BEDSTEAD AS RAFT

Primitive Ferry Boat Made Use of by Traveler.

With Earthen Pots as Floats, and Towed by Swimmers, This Simple Contrivance Get American Safely Across Flooded River.

In a country where rivers are subject to sudden and heavy floods, bridges are in many cases so insecure that ferries must always be maintained in addition. Such is the case in India, and the methods of crossing streams today are what they have been from the earliest times. An American consular officer tells how he was taken across an Indian river at the time of a freshet. The contrivance was simple, and has been used in the Orient as long as history shows any record.

A cord having been fastened to a large, elongated gourd, and a smaller gourd being also tied to it, the native gets astride, and laying his breast upon the larger gourd paddles himself across with his hands and feet.

Women, too, avail themselves of this singular contrivance, under the escort of a ferryman, who, similarly mounted, takes his charge in tow, carries her basket, with perhaps a child in it, on his head, and conveys them safely across.

Herds of cattle swim these flooded rivers like water rats, and the herd boy, as a matter of course, takes the tail of the hindermost bullock in his hand and thus gains a very comfortable lift across.

These methods of crossing rivers, however, are hardly in accordance with our ideas of comfort. So the American thought one day as he stood, after a long ride on the bank of a wide and rapid stream which separated him from his halting place. He did not relish the idea of buffeting the muddy current on a horse of gourds, but as there was no boat within 20 miles it seemed as if he must either do this or bivouac on the bank without his dinner.

While he was in this dilemma a native signified that he would soon set the foreigner right. From a neighboring hut he brought a native bedstead—not a four-poster such as westerners use, but a small, light frame of wood having four little legs and held together by the interlacing of a piece of cord, which thus forms a sort of netted bottom to this simple piece of furniture. The native next brought out four round earthen pots, and after projecting the bottom of each with a few inches of sand he put the legs of the cot into the pots and signified that the vessel was ready to be launched.

As the American sat doubled up on the extemporized raft in company with his saddle he found himself raised an inch or so above the level of the water, the earthen pots forming admirable floats. A couple of lusty swimmers then took him in tow and soon landed him on the opposite bank.

Sheriff for Best Man.

My father was at one time a sheriff in Colorado, writes a correspondent. He arrested a young man on a charge of assault with intent to kill, growing out of a quarrel over some water rights. The man had no one to go his bond and had to stay in jail.

He said he didn't mind the arrest so much because he was sure he would be cleared when his case was tried, but it was just three days before his wedding. The next day the prospective bride put in an appearance and pleaded with my father to let him off for the wedding, as everything had been arranged for it.

Father knew it would cause trouble with the other faction in the quarrel if he released the man. He agreed to let them go ahead if they would let him act as best man with the bridegroom handcuffed to him. This was agreed to. The wedding came off at the scheduled time. Father drove out from the jail with the bridegroom, stood up with him during the ceremony, and brought him back brought- [illegible]

ately afterwards. A month later the man was acquitted.

Strange Indian Names.

A recent issue of the Ogala Light, the monthly magazine of the Pine Ridge Indian reservation school near Rapid City, S. D., gives some peculiar names among those listed as students. Little Shot in Pieces is at the end of the list. Other names include Victoria Holy Rock, Julia [illegible] of Hawk, Mary Brown Ears, Julia Crazy Ghost, Mercy Yellow Shirt, Emma No Fat, Ella Red Eyes, Martin Chase Alone, Noah Horse, John Left Hand and Julia Stand Up. Out of 93 students attending the school only four have French names and seven names of English origin.

Cure for Ivy Poisoning.

A perfectly simple, harmless and efficacious remedy for ivy poisoning will be found in Epsom salts. The worst attack of poisoning can be quickly cured by bathing frequently in a strong solution of Epsom salts, and as there is no danger in using anything so harmless it is worth trying if you are inclined to be doubtful or incredulous.

How a Scarecrow Works.

"I see you have a scarecrow in your field," said the vacationist to the old farmer. "Do you find it effective?"

"Suttinly!" replied the farmer. "So many blamed tramps come over to see if the clothes on it are worth stealin' it keeps the birds away."—Boston Transcript.

WORLD TOO MUCH WITH US

Writer Questions Whether Mankind as a Whole Does Not Neglect the Best Investments.

A thoughtful American who lost his life when the Lusitania was sunk remarked as he realized his fate with calmness that "Death is the most beautiful adventure in life." It was a singularly impressive utterance which was wired around the world, and it is still remembered and treasured in hosts of hearts.

A tombstone in Flanders bears the words of another reflective American, Dinsmore Ely, a soldier from Chicago. With what [illegible] a premonition that the supreme sacrifice was at hand, he gave the world a thought comparable in interest and significance with that of Charles Frohman, when he wrote in his last letter to his mother that "It is an investment, not a loss, when a man dies for his country."

Both of these notable utterances sound a high note too rarely heard in our hurrying world of today. But if life is the greatest individual asset of any one of us, surely its wise investment should be our matter of greatest concern. What sort of an investment of life do we make in living selfishly for self? Can it yield an adequate return? Does the very best that it has to offer—wealth, position, power—make it worth while? Nothing is more certainly established than that these invariably disappoint the hearts set on them; and altogether impermanent is such satisfaction as they do confer. As a matter of theory we admit, or most of us do, with Cicero, that Nature has lent us life at interest; and with Seneca, that the body is not a home but an inn. We also give some [illegible] to the teaching of the faith [illegible] that life [illegible] with fidelity, one or more of which we must make wise investment. We are left in no doubt as to what that investment is, yet how few of us [illegible] how little thought the world as a whole gives to investments of the higher kind?

Is it not that the world is too much with us and its investments are too alluring? Yet the soul which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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To Help Roumanian Children.

Queen Marie of Roumania has drafted every housewife, owner of a moving picture theater, storekeeper, hotel owner and landlord in her kingdom into a national army to contribute to the support of the Roumanian Children's Relief association, which has been organized to continue permanently the work of child feeding begun by the American relief administration.

In an appeal just issued to her people, described in a cable received from Mr. Hoover in Paris at the offices of the administration, 42 Broadway, Queen Marie has requested that all Roumanian families refrain from eating dinner one day each month and contribute the amount thus saved to the funds of child relief.

The queen has requested the various classes among her subjects to contribute to the child bureau in the following manner: All stores and hotels, one-tenth of their net proceeds one day each month; all landlords owning business buildings, one-fourth of their net proceeds one day each month; all banks on an equivalent basis and churches of all denominations a share of their collections one Sunday each month.

Medicine by Inhalation.

That medicines for all diseases may be applied by inhalation is the conclusion of Dr. P. D. Schulz, of New York, after many years of experiment. Hitherto this method has been chiefly confined to anaesthetics and remedies for respiratory affections, but marked success is claimed for it in both digestive and nervous troubles. The medicine in liquid form is used to saturate a sponge, which is contained in a tube through which nitrous oxide gas as a "conveyor" is inhaled. Risk of chemical or other change from contact with food materials is avoided, and the medicine is absorbed into the circulation from the lungs even more readily than from the stomach, smaller doses sufficing.

Thrift Proverbs of Japan.

Seventy thousand thrift slogans were submitted in a contest conducted by the saving bank bureau of the Japanese post office department. The first five prizes ranging from $50 to $5, were won with the following phrases:

"Saving is a duty everyone can perform."

"One who laughs at a sen (half-cent) will cry for a yen."

"Savings win over spending."

"Think of saving rather than dream of making money."

"Daily saving, daily happiness."—Japan Trade Bulletin.

More in It.

Governor Stephens in a recent after-dinner speech in which he touched on the peace conference remarked that a great many people thought a lot of money was being wasted over there. "Like the two shop girls I overheard one day:

"Said the first:

"'Yes, them peace conference guys take a long time to do anything. I wonder if they get paid by the hour?'

"'Naw,' retorted the other, scornfully, 'they don't get paid by the hour, it's peace work, ain't it.'"

WANTED—Clean cotton rags suitable Observer office.

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"Mother Shipton" Hoax.

Mother Shipton was reputed an English prophetess of the time of Henry VIII. She was first heard from in 1641, when "The Prophecie of Mother Shipton" was published anonymously in London. In 1862 Charles Hindley reprinted a life of Mother Shipton, originally published by Richard Heady (London, 1684). He added some doggerel of his own and wound up with the prophecy that the world would come to an end in 1881. In 1873 Mr. Hindley acknowledged that the verses were a hoax.

Remembering the Boys.

A friend of mine performed a wedding ceremony for a young couple in our home town, after which the bridegroom took all the money out of his pocket, which was 75 cents, and turned to my friend, the minister, and said: "I will have to keep 50 cents of this to buy cigars for the boys," and handed him the 25 cents for the fee.—Chicago Tribune.

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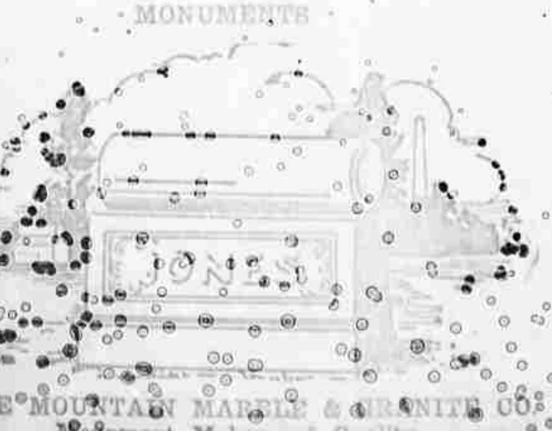

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