

MARKET.

I went to Market yesterday, And it is like a Fair...

And there were Fishes out in rows Bright ones, of every kind...

And loveliest of all a Deer! Only its eyes were blurred...

So I could smooth his feathers through, And kiss them (very softly), too...

But oh, how they stirred me!— Josephine Preston Peabody, in Harper's.

IN THE COILS OF A BOA-CONSTRUCTOR.

By O. P. KINGLEY.

Early in the year 1900 I was stationed in the south of Negros Island, in the Philippine group...

As I sat in my office one pleasant morning, contentedly smoking a cigar and contemplating with pleasure...

Realizing the gravity of the situation, should the report be true, I decided to start at once...

Our route for several miles lay along a well-beaten trail, which would have been pleasant enough for ordinary travel...

As we advanced toward the interior the scenery became more wild and picturesque...

Advancing in single file, owing to the narrowness of the river-bed and the many obstructions...

For a moment I did not attempt to move. Although I was aware of a curious movement beneath me...

Suddenly my attention was attracted by a strange hissing noise which sounded quite close to me...

Chile's Deposit of Saltpetre. Conflicting stories are told about the nitrate beds of Chile...

A Lake of Quicksilver. A lake of quicksilver more than three acres in extent and from ten to fifty feet in depth has been discovered in Vera Cruz, Mexico...

There are 10,000,000 American women doing their own work in their own homes without pay...

Little Things Worth Knowing

Thackeray used to lift his hat whenever he passed the house in which he wrote "Vanity Fair."

Robert Browning could not sit still. With the constant shuffling of his feet holes were worn in the carpet.

Chicago, it is said, has more rats, in proportion to its population, than any other city in the world.

Three good washes are received by an Abyssinian during his career—at his birth, on his marriage-morn, and at his death.

Dinulau, the Zulu chief, has a graphophone, with which he entertains his guests, and also an organ of England build, on which he himself performs.

The number thirteen is deemed so unlucky in Paris and Berne that none of the houses in these cities bear that numeral.

The English city of Birmingham is securing control of the street-car systems there. Early in January the municipality instituted electric traction covering eighty miles of track.

Schoolchildren in Copenhagen, Denmark, must keep clean. Three times a week they have to bathe, and while they are thus engaged their clothing is being purified in steam-ovens.

In England a man devised a train-wrecking scene for the amusement of an audience. The engine driver entered so recklessly into the spirit of the occasion that he killed the author of the entertainment, who was lying bound upon the track.

A native of Egypt who recently died left \$400,000 stored in gold in his house. Many Egyptians who are possessed of wealth will borrow money at interest to conceal the fact.

The Philadelphia Record declares that Charles C. Reber, an employe in a shirt factory at Strasstown, Berks County, Pa., is an expert at sewing on buttons.

All paintings in "clay" is doubtful until it has been "fired." Noon is the vindication of the fanatic streaks of the dawn.

Be a whole man—not legs or arms, or stomach or shoulders, or even a head—but be a whole man.—Home Herald.

Cedar suitable for use in the manufacture of lead pencils is yearly becoming more scarce and expensive.

Theatrical folk, as a rule, cannot resist the temptation to respond to applause. It is music to their ears.

A well-known actor had taken the part of the hero in a drama in which it was necessary for him to be killed off in the next to the last scene in the last act.

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"Oh-well, sah," judicially remarked old Brother Quackenbush. "I isn't parsin' no pinions on de apparatus, one way or de tudder, muh-ee, but dea ghastly 'nd leavin' yo' to draw yo' own exclussions."

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