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He Knows All About It and Yet He Can't Give Many Points to Our Government—How the Brewing is Done in the Flowery Kingdom.

His Excellency, Wu Ting Fang, Minister from China, who made a witty speech at the dinner of the tea experts, says the New York World, dictated the following rules—the Chinese rules—for brewing tea.

"To get down to the basic principles of tea brewing and tea drinking as practiced in China you must realize that at home we do not drink tea on stated occasions or only at meals, as you do here. With us tea is the national beverage. I might almost say, speaking to an American, that tea is the life water of China. Instead of the silver water cooler, which constitutes an almost invaluable ornament of your dining rooms, you will find everywhere in China the teapot. Whenever we are thirsty we have recourse to the teapot instead of the cooler.

"Let us first consider the teapot itself. It is invariably of porcelain and varies in style, cost and dimensions in accordance with the taste, wealth and size of the family possessing it. It is, as you say, constantly 'in commission.' In the morning a sufficient quantity of the dry tea leaves is placed in it and on this is poured hot water. Let this infusion stand for a few minutes—say four or five—and you have what we, I think rightly, regard as a drink fit for the gods.

"It is always ready. Whenever the pot needs replenishing all we have to do is to add a little more tea and a little more water. There is no hard and fast rule as to the proportions of tea and water or as to the character of the tea itself. It is all a matter of individual taste. We use black or green tea and have it either weak or strong just as our tastes direct.

"We never drink it boiling hot, as is done in America and England, but at a moderate degree of warmth. To maintain this desirable temperature it is customary to cover the teapot with a sort of bag padded with cotton and lined with silk. A similar arrangement is often used in England and is there known as a 'cozy'.

"This is the usual family manner of preparing and drinking tea in China, but when visitors come courtesy demands that we should be a little more ceremonious. Then we have the tea brewed in individual cups, covered with dainty lids, in order to retain the heat and aroma. As a matter of course tea is always thus offered to a visitor the moment he enters a house.

"The family teapot is simply emptied and replenished every morning, and not secured inside, as that would rob the vessel of its delicate aroma. In this way an old teapot acquires a degree of fragrance that is analogous to the seasoning of a pipe that has been long in use.

"We would regard with horror the suggestion that we should add anything to the contents of our teapots beyond hot water and tea," said the Minister, with a visible shudder. "Imagine putting rum in tea, as I am told is sometimes done here, and is said to be a common practice in Russia! A cultured taste revolts from the thought. The idea of milk and sugar is almost as bad.

"Just one hint more regarding tea and I am done," said Minister Wu. "Remember that while there are expensive teas and cheap teas, there are no really bad teas except those that have been adulterated with deleterious ingredients, and this very adulteration is practiced solely to meet the taste, or lack of taste, of consumers who persist in so spoiling their tea by the addition of such adulterants as rum and milk and sugar. If only they would drink their tea pure, as nature intended it to be drunk, they would instantly detect any attempt at adulteration, and that would be the end of the importation of impure teas."

Now it is Door Knockers. Shabby Bits of Iron and Brass Eagerly Hunted For.

The would-be bohemian girl is on the lookout for old door knockers. If you meet her smiling from one antique shop to the next, you may be sure she's got the fad and is on the chase. Often one is heard of, but where it was yesterday it is not today, and it is the faddist's business to follow it until she catches up with it. And then, perhaps, some girl who won't give it up, has it. Old door knockers are scarce. They are being copied, it is true, but the manufacturers are not able to duplicate the battered, dented appearance of the knocker that many years ago, in sun and storm, stood as sentinel at the door, ready to echo under the hand of the colonial swain.

Another reason why new knockers are not so acceptable is because they are factory made and all alike. The old ones, being hand made, are stamped with an individuality all its own, bearing the impress of the workman's skill and, in a measure, of his humor at the time the work was done. It was not the result of the labor of a mechanic, but of an artist mechanic.

So the girl is looking for the shabby, well worn bit of brass that is green with old age. The particular pattern she wants is the lion's head, and if she finds it she pays from \$6 to \$10 to possess it. There are other patterns—some of the plain brass—that are well liked as a second choice. They can be purchased for about \$3. Some of the girls take these when they cannot find the lion's head, but continue their search. When they succeed in getting what they want, the less desirable knocker is "swapped" for their latest find, or else sold to one of their friends.

If a girl succeeds in her search at all she buys a new knocker—for which she pays about \$3—and buries it in the ground until it becomes green and moldy. Then she gives it to her small brother to play with. She doesn't tell the boy what she wants him to do, but in these war times it is quite certain that the knocker will go through many a mock battle as some piece of ammunition, and when it returns into its owner's sure to have enough dents to satisfy the most fastidious.

The knocker is now ready to be hung. If the family is enthusiastic it goes on the front door, but when the girl is alone in the enjoyment of her find it hangs on the door of her own domain, and luckless, indeed, the individual who fails to announce through its voice her desire to enter.—New York Press.

She Discharged a Duty.

Many simple people who obtain marriage licenses of city clerks imagine that the clerk in some way becomes responsible for their marriage and that they are in duty bound to report to him afterwards and let him keep track of their affairs.

A Salt Lake City paper reports that a tall, gaunt woman, with ginger hair and a somewhat fierce expression of countenance, lately came to the county clerk of Boxelder County in that State.

"You're the man that keeps the marriage books, ain't you?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," he answered. "What book do you wish to see?"

"Kin you find out if Jack Peters was married?"

She developed the name of John Peters, for whose marriage a license had been issued two years before.

"I thought so," said the woman. "Married 'Liza Waters, didn't he?"

"The license is issued for a marriage with Miss Eliza Waters."

"Yep. Well, I'm 'Liza. I thought I'd ought to come in and tell you that Jack Peters has escaped."—Youth's Companion.

A Philosophical Convict.

Mrs. Ballington Booth and her aids once won the confidence of a prisoner who was feared by all his companions. One day in speaking of his past he told them that he was absolutely innocent of the charge for which he was suffering imprisonment, and he thanked Mrs. Booth for some reading matter she had brought him.

"I have got witnesses to prove my innocence, even if they are in prison now," he asserted.

"Why don't you try to secure a new trial?"

"Well, you see," he replied after a little pause, "I was acquitted of a number of charges where I was guilty, and so when I was convicted of something I never did I said to myself, 'It's just about even balance, and I took my medicine without any kicking.'"

Emerson as Art Critic.

"When Emerson, at Concord, in 1879, saw his bust, modeled by Daniel Chester French," says William A. Coffin, in the April Century, "he remarked approvingly, after looking at it intently, 'That is the face that I shave'—not altogether an unconscious tribute to the fidelity of the work, for he recognized that in detail it conformed to nature. Turning to another bust of himself that stood in the room, a portrait quite without character, he said, 'This one is as harmless as a parrot.' The philosopher thus, in his homely speech, gave a very good art criticism, and one that in general terms may be applied to all of French's work."

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"Father Tom's" Eccentricity—Keeper of the Town Clock—Surprises in the Pulpit—Ordination of a Woman—Features of His Church.

Many admirers of the Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, brother of Henry Ward Beecher, who died at Elmira, N. Y., recently, believe that he was the most original thinker of that famous family. He united to the power of reasoning of his brother Edward much of the poetical thought of Henry Ward. Lyman Beecher, father of the ten Beechers, is reported to have said that "Thomas K. was the flower of the family. This has not been the judgment of the world, but on one point there is general agreement. Thomas K. was the oldest of them all. 'Father Tom,' as he was affectionately called in Elmira and throughout this part of the state, has been accused of rather priding himself on his eccentricity. You never could tell what he was going to do, but you could generally count on his doing something you didn't expect.

"Mr. Beecher said a woman parishioner to him once, 'When I see you out of the pulpit I think you ought never to get in it; but when I see you in the pulpit I think you ought never to get out.'

"He seemed to enjoy antagonizing conventional folk sometimes. Once he took a notion that lager beer would be good for his health. Instead of taking the medicine at his own home he used to walk in at the front door of the most conspicuous saloon in Elmira, pull out a nickel at the bar and quaff the beer. This troubled his parishioners, and they remonstrated with him, but he told them that he didn't care what folks thought about him, he was taking the beer as a medicine, and he didn't propose to do it secretly, as if he was ashamed of it. After a while he quit the beer, not as he was careful to explain, because he thought it was wrong, but because it didn't agree with him.

Mr. Beecher knew a great deal about many things. Many persons may recall the fashion in which he demolished a scientific textbook, written by a well-known man and used extensively in schools. Mr. Beecher pointed out inaccuracies in statement and false reasoning until he completely riddled the work. In his early days he studied mechanics, and at one time ran a locomotive from Buffalo to New York. In the earlier stage of his ministry he used to repair sewing machines for the women of his flock. He could make a watch, and so great was his delight in that sort of work that he once asked the Elmira authorities to make him custodian of the town clock. They granted his request, and for years Mr. Beecher served in this capacity at a salary of \$12 a year. He took great pride in keeping that town clock exactly right, and when the times happened to get a few seconds wrong he used to put up a sign on the door of the door of the town reading like this: 'This clock is two seconds late to-day, but it will be all right tomorrow.'

He was as peculiar in the pulpit as out of it, and did what seemed to him right. One of the best illustrations of this has already been told, but will best recall. One Sunday he preached in the church of his brother, Henry Ward Beecher, in Brooklyn, while the Plymouth pastor was away. Because of Henry Ward's absence the crowd of strangers that used to fill Plymouth Church was diverted elsewhere in part, and the congregation was not very large. Before beginning his sermon the preacher arose and said: 'All those who have come here to worship Henry Ward Beecher will now have a chance to retire; all those who have come to worship God will remain.'

At the close of another brilliant sermon he startled the congregation by slapping his manuscript together suddenly and calling "Time to wake up!" after which he put his sermon into his pocket and walked out.

Park Church was made by Mr. Beecher into an institutional church, the first of the sort, it is said, in the country. He put in a stage for theatrical productions, bowling alleys, gymnasiams and parlors. It was a great innovation at the time and caused considerable talk, but "Father Tom" did not mind that. It took years to build, because the pastor would not permit a brick or a stone to go into the building until it was paid for, and sometimes there were long waits. The Sunday school he made a remarkable institution. Every lesson was written by Mr. Beecher himself. The school was graded as rigidly as any ward day school, and the children had to learn their lessons just as thoroughly as in a secular school, or quit. In the details the pastor was assisted by Mrs. Beecher, but the plans were all his own. As a result of his personality and his system the school had a phenomenal growth and reached a very large membership. On the first Sunday in each month Mr. Beecher used to preach a special sermon to the children, and attendance at this service was made a requirement for promotion. As a result the entire school used to be there.

For many years Mr. Beecher had been but a shadow of his former self. The old power and vigor had departed, and his eyes no longer gleamed as they used to from that massive forehead which his admirers compared to the Greek conception of Jupiter. This change dated from the tragic death of his brother James, with whom he had lived on terms of peculiar intimacy and affection.

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