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RELIGIOUS READING.

The Mills of the Gods.

Hark! How the mills are grinding, How the busy bays go round, With a low and harmonic humming,

The Divine System of Saving Truth. Amid all the mutations which eighteen centuries have witnessed, the divine system of saving truth revealed in the New Testament has proved to be entirely immutable.

Musical as a Daily Help.

The sound of piano, flute, violin, or harp is essentially a cheerful home sound, indicating the absence of illness or affliction.

Mirrors.

We are mirrors. We can not help being reflected. We reflect in our characters every influence that touches our lives.

A Monks' Temperance Lesson.

In my month's says a writer to an exchange, I had a friend who had a monkey. We always took him out on our chow-chow parties.

The Real Despot.

At a liquor-dealer's banquet at Delmonico's one evening last week, one of the dinner-speakers is reported as saying that the world was too much governed and "not least by its own dear domestic despots, by its homes and firesides."

Mrs. Lucy A. Elkins, widow of a well-known Chicago artist, Henry A. Elkins, has received a verdict of \$5000 in her case against William Cudney and others.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Natural gas is being used for a great variety of purposes.

A Spanish astronomer thinks he has seen it snow in the moon.

It is very injurious to eat cologne on sugar to brighten the eyes.

M. Jablonski, a French scientist, claims to have discovered organs of sight in the vegetable growth called pandorina.

James Wallace, an Australian engineer, is at work upon a steamship which he says will make sixty miles an hour.

England claims the largest electric light in the world. It is in the light-house at St. Catherine's, and its capacity is 60,000 candle power.

Some people are inquiring why M. Pasteur, the originator of inoculation for rabies, does not devote his attention to studying yellow fever germs.

A late invention of Thomas A. Edison is an electrical meter by which the flow of electricity can be measured with as much ease as gas now is by a gas meter.

The editor of the Die Bescherer, German, estimates the population of the world to be 1,444,000,000. M. Levasseur, French, puts it at 1,483,000,000, a difference of 41,000,000.

Tobacco, being a narcotic, naturally benumbs the nerves. When the nerves are thus benumbed people do not see as distinctly, and this defectiveness of vision tends to increase and become permanent.

French physicians are reporting great success with the prompt internal use of antiseptics in cases of typhoid fever. After disinfection of the intestines, according to this method, the disease runs a short course.

Dr. Younger's plan of implanting natural teeth in place of those lost has proven less successful than was hoped as the roots gradually undergo absorption, causing the teeth to loosen and fall out after a year or two.

A curious fact revealed by the phonograph is that people generally do not know their own voices. The husband will recognize his wife's voice in a phonogram, and the wife will recognize the husband's, but neither will recognize their own speech.

The Brazilian pottery tree contains so large an amount of silica that the bark is much used for pottery-making. The ashes of the bark are mixed with clay in varying proportions, producing a superior and very durable ware.

Professor Pickering, of the Harvard College observatory, regards the so-called canals of Mars as areas of vegetation—possibly immense cultivated tracts. The canals are usually some 30 to 250 miles broad by 2000 to 3000 miles long, and most of them appear in parallel pairs.

At the Council of Electricians, an essayist stated that an alternating current is more likely to destroy life than a direct current of double or triple the strength. The number of volts which the alternating current is usually measured is no criterion in regard to its dangerousness.

A specimen of volcanic ash collected recently on the coast of Ecuador, South America, 120 miles from Cotopaxi, has been analyzed. The ash fell in July, 1858, and formed a deposit to the depth of several inches. The interesting feature in the composition of the material was the presence of a small amount of silver, probably as silver chloride; the result of several experiments showed that silver was present to the extent of one part in 84,000 of ash.

Tricks of the Cafe Waiters.

"The other night when dining rather liberally at one of the uptown hotels," said a man about town to a New York Telegram reporter, "I remarked a discrepancy as between the account presented and the change returned from the bill."

"Don't you see that by hiding two or three coins under the list in that way when returning the change to a careless man, who does not count his change, he would receive his tip and the hidden coin also, but when serving a more careful person, myself for instance, and a receipt was called for, the missing coin could be found and no suspicion of dishonesty attach to the waiter, unless a fellow got tired of having the same old chestnut played too often. There are other tricks beside that for capturing the careless," said the tourist.

"You immediately call his attention to the fact and remark that it was a louis you gave him. 'But no sir' he says, 'see there,' and takes the coin from between his teeth and behold it is only a half louis. You are puzzled, for you were confident that it came from the little spring case that a half louis would not fit, and cannot account for it until you learn that he has had the half louis in his mouth for just such an occasion. The only safe way, therefore, is the moment you see your louis going toward his mouth, let the battle begin, and tell him to let it remain on the table until the change is given. That is not all, for in the supper rooms at the various cafes in Paris the number of the room is placed right over the column of figures and added in with the total amount. I suppose if the room were not numbered they would add in the date; anything, in fact, to make the amount bigger.

There is madness in the royal family of Germany. The mother of the present Emperor is in the madhouse now.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

Food for Feathered Pets.

To make food for singing birds, knead together three pounds of split peas, ground or beaten to flour, one and a half pounds of fine crumbs of bread, the same quantity of coarse sugar, the raw yolks of six eggs and six ounces of fresh butter.

Cheese Straws.

There are various recipes for making cheese straws, but an English authority on culinary matters claims that the following is the genuine original way of making this now fashionable delicacy.

To Wash Blankets.

Put a pint of household ammonia in the bottom of your tub, having had the blankets well beaten to remove all clinging dust before you get the tub out.

Marmalades. Fruits that are too ripe for preserves or canning may be used to make marmalades, which will be found delicious.

A Witty Violinist.

Von Bulow doesn't allow greedy hostesses to entertain his guests. He always makes it a proviso before entering a strange house that he shall not be asked to play.

A Deserved Rebuke.

"Why, Rollo, I've 'sprised. Don't yer know it's werry wicked to kill chickens? What yer s'pose is gwine ter become of yer?"

Strained Relations.

Brown to Robinson—"Why, I thought you knew Dunley, that gentleman I just bowed to."

Queer Fancies.

Teacher—"What does s-e-e spell?" By—"Dunno." Teacher—"Why, what do I do with my eyes?"

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An Old Warrant Cast Up by the Sea. A peculiar case is about to interest the Washington Treasury Department officers. Thirty years ago Samuel G. Bailey, who at the time was Assistant Keeper of the Montauk (Long Island) Light, lost the warrant issued by the Governor for his salary for the quarter. A diligent search was made for it, but without success. The supposition was that the wind had blown it out to sea.

Under Full Sail.



Japanese Philosophy.

We are getting to know a good deal of the mysterious empire of Japan. There has appeared in Paris a translation of a Japanese Manual of Philosophy, a little book that is used in all the schools of Japan, and is made as familiar to a Japanese youth as the catechism is to the boys and girls of this country.

Heaven and Earth are the father and mother of all things. Man is the most honorable creature; he is more particularly the son of Heaven and Earth. Therefore he ought always to worship Heaven and Earth, and to acknowledge by all means the infinite blessings of Heaven and Earth.

A child without filial piety will never prosper; much less man, the son of Heaven and Earth, if he does not obey them.

In order to arrive at perfection, we should devote ourselves altogether to our business, like the cat watching the mouse, or the hen hatching her eggs.

True knowledge is that which is acquired in order to govern ourselves, not in order to be known by the world. Every evening we examine the faults of the day in order to correct them tomorrow; every day our work progresses; in a month there will be the work of thirty days; every year will have 360 complete days; in this manner we advance in virtue and knowledge, and we have no lights not to be described.

Of all precious things, none is more precious for men than time.

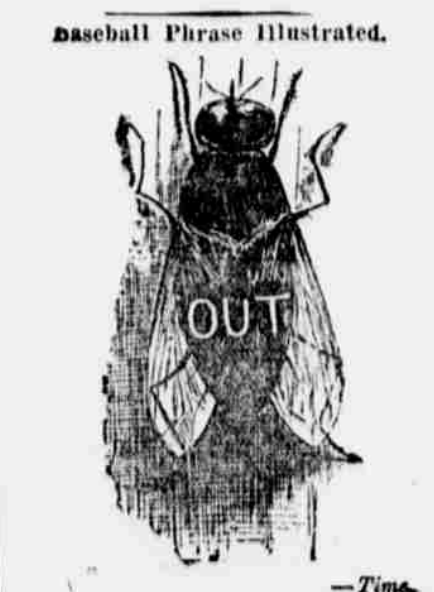
Do not rest even while taking breath. After death we shall rest.



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