

THREE OLD SAWS.

L. If the world seems cold to you, Kindle fires to warm it...

II. If the world's a wilderness, Go build houses in it...

STUPID, STOLID AND STUNTED.

The Depths and Lower Depths of Human Unintelligence.

Personality in Handwriting.

Persons writing naturally do so without thought regarding the peculiar construction of their writing.

The Open Polar Sea.

Mr. Joseph W. Crenin, writing to The New York Herald on the question of this open sea, gives some very ingenious reasons why the passage to the pole is not a frozen mass.

The Japanese "Treaty Box."

The principal object of the mission of the Japanese embassy, which lately arrived at Washington, was to get a copy of the treaty between Japan and the United States signed by the president.

A Destroyer in the Spruce Forests.

According to accounts of observations published in the third bulletin of the entomological division of the department of agriculture, the ravages of the spruce bud worm (Tortrix fumiferana) have been extensive and destructive in the coast forests of Maine west of the Penobscot river.

Emperor and Workingman.

A favorite amusement of Dom Pedro II, of Brazil, is to leave his gorgeous turnout in a side street, and accompany by a gray-haired chamberlain and a stalwart fireguardman, walk the distance of a square or more to a manufacturer or other establishment and surprise the proprietor and employes by his sudden and unannounced appearance among them.

The Oldest Dynasty in the World.

The present reigning dynasty of Japan is the oldest in the world. It dates back 2,546 years, and its records are accurately preserved for that time.

Butter on the Double Quick.

Among the prominent and most interesting exhibits at the London health exhibition was the dairy. The cows were milked in the presence of the spectators; the milk was then put into centrifugal skimmers, and in twenty minutes' time from the time it left the cow the spectator could spread the butter on his bread.

George Elliott: Animals are such agreeable friends! They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.

Tea-Cup Fortune-Telling.

I have a friend who is quite renowned for her success as a fortune-teller through her skill in shaking and tapping a teacup until the grounds or tea-leaves in the bottom of the teacup assume in a rude way certain shapes or forms representing people, animals and various other images which she professes to understand as referring in some way to the person whose fortune she happens to be telling at the time.

I was present once when she told the fortune of a young lady. The prophecy and method of making it seemed to me to be very vague, but the gist of it all was that in a short time a young gentleman of extremely prepossessing appearance would arrive, and exert a powerful influence on the future prospects of the young lady.

With the aid of a teacup, and using a few other grounds of leaves that were lying on the bottom of the cup, I quickly changed the young man into a disreputable-looking old tramp, with a big bundle on his back, and accompanied by a ferocious-looking bulldog.

Fallen Royalty.

The Ex-Empress Eugenie and Her Recent Visit to Paris. (Paris Letter to London Truth.) The Empress Eugenie spent a sad week with the Duchesse de Mouchy in her new house near the Hotel des Invalides.

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