

SEA BATHING IN CUBA.

If You Are Tempted to Try It, Resist the Inclination. If you should chance to visit Cuba, officially or otherwise, and should desire to go in sea bathing, remember the advice of the Englishman and—don't.

For sea bathing in Cuba, like the ways of the heathen Chinese, is peculiar. The natives probably go through it as a religious penance, as, considered in the light of a diversion, it is simply ghastly.

The banos, or baths, are out at Vedado, a suburb of Havana, and you are likely to enjoy the drive along by the coast some six miles. The fringes of Havana, as you leave the city proper, are shabby enough, but there's the sea to gladden the eyes, and you anticipate sporting in those bright blue waters with relish.

The first intimation you have of the baths is the apparition of a frame structure that looks like a grand stand. You enter this and purchase your ticket. Then the misery begins. After the usual preliminary process, similar to that prevalent in a watering place in the United States, you go forth, expecting to come upon a sandy beach.

Suddenly you feel something nip your leg like a pair of powerful tweezers. You put your hand to the afflicted part and find that it is a crab that has laid hold of you.

Its Development From the Markings Used by the Ancients. It is difficult to determine the exact period in which "black lead" was first utilized as an instrument for writing or drawing, as it has been confused with other mineral bodies to which it bears no relation.

Graphite or black lead is formed in the primary rocks. In the United States it occurs in felspar and quartz, in Great Britain in greenstone rock and gneiss and in Norway in quartz. The mine at Borrowdale, England, has supplied some of the finest black lead in the world, but the quantity varies owing to the irregularity with which the mineral occurs.

TOILETS OF ANTS.

Sombs, Brushes, Sponges and Soap Used in Making Them. "Ants have fine and coarse combs, sponges, hairbrushes and soap. They are remarkably clean."

The speaker was a nature student. He bent over the artificial ants' nest, or formicary, that stood on his table under glass. "Watch this lady making her toilet," he said. "She won't mind."

The little black ant seemed to be carefully trying and untying knots in herself. The small black body twisted and turned. The touch little black limbs darted through the air.

"That is her fine tooth comb she is using now," explained the student. "It is affixed to the tibia of the foreleg. It has a short handle, a stiff back and sixty-five fine teeth. Nothing can escape it."

"Now she is sponging her back. Yes, the tongue is her sponge, the flat surface of the tongue. The tongue's edges are her brush. They are equipped with hemispherical bosses—short, stiff, blunt bristles. See her brushing her left foreleg with it. Doesn't it work admirably?"

"Now she is combing the hairy underpart of her body with her coarse comb. It is attached to the tarsus and has forty-five coarse teeth, an excellent instrument for rough work."

"She is giving her legs a good soap bath now. She draws them, you see, through her mandibles, or upper jaws. The mandibles are serrated, and they secrete a fluid that is quite like soap-suds, a superb toilet lotion which cleanses the skin and makes the hair brilliant and supple."

THE STAGE KISS.

What It Really Means Rather Than What It Seems to Be. Stage kisses! No one but an actor or an actress can fully appreciate what they mean.

A face covered with a coating of cold cream, which has been powdered over with a thick layer of pearl white or brunette powder, as the case may be. On the cheeks are daubs of rouge, which at that close range in no possible manner suggest, as they do to the audience, the rosy cheeks of a country lassie.

Taken from this viewpoint, some of the very impassioned kisses featured in plays require no little self sacrifice on the part of the players.—Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly.

A UNIQUE CRITICISM.

The Shout That Made Remington's Indian Open His Mouth. Frederic Remington's studio was quiet. A stillness that betokens work pervaded the atmosphere, and the artist, working away at his canvas, "The Spirit of War," silently laid on his colors of the setting sun, and an Indian chief, raised in his stirrups, shouting to his braves, inspiring them with courage for the fight.

Remington had not heard a knock at the studio door or the entrance of an unannounced guest. Nor did he realize that two sharp eyes were scanning his work with that critical examination characteristic of the man who "knows art."

Suddenly there burst from the visitor such a shout as any Indian chief would have been proud of. Another and another shout echoed through the studio. Remington, starting back, dropped his brushes and palette and turned in the direction of the thundering voice.

"Ah, bah! My boy, open his mouth. Make him shout. Make him look it. Open his mouth. So—so." The stranger gave vent to two more shouts fit for the plains. It was Jerome, and this was his method of expression in this special case. Remington, in accordance with his advice, "opened his mouth," and as a result, instead of the slightly parted lips, there is a face so full of enthusiasm, so expressive of a cheer, that when one sees the picture he is prompted to the action of Jerome, who made probably the most unique criticism ever given on one of Remington's best pictures.—Scrap Book.

Orphan's Court Sale

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE! Estate of David Clark, Late of the Borough of Danville, deceased. Pursuant to an order of the Orphan's Court of Montour County to her granted for such purpose, the undersigned, as Sheriff of said County of the last will and testament of the said David Clark deceased, will expose to public sale upon the premises, Nos. 104 & 106 Mill Street, Danville, Pa., on

Thursday, Aug. 8, '07

at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the said day the following described real estate of the said decedent, to wit: All that certain message or tenement and town lot of land situate in the First Ward of the Borough of Danville, in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at the southwestern corner of lot of Elizabeth Gosh on the eastern side of Mill Street, thence in an easterly direction along the said lot of the said Elizabeth Gosh and at right angles with Mill Street aforesaid, ninety-five feet to lot of William L. Sidler, thence in a southwesterly direction along the said lot of the said William L. Sidler and parallel with Mill Street aforesaid twenty-five feet to a corner of the said lot of the said William L. Sidler, thence in a westerly direction along the said lot of the said William L. Sidler and at right angles with Mill Street aforesaid ninety-five feet to the northwestern corner of the said lot of the said William L. Sidler, the place of beginning, with the appurtenances, and whereupon is erected

A TWO STORY BRICK BUILDING

solely occupied by offices. TERMS OF SALE.—Twenty-five per cent of the purchase money shall be paid in cash at the striking down of the property and the balance thereof shall be paid on the absolute confirmation of the sale. Deed to be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers thereof on such absolute confirmation of such sale and upon payment of the entire purchase money, and the cost of writing such deed shall be paid for by such purchaser or purchasers.

SPORTS AT SEA.

How the Long Trip From Madeira to Cape Town Is Enjoyed. The voyage to Cape Town from Southampton or Madeira is a long one, sixteen to twenty days, says the Travel Magazine. And so we find pastimes organized on board far transcending the ordinary concerts, amateur theatricals, deck games and the like familiar to all of us on the ordinary ocean going liner.

The programme is an ambitious one, comprising boxing, gymnastic drill, obstacle racing, cockfighting, cricket, baseball and football, egg and spoon races for men and girls and children, ordinary deck games and evening amusement, such as concerts and dances.

THE LIGHTNING ROD.

Franklin's Theory Was Known Away Back in Talmudic Times. In an article on "Current Topics in Ancient Literature" J. D. Eisenstein says in the Sydney (Australia) Standard: "The lightning rod was invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1752 to arrest the electricity of the thunder. When the information of the discovery reached Rabbi Saul Katzenellenbogen of Wilna, he said that the theory was not new, because it was already known in Talmudic times, and he showed a passage in the Tosefta (third century) where it says that 'on Sabbath it is permitted to place an iron near the henery to safeguard the fowls from thunder and lightning strikes.' The Talmud vouches that 'there is nothing superstitious about this belief.' (Tosefta, Shabb, chapter 6, end.)

"The system of telegraphy, in a crude manner, is curiously described by Judah 3. Jacob Chayat in his commentary to 'The System of Theology' chapter, 'The Gate of the Chariot' (see page 218b, ed. Ferrara, 1558). Chayat is perhaps the first Hebrew author who transliterates the term 'magnet,' and he explains the physical phenomena as follows: 'If you break the magnet into two parts and separate them at any distance, even a thousand miles apart, any movement caused by a joining wire to one part will be repeated by the other part' (quoted also in Shelah, page 36a, ed. Amsterdam, 1708)."

SHERIFF'S SALE

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. By virtue of a certain Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Montour County and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Montour County Court house in the Borough of Danville, in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, on

Saturday, Aug. 10, '07

at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the said day, the following described real estate, viz: All that certain message, tenement and lot of ground situate on the east side of Mill Street, in the Third Ward of the Borough of Danville, in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, viz: On the south by lot of Henry L. Gross, on the east by ground reserved for a public alley, on the north by lot formerly of Margaret Keiner, now of David R. Eckman, and on the west by the line of Mill Street aforesaid. Said lot being twenty-four feet wide on Mill Street, and one hundred and forty-two feet more or less in length to line of the said alley, and whereupon is erected a certain

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and other buildings and appurtenances. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Joseph H. Johnson and Elizabeth C. Johnson, his wife, Mortgagees, and the said Elizabeth C. Johnson real owner. TERMS OF SALE.—Twenty-five per cent of the purchase money shall be paid in cash at the striking down of the property and the balance thereof shall be paid on or before the return day of the writ (September 23rd, 1907.)

MONOPOLIES AND RINGS.

Olden Time Schemes For Obtaining Wealth and Power. The evil of monopolies and rings was known to ancients, Aristotle referring to them in his "Politics," and then, as now, it was found necessary to hold them in check by legislation. The monopolist was in Roman law called a dardaniarius and punished under the Lex Julia de Annona. Monopolies of clothing, fish and all articles of food were prohibited by the Emperor Zeno under pain of confiscation and exile, so that it is certain that the rings of the ancient days were as mischievous as they are now. At Athens a law limited the amount of corn a man might buy. The earliest recorded instance we have was a corn ring.

There is an ancient tradition that the king who made Joseph his prime minister and committed into his hands the entire administration of Egypt was Apepi. Apepi was one of the shepherd kings and ruled over the whole of Egypt as Joseph's pharaoh seems to have done. The prime minister during seven years of remarkable plenty bought up every bushel of corn beyond the absolute needs of the Egyptians and stored it. Under the terrible famine that followed he was able to get his own price and bartered corn successively for the Egyptian money, cattle and land, and taking one-fifth for pharaoh, made him supremely wealthy. It was not merely a provident act, but a very politic one, his policy being to centralize power in the monarch's hands.—London Answers.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

Pursuant to an Order of the Court of Common Pleas of Montour County, Penna., the undersigned Trustees of Washingtonville Presbyterian Church, of Washingtonville, Montour County, Penna., will expose at public sale upon the premises, near Washingtonville, Pa., on

Saturday, August 17, 1907,

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, the following described Real Estate to wit:—

All that certain tract, or parcel of land situate in Derry Township, Montour County, Pa., bounded and described as follows: On the North by lands of Daniel Billmeyer; on the south by lands of Peter Deitrick; on the East by lands of George N. Oyster and on the West by a private road, containing Five acres, more or less.

TERMS OF SALE.—Twenty-five per cent of the purchase money upon the striking down of the property, and the balance upon the confirmation absolute of said sale. Deed to be delivered to the purchaser, or purchasers, upon the confirmation absolute and the purchaser, or purchasers, to pay the cost of writing the same.

J. Wallace Deen, C. W. Schultz, F. L. Carlson, Wm. D. Seidel, A. A. Sweitzer, I. Minemoyer, Trustees Washingtonville Presbyterian Church, Ralph Kiser, Attorney.

"Bridget" Mrs. Housekeeper called down to her servant, "I see Mrs. Gaddis coming across the street. Run out and turn that door mat upside down."

"The one that has 'Welcome' on it,"—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Contradiction. Tommy—Does it make any difference if baby takes all his medicine at once? Baby's mother (in horror)—Good heavens! Of course it does! Tommy—But it hasn't made any difference.—Punch.

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