

WOMEN IN PORTUGAL.

They Do All the Hard Work While Lazy Men Loll and Smoke. The lot of women in Portugal is not an enviable one, according to Mr. Aubrey F. C. Bell, who in his book, "In Portugal," thus describes the labor that falls to their share.

THE RISE OF NEW YORK.

It Dates From the Time That the Erie Canal Was Opened. If we seek the original creator of landed wealth in New York we must look over the heads of Astor and the Goellets to De Witt Clinton, the man who in 1825 pushed to completion the Erie canal.

Unconscious Bravery. At a place called Anglin, about forty miles south of Bangkok, a Chinaman and his wife cultivated a small sugar cane plantation. The man had been greatly annoyed by having his cane eaten by his neighbors' buffalo calves.

A Glass Needle Stiletto. As diabolical a specimen of murder on ingenuity as ever was discovered by the police was found one day in the possession of a Chinaman who had been working in a laundry in New Orleans and who was believed to have intended using it upon his employer.

Wouldn't Have Missed. As a battalion was returning from rifle practice at the ranges a shot was discharged from the leading company, apparently by accident, but the bullet passed uncomfortably close to the colonel.

Refined Rooting. The English root very politely when a cricketer lands a fly the cheerer yells: "Oh, jolly well caught! Oh, very well caught in deed!"

Well Satisfied. First Negro—I hear that Andrew Jackson Jones am run over by an automobile. Did he get any satisfaction?

A PROBLEM IN PICTURES.

And the Peculiar Coincidence by Which It Was Solved. Some years ago a publishing house was preparing to issue a new edition of the writings of Thoreau, writes Charles S. Olcott in Art and Progress.

While the two men pondered a caller sat in the outer office with a large portfolio under his arm. Five years before he had read Thoreau's "Journal" and had taken up his residence in Concord that he might visit the scenes there described.

BURIED LIVING PERSONS.

Horrible Custom of Japanese Prior to Year 646 A. D. Prior to the year 646 A. D. the Japanese had one of the most horrible burial customs that can be imagined—that of burying all the immediate friends and retainers of a prince or other person of note in a standing position around the potentate's grave and leaving them in the earth up to their necks to perish of thirst and hunger.

Old Time Personally Conducted Tour. The companion looked down upon the first agencies for conducted tours of which we have record. Five hundred years ago Venice controlled the pilgrim traffic to the Holy Land, and quite a number of firms made a good thing of it.

Written in Slang. Matthew Henry's commentary on the Bible was written for the common people and in the slang of the day. In commenting on Judges ix he says: "We are here told by what acts Abimelech got into the saddle."

A Bold, Bad Man. The phrase "A bold, bad man," now worn threadbare and comic, belongs to Spenser, who applied it to the Arch-magoo of "The Fierie Queene" (l. 1, 37): "A bold, bad man that dared to call by name."

Unreasonable. "I suppose your chief creditor is very rich." "Well, I should say so. But even at that he acts as though I were living above his means."—Pilegende Blatter.

A Safe Lover. Perkins—Does the young man who is courting your daughter leave at a reasonable hour? Pater—Yes; I have no reason to kick.—Boston Transcript.

To see good in a heart that seems evil is to beget good there.—William Henry Phelps.

THE OPEN MOUTH.

Causes That Induce It When We Are Intently Listening. Why do we open our mouths when intently listening?

There are three causes, entirely independent of one another, but acting in unison, for this action. There is a passageway called the eustachian tube, connecting the back of the throat and the middle ear, the part behind the drum.

In concentrated attention the mind is fully engrossed in the one subject, and it loses control over voluntary muscles that are not directly affected by the subject or the process involved in the motor activity that accompanies mental activity.

The third cause is referable to atavism, or the tendency to return in form or action to an early type. Early man, like the animals, was urged to action by the fundamental instincts, self preservation and race preservation.

DIG THEIR OWN GRAVES.

English Army Methods in the Execution of Condemned Spies. The ceremony of disposing of a condemned spy in the English army always follows a definite precedent. The unfortunate man is surrounded by a detachment of infantry, and after he is provided with a pick and shovel he is marched off to a selected spot and ordered to dig his own grave.

Carlyle's Bluntness. Thomas Carlyle once took Lord Houghton (Richard Milnes) to task in regard to the proposed pension for Lord Tennyson. "Richard Milnes," said Carlyle, taking his pipe out of his mouth, "when are ye gaun to get that pension for Alfred Tennyson?"

Vulcan. Vulcan, the god of ancient black smiths and metal workers, was lame in consequence of a pretty hard fall he had in his early days. Jupiter and Juno had a row, and Vulcan sided with his mother against the old gentleman, who promptly kicked him out of heaven.

Beloved of the Gods. Miss Mary Anderson (Mrs. Navarro) in the play of "Pygmalion and Galatea" once turned with outstretched arms toward the audience. She was supposed to be appealing to heaven. "The gods will help me!" she cried. At once with one accord the "gods" of the gallery roared response. "We will!"

A Belt and a Bull. Sergeant—Now, then, Murphy, what's the trouble? Murphy—I'm looking for me belt, sar'n't. Sergeant—Well, man, you've got it on! Murphy—Thankee, sar'n't. If you hadn't told me I would have gone out without it!—London Answers.

Of No Value. Bailiff (in artist's flat)—H'm, nothing worth much here. What's in the studio? Servant—Less 'n'thing but pictures.—Pilegende Blatter.

Life is the childhood of our immortality.—Goethe.



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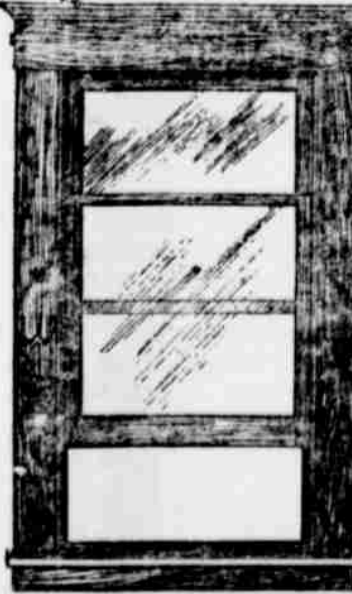


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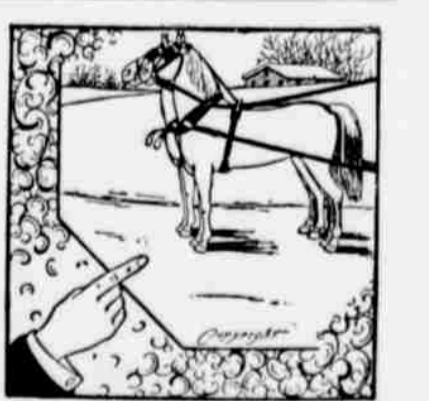
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