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To Inquire About a Wife's Welfare Is a Gross Impertinence.

Social etiquette among the Arabs is a factor in life to be considered seriously, if you wish to live among them without friction. Its obligations are not to be completely mastered in a few months. Sometimes when I have had companions with me presumably thoroughly au fait with all things Mohammedan, the harmony of the occasion has been seriously endangered by some thoughtlessness or ignorance on their part, which to the Moslem could appear only as a contemptuous want of consideration.

No greater insult could be offered to an Arab than a friendly inquiry as to the welfare of his wife--to us a natural civility, but to him a gross impertinence bitterly resented. On one occasion I nearly made a similar blunder. I was invited by a neighboring sheik to go to see him, and was on the point of riding up to his tent door and dismounting there. Fortunately, however, I recollected in time that etiquette demanded that I should halt fifty yards off, and call in a loud voice: "Have I your permission to approach?" This gives time to bundle off any of their womenkind who may be about, preparatory to the admission of a stranger.

It is curious also to notice that, in spite of the real affection existing between father and son, the sense of respect dominates all other feelings, and the sons will never sit at meat with their father in the presence of a guest, but will wait upon both until the father, rising, allows them the opportunity of breaking bread with their visitor.

Work That the Heart Does.

The work of the heart is the circulation of the life-giving blood throughout the body. With each stroke or beat of the heart it projects something like six ounces of blood into the bodily conduits, throwing it for a distance of nine feet. This it does 89 times each minute, 4,140 times each hour, 99,360 times in a day, 36,296,400 times in a year, and 2,540,337,120 times in a lifetime of seventy years (including leap years). The blood is propelled by the heart nine feet each beat, 207 yards each minute, seven miles in an hour, 189 miles in a day, 61,817 miles in a year and 4,330,063 miles in the 70 years. The total force exerted by the heart every 24 hours has been calculated to be equal to 124 foot tons--that is, if the whole force expended by the heart in 24 hours were gathered into one huge stroke, such a power would lift 124 tons one foot off the ground.

Speaking Clocks.

In Switzerland they have commenced making phonographic clocks and watches which, it appears, leave anything heretofore accomplished far in the shade. By merely pressing the button of the new timepiece, it pronounces the hour distinctly. The alarms call to the sleeper, "It's six o'clock; get up!" There are some which even add the words, "Now, don't go to sleep again." The form can be changed to suit the buyer and make the warning more or less emphatic. This application of the phonographic principle is due to a French watchmaker settled at Geneva. He introduces into clocks and watches little slabs of vulcanized rubber, on which the desired words are traced in grooves corresponding to the hours and fractions of hours.

The Diving Spider.

There is nothing new in the diving bell. Long before man thought he invented it, the water spider knew all about it.

The water spider spins down a reed, dragging his diving bell with him, and anchors it under water on a level keel, so that the air it contains keeps the water out.

When this air becomes foul, the spider swims to the top, captures a bubble with a flit of its tail and carries it down to the bell for future reference.

There the spider lives in snug comfort and no storm disturbs his lowly home.

World's Biggest Crop.

The average man if asked what is the most important crop of the world would unhesitatingly say, "wheat." This is true in the United States, but far from the case in the world as a whole. The first place must be given the potato. Of all the staple crops of the world the potato takes the first place, the annual crop being more than 4,000,000,000 bushels, against 2,500,000,000 bushels of wheat and 2,000,000,000 bushels of corn. Of the total potato crop Europe produces fully seven-eighths, and one-half times as much as her wheat, and all the cereals together are but 50 per cent more.

New, But Good.

Nickel is a modern metal. It was not in use nor known till 1715. It has now largely taken the place of silver in plated ware, and as an alloy with steel it is superior to any other metal, for it is not only non-corrodible itself, but it transfers the same quality to steel; even when combined as low as five per cent it prevents oxidation.

License Notices.

Notice is hereby given that the following Applications for Licenses, have been filed in my office, and that the same will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Sullivan County, on Monday the 20th day of February at 2 o'clock p. m.

CHERRY TOWNSHIP: John C. Schaad, Tavern License. Frank F. Schaad, Distillers. John Gross, Tavern License. Henry Baldwin, " William Collins, " Ernestina Seeman, " James Connor, " John Daley, " Patrick McGee, " Charles E. Jackson, " Leonard Hilbert, Brewers License

COLLEY TOWNSHIP: H. W. McKibbens, Tavern License. Hannah Farrell, " Manning Johnson, " Julia Jackson, " William Allen, " W. E. Steafather, Restaurant License. John H. Yonkin, "

DUSHORE BOROUGH: Middendorf & Cook, Tavern License. Dennis Keele, " Joseph Carpenter, " Henry Obert, " Lawrence Finan, Wholesale License. William O'Neil, " Patrick Daley, Restaurant License. Margaret Connor, " Robert McGee, " Jeremiah Deegan, "

DAVIDSON TWP. Daniel H. Lora, Tavern License. Cyrus B. Hess, " George W. Myers, " Ellis Swank, " J. William Moran, " J. William Moran, Restaurant License.

EAGLESMERE BOROUGH: Wm. H. Van Buskerk, Tavern License.

FORKSVILLE BOROUGH: Charles H. Seely, Tavern License.

HILLSGROVE TWP. James H. Keele, Tavern License. George E. Walker, "

LAPORTE BORO. Thos. E. Kennedy, Tavern License. Thos. W. Beahan, " Frank W. Gallagher, "

LAPORTE TWP. Philip Peterman, Tavern License. Moses C. Miller, "

SHREWSBURY TWP. J. H. Stackhouse, Tavern License. Wm. J. Lawrence, Clerk. Clerk's office, Laporte, Pa., Jan. 30, '99.

Is One of the Largest and Most Important of Industries.

The manufacture of matches, trivial as it may seem, is one of the largest and most important existing. So large an amount of money is invested in their manufacture that in France it is a Government monopoly and a considerable portion of the revenue of the State is derived from this source. The yearly value of the matches made in England alone is said to amount to nearly \$10,000,000 each year, and that the numbers that the makers turn out daily exceed 300,000,000. In France the Government monopoly is let to a company for a minimum annual payment of over \$5,000,000, with a great increase if a certain number is exceeded. Among the largest factories in Europe are those of the Scandinavian peninsula and England. In Germany, however, there are between 200 and 300 factories. Of the dangerous material phosphorus, which is employed in the manufacture, between 1,000 and 2,000 tons are annually consumed.

The general character of phosphorus is that of an exceedingly inflammable substance, burning slowly in the open air and shining with a luminous appearance in the dark. In this state it is one of the most poisonous substances known, less than two grains having been known to cause the death of an adult human being, and innumerable cases have occurred of children being poisoned by sucking the ends of a few matches. On the other hand, heated without exposure to the air for some short time the phosphorus changes into a red powder, which is perfectly insoluble in water, not combustible and not in the slightest degree poisonous. In this latter state it is mixed with other substances and placed on the outside of the boxes of what are termed safety matches. These matches consist of non-poisonous chemical materials that will not ignite when struck on any ordinary surface, but are immediately set on fire by rubbing on the box, which is covered with a preparation of innocuous red phosphorus. But, unfortunately, the public at large prefers matches which will ignite when struck on any surface and the manufacture of these is necessarily attended with risk to the workers, the people who are most seriously affected being the girls who pack the finished matches in the boxes in which they are sold. By practice their dexterity becomes so great that they almost invariably take up in one hand the exact number required.

All Must Pay Board.

When members of the queen's family or any wandering German relatives of high degree visit London and occupy apartments in Buckingham palace, "by invitation," they pay their board just like common folks in a first-class hotel. This prevents the sovereign lady from having too much company and makes things very pleasant for the palace servants. The independence it gives some of the royal guests is not wholly appreciated by them, but as the queen early in her reign determined on this economical course, her subjects cannot justly complain of her extravagance. It is a very expensive piece of pleasure, being a guest of royalty, and even the queen's own children must pay their way out of their allowances, when not directly under mamma's roof.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF SULLIVAN CO.

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

County of Sullivan, ss: We the undersigned, Auditors of Sullivan County, do hereby certify, That in pursuance of the various duties imposed upon us by the several Acts of the General Assembly, and the supplements thereto, we did meet at the office of the County Commissioners, in the Court House, in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday, the 21 day of January, A. D., 1899, (it being the first Monday of January,) and did commence to audit, adjust and settle the several accounts of the County Treasurer, County Commissioners and all such as are so required of us by law, for the year 1898, and did continue so to audit, adjust and settle the said various and several accounts, subject to our adjournments, until this date, when we completed this our annual report. And we further certify that we did audit and adjust the said several accounts correctly, to the best of our knowledge, ability, information and belief, as the same appear audited and settled, and fully set forth and itemized in this foregoing report.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seal, this 22nd day of January, A. D. '99.

CHR. CASEMAN, ALBERT H. HEES, Co. Auditors. DELBERT L. BROWN.

A Famous School

In a Famous Place.

The EAST STROUDSBURG, PA., NORMAL offers superior educational advantages. Healthful and Picturesque Location in the resort region of the state. Buildings new and modern. Students Room furnished with brussels Carpet. No other school provides such luxurious home comforts. The Best Boarding. The Most Reasonable Rates. The first Normal in the state to introduce Plain and Fancy Sewing. College Preparatory, Music and Elocutionary Departments. Write at once for a catalogue, free. WINTER TERM OPENS JAN. 2, '99. Address GEO. P. BIBLE, A. M., Principal.

For good quality of underwear at reasonable prices go to J. W. Buck's store.

For gum boots and rubbers go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown.

A. T. ARMSTRONG,

SONESTOWN, PA.

DEALER IN

Flour Feed and Groceries

13 1/2 pounds of pure Lard for \$1.00

Baking molasses, 25 to 30c.

8 pounds Rolled Oats for 25c.

7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c.

7 pounds of Laundry Starch for 25c.

2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c.

8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c.

No. 1 mackerel per pound 8c.

Best Sugar Coated Hams @11c per lb.

Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack 50c.

Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.90.

Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 75c.

Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 80c.

Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 85c.

Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50.

Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40.

Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.

Flour per sack \$1.20.

Winter Roller per sack \$1.15.

Good Flour 90c.

Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.

Graham Flour 12 1/2 pounds 30c.

Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R.

TIME TABLE.

In Effect Tuesday Sept. 13, 1898.

Northward. Southward.

p.m. a.m. a.m. p.m.

5 25 10 23 Halls 9 45 4 40

5 30 10 28 Pennsdale 9 41 4 25

5 40 10 38 Hughesville 9 32 4 23

5 48 10 48 Picture Rocks 9 25 4 13

5 51 10 52 Lyons Mills 9 22 4 08

5 54 10 55 Chamouni 9 20 4 06

6 02 11 04 Glen Mavor 9 14 3 59

6 12 11 14 Strawberry 9 05 3 47

6 16 11 17 Beech Glen 9 01 3 42

6 20 11 21 Suney Valley 8 58 3 40

6 28 11 30 Sonestown 8 52 3 32

6 45 11 49 Nordmont 8 38 3 15

7 01 12 08 LaPorte 8 21 3 07

7 04 12 11 LaPorte Tannery 8 19 3 05

7 20 12 30 Ringdale 8 05 2 53

7 35 12 45 Satterfield 7 50 2 20

p.m. a.m. a.m. p.m.

All trains daily except Sunday: f' 1g stations.

Connections with the Philadelphia & Reading at Halls, for all points north and south, and the Fall Brook and Beech Creek railroads. At Satterfield for all points on the Lehigh Valley railroad. At Sonestown with the Eagles Mere railroad.

R. E. EAVENSON, General Manager. Hughesville, Pa.

The State Normal School of East Stroudsburg, Pa., furnishes its students' rooms complete. The only school to carpet its students' rooms with fine Brussels carpet. The first and only school to introduce plain and fancy sewing, without additional cost to pupils. See advertisement in another column.

J. W. Buck has a nice line of horse blankets.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

New lot of rubbers at J. W. Buck's this week.

Don't Tobacco spit and cough ever again. To quit tobacco easily and forever, being netic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown, for dry goods, boots, shoes, caps, underwear etc.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

For shoes and rubbers go to J. W. Buck

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

For better crocks go to J. W. Buck's.

No-To-Bac for 5c. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, \$1. All druggists.

Everybody Says So. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

G. A. Rogers

FORKSVILLE, PA.

(Successor to B.W. Fawcett.)

Watches, Jewellery, Silverware, Etc.

Bicycle repairing. Bicycle sundries. Fishing tackle, at lowest possible price.

MONEY SAVING OPPORTUNITIES

INAUGURATED IN

General Merchandise

At prices barely shading over wholesale cost.

To quicken the selling of our large line of

Horse Blankets

we marked them at a very low figure.

You can safely buy any article from our large stock as new goods. Its one of the occasions of rare good fortune that careful buyers are quick to profit by.

No Shoddy Goods.

Everything first-class at MODERATE PRICES.

E. L. Place,

LAPORTE, PA.

FALL and Winter

Every corner of the store is bright, with the newest things for Women's wear and Men's wear and Children's wear.

We are glad to have you come in and see the new life of the old store and look at its excellent line of goods.

Underware

for Men, Women and Children.

In conjunction with the inviting varieties, all prices will be found more than ordinarily small.

Grocery Department

A new and fresh supply of Groceries have just arrived.

Vernon Hull,

Hills Grove, Pa.

W.L.Hoffman's

HILLSGROVE Three Big Stores-- MUNCY VALLEY, PROCTOR, PA.

Have Bounded Into still Greater favor

You know we beat everybody on General Merchandise, not alone on quality but in lowness of prices. We intend to make this year a memorable one in our business and for this reason we have reduced prices that will make it profitable for you to do your trading with us.

Our supply of Winter Goods is extraordinary. Three big stores sparkle with new styles and colorings of Fashions' latest creation

General Merchandise.

Our prices always touch the lowest ebb in General Merchandise. Our stock is absolutely complete.

At prices all too small.

JENNINGS BROS.

We keep in stock at our mills a complete line of dressed lumber in hemlock and hardwood.

MANUFACTURERS OF Gang Sawn and Trimmed Lumber.

LOPEZ, PA.

SPECIALTIES Hemlock Novelty or German Siding, Hemlock Ceiling 7-8 or 3-8 stick, Hemlock Flooring any width desired, Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long, Hardwood Flooring both Beech, Birch or Maple, The same woods in 3-8 ceiling. CORRESPONDENCY SOLICITED.

Buy Good Goods! And you will be surprised how cheap they are in the end.

We have just unpacked such a stock of coats and capes to which we are pleased to call your special attention. We do not pretend to handle the cheapest coats in the market, but we do say we have the BEST and neatest fitting garments made. Our coats and capes are made to order, and in the latest styles with prices to suit everybody.

IN DRESS GOODS WE WERE NEVER BETTER PREPARED TO PLEASE YOU THAN AT THE PRESENT, AS WE HAVE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THAT LINE EVER DISPLAYED IN THE COUNTY.

Ladies and Misses, Boys and Men, you need not go half frozen this winter for we have plenty of underwear for you all, both in cotton or wool, red or gray and the prices are very low, so low that when you see the goods you will be astonished that we are able to give you such bargains.

One word in regard to foot wear: Our shoe department was never more complete and if you will favor us, with your attention for a few minutes when in town we will convince you that we have the most carefully selected line of fine and heavy boots and shoes ever brought before the public. On crockery we have just received some very pretty designs in Decorated Dinner Sets to which we invite your attention.

The buying of country produce has always been a special feature of our Business, and we still continue in paying the highest cash prices for Butter Eggs and Wool.

E. G. Sylvara DUSHORE, PA.

Wright & Haight, SUCCESSORS TO M. R. BLACK, Forksville, Pa.

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Full and complete seasoned stock always on hand. A fine line of furniture etc. The most complete line of Coffins and Casket to select from in Sullivan County. The finest hearse in the county, with equipments to match.

Embalming a specialty. Funerals directed with safety and dispatch. PRICES REASONABLE.