

THE BUDDHIST HADES.

Eight Easy Stages of the Most Awful Kinds of Torture.

The places of torment to which wretched Buddhists are to be assigned on the day of final reckoning is a terrible place of punishment. This Buddhist hell is divided into eight "easy stages."

In the first the poor victim is compelled to walk for untold ages in his bare feet over hills thickly set with red-hot needles, points upward. In the second stage the skin is all carefully filed or rasped from the body and irritating mixtures applied. In the third stage the nails, hair and eyes are plucked out and the denuded body sawed and planed into all sorts of fantastic shapes. The fourth stage is that of "sorrowful lamentations." In the fifth the left side of the body and the denuded head are carefully roasted, Yema, the Buddhist Satan, superintending the work. In the sixth stage the arms are torn from the body and thrown into an immense vat among the eyes, nails and hair previously removed. Then in plain bearing of the sore footed, blind, maimed, roasted and bleeding victim the whole horrid mass is pounded into a jelly. In the seventh stage the other side of the victim and his feet are roasted brown, and then comes the eighth and last stage, in which the candidate is thrown into the bottomless pit of perdition.

DEADLY MINE GASES.

White Damp, Firedamp, Black Damp and the Fearful After Damp.

"White damp is the gas most feared by the miners, for its properties render it difficult to detect, inasmuch as it is tasteless, odorless and colorless and when mixed in the proportion of about one part gas to nine parts air is called "firedamp" and becomes explosive to a degree hard to realize unless one has seen its effects.

Black damp, unlike white damp, is heavier than air, a non-explosive gas which may be detected by its peculiar odor. Again, unlike the other, its effect is to suffocate and extinguish fire. This gas is so heavy and moves with such a sluggish flow that occasionally, when miners have been trapped in a mine following an explosion, they have detected the black damp creeping in upon them by its smell, they have been able to stop its advance by erecting dams or barricades along the floor, building them higher as the volume of gas increased and keeping the air within their little inclosure comparatively clean by rude improvised fans.

Following an explosion, these two gases become mingled and form a mixed gas, possessing all the dreaded qualities of each, which is known as "after damp," and it is the mixture of gases which destroys any life that may remain following a mine disaster.

—Atlantic Monthly.

Late Rising Birds.

A pair of singing birds had been advertised for sale.

"The property of a late rising family," the dealer stated.

"I would up with that clause," he said, "no possible purchasers would not be scared off by the prospect of an unearthly chattering at 5 o'clock in the morning. Birds can be trained to keep any kind of hours. If they are brought up by a family of nightbirds they learn to go to bed at midnight and get up at 9 a. m., along with the rest of the folks, but if they are tucked in right away after supper they wake up the neighborhood at a correspondingly early hour the next morning. It is advisable for any person who is likely to be abroad until noon to inquire into the early training of a bird before buying."—New York Sun.

American Golf.

Certainly you are in good luck as a golfer if you go to America at all, for they are gloriously hospitable in that land, and so far as I could see, the idea that some have here—that the American's notion of the object of playing a game is purely to win it, not to enjoy the playing—is perfectly mistaken. I never had the impression more strongly anywhere of being in the company of men who were playing the game for pleasure, not for the mere sake of winning the match. But then it is certainly true, as I heard one of their judges (I mean a legal judge, though he was a judge of golf, too) say in an after dinner speech that it is "the cleanest sport in America."—Horace Hutchinson in London Telegraph.

The Voice of the People.

Lady John Russell visited Paris as a girl in 1830 and witnessed the somewhat artificial enthusiasm for Louis Philippe, who had just been placed on the throne by the revolution. "It is said," we are told, "that any small boy in those days could exhibit the king to curious sightseers by raising a cheer outside the Tuileries windows, when his majesty, to whom any manifestation of enthusiasm was extremely precious, would appear automatically upon the balcony and bow."

One Formality.

"Oh, joy! She has written a letter saying she will marry me."

"Congratulations. When?"

"Well—er—you see her father has to indorse this promissory note before it's good."—Cleveland Leader.

How Ma Resembled Him.

"Tommy, you don't take after your father much, do you?"

"No, ma'am. But, gee, you ought to see the way ma does sometimes!"—Exchange.

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An Entirely Different Sort of Man From the Growler.

There is a world of difference between the man who kicks and the man who grows.

The man who kicks—who truly, earnestly and honestly kicks—is a good kind of man to have about. He kicks because things are not as they should be, and he proposes to correct them. The man who grows is merely a negative quality. He may know that things are not going right, but he hasn't any idea of trying to do anything about it. He just sits round and complains.

You remember Mark Twain's story about the kicker and how successful he was in securing everything that belonged to him. He was a producer in the best sense of the word, just as every man who kicks in the right way is certain to be. You probably know just such men—men who are chronic kickers. Let anything go wrong and they go "up in the air" in a minute, but you can depend upon it that that particular thing will never go wrong again if they can prevent it.

A kicker may not be the most agreeable person to have around, yet he is a healthful factor in almost any establishment. He has his faults, but it is possible to overlook them for the sake of the productive value that he represents.

As to the growler—there seems to be no place for him in the work of the world. He may complain loudly and whine and talk about other people, but he remedies no faults, he repairs no leaks—he just makes trouble.

That is the difference between the kicker and the growler.—Business.

WEB OF THE SPIDER.

Thousands of Strands in Each of Its Silky Threads.

For a long time the web of the spider was supposed to be a simple strand of waxy silk, but later it was found that such was far from being the case.

Under the microscope we can get at the secret of the spinning very nicely. We see that there are either four or six tents on the spider near the lower part of the abdomen, almost exactly similar to the tests of a cow. From these issue four or six strands, as the case may be. But these strands themselves are not simple, but are composed of at least a thousand fibers each, for it has been proved that in each tent there is a sieve of at least a thousand holes, through which the silky matter is strained. Thus we see that, fine as is a spider's web, it is yet composed of from 4,000 to 6,000 fibers. Leuwenhoek states that it would take at least 4,000,000 of the completed threads to make a thread as strong as a silk thread of the size of a hair.

As to the color of the thread, our ordinary spiders spin one of a uniform gray color. But in the riotous tropics there are found spiders that spin varicolored webs. One particularly produces red, yellow and black threads, which it binds together with a pleasing color effect.

In the thread of the spider lies dormant a great industry once it is properly studied.—Popular Magazine.

Struck a Coincidence.

It was the hour of family confidences. Mr. Buggins had finished his evening papers and in slippers and dressing gown was toasting his toes before the asbestos fire log, while the wife of his bosom was putting a few stitches in the table cover she was doing for Aunt Mary.

"I did something today that I've been screwing up my courage to do for a long time," said Mrs. Buggins.

"Yes!" said Mr. Buggins, mildly interested. "What was it?"

"You know that odious Mrs. Bjugones?" replied Mrs. Buggins. "Well, I paid her a call that I have owed for nearly a year."

"My dear, I can sympathize with you," said Mr. Buggins. "Today, by a strange coincidence, I paid that odious Mrs. Bjugones a bill I had owed him for quite as long."—New York Times.

Throns Jewels.

In the "gold room" at Windsor was the one of England's chief royal treasures, the gold tiger's head taken from Tipu Sahib's throne in 1782. It is a life size, and the teeth and eyes are of rock crystal. Another relic captured at the same time is the jeweled bird called the una, shaped like a pigeon, with a peacock tail. The feather is a blaze with precious stones, and a great emerald hangs from its breast. According to an old Indian legend, whoever owns this bird will rule India.

It Depends.

Bill—They tell me that a goat eats twelve times its weight in a year.

Jill—Does that represent much food, do you suppose?

"Well, it all depends whether what the goat eats happens to be paper covered novels or lead pipe!"—Yonkers Statesman.

An Exception.

"Emerson says there is always a best way of doing everything."

"Is there? I wonder if he ever found a best way of wearing a pair of shoes that were about a size too small?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

No Chance.

"Do you always do a little more than is expected of you?"

"No; my boss always expects a little more than you can do."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sincerity and pure truth in what age soever find their opportunity and advantage.—Montaigne.

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HOTELS IN PORTUGAL.

Paying One's Bill There Becomes a Duel in Politeness.

When traveling for the first time in Portugal one is apt to become exasperated when he desires to settle up with his landlord at the hotel. "When the traveler asks how much his bill is the landlord bows graciously, smiles suavely, rubs his hands together and replies that the bill is as much as the guest wishes to contribute.

This is simply the opening of a duel of politeness, for the hardened traveler at once thanks the landlord for his confidence in him and again very courteously asks for a detailed statement of his account. Still the bill is not forthcoming, for the landlord declares that he does not wish to insult his guest in any such manner. Finally the landlord does reckon up the charges on his fingers. When he has finished he asks the traveler how much the sum total is. If the traveler hasn't kept track of it the landlord very laboriously goes over the account again. If the guest has footed up the bill the landlord is sure that it cannot be so much and insists on a re-reckoning. The result is the same, and the landlord invariably needs to bring two or three more fingers into use for items that had been accidentally omitted.

Needless to state, the traveler not hardened to this process breathes a deep sigh of relief when he "escapes."—Boys' World.

DIET AND AGE.

Proper Eating Would Insure Better Health and Longer Life.

Medical experts, insurance men, educators and teachers of the science of health and happiness generally are in favor of simpler living and a return to nature. The mortality of adult age—of the period between forty and sixty—is increasing, but it is not due to the stress of modern life, to worry and overwork, as some have supposed. It does, we are assured, to overeating and bad diets. There is every reason why we should live longer and be healthier, for comforts are increasing and inventions are lessening toil and anxiety. But our very prosperity has led to richer and ampler diets, and there is where the mischief lies—there, and in our indoor life. We shun nature; we shut out light and air; we walk little and seldom eat or rest in the open air, in gardens, fields or on porches.

This is all wrong, and the wages of this wrong are ill health, depression, gloom, the shortening of the natural span of life. Habits of outdoor life should be formed early—at school. As much teaching as possible should be done in the open air—and as much playing likewise. After graduation boys and girls should continue to cultivate the outdoor life and families should continue the practice.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Telephone Lies.

At One Hundred and First street and Broadway a man was talking into a telephone. Presently he was heard to say: "All right, I'll come. I am now at Twenty-third street and Broadway. I'll be up in about half an hour."

"That chap seems to have lost his bearings," said a man who had overheard the error in locality.

"He knows where he is all right," said a drug clerk. "He's just putting up a bluff. It is quite a common bluff. Men who have a mighty high regard for truth at all other times do not hesitate to tell a whopper about where they are when talking over the telephone. I have heard persons swear over that wire that they were telephoning from points all the way from Hoboken to Amityville. They were not seasoned liars, either; just wanted a few minutes' grace apparently and thought the easiest way to get it was to make out they were a mile or two farther away than they really were."—New York Press.

Custom in Spain.

One thing especially is vital in Spain: "Custom," they say ("la costumbre"). It explains commercial honor tersely for the Spanish business man to keep his word and pay his bills; exactly as it is equally customary for him to lack what we call "honor" in some other departments of life. It is customary to do or not to do, to like or not to like, a thousand things. Why? "Custom," is the only reply. It is customary, moreover, not to yield readily to an improvement or a luxury, even as it is again equally customary, once the Spaniard has yielded to a given thing, to hold to it like adamant.—Arthur Stanley Riggs in Century.

His Preference.

"You can get an armful of daisies for a dime," pointed out the optimist, and just look at their bright, merry little faces!"

"What do I want with an armful of daisies?" growled the pessimist. "I'd rather have a cheese sandwich."—New York Journal.

A Snake Tale.

A man took his small son to the park. They fed bread to the swans and then stood for a long time in front of a cage of serpents. The boy looked at them with fascinated eyes. At last he exclaimed, "I like these tails all right, but where are the animals?"—Lippincott's.

Probably.

The Orator—I ask you, Wot is this life we 'old so dear? Soon I'll be lyn' with me forefathers. The Voice—"An' giv' them points at the game too!"—London Sketch.

Common sense is the genius of our age.—Greely.

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