

Where the Soldiers Who Die at Manila Are Buried.



"DITCH OF THE DEAD."

STRANGEST AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ARE THE DRUSES OF SYRIA.

Dr. Max Oppenheim, a distinguished European scientist and scholar, recently completed one of the most remarkable journeys ever undertaken in the East.

During his journey Dr. Oppenheim took a multitude of photographs showing the daily life of the people he visited. These have now been developed and printed in the New York Herald and they have excited much interest among scientific men in Germany who have learned of the results of Dr. Oppenheim's journey.

Dr. Oppenheim made his way with a private caravan from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf. The attention of the world is fixed upon this wide domain, for here lies the land which Germany, England and Russia are competing with one another to possess by the building of railways.

Landings at Beirut he gathered his little caravan about him, and worked his way up through the Lebanon Mountains. He found a mixed multitude inhabiting these mountains, so famous for their cedars in Bible times.

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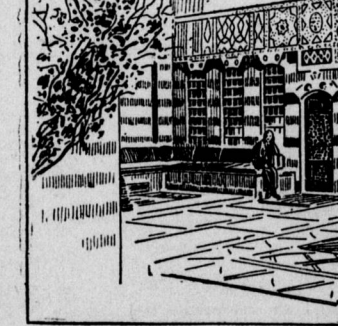


A GROUP OF DRUSE WOMEN.

Among the women, Dr. Oppenheim says, he found many remarkable for their beauty. Some European influences, especially French and German, are now being brought to bear for the development of agricultural interests and industrial arts.

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Like other Orientals, the Druses sit cross-legged on the ground and help themselves at meals from large dishes placed in the centre of the group.



INNER COURT OF DAMASCUS DWELLING.

They seem to be industrious and satisfied, although the dreams of former glories sometimes rouse them to strange flights of patriotic fervor.

their summer residences. A hotel built on European models was opened here in 1897.

Thence the caravan went to Damascus, the oldest city in the world, and which has been inhabited for thirty-five hundred years.

But the houses and life to-day in Damascus are most interesting and



SOME DRUSE SHEPHERDS.

novel to the traveler from the West. They exhibit a luxury and comfort little dreamed of in Western lands as existing in Damascus to-day.



DRUSES AT DINNER.

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Driving the Carabao.

The American soldier is equal to all sorts of transportation problems; but the strangest one he has yet had to meet is presented by the ordinary beast of draught in the Philippine Islands, the water-buffalo.

R. H. Little, a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, says that the carabao is slier than a camel and



more obstinate than a mule, and has a hide "like the armor of a battleship."

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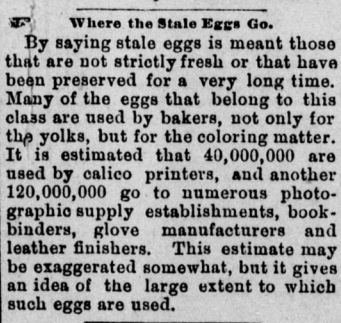
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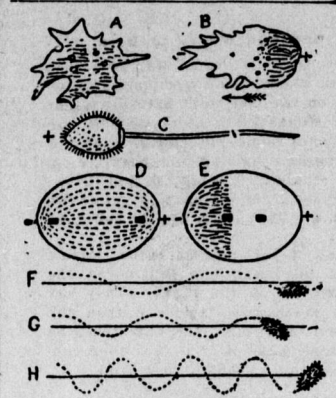


Pneumatic Coffee Pot.

A new appliance for coffee pots and other liquid dispensers has a false bottom, with a valve connecting to the main reservoir.

SEQUOYAH TO HAVE A MONUMENT.

Honor to the Memory of the Man Who Invented the Cherokee Alphabet. The people of the Cherokee Indian nation are making preparations to erect a monument to the memory of Sequoyah, distinguished as the man



CHARACTERS IN CHEROKEE ALPHABET.

who reduced to a written language the spoken language of the Cherokees and invented an alphabet which, in appearance, is as unique as the Greek or Persian.

There is no authentic written history of Sequoyah's life. Thomas L. McKinney has contributed some personal reminiscences, written while Sequoyah was alive.

It is said that Sequoyah, in the latter years of his life, made several journeys to the far West. In 1843 he visited the Pueblos in New Mexico, where he tried to correlate their language with that of the Cheyennes.

There is regularly printed in the Cherokee language a weekly newspaper, the Cherokee Advocate, at Tahlequah.

The Chicago Post describes the sad case of a woman who was waiting at the "limits car barn" for an Evanston avenue car.

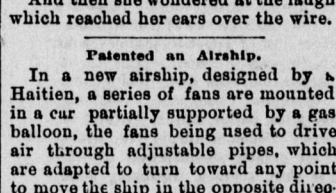
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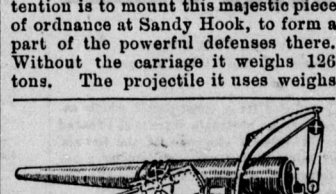
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And then she wondered at the laugh which reached her ears over the wire.



Patented an Airship.

In a new airship, designed by a Haitian, a series of fans are mounted in a car partially supported by a gas balloon.



Has a Range of Twenty Miles.

This big sixteen-inch gun has just been completed at the armory at Watervliet, N. Y. It is the biggest gun of its kind in America.

2370 pounds, and it requires 1080 pounds of powder to start it on its flight. Every time the gun is fired it costs \$865.

FOR THE HOUSEWIVES.

Dutch Tiles in the Diningroom. Blue and white papier-mache tiles, decorated with Dutch subjects—white coffee fisher girls in wooden shoes, old men smoking long pipes, women and children dancing on the seashore in quaint dress—are sold for dining-room decoration.

Before making up the beds see to it that the rooms have been aired. Or a clear, sunny day open the windows before breakfast and strip the bed, hanging the clothing over chairs near the windows.

The most important part of the bed-making is to get the sheets properly adjusted. Wrinkles in a sheet are an abomination. The bottom sheet should be tucked in securely at the top so that it cannot be jerked down by the restlessness of the sleeper.

Convenient Broom Dusters. There are trials enough that the housewife must endure without attempting to dust ceilings and side walls with a broom around which a cloth is pinned.

Onion and Egg Salad—Slice alternately in a dish hard-boiled eggs and onion, about one large onion to three eggs and season each layer with salt, sugar, pepper and vinegar.

Chocolate Meringue—Put three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate and one pint of milk into a granite saucepan and stir until well blended.

Muffins Baked on the Griddle.—Rub two teaspoonfuls of butter into one cupful of flour. Add two level teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt and one-half cup of water.

Coffee Sponge.—Beat together a half cupful of sugar and the yolks of three eggs. Add to them slowly two cupfuls of hot milk.

Caramel Custard.—Melt and stir one-half cup sugar in an omelet pan; when light brown, add two tablespoonfuls water, and stir it into one quart scalded milk.

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THE GREAT DESTROYER.

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

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The Drunkard's Progress. The really good fellow is convivial when he is sober, writes Professor David Starr Jordan, in the New York Independent. It is a poor kind of good-fellowship which cannot be found till it is saturated with drink.

Such tears of remorse are not "tears from the depths of some divine despair." They arise rather from the fact that alcohol irritates the lacrimal glands.

Stella Maris, the monthly parish paper of St. Francis de Sales Church, Charlestown, had some excellent temperance doctrine in a recent issue. Here is what it says about that foolish custom of "treating," which we have so often condemned in these columns.

There is a man in New York City, the proprietor and owner of a magnificent building which he formerly used as a saloon, but who has retired from the accursed trade.

Miss Parmelee, a missionary to the Japanese, reported that in that country Germans had been imported to teach the people how to make beer, and that the huge stacks of new breweries could now be seen from the railroad trains over almost every town of the interior.

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