded by fierce winds, clouds, lightning and thunder. On the great desert of Arabia the simoon is heralded by nothing more than a small, dark speck in the distant sky. As this approaches the atmosphere becomes stifling and oppressive to an unbearable degree. The speck in question does not develop into a sky mantle of clouds, but its destructive force is none the less diminished. It sweeps a path equal to its width and carries with it numberless pillars of sand that are constantly rising and falling like a forest of swaying topless trees. I never was in one, but I have stood on the desert when one was passing in the distance and it reminded me of the shadow of a cloud passing over a sunlit plain." — St. Louis Globe Democrat.

**The Oldest Merchant Vessel.**  
Among the many ancient coasters that regularly visit the port of Bangor is a small craft which has the honor of being the oldest merchant vessel in actual service in the United States. There are vessels which are said to be older, but they are not in service nor registered in the record of the Bureau of Navigation. This is the schooner Good Intent, Captain Watson Ward well, of Rockland. The Good Intent is twenty-three tons register, and was launched at Braintree, Mass., in 1813, making her eighty years old. She has been repaired and rebuilt, with hundreds of spars and acres of canvas, till, like the Irishman's jack-knife, she is the same original, and her skipper claims that there are still in the hull two or three white oak planks that were in her when she was launched. — Lewis ton (Me.) Journal.

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**Mystery of a Madstone Explained.**  
"Here is something that will interest you," said a physician, as he placed a lump of slaty-looking stone in the hands of a scribe. "A patient of mine gave me that this morning with as grand an air as if she were giving me a silver dinner service. No doubt she thought it had a great value. It's a madstone. You've read accounts of them. Put them on a dog bite and they will suck it and give off green froth and all that sort of rubbish. There's no such thing as a madstone in the world. Touch the stone to your tongue. Notice anything? Sticks, doesn't it? Well, because it is anhydrous. It has gone through a slight chemical change and has lost a part of the water that was in its original composition, so that it readily absorbs moisture. It will stick to a cut or a bite or anything else that is wet, and that is all there is to it. But it's a harmless sort of superstition, and if it makes any poor fellow comfortable, for goodness sake let him believe it." — New York Mercury.

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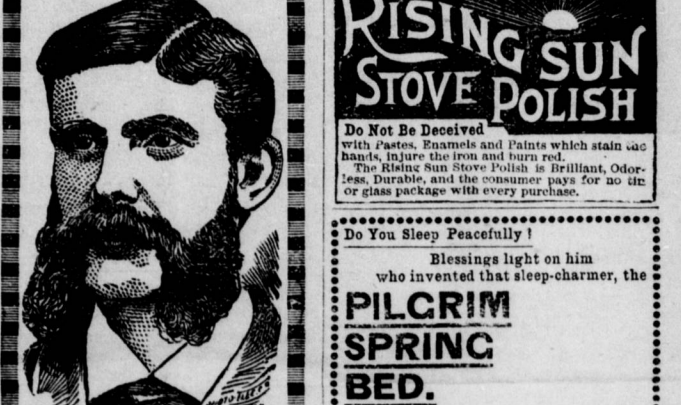
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