

1 THE TOCCASION FREQUENTLY BY KNOCKING OFF WORK AND HOLD-ING FUNERALS. SOME BURY THEIR DEAD, SOME BURN THEM AND SOME FEED THE CORPSES TO BUZZARDS.

NDIA beats the world for the number and variety of its New Year days and this is so be-XXX cause of the large number of aces and religions.

When a traveler who expects to spend some time in the country goes to the bank with his letter of credit, usually a card is handed him on which is printed the various holidays. This is for his convenience, so that he will not let himself get out of funds and go to the bank in a hurry, only, to find it closed on account of some and BUTTEVENT THE DEAD IN LITTURA holiday. The holiday may be Christian, Mohammedan or that of any one of the numerous Hindu sects.

When the usual card was given me in Bombay, says a writer, I noted the number of these holidays which were ascribed to New Year. They did not exactly bear out the humorous description of every day in the year as a New Year day, but there seemed hardly a month of the Christian calendar which did not have at least one New Year designated, and in some months there were more.

Kaleidoscopic Bombay observes all these New Year days because the stream of Asiatic life which circulates through it includes all the civilization and all the races and religions of the Orient: with some additions from the Occident. The spirit is one of cath-

All the races and all the religious sects observe the New Year of the Christian calendar, because British rule of India is reflected in this day; but they also observe the New Year of among themselves, at least to the extent of knocking off work.

Whether in Bombay or Benares, the monkey temple has its throng of Hindu worshipers, and the Mohamme-The Hindus on their part are apt to nerals and Hindu cremations. think it a shame to work on a Mohammedan New Year day when the Mos-Jumma Musquid mosque. So it goes all round the circle of New Year holi-

There is a simple arithmetical method of calculating the time from the era but the easier way is to accept and such a day is the New Year of flowers. the Mohammedan era. Similarly, the about the calendar.

The British New Year in Bombay, same as in England

formal and stately on account of Brit- ple, where the sacred fire is kept alive ish authority, it has less standing than and seven kinds of incense are burned. the New Year of the Parsees, because

On this day I was afforded the oportunity of witnessing the Parsee reservices. It was in the Allbless Bagh. within. They are more like an ordinary hall.





bearded priest stood beside the lamp. His discourse was earnest and solemn. Both man and woman hearers were very attentive.

The ceremonies of worship are quite simple, but the mysteries of the faith may be less so. The Parsees who have been educated in England and many of those whose English education has been obtained in Bombay resent the designation of fire worship-

One of them gave me a monograph. written by a Parsee barrister in London, which explained the creed of the followers of Zoroaster as one of good thoughts, good words and good deeds, with the sacred flame as a symbol of the effulgence of the deity. It is not denied, however, that contact with Hindus and Mohammedans has caused corruptions to creep into the creed. The Hindus and Moslems regard the Parsees as fire-worshipers.

It was on a New Year day that I the different races and religions drove out to Malabar hill, where are located the Towers of Silence, or the Parsee cemetery. Every traveler takes this drive. It is past the other cemeteries, Christian and Mohammedan dus and Parsees. There is a Chinese burial grounds and the Hindu burning colony in Bentinck street, Calcutta, and dans often are not unwilling to share ghat. The cemetery of the Christians the Chinese there observe the New in the observance to the extent of is no longer used, but on almost any Year as they do in the United States. foregoing their business activities. day there will be Mohammedan fu- or in any other section of the world

On this day there were two Mohammedan funerals and three parties of lem population may be thronging the Hindu mourners, with their respective burdens at the burning ghat.

Malabar hill is the choice spot overlooking the Arabian sea. Within the the part played by schoolboys in the cemetery grounds are flagstone steps. shaded walks and arbors and bowers. Hegira in the terms of the Christian A luxuriant vegetation covers the erations in eastern Galicia they were rocks, and there is everything that of great assistance to the troops. without question the fact that such goes to make a beautiful garden of

New Year of the Buddhists and the there are five, are hardly towers at Brahmins and the Jains and the Sikhs all. They are about 275 feet in cirmay be accepted without bothering cumference and perhaps 25 feet high. The material is whitewashed stone and coment or mortar. A pear apor Calcutta, or Delhi is much the proach to the towers is not allowed the shells of cartridges to be made to strangers to the Parsee creed, nor While the Christian New Year is is entrance permitted to the fire tem-

A model of the towers is shown in it is a single day's observance, while the registry room and an attendant ex-I happened to be in Bombay was the ant explained to me the circular rows Parsee Yazdezardi, 1276, and the New in which the bodies were placed—one Year days came on September 13 and for the children; one for the women and one for the men. When the bodies have been stripped of their fleshly ligious observances, or Zoroastrian perhaps half an hour, the bones re- tooked personally after his own cashier on the Charni road. Their churches dropped into a well in the center. or temples of worship are free from which is provided with drains and architectural pretensions without and water flushes. Charcoal is the chief

purifier. On this New Year day there was a In this temple the women were gath. Parsee funeral, which could be obered at one end of the room and the served only at a respectful distance. men at the other end. In the space There were the four professional body between was a stand holding a lamp bearers, with the bier on their shoul- Austria will deserve a prominent place with the eternal fire under glass. The ders, and a procession of perhaps fifty

THE BRAVEST FLOWERS.

December is not all bleak winter here, by any means. The earlier days are often mild and pleasant, and the hardler reminders of the garden year take prompt advantage of any sun-encouragement. During the first week of the month I have found scabious, candytuft and gaillardias in comfortable bloom. Of course, I expect to see pansies opening every month in the year, and have not often been disappointed. Then the wallflowers, bless them! do not regard winter as of any importance until at last Jack Frost repeatedly freezes them into insensibility. And on Christmas day, in one of the happy Breeze Hill garden years, I have found and gloatingly taken to the home sts assembled, flowers of the pansy, the English daisy and the wallflowers. These latest flowers are doubly appreciated, and have an appeal not possessed by the great, rich greenhouse roses one buys.-J. Horace McFarland in the Countryside Magazine.

LONDON LIGHTS ARE COSTLY.

At Willesden police court Philip Horgesbelmer, a German baker (nat-alized) of Malvern road, Kilburn, was fined \$25 for failing to reduce his

It was stated by the police that the defendant had a very bright light in It was stated by the police that the defendant had a very bright light in a window, and every time he was cautioned he put up a shade, removing it tain immediately the officer turned his back. When told that he would be mononed he replied: "Well, I must sell my cakes." On the night of the st raid his light was particularly bright.

The defendant sent his wife, also a German, to say that he was too busy aking bread for his customers to attend the court.

A fine of \$25 was imposed, which the wife at once paid.—Londo

Reht?"

with the price of ham and eggs.",
"It has a great deal in this case.

He's at war with a rival restaurant across the street."

Proved Fact.

"So your play is all about a prize light?"

A motor-driven wheel that can be inserted in place of the front ordinary bleycle to convert it into a motor cycle has been inven-

flame was very clear. A venerable | mourners in their white robes walking two abreast, each pair holding a handkerchief. The Parsee accounts say that the body is received by two bearded attendants at the entrance to the towers, and that by them the shroud is removed and then vultures do the rest. This is probably what happened

> that day. All I could note on this occasion was a sudden movement of the vultures in the palm trees. There seemed to be hundreds of them. They paused for a minute on the outer edge of one of the towers and then disappeared within. In a few minutes they reappeared.

The Parsee method of disposing of the dead is, perhaps, as the Parsees say, more sanitary than the Christian burial in the earth, or even than the Hindu cremation. It meets the tenet of their faith that fire, water and earth are too sacred to be polluted. But the western mind cannot become accustomed to it.

In conclusion, it may be said that there are other New Year observances in India besides the New Year of the Christians, Mohammedans, Hinin which they are found.

AUSTRIAN YOUTHS IN WAR

The Austrian newspapers are devoting considerable space at present to present war. They are affectionately termed the "war boys" and in the op-

In some of the artillery battles, especially those which centered around The towers of Silence, of which Czernovitz and Weinberg, schoolboys in large numbers braved the shelln and carried water and ammunition for the

After a battle they would go over the field and gather pieces of shrapnel and over again into ammunition. Occasionally a boy thus sacrificed his life, but this did not deter the ardor of his ompanions.

Many of the boys followed the infantry regiments and fought and slept with the soldiers in the trenches. The boys who remained at home took the place of their fathers and brothers who were at the front.

The story is told of a fourteen-yearold youngster who all alone managed covering by the vultures, which takes the biggest hotel in Czernovitz. He main for a while, and are then and bookkeeper. Other boys peddled goods among the soldiers and so earned a good living for their mothers.

Some became guides, and many an army automobile had as guide a bright schoolboy who sat beside the chauffear and showed him the right road. It is said that when the history of this war is written the schoolboys of

Beautiful European City. Agram, in Croatia, is one of the most popular cities in Europe, because years ago its public-spirited citizens got behind a movement and carried out a plan for an extensive park. "The city has a population of only about 100,000 persons, but everywhere it is known and spoken of as the city of beautiful parks. Few persons pass through on a train that do not return. They are drawn back by reason of the beauty of the park. The city spent more than one million dollars to set it off properly."

Internacine Strife. "This lunchroom proprietor adver-tises ham and eggs at war prices."

"I don't see what war has to do with the price of ham and eggs."

is too marked to esca well-known doctor says the alcohol usurps the fu

veale

"It is noticeable that those addicted to the use of alcoholic beverages often reveal a tendency to corpulence which is proportionate to their use of the drug. The fatness is not a sign of health. It is not even an indication that alcohol is harmless. It is merely the result of the complete oxidization of the substance of alcohol by the human body. The body will oxidize a two-ounce quantity of alcohol in 24 hours, and will do it so completely that no trace of alcohol can be found in any excretory substance. This simply means that the unnatural heat produced in the body by the presence of the stimulant answers, for the time being at least, for what would otherwise be produced by the expenditure of fats and carbohydrates. These latter are the fuel stored up by the body and normally burned up in the profuction of necessary bodily heatthough not a natural heat-and this expenditure is avoided. The fat is therefore stored up in the body unused, and corpulence is the necessary result. This, of course, is not a normal condition nor a proper process.

creasing use of alcohol." STOP ALL DRINKING.

A handbook recently issued by the German government for the use of field surgeons sounds a note of warning against John Barleycorn. The article is by Prof. Max Gruber of the Royal Hygienic institute of Munich. We quote:

It becomes more unnatural with in-

"This is no time for the use of alcohol. Not only is the guzzling of all alcoholic drinks to be stopped, but the use of even small amounts is, as a rule, an evil.

"It is scientifically established that even small amounts of alcohol weaken and paralyze our powers of observation, memory and judgment, the command of our intellect, our wills and our reason, our impulses, our brains, our body; cut down the gains from exercise, the endurance of hardships, the ability to resist external injuries.

"One's strength and mental power may be enough to withstand the moderate use, but efficiency cannot be improved by it. And those of us who are small and deficient in mental and physical power act recklessly when we dissipate the little that we have especially when we are under obligations to accomplish the rost that we

AMERICA'S GREATEST FOES.

"Had saloons never been discovered, and were it then in my power to portray the effects of such a discovery, all men, without exception, would declare it impossible to conceive of any more diabolical plan for the degradation and destruction of the human race. Our greatest foes are the manufacturers and distributers of alcohol. The stories of injuries done by drink are so written in the sad life history of many of our greatest men; are so evident throughout our land in squalor, poverty, misery and crime, and replete in prisons, workhouses and asylums, as well as in domestic infelicity, that it is inconceivable that any intelligent, rational man can deny the necessity for strong, united action to rid the land of both manufacturer and distributor."-Dr. A. Kelley of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

BEER WORSE THAN WHISKY.

This is what the Home Life Insurance company of New York has to say about beer:

"Of all intoxicating drinks, it is the most animalizing. It dulls the intellectual and moral and feeds the sensual and beastly nature. Beyond all other drinks, it qualifies for deliberate and unprovoked crime. In this respect it is much worse than distilled liquors. A whisky drinker will commit murder only under the direct excitement of liquor, a beer drinker is capable of doing it in cold blood. Long observation has assured us that a large proportion of murders deliberately planned and executed, without passion or malice, with no other motive than the acquisition of property or money, often of trifling value, are perpetrated by beer drinkers."

TO THE VOTER.

Which of your boys do you intend Shall stand in the footprints of ruined men? Will you help them to enter a life of woe Because of your votes? Oh, no! Oh, no! If you vote for saloons, I verily fear You'll have to support them; so now look

here
Which of your boys are you going to give
To ruin and death, that saloons may live?

We do not employ habitual drinkers, and never have, because they are not good workmen.—President White Automobile Company.

REPRESSION OF DRINK. 'The repression of drinking that has taken place in industrial establish-ments has not been altogether of force," says the Pittsburgh Gazettoes. "Workmen realize the beneit to themselves. There is little complaint against the rules made."

The handling of a magazine rifle is a very delicate operation, and those men will perform it best who have had no alcohol.—Sir J. Crichton

only one of many clever used by Y. Nakane. remerchant, when he made on at the custombouse saycarried only \$400 worth of

tigation of his baggager's, spector J. B. Brosman rerls valued at more than \$5,

Nakane arrived in San Francisco aboard the Tenyo Maru and declared to the customs frepector that he had \$400 worth of pearls in a small jewel case. An examination of the case showed that it had a false bottom, and pearls valued at \$1,000 were revealed with the destruction of the case. This was the first lot to be discovered.

While the jewel case was being taken apart Nakane drew from his pocket a dainty Japanese tobacco box and proceeded to roll a cigarette.

The beauty of the box attracted the attention of Wardell, who asked to see it at closer range. The box, when examined, revealed another \$1,000 worth of the precious gems. Nakane removed his coat to assist in the work of unpacking his cases.

Again Warfell was attracted by the beauty of a silk vest and made an examination and found that in the center of each of the buttons was set a small pearl, which was so near the color of the shell-like buttons that the gems could only be detected by an ex-

In the bottom of one of the merchant's trunks the inspector found a toy dog carefully wrapped in tissue paper. Nakane explained that it was to be a gift to a child relative here

An examination of the outside of the toy revealed nothing; finally the tip of the tail was removed with a pair of scissors and it was found to be filled with pearls. A like find was made in the dog's nose.

Nakane then confessed he had tried to smuggle the jewels into this country. The gems were confiscated.

"Jennie Catfish" Dead.

"Jennie Catfish" is dead. In the northeastern part of the city Jennie Catfish was as celebrated as the muffin man of English fame or the old chimney sweep of Charles Lamb's time, states the Philadelphia North American.

Her call, "Any catfish? Any catfish?" has rung through the streets of the city for nearly half a century. Residents of the northeast say they cannot remember when she did not cry her wares night and day. Many remember it mingled with their childish dreams, the shrill, piercing, long-drawn-out wall bringing a picture of a little woman, who always had seemed old, walking swiftly along back streets and alleys with a tray balanced on her head.

To the children she was "Jennie of her cry. To her neighbors she was Mrs. Amelia Wilson, eighty years old. She had been ill for some time and had been taken care of by a neighbor, who the other day entered her home

with a postal from a niece. She found the old woman dead as the result of pneumonia. Public Defender's Idea.

"What in heaven's name is the use of sending to jail a man who ought to be with his family? What's the use of giving a man a bad name when a good word will set him right?"

That's what the first public defender to appear in Pittsburgh's police courts asked at the end of his first day's work. There's no use following that old

method, but we've been a long time finding it out. Sending a man to jail is a poor way to take care of the man's family, but it's the way we've taken for ages.

Giving a man a bad name instead of offering-him the good word his heart is aching to hear is wasteful, but it was easier, we thought, than the right way. The strange thing about these matters is that the wrong way always seems easier.-Pittsburgh Leader.

Oyster Catches a Duck.

A sheldrake duck, diving into the bay at Smith's Point, L. I., varied life's monotony by capturing an oyster and being captured in turn.

Of course all that the residents of Smith's Point know about the remarkable catch is what they heard from Will Murdock, who tozas the draw at the Tangier bridge, and who admits he has an excellent reputation for veracity. Will took duck and oyster to the Smith's Point Coast Guard station and exhibited them to prove the story.

Where did he get them? Oh, he caught the duck after the duck had caught the oyster. The fowl pushed its bill into the shell of the eyster, Murdock said, and the bill stuck fast.

Useless Question. "Would your wife vote for you as a

candidate for office?" "I don't think there's any use of my bothering my head about that," re-

plied Mr. Meekton. "I don't believe Henrietta would let me run in the first Greatness and Efficiency.

"A great man's mind is superior to avy," remarked the philosopher. "Yes," replied the ordinary person;
"It is, if he's great enough to get

what he goes after instead of having to see someone also walk off with it." The young man who fondly believed that two could live upon as little as one arrived rejuctantly at a complete realization of the falsity of the theory when the family doctor offers congrat-dations and says "it" is "twina."

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"Vell, vell! Vot is it?" "Don't you want the countersign?" "No, dot's all righdt. Der feller in der guard's tent gif it to me. I got it." -Boston Transcript.

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He Had No Kick Coming. "That's awful pitching."

"What's the matter, my dear?" "That's the second man he's given a pass to first this inning."

"I don't see why you should com-Free Press.

His Way.

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very well." "William an actor?" said the visitor. Why, I thought he was deaf and

"He is," said Mrs. Bjones, "but that doesn't make any difference. He's playing Hamlet this week in the movies."-New York Times.

"Pa, what's innocuous desuctude'?" "It's what I fall into, son, when your mother and a caller start to discussing the servant problem."

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