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THE PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT.

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The largest, that of Cheops, in its original state is said to have been 600 feet high and the length of its base on each side the same...

There is an inner chamber where the sarcophagus was placed. When a monarch began to reign, he commenced to build his tomb...

How those great structures were reared—how the huge masses were brought together and put in their places—is a question which has never been satisfactorily answered...

AN OLD PRUSSIAN DISH.

"Beerfish" is Alleged to Be Good When It is Served Steaming Hot.

There is a dish dear to every Prussian heart, which may be, however, absolutely new in this country. All Germans may not know it, as it is not made in south Germany...

The dish is known as beerfish, and the German carp, praised of epicures, is herein treated in a manner worthy of the fish. It must be made with beer, or, in the absence of this, with weak beer and porter...

A large glassed pot is used. A layer of large onions is placed on the bottom of the pot. On this are sprinkled various spices; then a layer of a substance called fish pepperkuchen, which has more or less fish substance in it...

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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SELLING FARM PRODUCTS.

The marketing of wheat produced on the farm is the business part of farming, and the farmer who neglects this part of his work must be contented with much less profit than otherwise might be secured.

The farmer needs to make or give what he has to sell of such a standard of quality that it will always be in demand. Of everything taken to market from the farm the best not only brings the highest price, but sells the readiest.

The republican party may be relied on to navigate the ship of state safely past the reefs, shoals and breakers in the future as in the past. It will be, as it has been, the true bimaculate party.

Money has become so plentiful in England that the London Spectator says, if the people do not take to wasting it on a war or some big unprofitable scheme like the Panama canal, interest will have to come down to 2 per cent.

The republicans of Kentucky are calling upon the people of that state in the still potent name of Henry Clay to stand up for the American system and make Kentucky the strong protection commonwealth she was of old.

One of the arguments used to boom Morton for the presidency is that no New York man has ever been nominated for that office by the republican party, and therefore the state should have a chance this time.

Women may laugh in her sleeve more comfortably than ever, but she cannot look over her shoulder any more.

Patriotic impulses should tend to something more than firecrackers and oratory. The petroleum bicycle will probably save the rider the task of blowing up the tire.

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the storage-house, and the fire, at 5:30 p. m., was under control. Two men were badly burned, while rushing through the flames. Hot coals dropped on wood-work by a plumber started the fire. The loss will be about \$10,000.

New York, June 23.—Bradstreet's publication today prints conspicuously the following: "Inasmuch as many usually well-informed newspapers appear to continue in doubt as to whether the bond syndicate has completed its work or not, and whether it is able to dissolve and leave the treasury gold reserve, now well above the \$100,000,000 mark, to the tender mercies of the market for foreign exchange, it may be well to state, thus prominently, that the syndicate has completed its undertaking. It expects to continue to lend all proper support to the treasury in maintaining the \$100,000,000 gold reserve, and to do so in the same way and manner it has thus far."

A traveler returned from an extensive sojourn in Turkey has this to say of the famous drug: "Among my purchases at the drug bazaar at Constantinople was hashesh. It is strictly illegal to buy or sell this, and the vendor made a great show of mystery about the transaction, besides charging me ten times the right price. It is a soft black stick or coil, made with Indian hemp and sundry sweet spices. It may either be drunk with water, eaten as it is, smoked in bubble pipes or smoked in little terra cotta pipes."

It is said to have the power of conferring a dual personality upon those who take it. Their dreams are extraordinarily vivid, and every detail of them is remembered for a long time afterwards. They do not go off to sleep, but have a kind of fit, which does not seem particularly agreeable, though for some reason or other is evidently popular. These at least are said to be the commonest effects of the drug, but it affects different people in different ways, and so some get no further than a bad headache.

He found that his soul persisted in remaining where it was. So he grew bold and helped himself to another lump, in which all the strength of the hemp happened to be concentrated. The result was that two doctors had to walk him up and down the garden all night to prevent his falling into a sleep that would know no waking.

Through its use forbidden in Constantinople, hashesh is said to be extensively smoked there, especially among the Persians. I told my guide that I must see this sight, and after a great deal of trouble I managed to get taken to a real hashesh den. It was a fairly large square room, with a divan running all around it. The walls were whitewashed, and the carpets on the floor were cheap and shabby. One common oil lamp hung from the ceiling, with a big green shade. The center of the room was empty, and there were no tables or looking-glasses in it. Two men were sitting Turkish fashion on the divan.

For a long time they seemed to be in a kind of trance, slumbering at the corners of their lips and entering into no conversation. After a short time one of them became livelier and more excited. He burst into a wild laugh which shook his whole body. He placed his hand to his nose, and beginning to stoke it with the top of his hand, down into the air as if his nose had reached an incalculable length.

An attendant passed by with a coffee cup, and the smoker made a wild effort to turn aside his head, angrily telling the attendant to be off, as he was treading on his nose. There came another wild burst of laughter, and the fit was at an end.

His reason gradually seemed to get the upper hand, and he proceeded to express his wonder that he could have fancied that his nose had grown so long. Then, putting his hand up to it, he remarked, "All the same, it is hurting me awfully—just as if some one had twisted it roughly." And, sure enough, the nose was unaccountably red.

It is said that under the influence of hashesh you know perfectly well your place, and that if you fix your thoughts on some place, however distant, that you have never seen you obtain a clear and accurate image of it. I was told a story of a man who had taken hashesh with the intention of penetrating beyond the grave and find out all about the future life.

He soon exclaimed that he was feeling very cold, then that he was going to die. He grew very pale, his feet became numb, and the cold began to get complete possession of him. His sense of hearing became indistinct. Everything seemed to grow dark around him, and he called for light. Then he stretched out his limbs and remained fixed and immovable. A cold thick sweat was all over him, and the pallor of death was on his face.

Then the attendant thought it was time to come to the rescue, and he rubbed his face and nostrils with lemon juice and made him sit up. The man presently opened his eyes and absently sipped a cup of coffee that was brought to him. When he recovered his senses completely, he was very angry with the attendant for interfering with him just as he had been on the point of penetrating the unknown.

It may be mentioned that the word "assassin" is derived from "hasheshian," a taker of hashesh.

English Will Soon Be Universal. Gladstone compares that the habitual speakers of the English language has increased from 15,000,000 to 105,000,000 during the last 100 years, and that they will number 120,000,000 by the end of the year 1900. At that rate of increase, which is somewhat each century, such speakers will include not less than \$40,000,000 by the end of the year 2000.—St. Louis Republic.

Has to Talk Through It. Flapjack—Gibley is quite a talker, isn't he? Treacley—Yes, but his hat will go down over his mouth.—Springfield Union.

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