

WHY SHE BECAME CHRISTIAN

Religions of Orient Make Slaves of Women, Says a Japanese, and Rebelled.

"And how did you happen to become a Christian?" I asked Mme. Hirooka, a widely known Japanese, writes Tyler Dennett in Asia. "I wanted women to be good and I wanted to help them to improve their lot," she replied tersely. "I found that I could not accomplish what I desired without religion. That conclusion sent me to study religion from the woman's point of view. I found that there is no hope for women in any of the religions of the Orient. They teach that from the cradle to the grave women are inferior to men. They regard women as evil. Confucian ethics, for example, teach that women and women cannot be educated. A woman cannot be a heavenly creature. It teaches that it is better to see a snake than a woman, for the latter arouses passion. "Japanese women have been so long oppressed by this kind of teaching that they no longer stop to ask why. They are afraid like slaves. Then I began to read the Bible. I did not like some parts of it any better than I like the religions of the East. I did not see why any woman should call her husband 'Lord and Master.' St. Paul made me very angry. He was an old bachelor; any one can see that. He didn't know much about women. But Peter? He was fine. He had a wife, he understood women. One can see that from his epistles. "When I read the gospels I found that Jesus made no distinction between the sexes. I liked that. We are all, women as well as men, children of God. I came to the conclusion that the only hope for the women of the Orient to attain their true position is through Christianity."

ENGLISH ONE-MAN COLLIERY

Unique Industry Is Matched by Railroad That Is Operated in the United States.

One-man businesses are many in these days of depleted staffs, but a working coal mine, controlled, supervised, and staffed entirely by a single individual is something of a novelty, says London Answers.

This one-man colliery is found at Hether Heage, Ambergate. The owner works the mine every day and all day to secure an output of 1,000 tons of coal a year. The mine is small, and the produce near the surface, while the coal is smut—used hitherto in the manufacture of blacking, but thought of greater value in war time.

The other side of the Atlantic can, however, match us in one-man industries. There, on the Idaho Southern system, is found a road run solely by one man.

The track was once a portion of an irrigation system, long since abandoned; and a high-powered motor car with flanged wheels has been built to run along the rails. It carries 10 passengers, and in the two light trailers go the freight and luggage. This quaint railroad has neither guard nor porter, yet it has a printed time table of its own, and runs its trains strictly on time.

Had First Call on Dance.

Down at Quantic one night recently there was a dance for the men of a certain company, who were to leave for France the next morning. Of course, other dances than those about to go were on the floor. There was one man who was a mighty good dancer, and all the girls liked to dance with him.

There was a very popular girl there, too. She had her dance program full. There wasn't a dance left.

"May I dance with you?" he asked. The young woman said she was sorry, but her program was full.

"I am so sorry," she said. "I am sorry, too," replied the young man. "Just came into the hall, and I did want one dance before I leave for France."

He started to turn away. The soldier who had the dance grabbed him by the shoulder.

"You take my dance," he said.

Evidently Had Wrong Girl. Bonceer was distinctly irritated when he bumped into somebody along the street, until he found that it was an old acquaintance of his.

"Ha! Just the fellow I want to see," he remarked. "I wanted to ask you whether you ever hear anything of Boreen nowadays. Did he marry that girl he was so keen on?"

"No, I don't think so. In fact, I've heard that he's rather fond of going to the house and putting the gramophone on most of the evening, and every time his back is turned to put a fresh record on. Miss Gladys moves the hands of the clock on anywhere from ten minutes to a quarter of an hour."

Sun Lifts Much Water From Lake. Evaporation of water from Gatun lake, canal zone, reached a new high record during the month of March, this year, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Calculations show that the sun withdrew 3,248,000,000 cubic feet of water from the body, the equivalent of 1,213 cubic feet a second for the period of 31 days. This was one cubic foot a second in excess of the volume of water passing through the penstocks of the Gatun hydroelectric station, which, during the same month, produced 4,951,000 kilowatt hours of energy. This in turn shows the loss of potential current due to the sun's effect.

Barrel the Only Rolling Container. A barrel can be rolled. This is its greatest merit. Every other shape of container which weighs over 100 pounds when filled must be lifted bodily and carried on a hand truck or by hoisting machinery. One man can unroll a barrel of sugar—200 barrels of 15— in less than an hour.

SURE CURE FOR INSOMNIA

Eat Pint of Peanuts and Drink Three Glasses of Milk Before Retiring.

Recently a friend who had heard that I sometimes suffer from insomnia told me of a sure cure. "Eat a pint of peanuts and drink two or three glasses of milk before going to bed," said he, "and I'll warrant you'll be asleep within half an hour." I did as he suggested, and now for the benefit of others who may be afflicted with insomnia I feel it my duty to report what happened, so far as I am able to recall the details.

First, let me say my friend was right. I did go to sleep very soon after my retirement. Then a friend with his head under his arm came along and asked me if I wanted to buy his feet. I was negotiating with him when the dragon on which I was riding slipped out of his skin and left me floating in midair. While I was considering how I should get down, a bull with two heads peered over the edge of the wall and said he would haul me up if I would first climb up and rig a windlass for him. So as I was sliding down the mountainside the brakeman came in, and I asked him when the train would reach my station.

"We passed your station over 400 years ago," he said, calmly, folding the train up and slipping it into his vest pocket.

At this juncture the clown bounded into the ring and pulled the center pole out of the ground, lifting the tent and all the people in it up, up, while I stood on the earth below watching myself go out of sight among the clouds above. Then I awoke, and found I had been asleep almost ten minutes.—H. B.

Lock of Milton's Hair.

What is reported to be Doctor Johnson's lock of Milton's hair is to be sold by Messrs. Puttick in London this month. Johnson, according to tradition, claimed that his lock of Milton's hair formerly belonged to Addison. Johnson relieved Milton's daughter when she was in distress and it is thought she gave him the lock in gratitude.

The lock was subsequently divided, one half being given to Leigh Hunt, and it inspired Keats' "Lines on Seeing a Lock of Milton's Hair." Leigh Hunt shared his portion of the lock with Browning, and the portion he retained cannot be traced. Some years ago Browning's portion was sold in London, and later, resold in New York for nearly \$1,000.—London Mail.

A Loving Word.

A loving word is always a safe word. It may, or it may not, be a helpful word to the one who hears it; but it is sure to be a pleasant memory to the one who speaks it. Many a word spoken by us is afterward regretted; but no word of affectionate appreciation to which we have given utterance finds a place among our sadly remembered expressions. Looking back over our intercourse with our fellow workers, we may regret that we were betrayed into a harsh or nasty or unloving word of censure or criticism in this intercourse; and we may wish vainly that we had the privilege of saying all loving words that we might have spoken.

"THE WORLD DO MOVE"

An Italian scientist has developed a method of identification of individuals by means of the veins in their hands.

A duster made of cheesecloth, soaked in turpentine and then dried, will accumulate dust instead of scattering it.

A measuring instrument has been invented in England that can be used as dividers, inside callipers, surface or depth gauge, square, bevel protractor or straight edge.

As a new cotton-pleking machine is driven over a field four men follow it and pick the bolls with nozzles connected to pneumatic apparatus with which it is equipped.

Europe's largest dam, a reinforced concrete structure 330 feet high and 700 feet long, has been built by American engineers in Spain for power and irrigation purposes.

Where Soy-Bean Flourishes. North Carolina claims rank as the largest soy-bean-production state, with an estimated crop for 1917 of 1,500,000 bushels, an increase of 20 per cent, over 1916. Despite this large crop, 91 mills of eastern North Carolina imported 200,000 bushels of soy-beans recently from China. A soy-bean harvester has been invented by North Carolina farmers. This harvester thrashes the beans from the vines in the fields.

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