

UNWEEPING OR UNWEP?

"Unwept, unhonored and unsung"
Were not the worst of Fortune's bringings;
Dread, rather, than those eyes and tongue
Unweeping and ununsung.

Karl Hagenbeck's Adventures



ARL HAGENBECK, the famous dealer in animals, and I stood by the cage of two constrictors...

"Would you like to see them in action?" said Mr. Hagenbeck to me, and as he spoke he opened the cage door...

"A fight amongst the snakes, also, is a terrible thing. I had once five big pythons, each over sixteen feet long, in one cage..."

"By good fortune one of my assistants was standing near. I called for him and he came rushing up to me, knowing by the sound of my voice that there was something very dreadful the matter..."

me from going back, each of them saying they would not do it. I felt very exhausted, but my temper was fairly up and I determined I wouldn't be beaten...

Passing by an enormous aviary, in which fluttered and screamed thousands of beautiful parrots, we came at last to a large tank in which were slowly paddling round some spiteful looking alligators...

"Alligators are the most determined fighters even amongst themselves. Six of them, each about fourteen feet long, had a frightful fight amongst themselves once, and so desperately did they fight that within fourteen days they were all dead..."

"I wish you would tell me about it," said I; "it must have been very dreadfully interesting, and also I felt sure my American readers would enjoy some good 'snake' stories."

"Certainly I will," he replied, "and I can assure you," he added, with a shudder at the thought, "that it was most painfully interesting to me. I very nearly lost my life on that occasion. It happened in this way. There were eight full grown pythons in one cage..."

"However," he went on, "I wasn't out of the woods, even then, as you English call it, for just as I thought I was getting away all right and could get her safely into the box the last python in the cage, a tremendous giant, also tried to attack me..."

"On another occasion a royal Bengal tiger was suffering very much from toothache, so two of my men held him by the collar and whilst one of my attendants opened his mouth my brother-in-law and I took some pinchers and pulled out the teeth which had been giving him so much pain, and which, indeed, had grown so badly that they had hindered him from biting his food properly..."

"However, perhaps the most terrible adventure that I ever had occurred in Munich during the Centennial fete in 1888. I was going in a long procession with eight elephants, and the streets were very crammed. Now, it chanced that we had to pass a great big iron dragon which, by some mechanical contrivance, began to spit fire as soon as we got near it..."

Professor Brooks told the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, recently, that there are thirty-nine poisonous plants in the United States which are now or have been used in the treatment of disease...

The lower orders of vegetable organisms develop on such nitrogenous foods as fish and meat an active poison called ptomaine. The numerous instances of illness and even death resulting from eating mushrooms should serve to cause the refusal of all kinds not positively identified...

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The Bank of England was projected in 1694 to meet the difficulty experienced by William III. in raising funds for the French war. William Paterson and Michael Godfrey induced forty merchants to subscribe to a loan of £6,000,000 to the Government at eight per cent...

The Wishkah River is shunned by all Indians. Even when crossing from the Quinaltipus or Humpulips country to its foot, causing it a great deal of pain. We tried to get the feet into a sling and pull them through the bars, but this was very troublesome...



A fancy has arisen for wearing a bangle of jade, it being claimed that the costly green material brings good luck. By way of contrast to this la mode ordains that there shall also be a bangle of tortoise shell and one of gold...

Awa cloth for a summer skirt. Awa cloth is the latest material for a summer skirt. It is a substitute for the silken petticoat. It is a cotton cloth with a crimped surface and comes in shades of dark blue, gray and black...

A very popular fad just now takes the form of tinted lace. Girls who are at all clever with the paint brush color the filmy garniture in shaded tones, in this way securing a suitable trimming for shot silk gowns. The shaded lace is so very fetching that more than one bright-witted maiden has carried out the coloring idea upon her toilet items...

Women in the role of librarians. Women have made a special success in the training school for librarians that has resulted from the present system in vogue by the conductors of the State Library at Albany. Three of the great popular institutions of instruction, the Pratt in Brooklyn, the Drexel in Philadelphia, and the Armour in Chicago, have all secured both chief librarians and assistants from recent graduates of the State Library School...

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The most popular material. It appears to be an established fact of fashion that the most popular material is to be grenadine. It is to be grenadine of a very soft, fine make which we are to patronize, and it is grenadine beautifully patterned with silken flowers in various colors...

English walking gloves to be used with promenade costumes come in all the cloth shades to match toilets. Gloves for the street fasten smoothly over the wrist by four or five buttons and are made with pique-stitched seams...

Clear white muslin is used for dresses which are worn over colored silk. The skirt is of three deep flounces with wide hems and colored ribbon run in the hems. Waist of silk, draped over with muslin, and a broad, soft sash of the color at the waist...

CURIOS FACTS.

In every country consumption kills more victims than any other one disease. Greek sculptors often used eyes of glass or crystal in the faces of their statues.

Shanghai, China, has the highest death rate from heart disease, 1510 per 10,000. Down to the days of Appelles, Greeks knew but four colors—white, red, yellow and black.

The Emperor of China chooses his own successor, and is not confined to his family in making the choice. The Mohawk Indians will not allow so much as a blade of grass to grow upon the graves of their companions.

The origin of the letters lb, generally used as an abbreviation for pound, is the Latin word libra, which means a pound. In Moscow, Russia, the winter cold is so intense that it freezes quicksilver, while the summer temperature is as high as that of Naples, Italy.

In Bengal, India, there are three harvests reaped every year; peas and oil seeds in April, the early rice crop in September and the great rice crop in December. A tooth weighing 5 1/2 pounds and measuring 3 1/2 inches in width and nine inches long was found on the farm of Gottlieb Shultz, near Dallas City, Ill. It is regarded as a very rare specimen of mastodon tooth.

Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, which is claimed to be the largest spring in the world, is seventy feet deep, with a diameter of nearly 200 feet. 65,000 cubic feet of water gush forth every minute, producing 1000 horse power. Sim Ghibbins, of White County, Georgia, was chased by a coachwhip snake, and had to climb a tree in order to elude the reptile. The snake, however, remained at the base of the tree for quite a while, as if waiting for him to come down.

In 170 years after the death of Christ the whole Bible had been translated into Latin by some unknown author into what is now known as the old Italian version. By the year 200 it was extant in Greek, Syriac and Latin, and by the Ninth Century in thirteen languages. The largest canal in the world is the Imperial Canal of China. Its length is 2100 miles, and it connects forty-one cities along its banks. The canal was completed in 1350, 600 years after its construction was commenced. Its traffic is greater than that of any canal in the world.

People should never go in the early morning to get boots and shoes fitted. In the latter part of the day the feet are at their maximum size. Activity and standing tend to enlarge the feet. If people would remember this rule there would not be so many complaints of shoes when worn being tight which, when fitted, seemed so comfortable.

The first test of the air pump was made in 1654 by its inventor, Otto von Guericke, in the presence of Emperor Ferdinand of Germany. Guericke applied the carefully ground edges of two metallic hemispheres, two feet in diameter, to each other. After exhausting the air by his apparatus he attached fifteen horses to each hemisphere. In vain did they attempt to separate them because of the enormous pressure of the atmosphere. The experiment was a great success.

Architecture at the World's Fair. The buildings surrounding the Court of Honor are classic, but they are illuminated at numberless points by picturesqueness and animation, by color and lightness. Taken in one comprehensive view, they have also something peculiarly modern in a sky line full of graceful modulations and abrupt, telling transitions; this in spite of the practical uniformity of the cornice height. The latter is not disturbed; it is made, if anything, more effective by the soaring dome of the Administration Building, the lower, but equally graceful roofs of Machinery Hall, which are given further variety by little turrets on the pavilions at the corners of the building, and by the beautiful line which indicates the curve of the rotunda ceiling in the Agricultural Building.

There is charm in the outline and in the mass, a mingling of dignity with piquancy in the Court of Honor as it is seen from the top of the Administration Building. The charm is there when the vision is directed over the Machinery and Agricultural buildings, the former alive with winged Victories on its roofs, the latter crowned with the Diana of Mr. St. Gaudens. It is there when the eye travels straight down the center of the court, and sees between the majestic facades Mr. French's noble statue of the Republic, and behind it the peristyle bearing above its massive columns the Columbus quadriga, a triumphal group looming superbly against the summer sky.—Century.

Pacific Fisheries. The oldest industry of the Atlantic coast, the fisheries, is the newest of the Pacific. Until a few years ago the fishermen on the northern coasts of California paid no attention to the vast quantities of sturgeon and halibut there, regarding them as worthless, and it is only within two or three years that the majority of places further north and down the southern coast now making money in fish have paid any attention whatever to the industry. Last year 6,000,000 pounds of sturgeon were taken from the Columbia River and shipped east, and altogether a hundred or so car loads of this one kind of fish went east from that region.—Chicago Herald.