

BELLS OF MEXICAN RANCH.

Date from the sixteenth century and highly prized by Indians. The ranch of Jocotlan, belonging to the Indians of the district, comprises 50,000 hectares of very rich land.

They date from the year 1550 and it is rumored, are cast with gold and copper and silver. They bear the date and some words in Latin. Of their history nothing is known.

At the Milliners. An Atchison woman who has a sincere desire to be economical, says the Kansas City Journal, took a blue feather, some velvet, and a rose to a milliner, asking the milliner to furnish the shape and trim it.

Boats Towed by Autos. The first successful towing of cargo boats by automobile was accomplished on recent Sunday on the Lehigh canal.

First Honeymoon in Air. Even the honeymoon in the air is not a new idea. M. Flammarion, the distinguished French astronomer and aeronaut, took his bride for a honeymoon trip in a balloon on August 25, 1874.

"Hickites" vs. "Friends." Hickites are a numerous body of rationalistic Quakers in America, founded by Elias Hicks (1783-1833), who in 1827 seceded from the Society of Friends and created a schism in that body by his promulgation of Unitarian doctrines.

Watch for the Blind. A Swiss watchmaker of Neuchatel, who recently invented a watch for the blind, has been flooded with orders. The watch has no glass, and its face is of enamel.

Venders Find the American Nuts Are Those That Sell. The popularity of Italian chestnuts is dying out here, their sale having fallen off considerably in the last few years.

Italian Chestnuts Rare. Lewis, aged three, asked his mother what his nuts were of. The mother replied, "Sugar, because you are so sweet."

UNIVERSITY ON A NOVEL PLAN.

The Methodists are slowly building it at Washington. The American University at Washington, D. C., is beginning the erection of buildings to cost \$2,000,000.

Ready to Fight. The big man with the fiery look on his face had been struggling with the car window for 30 minutes. Suddenly it came down on him and he held him a prisoner.

Boston's Costly Subway. The costliest mile of underground railway in the world is said to be the new Washington street subway of Boston, which passes through the shopping district.

Bravest of Living Things. The mongoose is very brave, but the most courageous of all living things is, by common consent of naturalists, the mole.

A Dreary Land. The country from Jerusalem to the Jordan valley is as dreary and desolate as could be imagined.

Lazy Samoans. An Austrian naturalist, Dr. Reebner, attempted some time ago to make a collection of Samoan fishes.

An Artless Distinction. Lewis, aged three, asked his mother what his nuts were of. The mother replied, "Sugar, because you are so sweet."

Fighting the Slave Trade. Although slave-trading is generally supposed to be a thing of the past, the United States contributes annually \$100 as its share of the expense of keeping up at Brussels an institution known as the international bureau for the repression of the African slave trade.

Early Grecian Coinage. Mark on Gold Ingots to Guarantee Weight and Purity. The invention of coinage is due to the Greeks, most probably to the bankers of Halkarnassos and adjacent Asia Minor Greek colonies.

VENTED HIS CURIOSITY.

Little Boy Anxious to Know Mysteries of Bishop's Toilet. The visiting bishop had taken charge of a class of small boys, and had been much flattered by the absorbed interest which one youngster had taken in all that he had said and done.

His Singular Infirmary. "What is your name, little boy?" asked the teacher. "I'll have to write it for you, ma'am," said the new boy, hesitatingly.

Wanted the Feet. Here is a verbatim copy of a letter received by a local store concern: "Gentlemen—Dear Sirs: I received de stove by which I buy from you airite, but v' don't you send me so feet, what is de use of de stove if de don't get no feet I lose to you customer sure that by having de feet as late no very pleasure for me what is de matter mit you is not my trade money as good like another man, I lose my trade and I darn like well and new I tell you are darn fools and no good I send you back de stove tomorrow because you are such darn foolishness."

What the Ailment Was. A New England statesman was referring to the dry humor of the late Senator Hoar, when he was reminded of the following: "One day Hoar learned that a friend in Worcester who had been thought to have appendicitis was in reality suffering from acute indigestion."

'Tis Distance Lends Enchantment. An exact definition of a gentleman has been tried many times, never perhaps with entirely satisfactory results. Little Sadie had never heard of any of the various definitions, but she managed to throw a gleam of light on the subject, albeit one touched with unconscious cynicism.

Sounded Like Sarcasm. "What's this?" demanded the customs officer, pointing to a package at the bottom of the trunk. "That is a foreign book, entitled 'Politeness,'" answered the man who had just landed.

Put it on Himself. "I thought you were working on Smith's new house," said the house painter's friend. "I was going to," replied the house painter, "but I had a quarrel with him, and he said he'd put the paint on himself."

Here's an Ideal Husband. An engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad stopped his train to rescue a kitten that was asleep on the rails. If he isn't married we would recommend him unqualifiedly for a husband to the best sister we ever had.—Los Angeles Times.

A True Republic. The only country we can think of where republican traditions are properly followed out is the little state of Andorra, and there they have no politicians; everybody works.—London Saturday Review.

THE BELLS OF THE BASTILLE.

Still in Existence in a Private House in Paris. Comparatively few persons have ever heard of the bells of the Bastille, yet they are still in existence. After the destruction of the prison, says the Gentlewoman, they found their way to the great foundry in Romilly, but the manager of the works disobeyed the orders he received and did not destroy them.

Advices "Back to the Land." There is just one way for the people of the city to find it possible to buy eggs, chickens, meat and flour for less money—that is for some of them to leave the city and go back to raising their own more cattle, and growing more wheat. The fact is that the country is getting top-heavy. The cities are pulling too heavily on the producing areas.

A Case of Too Much Chivren. In a volume of reminiscences a very funny story is told of the late Bishop Bloomfield, who, having a family by his first wife, married a second time. This Mrs. Bloomfield was a widow with a brood of her own, and in due course a third time married on the scene.

To Make Sleep Come. If you cannot get to sleep try a sponge bath first: Into eight ounces of alcohol put two of ammonia and two of camphor. Shake thoroughly, and when well mixed add four ounces of sea salt and enough hot water to fill a quart bottle. To apply it: pour a little of the liquid in a shallow dish, moisten the whole body a little at a time by dipping a small sponge in it.

Expert Opinion. An English paper propounds the query: "Should a man marry his land lady?" The answer to this would depend on the number of weeks the man is in arrears. Death and matrimony cancel these little obligations.—Chicago Tribune.

Truettless. "Folks dat trusts in love at first sight," said Uncle Eben, "is terrible apt to finish by not bein' able to see each other wif a spy glass."

Shoe Dealer—Here are a pair of boots that will suit you exactly in your next dash for the pole. How did you like the last pair I sold you? Arctic Explorer (reminiscently)—The best I ever tasted.

In Hands of His Friends. "Yes, sah," said Brother Dickey "any man what wants to live in Illinois kin go dar, how an' when dey likes, but ez far ez me, I'll stay whar I is—'mongst de folks I raises an' 'borns wid, an' ef I is lynched, please God, I'll be lynched by my fren's!"

Gets There Anyhow. Suffragette—We believe that a woman should get a man's wages. Married Man—Well, judging from so my own experience, she does.—Boston Transcript.

COST OF AN EDUCATION.

Public Schools of the Country Spend an Average of \$28.25 a Pupil. The average yearly expenditure a pupil in the public schools of this country is given as \$28.25 in the recently published report of the Commissioner of Education. In 1870 it was only \$15.55.

Gigantic Sign Board. Arrangements are being made for the celebration of the anniversary of the discovery of San Francisco Bay in 1792 by Portola, and for the purpose of advertising this event there has been constructed on Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco Bay, what is probably the largest sign ever erected.

To See the Wind. Seeing the wind is a rare but easy feat. The object wherewith it may be seen is a common saw. On any windy day—the wind being, say, in the north—hold your saw with the ends pointing one to the east, the other to the west.

Just in Time. A German shoemaker left the gas turned on in his shop one night, and upon arriving in the morning struck a match to light it. There was a terrific explosion, and the shoemaker was blown out through the door almost to the middle of the street.

Rome and Carthage. In answer to the question as to how long it took a trireme to cover the distance between Rome and Carthage it is only necessary to refer to the remarkable incident related by Plutarch in his life of Cato. The old Roman Senator, wishing to impress his brother Senators with the necessity of destroying Carthage, unfolded his to and showed the astonished assembly a bunch of fresh figs which had been gathered on the African coast less than two days before.

Centre of the Toy Trade. Nuremberg is the centre of the toy trade of the world. More than half the employees in the toy factories are women and girls. The wages of the women and girls toy-makers are about 5 cents an hour, that of the men about 8. Of the estimated German toy output of some \$25,000,000 a year, about \$19,000,000 is exported, more than half going to Great Britain and the United States.

Victory Over Tuberculosis. That the war on tuberculosis is immediate dividends in human life proved by a report of Dr. Box's health commissioner of Baltimore the monthly health bulletin for July is shown that the number of deaths from tuberculosis occurring in the city was 92, as compared with 117 for the same month last year.

A Social Dilemma. The Lysander John Appleton fairly, in the belief that they are losing social prestige, will endeavor to keep something going on by having another surgical operation, but they can't decide who will be operated upon or what is to be cut out.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Steam Up. A train of thought won't do you much good unless you get up enough steam to carry it through.—New York Times.

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