

PHILOPENA.

We had both of us said we would rather... It is "give or take" philopena—

The Cost of Ginseng.

In England we have been accustomed to pay high prices at certain times for drugs, such as quinine, cocaine and others, but a drug is used in New China which in actual value far surpasses anything which has been known here.

The substance in question is called ginseng and is the root of Aralia quinquefolia. It is so highly valued as a tonic and stimulant medicine in China that it is sold at from 20 to 250 times its weight in silver, sometimes for 500 times that amount.

The Man Got a Whipping.

Some few years ago in the depths of winter an old pair had ascended the "wooden hill" for their night's rest. They had been there some time when the old clock struck 2.

The father jumped out of bed, snatched up the poker, the wife following suit with the tongs, and they went downstairs, followed by Will. The house was searched, but no man was found.

Wholesale Plating.

One of the most remarkable illustrations of progress in electrical appliances is electroplating. Hitherto if copper or other metal had to be deposited electrically a bath of solution was needed.

What Aluminum Is.

There are many misconceptions about aluminum that are widespread and which it seems difficult to correct in the public mind. Aluminum is not, section for section, a very strong metal.

For the Canary Bird.

Canary birds are often covered with vermin. They may be relieved of them by placing a clean white cloth over their cage at night.

Very Polite.

"How do you like your new music master?" "He is a very nice, polite young man. When I made a mistake yesterday, he said, 'Pray, mademoiselle, why do you take so much pains to improve upon Beethoven?'"

The throne, the grandees, the high ecclesiastics, the captains general, the admirals and the ministers of state in Spain wield a very powerful influence in Spanish politics and control the upper house of the cortes.

The thinnest tissue paper measures 1-1200 of an inch in thickness. The Krupp gun works claims a machine which will roll iron so thin that it would take 1,800 sheets to make an inch.

Teach children to say, "Yes, mother (or father)," and "No, mother," and to say, "Yes, sir (or madam)," to old people or to those who adhere to the old ways of speech.

The advice of your dentist should be sought as to the proper tooth powder to use, as many of the compounds on the market contain harmful acids and gritty substances.

Travelers by rail in Russia are divided into three classes—civil, military and convict, with the further subdivision of paying and nonpaying.

A Man Sleeping in the Street.

A well dressed man leaning against lamppost and apparently sleeping the sleep of the just created a great deal of interest in a busy London street the other day. He sat on a box which had been carrying.

Evidently, being suddenly overcome with drowsiness, he had placed the box on the curbstone, and sitting down upon it had fallen asleep. To those who succeeded in getting close enough to the man his gentle, restful snore dispelled the fear that he might be dead.

Reading of the Schoolboy.

Habits are contracted and characters formed early in life, and it is probable that the color of a person's reading is mainly determined during the time of his schoolboyhood, when he is in process of passing from the limp and lanky schoolboy to the set and rigid man.

Pretty Cold Weather.

Two boatmen on the Ohio river were talking about cold weather and of a certain severe winter. "It was just awful," said one of them. "At Cincinnati the river was frozen tight, and the thermometer went down to 20 degrees below zero."

"Below which?" asked his puzzled companion. "Below Cairo, you blubberhead! You see, when it freezes at Cairo it must be pretty cold, so they say so many degrees below Cairo."

But light was bursting in upon the other. "No, they do not," he exclaimed eagerly. "You've got it all wrong. It's so many degrees below Nero. I do not know what it means, but that's what they say when it's dreadful cold."—Harper's Young People.

Mayor and Wooden Leg.

Mayor Willard of Argentine, Mo., unstrapped his wooden leg and beat into a tractable mood a claimant who was too persistent in his attempt to collect an unjust bill from the city. It does not follow that all wooden legged men would make good mayors, but such a man as Willard, with a wooden leg, has points of advantage over a man with a wooden head—and towns east of the Rocky mountains have had that kind of mayors.

The Appetite of the Ostrich.

It is never safe to drop any article when walking near a covey of ostriches. The ostrich will eat anything, seeming apparently to have no sense of taste. A story is told of a young girl who was visiting a zoo where a large ostrich snatched her kid gloves, which were rolled into a ball, and ate them.

Two Strange Meetings.

At table d'hote in a New York hotel two strangers met about a year since. An interesting conversation ended by hearty pledges of mutual friendship. Precisely six months later to the day and almost to the hour they again met, without the slightest prevision or prearrangement, at the same hotel and the same table.

Chokes, Not Jokes.

"Don't send the horse reporter to any more hangings," said the proprietor of a Texas paper to the managing editor. Managing Editor—Why not? Proprietor—In this report of the double hanging he has it that the two entries came in neck and neck. In reporting executions levity is out of place.—Texas liftings.

Mr. Gladstone is one of those cautious people who do not destroy letters. The venerable statesman is said to have a collection of 80,000 letters deposited in a strongroom at Hawarden castle.

A farmer near Spartanburg, S. C., had missed many eggs of late, so he decided to set a trap and catch the offender. The rief, he claims, proved to be a large roe.

Educational accomplishment has always been desirable, but its need is now more plainly felt than ever before, and its attainment is better provided for.

In a perfect state of being, wit and humor could not exist because both depend upon imperfection or incongruity or their matter.

A copy of the first dictionary, made by Chinese scholars in the year 1109 B. C., is still preserved among the archives of the Celestials.

A dollar loaned for 100 years and compounded at 24 per cent will amount in that time to \$2,551,769.404.

In "The Arabian Nights" we read of a wise sage who cured a great king by a decoction with which he anointed the handle of a stick with which the king was in the habit of playing a game at ball, to the end that when the royal hand perspired in the vigor of the play the open pores might receive the medication.

The translator speaks of this stick as a "goldstick" (sic), but it is plain from the context that the game was played on horseback. It was, in fact, polo. Indeed the illustrations of the very same edition show the said king playing the game on horseback.—Blackwood's Magazine.

No, I won't. After dinner I tell 'em I can't work till I file me saw. They lend me a file an tell me to go way off where they won't hear me file. Most any saloon will give a drink for a good file.—New York Weekly.

Detecting a Culprit. The Rev. Joseph Haven, who preached in Rochester, N. H., during the last quarter of the last century, has been always remembered for his genial spirit and his inexhaustible humor.

The boy had been guilty of some grave offense, and yet would not confess it. "I can tell who did it," said the parson, and accordingly he called together all the boys suspected and explained to them that he had confined a rooster under a kettle in a darkened room.

Can plants see? Darwin gave it as his opinion that some of them can, and an Indian botanist relates some curious incidents which tend to verify the belief. Observing one morning that the tendrils of a convolvulus on his veranda had decidedly leaned toward his legs as he lay in an attitude of repose, he tried a series of experiments with a long pole, placing it in such a position that the leaves would have to turn away from the light in order to reach it.

A lady asked an astronomer if the moon was inhabited. "Madam," he replied, "I know of one moon in which there is always a man and a woman." "Which is that?" "The honeymoon."—Journal Amusement.

Miscellaneous.

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