

Life Among the Arabs.

Fed by the eternal snows of the Atlas, the Oued Draa river gives to one of the most charming oases of the Sahara, with a circumference of 40 miles and a population of 250,000.

In our journeyings we traveled through a mountain pass different from anything that I had ever seen before. It was five paces in width, with perpendicular natural marble walls on either side, veined and polished, and glistened with various colors in the sun.

Dates are very plentiful, and are used for food and for fattening horses and camels. A camel load of them, 400 or 500 pounds, can be bought for a mattrak, 40 cents.

harem, that is an exclusive and fashionable institution, kept up only by the Grand Sultan, the sheikhs or other rich and other influential personages, as a matter of show and pride.

Wonderful Sagacity of a Dog.

The story of a dog's sagacity is interesting to all admirers of animals. The following one is strictly true: About twenty-five years ago an extraordinary war was waged against the canine inhabitants of Portsmouth.

A Tramp Trap.

It is a well known fact that freight cars are a great resort for tramps. These cars afford them travelling conveyance, sleeping apartments, and everything which conduces to make the life of a tramp pleasant and comfortable.

New Varieties of Tea.

An English Consul reports the discovery of two curious varieties of tea on the western frontier of China. In the monasteries of Mount Om (or Ngomi) he was given an infusion of tea which is naturally sweet, tasting like coarse congee with a plentiful addition of brown sugar.

This wild tea is found in the uninhabited wilderness west of Kiating and south of Yachow, at heights of 6,000 feet and upward, and is a leafy shrub fifteen feet high, with a stem four inches thick.

Many a proffered succor from heaven goes past us, because we are not standing on our watch-tower to catch the far-off indications of its approach, and to fling open the gates of our heart for its entrance.

Paul Boynton's Reminiscences.

Yesterday the aquatic captain very pleasantly entertained the party at the dining table with stories of happenings during his career as a navigator, which illustrate the perils and humors of his peculiar dress and mode of traveling in a strange country.

He landed one night about midnight on the coast of Ireland, and astonished the native coast guard by his strange appearance. The latter inquired, somewhat nervously:

"Where did you come from?" "America," was the reply. "Where's your ship?" "Out there in the channel."

During his famous long trip down the Mississippi, the captain found himself just at daylight one morning being anxiously watched by an old negro on a high bank. On these expeditions he was always in more or less danger of being shot for a sea monster or some strange animal, and always made it a point to hail any one as soon as he could.

Amusing Provisions in Old Wills.

A foreign review of a new book entitled "Curiosities of the Search Room; a Collection of Serious and Whimsical Wills," writes as follows:

"The chapters on Eccentric Wills, on Vindictive Wills and on Directions for Burial contain some curious illustrations of human frailty and folly. A certain Dr. Ellerby bequeaths his heart to a friend, his lungs to another and his brains to a third, declaring that if they do not execute his wishes with regard to them he will come and torment them if it should be by any means possible."

Culture.—She—"Of course you went to Monsieur Renan's lecture on Marcus Aurelius?" He—"No I didn't. Who's Marcus Aurelius?" She—"Why, a Roman Emperor, to be sure, and a stoic."

One Hundred Years Under Water.

Mr. J. W. Dutton, the constructing engineer of the celebrated Dufferin Palace in Quebec, recently presented a journalist with a cane and a pencil holder made of the wood of the vessel L'Original, which was sunk below Quebec in the year 1756.

The wood was eagerly sought for, and now it is almost an impossibility to get a piece of it large enough to make any thing of any value. The frigate was removed there where she was built, there she lay until last Summer, when she was raised and towed to shore.

How the Captain's Patent Worked.

Having piped all hands to splice the main brace, the captain had the first mate of the farm tow out the horse and wagon, and ascending the quarter-deck of the craft, he took possession of the tiller ropes (as he styled the reins) and said:

"Now, boys, my invention is very simple—I might make a million dollars out of it, nebbe, but I ain't going to patent it; you can use it if you want to. I've simply fastened a twenty-fathom line on to the mizen axle of the craft, and put on a stout grapnel. I shall bring this here loss along the road under double-reefed top sails, and then one of you cusses scare him—open an umbrella at him, or something; then, when he gets tearing along about twenty-five knots an hour, and won't answer to his helm, I'll just drop the anchor and ride out the gale. Git up!"

Capt. Cronwell can't precisely understand why, when the tackle held, he wasn't able to ride out the gale, but is not discouraged and will repeat the experiment as soon as he has had a new buggy made upon lines of his own design.

To Keep Out Flies.—A lady writes to the Minnesota Farmer: "For three years I have lived in town, and during that time my sitting-room has been free from flies, three or four only walking about my breakfast table while all my neighbors' rooms were crowded. I often congratulated myself on my escape, but never knew the reason of it until a few days ago. I have had occasion to move my goods to another house while I remained for a few days longer. Among other things moved were two geraniums and calceolarias which stood in my windows, being always open to their full extent, top and bottom. The boxes were not gone half an hour before my room was as full of flies as those around me. This, to me, was a new discovery, and perhaps may serve to encourage others in that which is always a source of pleasure—namely, window gardening. Migonnette, planted in long, shallow boxes, placed on the window sill, will be found excellent for this purpose."

A stranger calling at the house of a gentleman the other day, met a German friend at the gate and inquired of the latter, "Is Mr. — in?" "Yes," was the reply. When about to pull the bell the Teuton called him back and said: "He is in, but he is det."

The Mother-Love of Birds.

So strongly is the mother's love depicted in the stork and the lark that it amounts to a heroic passion. The stork which spends the winter in Egypt and the summer in northern and western Europe, likes to build its nest on the top of some steep gable-roof. Such a nest is a real nuisance. It is from three to five yards in diameter; it swarms with snakes, lizards, frogs, toads and other disagreeable creatures; it becomes in the course of time, so heavy that it will break the roof if not artificially propped up from below.

A Plucky Iowa Boy.

An exciting encounter occurred on Monday night, at the farmhouse of Daniel Solomon, ten miles south of Hastings, Iowa. Mr. Solomon was away at the time, and his son had, on Monday afternoon, sown 2,500 bushels of corn, for which he had been paid in cash. It is supposed that this fact became known outside of the family.

Upon this Logan jumped from the doorway into the room in which the voices were heard. One of the robbers fired in the direction of the sound, the report of his pistol being followed instantly by two shots from his accomplice. None of the shots took effect, however. In another moment the heroic boy was engaged in a hand-to-hand conflict with both villains.

A Queer Story.

The village of Speer's Cove, St. John's county, New Brunswick, is excited. A little girl there died recently of accidental poisoning, and when they took her body from the bed to lay it out, they found words and sentences written on the sheets and pillow cases not with anything like ink, but apparently as the result of pressure as though made by a nail or some similar instrument, on the linen or cotton, and after a time the most of them gradually disappeared. One man who visited the house says he was told by the parents that on a bandage round the child's jaw were the words: "Mother, be kind to Julia, for she is next." On the sides of the two pillow slips were sentences: "Mother and Hannah, come to me and kiss me;" "Kate, tell them we want them;" "Mother, ask Kate to fix my grave and love her more than ever." Spread under the pillow on which the dead child lay was a sheet with the impress of her form, and over it a dove and the impression of a woman, the Virgin. This impression was visible, the man says, through four folds of the sheet. There were other words, figure-expressions, some of them of a devotional kind.

A Dutchman, in one of the counties of Pennsylvania, wanted a minister to preach at his child's funeral, and wasn't unreasonably particular as to who came. "Chon," said he, "go and call the circus preacher to come, and if he can't, den get the locust preacher, and if de locust preacher can't come, why den get de extortioner," (exhorter).

At dinner she had a doctor at either hand, one of whom remarked that they were well served, since they had a duck between them. "Yes," she broke in—her wit is of the sort that comes in flashes—"and I am between two quacks." Then silence fell.

His Honor was Sympathetic.

The Great Grizzly Exterminator of California was brought before Justice Moses to answer to a charge of having been drunk on the street. He had been privately informed at the jail that hunting was the peculiar weakness of his Honor, and advised to appeal to the fellow feeling of the court. Judge Moses looked sternly at Medicine Bill and said: "William, you are charged with being drunk; what have you to say?"

"Well, yer Honor, I may have been a little off, but yer see I've just come in from a bear hunt, and felt like having a good time."

"Dear hunt, did you say?" asked the court with evident interest.

"Yes, sir, I'm the boss grizzly-killer of the Yosemite. Slow me a grizzly an I'll show yer some dirty work. I'm a bad man to clean up after, I am."

Medicine Bill admitted that he had, and in fact was intimately acquainted with both these mighty hunters.

ALCOHOL AND DIGESTION.—According to foreign medical journals, M. Leven has been investigating the question of the quantity of alcohol which should be taken to facilitate digestion, and consequently, the assimilation of food. He demonstrates, by conclusive experiments, that an excess of alcohol, as 75 grams of brandy to 200 grams of meat, completely arrests digestion; while 25 grams of brandy with the same weight of meat will, on the contrary, have a very powerful effect on the digestion.

Beware of Malaria.

The prevalence of malarial diseases in country and town indicates a danger to which we are all exposed. These diseases are easy to contract and hard to eradicate. But Warner's Safe Pills neutralize the poison and cure them. They are equally effective against all bilious troubles.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 13, 1880. I shall not cease to recommend your Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, the patronage of all my friends, who are afflicted as I was, with that terrible and dangerous disease, Bright's Disease of the Kidneys. It cured me completely.

With great respect, thy friend, JAS. S. PRESCOTT.

Kingsford's Oswego Corn Starch, on account of its delicious purity, is the best for children and invalids.

REMOVED, NEW TEACHERS, NEW METHOD Devoted to the preparation for business affairs of either sex or any age, it is a special course of book-keeping, penmanship, business calculation, form and usage, commercial law, correspondence and a practical training in the English language.

CLARENDON HOTEL, Portland, Oregon. Zeiber & Knowles, Proprietors.

Free Coach to and from the House— Street Car Tickets Free to Guests

CANVASSERS WANTED! To sell Barclay's Cheap Publications on all the leading sessions of the day.

D. J. Malarkey & Co.

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS WHOLESALE DEALERS IN PRODUCE, PROVISIONS AND STAPLE GROCERIES.

W. ARE IN REGULAR RECEIPT OF CALIFORNIA and Foreign Fruits and Produce each season. Orders promptly filled.

LYNN WHITE, Manager and Proprietor. Office, 128 Front St., or Box 104, Portland, Or.

HUNT'S REMEDY THE GREATEST KIDNEY AND LIVER MEDICINE EVER KNOWN.

HUNT'S REMEDY has saved from lingering disease and death hundreds who have given up by physicians to die.

WARNER'S SAFE KIDNEY & LIVER CURE A vegetable preparation and the only cure known for Bilious Headaches, Dyspepsia, Diarrhea, and ALL Kidney, Liver and Urinary Diseases.

HODGE, DAVIS & CO., Agents Portland, Oregon.

HORNE & WEST'S ELECTRO-MAGNETIC BELT THIS GALVANIC MEDICAL BELT, A NEW and wonderful invention on the only genuine, will cure without medicine, Rheumatism, Paralysis, Neuralgia, Kidney, Liver, Spinal disease, Impotency, Rupture, Ague, Nervousness, Dropsy, and other diseases of both sexes.

The Weekly Bulletin Issued every Friday.

ATKINSON & FARISEH, 5 Washington Street, PORTLAND, OREGON.

TERMS: One Year, by Mail, \$3.00; Six Months, \$2.00; Three Months, \$1.00.

Contains the Latest Market Reports, Full Telegraphic Reports, Other Matters of Gen Interest.

ELGIN WATCHES All styles, Gold, Silver and Nickel, \$5 to \$500. Chains, etc. sent C. O. D. to be examined. Write for Catalogue to ELGIN WATCH CO., PITTSBURGH, Pa.