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DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Sadie American, president of the New York Council of Jewish Women, spoke at the Jewish International conference recently held in London.

Miss Eva Canfield is said to be the only ferrywoman in the northwestern states. A license to operate a toll ferry on Salmon river has been granted to her.

After forty years on Broadway, Apple Kate, who has sold fruit on the pavement outside of St. Paul's church since the days when Barnum's museum was one of New York's landmarks just across the way, has become a bride.

Edith Allen Belcher, granddaughter nine generations removed from the Puritan maiden Priscilla, has been married at the age of twenty-eight to John Van Beal, a well known Boston lawyer, who is approaching his sixty-eighth birthday and lived a few doots away from the residence of the bride.

Mrs. Sol Smith, the actress, who at eighty years is still actively engaged in her profession and who recently celebrated the forty-eighth anniversary of her first appearance on the stage, said the other day, "I did not begin my stage career in my early youth, as some suppose, but took up the work when, at the age of thirty-two, I was left a widow with six children, for whose support I was responsible."

Fly Catches.

Catcher McLean of the Cincinnati Reds says that the new pitcher purchased from Chicago, Bill Burns, has the best slow ball that he ever saw a left hander display.

Fred Tenney's contract with the Lowell club of the New England league is as a player only, and it is stipulated that he will be released at the end of the season.

Outfielder Davy Jones of the Detroit Tigers is surely having his third lease of life. He never played better ball and is getting on the bases oftener than any other man in the game.

Jake Daubert of Brooklyn is the classiest young first baseman who has broken into the league since the advent of Dick Hoblitze. He is very quick, is a wonderful handler of thrown balls and a dangerous left handed batsman.

The Aeroplane.

Japan is carrying on important experiments in aviation, but observes great secrecy on the subject.

The Australian minister of defense has offered \$25,000 for the invention of an efficient aeroplane by an Australian.

One of the most ingenious French aviators is trying out a combined dirigible balloon and aeroplane, a cigar shaped gas bag helping to raise and support the machine.

A writer in the London Graphic figures out that it costs about \$5,000 before the ordinary individual can attempt to fly, this sum including not only the aeroplane itself, but a shelter for the flying machine, tools needed for the countless repairs, etc.

The Inspiration.

"This is a pretty good poem. You must have had some strong inspiration."

"I had. The editor promised me \$10."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The heart of a loving woman is a golden sanctuary where often there reigns an idol of clay.—Linnæus.

FOR PUBLIC'S BENEFIT

The Seventh Series—This One on the Ciliary Muscles.

(Written by Doctor M. P. Mendelsohn, doctor of optics.)

This change in the curvature of the lens, is accomplished by the contraction a muscle—the ciliary muscle. Whenever we desire to look at near objects, this muscle contracts, causing the lens of the eye to become more curved.

We are not conscious of the effort, at first nor are we aware that we actually change the form of the eye.

This is done unconsciously like so many other movements of the body. But after a time we become conscious that we are exerting an effort; thus if we read at small print, for example, the eye becomes tired.

This is for the same reason that the arm becomes tired, after long continued muscular effort, or that the legs become tired from walking. Every muscle must be rested after it has worked a considerable time, and it indicates the need for rest by the feeling which we call fatigue. So the eye becomes tired, when reading small print, simply because the muscle which keeps the lens in a proper state of curvature has become exhausted.

A Simple Illustration.

Another feature, which is common to the eye, and to the photographic camera alike, is an arrangement whereby the amount of light entering the eye can be regulated—that is, increased or decreased as occasion requires.

The photographer regulates the light which enters his camera by means of a black ring, which he puts over the lens thus shutting out the light from the edge of the lens and permitting it to enter only through the middle portion.

When the light coming from the object is very intense, it is necessary to put this black ring over the lens so as to shut out some of the light. This is what the photographer calls stopping the lens. A precisely similar arrangement is found in the human eye.

The colored ring in the front of the eye—the iris—is really a curtain, intended to regulate the amount of light which passes through the lens into the retina.

Whether blue, brown or black, it is so constructed that no light passes through it. Any light which enters the eye must pass through the central opening in the iris, the pupil. Whenever the eye is exposed to a bright light, the iris closes somewhat so as to make the pupil smaller and thus permit less light to pass into the eye.

Whenever the light is dim, the iris opens so as to permit more light to enter the eye.

This action of the iris in regulating the amount of light, admitted to the eye, is like the action of the ciliary muscle an unconscious effort, which may even take place during sleep.

Continued Next Week.

Tea in the Time of Buddha.

At the time of Buddha China was enjoying a large foreign commerce in tea. It was carried by her junks to Japan, Korea, Tonquin, Anam, Cochin, Burma, Siam, India, Ceylon, Persia and Arabia. According to one record, it was sent to a great black river country west of Arabia, from which it was separated by a long and very torrid sea, which must have been Egypt. It was carried by caravans to Manchuria, Mongolia, Kuldja, Tartary, Tibet, Persia and northern India.

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Maxwell Wins

Thrills followed thrills as speeding automobiles shot around the course of the Ingleside Race Course, on April 24th, in the second and final day events of the successful meet promoted by the members of Islam Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

The honors of the day were divided between Barney Oldfield, with his 200 horsepower Benz machine, and C. O. King, with his Maxwell 30 horsepower stock car. Oldfield lowered his previous record of one mile to 51 5-8, which is a new coast record for the circular track. With the exception of this performance, Oldfield had to take second place in the list of racing honors, as the world's champion met defeat in both the five and fifteen mile handicap events, and in both races King and his Maxwell were the victors. In fact, King proved the surprise of the meet, driving all of his races with much judgment and taking the turns with his car as close to the fence as did Oldfield. In the five mile handicap, Oldfield drove his Knox racer to the utmost, but the handicap was too strong and he could not get the lead away from King. Not only in the handicap events did King and his Maxwell prove stars of the first order, but in one of the first events of the day, the five mile race for cars costing from \$1200 to \$1600, which was one of the best matches of the meet.

The time for the five mile handicap was as follows: Maxwell, King, 4.40.30; Oakland, Nelson, 4.48.25; Chalmers, West, 4.49.30; Auto Car, finished fourth, and the Knox car, Barney Oldfield driving, fifth. In the event number eight, ten miles free-for-all handicap, King and his Maxwell again were the winners, the Maxwell's time being 19.50.

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