

THE PLAGUE.

Danger From Infection of Ground Squirrels in California. A few months ago Dean Ward, of the University of Nebraska, discovered while visiting California that the bubonic plague really menaces the United States...

THE MARINER'S COMPASS.

Influence that Draw it from Its Allegiance to the Magnetic Pole. Noting in the navigational equipment of a ship has been the subject of more anxious scientific research or receives more jealous care than the mariner's compass...

VEAL AT ITS BEST.

Four Good Ways of Cooking Delicate Meat. Veal Terrapin.—Cut into wide dice sufficient to cook veal to measure a heaping pint...

GREATER THAN NIAGARA.

The Iguazu Waterfalls in South America Leap 213 Feet. Larger than Niagara is the cataract of the Iguazu falls, almost at the intersection of the three frontiers of Paraguay, Brazil and the Argentine Republic...

A Dire Threat.

It is well known that certain men desire nothing better, especially when the cold weather comes on than to be arrested and locked up in order that they may be taken care of for a while...

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"Fifth Avenue." As soon as the Nassau street tailor moved up to Fifth avenue he, of course, sent out new cards. Their appearance caused some surprised comment among his friends.

Scholar or Athlete. The athlete or the scholar? Which type of man does the world want? That is the query suggested by President Hadley of Yale in an address to the Harvard winners of scholastic honors...

Must Promise to "Obey." "Unless a young lady is willing to promise to love, honor and obey," said Rev. Albert P. Fitch from his pulpit in the Mt. Vernon Congregational Church last night, putting considerable emphasis on the word obey...

An Indefinite Number. Three-year-old Andrew was in a rather petulant mood, and in order to restore his customary good humor his mother promised him some preserved strawberries if he would be good boy...

Reformed. Mrs. Henpeck—I married you to reform you. Mr. Henpeck—You succeeded. I'll never marry again if I live to be a thousand years old.

Do You Know. That pearls are measured by the "grain." Three and one-half grains go to a carat. That for a fingerring to reach its full length, an average of seven-twelfths of an inch, from 121 to 138 days of growth are necessary.

Chinese History. Chinese history dates back to 2637 B. C., when the people were made up into clans or tribes and were ruled by a sovereign who was chosen by his subjects as the one most worthy to rule...

Gymnastics of the Eye. I, too, see that painting and sculpture are gymnastics of the eye, its training to the steed and curiosity of its function. There is no statue like this living man, with his infinite advantage over all ideal sculpture...

An Adventurer. The skyscraper has at last reached the limit. "You are quite a traveler, I hear?" remarked the man who lived on the ninety-sixth floor of the Skyscraper Hotel...

Force of Habit. An Atchison man married a school teacher, and he says that for three years whenever the school bell would ring she would act up like the horses at the fire department when the fire-whistle blows.

FOR LACES OR HANDKERCHIEFS. Cigar Box Appropriately Decorated is Useful Receptacle. A cigar box decorated in the way shown in our sketch makes a very handsome receptacle for laces or handkerchiefs...

Weather Signs. Rapid changes in the barometer indicate early and marked changes in the weather. A red sun means rain. A piece of seaweed hung up will become damp previous to rain.

Pointed Finger Nails Frowned On. Fashions change even in finger nails, and the pointed nails of a few years ago are looked upon as almost barbaric at present. It also seems that women are becoming sensible in another digital detail. High polishing is no longer the rule...

Apple Custard. Take four apples, pare, quarter, and cook as for sauce, leaving little ice. A few minutes before removing from the fire stir into the apples the following mixture: One quarter nutmeg, grated; one large tablespoonful butter; the yolk of one egg, and sugar to taste.

Fast Growing City. One of the fastest growing cities in the world is Kobe, Japan; its population increased from 180,000 to 250,000 in ten years. Dread Disease in Jamaica. In Jamaica tuberculosis disease is extremely uncommon among the whites. When it occurs in negroes they quickly succumb to it.

How to Get Rid of Rats. The best way to exclude rats from buildings is by using cement in construction. All kinds of structures are now being made wholly of concrete. Foundations of dwellings may be made rat-proof by its use.

On the Desert. An Irishman and a Scotchman were discussing the horrors of living in a prohibition State, when the Irishman remarked: "Sure, an' yo' might get used to it after awhile. Ye know they say a camel can go eight days without drinkin'."

The Letter. Ethel—But why don't you open it and read it? Ethelrida—Ah, my dear, but then I should know 'hat he says!

Our Best Two Words. The friends the foreigner had made during his visit in New York were sad at his departure. They sat about a table at a cafe he had frequented, talking of him and his friends.

Absent Minded Alderman. A Lynn (Mass.) Alderman at a recent Aldermanic meeting inquired what had become of an order he had introduced some time before calling for an act on Willow street. The City Clerk, after digging into his files, informed him that the order had come before the board nearly a month previous and that he had voted against it.

Mr. Ripley—The inhabitants of Arizona seem to be an orthodox people. Mr. Greeny—How do you make that out? Mr. Ripley—Because they believe in a future state.

Clear! All At Sea. The gigantic steamship had faced easterly gales all the way across the Atlantic, and it was uneasy below from the heaving of the sea. "I wonder whether we shall ever get to London?" cried Miss Manhattan, promenading the hurricane-deck.

The Basis. He—I wonder if we can get along all right. She—Certainly. We can buy the auto with the money father left us and you will surely make enough to pay for running it don't you think?

His First Plunge in High Finance. A little boy accompanied his father to church for the first time. He went in gloomily. He would rather have spent the morning in play. But he came out at the end of the service as gay as a lark.

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