

A BIG ENGLISH FARM.

HER LARGEST ONE IS VERY SMALL BY AMERICAN STANDARDS.

It is situated in Lincolnshire and contains only 2,500 acres—The Farm occupies an entire parish—The Method of Cultivating the Crops—Everything Clean and Neat.

It may not generally be known, but it is a fact that the largest farm in England is in Lincolnshire. Five miles from Louth, on the Louth and Lincoln line, is the parish of Withcall. The farm occupies the entire parish, and its area is upward of 2,500 acres. Nearly 2,000 acres are under the plow, and from that may be gathered an idea of the number of horses required to work this large undertaking.

The farm is so large that three yards are needed. They are named the north yard, the south yard and the home yard. There is also a smaller supplementary one—the New Farmstead.

Ten cottages form the homes of the laborers at the north and south yards, while near the home yard is situated Withcall house, the residence of J. W. Ward, the lessee of the farm. The railway runs close by. Near are also the church—a pretty built edifice of pleasant situation—the rectory and the school. The district is very hilly and in consequence of this there have been made two large cuttings so as to form a road to the north farm. In one of them may be seen a thin bed of fuller's earth.

Down the valley, which is crossed by an embankment formed of the chalk taken from the cuttings, may be seen a small reservoir. This supplies the whole parish with water.

Some years ago the owner, Mr. Clayton, caused pipes to be laid all over the farm, so as to supply both houses and cattle. The water is forced from the reservoir by a very ingenious contrivance consisting of a water wheel and "donkey" pump. There are roughly speaking, about six miles of water pipes. The water is exceptionally good all throughout the driest of summers there is always a constant supply.

There are a large number of animals on the place, including about seventy working horses, upward of 500 beasts, 2,000 sheep and the pigs at the last census numbered 100. The farm is made up of large fields, eight of which are over a hundred acres in area.

A few years ago the owner caused one of the fields to be cut up, for its area was over five hundred acres. A part of the same field now measures 130 acres. A steam cultivator, with two powerful locomotives, is constantly at work, while twelve horses may often be seen plowing in one field.

The cattle are sent into the "marshes" for the summer and brought home in the autumn. Everything is clean and neatly kept and it requires no great discriminative power to know when the limit of Withcall farm is reached.

A great feature is the plowing, for the "boys" take a perfect pride in their furrows, and if any one wants to see a furrow a quarter of a mile long and as straight as a dart let him inspect the work on this extensive farm.

Agricultural depression does not seem, outwardly at any rate, to effect this district to any remarkable degree. The average wage is 2s. 3d. per day for six days, all of equal length, no Saturday half-holidays being allowed hereabouts.

Potatoes are largely grown by the laborers, who by the kindness of their master are enabled to have a large plot of land in the fields, besides their own gardens. Scientific farming there is none here, but all engaged have long experience on the land, and know how best to derive from it the greatest benefit.

Humans Possessed of Tails.

In April, 1896, the 4th Ghorkas were sent from Mandalay, in Burma, to Shillong, in Assam. As the troops marched through the country of the Ahoms the wet weather obliged them to seek shelter in what appeared to be a granary. The native priests objected to the quartering of the troops in the granary, but upon the command of the officers the doors were battered down and the troops entered. The granary proved to be an Ahom temple and four Ahoms were within worshipping. It was the first time that specimens of this remarkable race had been seen by white men. The word "Ahom" is derived from the Sanskrit and means unequalled. These people declare that they are descended from the god Indra and refuse to hold communication with white men.

They are a very low order of human beings, apelike in stature, with abnormally long arms and perfectly developed tails. Their feet are shaped on almost the same lines as those of an ape, the toes being prehensile.

The officers brought one of the Ahom women and her children to Shillong, where a photograph was taken of one of the children.

Maxims Up to Date.

Necessity fathers the invention of many lies.

It's a polite wind that blows nobody's hat from his head.

Do as you would be done by, if the other fellow did you.

Make hay while the sun shines, but make haste when it rains.

The proof that the pudding is not fit to eat is in trying to eat it.

You may lead a man to water, but you cannot prevent his drinking something stronger.

Never take the will for the deed, when you can get the deed for a rich man's will.

First Aid to the Injured.

For cramps or pains in the stomach try a few drops of essence of camphor.

For a nervous headache a cup of moderately strong tea in which two or three slices of lemon have been infused.

For tired feet put a handful of common salt into four quarts of hot water. Place the feet in the water while it is hot as can be borne. Then rub the feet dry with a rough towel.

For binding up cuts and wounds always use linen, not cotton, as the fibres of cotton are flat and apt to irritate a sore place, while those of linen are perfectly rounded.

LOST TO SPAIN.

RICH COLONIES WHICH SHE HAS DRIVEN TO FREEDOM.

One by One the Arrogant Dons Have Been Stripped of Valuable Possessions Which a Little Tact and Good Government Would Have Retained.

The general rebellion of Spain's American colonies occurred in the early years of the present century. Not only were Spain's affairs in a desperate condition abroad, but also at home dire dissension prevailed. In the autumn of 1819 a considerable army had been brought together at Cadiz for the subjugation of their revolted possessions in America. But the officers and troops refused to embark, and a series of internal disruptions followed.

The revolt in Spain's Argentine colonies in South America broke out in 1810. In that year Chile and Paraguay successfully rebelled. The war for Chile's independence lasted eight years. The Argentine Republic established its independence in 1816. Venezuela, Ecuador and New Granada, or Colombia, were lost by revolt in 1819. The revolt in these States was led by Simon Bolivar, named El Libertador for having rescued South America from the Spanish yoke. Bolivar also led the insurgents in Bolivia and Peru, the latter State being the last of Spain's possessions on the American continent to establish its independence. This was in 1826.

The Spanish conquered Peru early in the sixteenth century. Peruvian silver was freely poured into Spanish coffers, and was drained out again to meet the expenses of the wars which the Spanish home government maintained. At the outbreak of the war of independence in South America, the Spanish Government had already declined greatly in internal strength. Spain was distracted with the dissensions of a regency, and was racked by civil war. However, in 1820 the Spanish Viceroy had an army of 23,000 men in Peru, and all the large towns were completely in the hands of the Spanish officials.

Brazil belonged to Spain in 1578. In that year it was wrested from the Portuguese, who had discovered it at an earlier date. During Spain's troubles with the Netherlands, the Dutch captured Brazil, and from the Dutch the State gained its independence.

As to the States of Guiana, their titles were much in dispute for many years. Spain owned what is now British Guiana in 1580, and lost the province in 1662 to the Dutch, from whom it went to the English.

Mexico was the richest and most populous of all the Spanish-American colonies. Frequent insurrections occurred here during the Napoleonic wars in Europe. Pending the war for Mexican independence the most revolting atrocities were perpetrated on both sides. The Spaniards conducted hostilities with the most wanton cruelty. The war was one of extermination, the insurgents being slaughtered like brutes. In 1824 the independence of Mexico was recognized by every country except Spain.

Spain relinquished Florida to the United States by treaty and purchase in 1821.

The Bahamas, which were Columbus's earliest discovery, were depopulated by the Spanish and were never again settled by them. The English occupied them in 1629. After the wars with Spain and France the British secured the Bahamas by the treaty of 1783.

Jamaica, which was discovered by Columbus on his second voyage, in 1494, was taken possession of by the Spaniards in 1509. The inhumanity of the conquerors was so great that fifty years after the Spanish invasion the native population is said to have entirely disappeared. Oliver Cromwell sent out a British expedition in 1655 which captured the island, and in 1670 it was formally ceded to England by the treaty of Madrid.

Haiti's early history corresponds with that of Jamaica. Within little more than an age after 1492 the aborigines had been swept away by the remorseless cruelties of the Spaniards. The eastern part of the island finally wrested itself from the Spanish in 1805 and established Santo Domingo.

When Magellan, in 1519, circumnavigated the world for the first time, he claimed all the islands of the East Indies for Spain. The Philippines alone to-day remain under Spanish domination. The other islands of this group fell to the French, English and Dutch during the wars waged by Spain with these countries from the time of Philip II, to the close of the Napoleonic wars in 1815.

Loaded Down With Names.

Rutherford County, North Carolina, is a place of queer names. The children in one family are going through this vale of tears as follows: Zeno, Zula, Zezulon, Zinnie, Zolen, Zaco, Zaluski, Zenix, Zalf, Zeolly. Still another family boasts these names: Kansas Love, Quilina Quilina Quinn, Eulalia Valtisa, Flabanico, Anifesto. Another thus disfigured their children: Linsco, Lansco, Stumpeo.

Language Before Knowledge.

Berlin University, owing to the large number of foreign students frequenting it, has established an instructorship in elementary German to enable them to learn the language in which the lectures are delivered.

Germany Has No Servant Problem. Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany found 144 German servant girls to whom she could give the golden servants' cross for having lived forty years with one family. Only one was found in Berlin.

WIVES OF CHINAMEN.

DEPLORABLE INTERMARRIAGES OF WHITE GIRLS AND MONGOLIANS.

Sociological Students in San Francisco and Elsewhere Are Face to Face With a Grave Problem—The Terrible Fate Endured by Confiding Women.

Nowhere in the world is there such a striking commingling of diametrically opposite races as there exists today in the Chinese quarter of San Francisco, writes Lucie F. Pierce. Nowhere has the Mongolian race so persistently intermarried with nationalities of the white race. Nowhere have white women who venture to enter into such a contract so lost their caste, their station in society, and become such wretched outcasts, without a friendly tie of either clan or country, as they have within the limits of the California city.

Marriage between whites and Chinese is increasing to an astonishing extent. Nearly one hundred cases are now known to exist. This is not large, of course, in comparison with the number of Chinese in the city. Indeed, that number is small. But its significance is terrifying. In that lies the problem.

Contemplate for a moment what a white woman surrenders when she marries a Chinaman. First of all, she must abandon all association with her relatives. She is forced to this on account of the wide breach which exists between the races. She not only must cast aside all filial ties, but she must sever forever all connection with the whole white race. When she abandons her race she abandons her caste. And when she loses her caste she loses her country. She becomes a social outcast. She has lowered herself from the ranks of a progressive, cultured race to those of a vile, uncleanly, semi-civilized horde, weak mentally and morally. She has lost all that would make a patriot, loyal to whatever national flag, thrill with the deepest feeling.

And the gain? Why, there is no gain. It is all loss. She secures a husband but she loses pride. She secures a miserable home, and she loses forever what a woman holds most dear, her name.

At any moment we may expect to see her celestial husband wind his pigtail around his yellow, shaven head, and depart for China, leaving her without means of support, cast upon the world, a despised and ignored creature. At any time, living in the midst of disease-breeding filth, the husband may be carried off by death. He may leave some landed property or the merchandise of a shop, or a few bags of gold coin. Naturally one would think that she who had surrendered everything that is precious and noble in life for her Chinese husband would reap the benefit of all this and receive the heritage due her. Not so. No white woman ever inherited a dollar of a Chinaman's wealth. It goes to the beloved uncles and parents and brothers and sisters in the big flowery kingdom over the water, and the white woman is left to starve.

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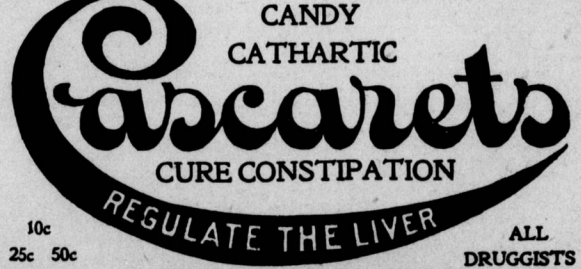
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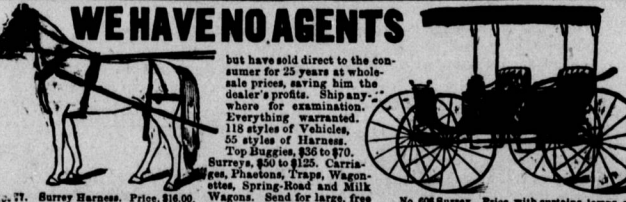
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may seek the shores of her husband's country and throw herself upon the mercy and leniency of his family there. She, who had once been superior to them in intellect, in form, in beauty, in morality, in instinct, receives not even the respect of equal to equal.

There have been cases where white women have married Christianized Mongolians. Marriage in this case is sacred, binding, legal. There have been a few such that have turned out happily.

Strange as it may seem, a majority of the women who marry Chinese have sprung from Scandinavian, German or Russian parentage. It seems that the yellow hair and the blue eyes of the buxom northern beauties appeal particularly to the Mongolian race. The rosy complexion and grace of white women astonishes and attracts them. No Chinaman will marry a woman of his own race if he can prevail upon a white woman to accept marriage.

If the Chinaman will consent to become a Christian and give up some of the marital privileges of his native land, they are looked upon as respectable members of the community. The woman really gains nothing by this; neither does she lose. She is taking chances neither way. And the Chinese husband and father rises somewhat in the nature of his instincts, one step in the ladder of advancement.

But this has not been the happy outcome of all the intermarriages which have taken place. Only a rare few have consented to accept Christianity. And white women persist in throwing themselves away on these pagan ingrates. Mission workers plead with them and still they persist in entering into unions that end eventually in utter degradation and social degeneracy. If they are not strong enough to resist the attentions of a pagan celestial they are not strong enough to withstand his awful vices. Let them step out into the by-way of a pagan marriage and they have chosen the road to everlasting social damnation. The end is generally violent death.

Sight of Birds.

The organ of sight is more highly developed in birds than in any other animal. Naturalists declare that the central is possessed of such wonderful powers of sight that it is able to see a mouse when it is itself at such a height in the air that it is invisible to the naked human eye.

French Rabbit Industry.

England has three guinea pig farms, one of which exports 150,000 yearly to France, where they are used at restaurants as rabbits, the flavor of the flesh being identical in the two animals. The industry is said to be very profitable.

Queen Victoria's Cane.

The black ebony walking stick most often used by Queen Victoria belonged to Charles I.

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