

ORIGIN OF CUSTOMS.

WHY DO WE DO SOME FAMILIAR THINGS?

Many of the Most Common Practices of Everyday Life Are Derived from Old Superstitions or Barbarities of Our Distant Ancestors.

It is surprising what a number of little things we do without knowing the reason.

Why, for instance, do widows wear caps? Perhaps you may say because they make them look pretty and interesting. But the real reason is that when the Romans were in England they shaved their heads as a sign of mourning.

Why do we have bows on the left side of our hats? In olden times when men were much in the open air and hats couldn't be bought for half a dollar it was the habit to tie a cord around the crown and let the ends fall on the left side to be grasped on the arising of a squall.

What is the meaning of the crosses or X's on a barrel of beer? They signify degrees of quality nowadays. But originally they were put on by those ancient monks as a sort of trade mark.

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DERVISH POWER BROKEN.

English Arms Gain a Distinct Triumph in the Soudan.

The defeat of the Dervish forces in the Soudan and the killing of their leader, Khalifa Abdullah, will to many be the first intimation that Great Britain is simultaneously waging two wars in Africa.



MAJ. LOGAN'S CHILDREN.

But still the mob advanced. "I'll kill the first one who comes near me." When twenty paces away Maj. Logan opened fire with his revolver.

OPIMUM SMOKING IN THE ORIENT

"Hitting the Pipe" in the Chinese Empire and in Formosa.

To learn the actual number of opium smokers is impossible, but we know the amount of the foreign import of this drug and the naive confessions of reformed opium smokers tell us precisely the amount of opium required to pass the yin or craving.

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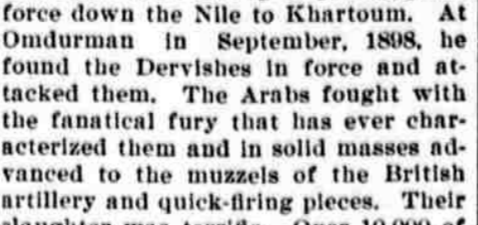
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The Marriageable Age.

A spinster who is still living in hope says the marriageable age is anywhere between the seminary and the cemetery.

The Typewriter Invention. A statistician has proven that the invention of the typewriter has given employment to 300,000 people, but he fails to state how many cases of weak stomachs it has induced.

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Teacher—Try to remember this: Milton, the poet, was blind. Do you think you can remember it?

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