

## FACTS ABOUT GINGER.

IT IS THE ROOT OF A TROPICAL REED.

Import Tables Show that It Ranks Second to Pepper Only Among the Spices, About Even with Cassia, and Ahead of Cloves.

Ginger is the root of a kind of reed, grown both in the East and West Indies and China, also largely in Malabar, and to a certain extent in nearly all tropical countries; it is also to be found, though of poor quality, in most of our gulf states. The stem or reed is an annual, and grows directly from the root every spring to the height of about three feet, with long blades or lanceolate leaves, resembling very much in style and color our American maize or corn. This reed or stalk terminates in an oblong scaly spike, and from each of the scales grows a little blue and white flower. This plant is now cultivated in very great quantities in the West Indies, especially in the Island of Jamaica, from which place the finest and most esteemed is imported.

Jamaica ginger is not only cultivated to very great perfection, but the selecting, scraping, drying and all the necessary details in its preparation are observed with the utmost care and nicety. Ginger is imported into this country either in the form of the dried roots or as a preserve in syrup and comes from Cochín China, Africa and the East or West Indies. The preserved ginger from the West Indies is much esteemed and commands a very high price. The ginger root grows in knotty branched pieces, in low, fenny or marshy soils, and has a pleasant aromatic odor and biting taste. There are two kinds of ginger, viz., the black and the white. Black ginger consists of the inferior roots, which have been steeped in boiling water previous to being dried in the sun. The color of the darkest kinds, however, is not black, but more of a dirty brown or stone color. White ginger consists of the roundest and finest roots scraped clean and then dried carefully without being scalded. It is firmer, less fibrous and more pungent than the black, and from the fact that the finest and soundest roots are always selected, white ginger is, independent of the manner of its preparation, superior to black, and always realizes a much higher price in the market; but the difference of color depends wholly upon the manner of curing or preparing. For both of these kinds the tubes or roots are allowed to ripen; that is, they are not dug up until after the annual stalks are withered.

The principal varieties of ginger known in commerce are, white ginger—Jamaica, Cochín China, African, East Indian or Bengal and Tellichéri; black or dark ginger—Jamaica and Malabar. Gingers imported into Europe are subjected to various modes of treatment, which tend greatly to improve and preserve them, for the finer its quality the more susceptible is ginger to the ravages of the fly or ginger worm. These various modes of treatment are washing, brightening and bleaching, and the gingers are consequently known in the trade as "originals," viz., the ginger as imported; "washed," that which has been cleaned in water slightly acidified; "bright," the ginger which has undergone the preparatory course of bleaching, and "bleached," that which has received a coating or dressing of lime, etc. These latter modes of treatment of ginger until recently were carried on exclusively by experts in Europe, and it is only within the last few years that the art has been introduced into this country. Preserved ginger as manufactured here and in Europe is dark and fibrous, but when prepared in the East or West Indies or China, the West Indies especially, from the young roots, it is almost transparent. It is imported in jars, and should be of a bright, yellow color. Ginger is imported from Jamaica in barrels of about 100 pounds each, with actual tare allowance; from Cochín China and Malabar in cases of about 200 pounds each, also with actual tare allowance. African and East Indian ginger comes in bags of 100 pounds each bag.

Ginger is one of the most important members of the spice family. The import tables show that between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 pounds of the dried root is used annually in this country, about the same quantity as is taken of cassia. Between 250,000 and 500,000 pounds of preserved ginger is imported annually, the average import price for the preserved article and the root being about four cents a pound in each case.

In order of importance, as shown by the import tables, ginger ranks with cassia next to pepper, which is twice as popular as any other spice, and cloves are a good third.

### LARGE PROFITS OF A BEGGAR.

Legless Man Received Charity that Made Him Rich.

There was a man in New York who had lost both legs, and who, seated in a wicker basket, pushed himself along where people could see him. Coins came to him in small showers. The basket was a part of his business outfit. When off duty, that is, when not soliciting alms, he wore two well-made artificial legs and walked on crutches.

One of his most fruitful fields was Coney Island in the season, and having gained the good-will of a resident of the place he used to deposit his legs at the man's house when he went abroad to touch the hearts and the pursestrings of the pleasure-seekers. One evening, when he returned from "work," he found that the closet in which his legs had been placed was locked and the custodian of the key gone for the night. "Never mind," said his friend. "Stay here over night and I'll give you a shakedown."

"No I must be in New York tonight," he said, "and I've got to have my legs too!"

"But why not stay here and save car fare and be on time for work in the morning?" his friend asked.

Neither argument nor persuasion had any influence on the man, whose nervousness increased perceptibly, and as his friend was making ready to break down the door behind which the legs were stored he asked: "Why must you be in New York to-night and why do you compel me to force this closet door?"

"Well the truth is," said the legless man, "I bought an apartment house last week and promised to pay \$10,000 on the bargain to-night, and unless I get away pretty soon I'll get there too late and forfeit the amount already paid down."

The friend was speechless with amazement and his astonishment grew when he heard a few weeks later, that the apartment-house which the poor man spoke to him about was the third which he had purchased since he went into the begging business.—New York Tribune.

### ISLE OF MONTE CRISTO.

Prince of Naples Presents It as a Gift to His Wife.

Now the story comes that the young Prince of Naples has purchased the Island of Monte Cristo as a present for his charming wife and erected there a hunting lodge, which he proposes to make his headquarters whenever the fancy seizes him to flee from the glare and bustle of court life.

Outside of Dumas' work you will find very little mention of the island. Yet that it has had a romantic history is pretty clear. Situated as it is in the Mediterranean, twenty-seven miles south of Elba, it is manifestly impossible that it was always as isolated and as desolate as it has been within the last few centuries.

There are grottoes on the island, but hardly such a one as Dumas describes—the one in which the marvelous treasure was found. At the same time there are few places in the world where a treasure is more likely to be buried, and for the very good reason that in bygone ages this Island of Monte Cristo was a favorite resort of smugglers and pirates. Neither does it contain anything likely to attract the ordinary tourist. The ground is mainly covered with bowlders, and there is not an acre of land which can be cultivated. On the other hand, the sportsman and the naturalist will find many treasures amid this mass of rock.

That the Prince and Princess of Naples will heartily enjoy whatever days they may spend on this rugged and romantic spot is certain. Both of them are fond of outdoor life, and there are few better sportsmen than the Prince in Europe. For that matter there are very few women who are more skilled than the Princess with a shotgun or a rifle.

If the Prince and Princess so desire they can be as isolated on their island as they would be in the heart of Africa, and with this difference—that within a few hours after the whim seizes them they can be transported from their oasis to the heart of Italy.—Detroit Free Press.

### Responsibility of Riches.

No sovereign is so rich as the Czar, and no sovereign has such heavy calls upon his purse. The grand dukes Michael, Vladimir, Alexis, Serge and Paul Alexandrovitch, as the sons of Emperors of Russia, receive from the head of the house an annual sum of 185,000 roubles (£26,200) each, which, added to private means, makes them very rich. The wives and widows of Russian grand dukes receive 40,000 roubles each; their sons 150,000 roubles. It was the Czar Alexander III, who decreed that every member of the imperial family must spend a part of the year in Russia, or else lose a third of his or her allowance.

### Big Libraries in China.

The great libraries of Pekin contain volumes of books numbered by the hundreds of thousands. In the archives of the government are still to be found the ancient predictions of eclipses made with great accuracy, together with works on astronomy which show a fair knowledge of that science.

### Austria Easy on Murderers.

Austria is the country most lenient to murderers. In ten years over 800 persons were found guilty of murder, of whom only twenty-three were put to death.

### The Dean of Durham.

The Dean of Durham occupies the richest denary in the Church of England. His salary is £3,000 a year, with a fine old residence, the priory of the monastery days.

All the world's a stage—and a lot of actors thereon are merely stage horses.

### Honest Boy.

"I am glad there are a few honest people left. Two years ago I sent a boy around the corner to buy a postal card. I have never seen the boy to this day."

"You don't call that boy honest?"

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### "Nature Abhors a Vacuum."

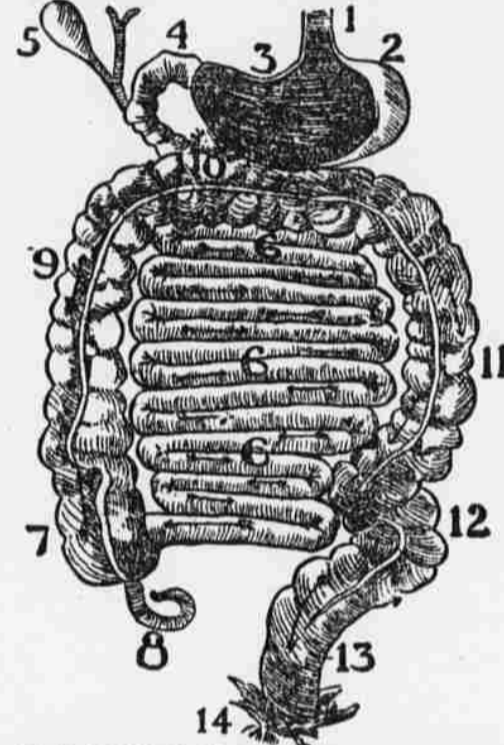
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### The January Century.

The January Century will contain a poem by Rudyard Kipling, "In the Matter of One Compass." Dr. Mitchell's story, "The Autobiography of a Quack," ends in that issue, but another serial by Dr. Mitchell will begin in the March number. It is called "Dr. North and His Friends," and one who has read the manuscript calls it "an epitome of the science, culture and common sense of the nineteenth century."

# 30 FT. OF BOWELS



THE ALIMENTARY CANAL. 1. Lower end of esophagus (meat-pipe) which conveys food to the stomach; 2. Cardiac end of stomach; 3. Pyloric end of stomach; 4. Duodenum; 5. Gall bladder; 6, 7, 8. Small intestine; 9. Vermiform appendix; 10. Ascending colon; 11. Transverse colon; 12. Descending colon; 13. Sigmoid flexure; 14. Anus. The duodenum is continuous with the small intestine. The small intestine empties into the large intestine or colon at the caecum. The arrows indicate the direction which the contents of the bowels must take in passing through the alimentary canal.

are packed away in your insides and must be kept clean, in order and doing business.

It's a long way, with many turns and pitfalls to catch the refuse and clog the channel if not most carefully cleaned out every day.

When this long canal is blockaded, look out for trouble—furred tongue, bad breath, belching of gases, yellow spots, pimples and boils, headaches, spitting up of food after eating,—an all-around disgusting nuisance.

Violent pill poisons or griping salts are dangerous to use for cleaning out the bowels. They force out the obstruction by causing violent spasms of the bowels, but they leave the intestines weak and even less able to keep up regular movements than before, and make a larger dose, necessary next time.

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