

**THE LEMON IN THE TEA.**

It is a Survival From Very Ancient Chinese Methods.

Whence the slices of lemon with the tea in Russia?

Okakura Kakuzo, a Japanese artist and critic, writing in the International Quarterly, says they point to a survival from very ancient Chinese methods, when tea leaves "were stemmed, crushed in a mortar, made into a cake and boiled together with rice, ginger, salt, orange peel, spices, milk and sometimes with onions!"

Okakura tells also of the work of Luwuh, the poet, who in the eighth century became the first apostle of tea and wrote in three volumes and ten chapters the "Chaking," or "Holy Scripture of Tea." Luwuh instituted the code of tea and is become the tutelary god of Chinese merchants of the land.

According to this master, the mountain spring furnishes the best water, then come river water and plain spring water. There are three stages of boiling. The cake tea is roasted before the fire "until it becomes soft, like a baby's arm," and is shredded into powder between pieces of fine paper. Salt is put in the first boil, the tea in the second. At the third boil a dipperful of cold water is poured into the kettle to settle the tea and revive "the youth of the water." Then the beverage is poured into cups.

It was of such a beverage that Luwuh, another poet, wrote: "The first cup moistens my lips and throat, the second cup breaks my loneliness, the third cup searches my barren entrail but to find therein some 5,000 volumes of odd ideographs. The fourth cup raises a slight perspiration—all the wrong of life passes away through my pores. At the fifth cup I am purified; the sixth cup calls me to the realm of the immortals. The seventh cup—ah, but I could take no more!"

"Tea began as a medicine and ended as a beverage." Also it has had rituals, ceremonies and philosophies. In Japan it became "the religion of the art of life," and "the tea room was an oasis in the dreary waste of existence." This was in the fifteenth century, and the philosophy of Teism which then arose is described as "a cult founded on the adoration of the beautiful among the sordid facts of everyday existence. It inculcates purity and harmony, the mystery of mutual charity, the romanticism of the social order."

"Strangely enough," says Okakura, "humanity has so far met in the tea-cup. It is the only Asiatic ceremonial which commands universal respect. The white man has scoffed at our religion and our morals, but has accepted the brown beverage without hesitation. The afternoon tea is now an important function in western society."

**Electric Light Bulbs.**

While grasping a small incandescent electric lamp one night Professor Sommer, a German scientist, happened to observe that on contact with his hand the bulb of the lamp would show a luminosity comparable with a mist of light, illuminating certain parts of the glass as well as his fingers even before the electric current was completed. This phenomenon could be produced several times by rubbing the electric bulb with the hand. Not all electric bulbs are suitable for the experiment. Those which have been used for some time and which show the well known dark coating of carbon particles are especially apt to fail. After rubbing a new or nearly new lamp containing no metallic conductors strongly on the skin of the forehead or lower arm, to withdraw the lamp suddenly from the skin will cause the bulb to show the luminous phenomenon. Withdrawing the lamp and stopping it suddenly causes its outlines to stand out distinctly illuminated, while in the middle a bright spot is observed.

**The Fungal Crow.**

A correspondent sends to the Pioneer (Allahabad) the following notes on the fact that a case has been reported of a crow's nest having been found which was made out of telegraph wire: "Anything resembling a twig is pressed into service. In the days of old, before glass stoppered bottles came into use for soda water, many nests were made of the wires used to keep in the corks of such bottles. A nest constructed out of brandy bottle wires was once taken in a palm tree outside Madras. Another nest was found composed of bits of tin stolen from the tin bazaar in Madras. One pair of crows constructed a nest out of gold and silver spectacle frames purloined from the factory of Messrs. Lawrence & Mayo in Bombay. The materials for this nest, of which the value was 400 rupees, were stolen by the wily crows during the luncheon hour. It was noticed that the spectacle frames were disappearing from the factory in a mysterious manner, but it was some time before the thief was discovered."

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**ACTRESS UNDER THE KNIFE.**

New York, Nov. 12.—Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress, was operated on today for appendicitis at a sanitarium in this city. It was announced tonight that while Miss Hopper is very ill her condition is satisfactory.

**STEAMER AND BARGES COLLIDE.**

Providence, R. I., Nov. 12.—In a collision off Pomham light, early today, the incoming barge Ira A. Allen, of Albany, N. Y., and Elheurah, of Hartford, Conn., were sunk and the steamer Powhattan, bound for Norfolk, Virginia, slightly damaged.

**KING ALFONSO AND THE KAISER.**

Potsdam, Prussia, Nov. 12.—King Alfonso left here tonight for Vienna. He was accompanied by the railroad station by Emperor William and his sons, and the leave taking was most cordial.

**ITALY NAMES HER MAN.**

Rome, Nov. 12.—Although the appointment has not been officially announced, it is believed that Signor Silversterelli, will be named as ambassador to Madrid to represent Italy at the International conference on the Moroccan question.

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Dated, Astoria, Oregon, October, 21st, 1905. OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the city of Astoria.

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