

THE CHAMPAGNE MAKER.

Why His Face is Always Decorated With Scars.

The Frenchman's face was hacked and notched.

"Have you been a duelist?" one asked.

"No, no," the man replied. "I have been a champagne maker." He touched his face. "These honorable nicks," he said, "are champagne scars."

"Champagne scars," he went on, "decorate the visages of all the workers in the underground champagne mills of Rheims. They are caused by the bursting of the bottles. About one bottle of champagne in every ten bursts.

"There are miles and miles of champagne caves in Rheims, caves cut in the solid limestone rock, where, in a constant temperature of 45 degrees, millions of bottles of wine refine and ripen.

"The workers down there smell nothing but champagne all day long, champagne escaping from burst bottles, and as the turners move along the racks—each turns 35,000 bottles daily—they are continually saluted with explosions. Bang! And the glass splinters fly, and a little fountain of champagne perfumes the damp air.

"Day after day each bottle must be turned, turned fifty times altogether, till the sediment in it has all mounded up and concentrated itself around the cork. Then the corkers remove the corks, let the sediment thicken wine in the neck of the bottle blow off and skillfully replace the cork again.

"The corkers' and turners' work is dangerous. These men are nearly all scarred like me."—Kansas City Independent.

ALPINE ROOT DIGGERS.

Their Work of Danger High Up in the Mountains.

Throughout the whole chain of the Alps there are men who make it their business to search for and root up the gentian, arnica, puffsballs and other Alpine flowers.

High up in the mountains the root grubber, generally an old man, builds a little hut. He clammers precipices to the edges, where the blue flowers grow; or, if he cannot ascend, he lets himself down to their place of refuge by a rope fastened to a pine above.

He wanders to a long distance from his hut and does not always trouble to return to it at night, finding shelter under a rock. Next morning he spreads all the roots he has collected on a rock, where they may dry.

He collects herbs as well as roots, and the resin from the pine besides. When the summer is over and there are signs of snow, the root grubber collects all together in his little hut and finally transports the whole of his six months' collection to the valley.

The arnica and some other roots used in medicine are readily disposed of. From the gentian is made the favorite gentian brandy, which is considered the very elixir of life by the mountain folk. In other days, when gentians grew in great numbers, the root digger was able to realize a good income from his perilous occupation, but it is otherwise now.—Chambers' Journal.

THE TIMOROUS KUBUS.

They Live in Sumatra and Are the Shiest People Alive.

There is a very singular race of people in Sumatra, the Kubus, who are too timorous and shy to mix with the other

rares of the island and even in the recesses of the forests. They are looked on as inferiors by the Malays and thought to be little better than beasts. Such is their shyness that they will never willingly face a stranger.

Their trade with the Malays is consequently carried on in a strange manner. The trader announces his arrival by beating a gong, and he then retreats. The Kubus approach, put their forest treasures on the ground, beat a gong and retreat. The trader returns and lays his commodities down in quantities sufficient, as he thinks, for the purchase of the goods on sale. Then he retires, and the Kubus reappear and consider the bargain.

And so, after more withdrawals and approaches and gong beatings, the respective parties come to an understanding and carry off independently their bargains. The Kubus in their wild state do not bury their dead. They live on snakes, grubs, fruits and the flesh of any deer or pigs they can slay. They are skillful spearmen and throw stones with marvelous accuracy.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Meals in Schools.

In Paris the city government gives every school child one full meal a day. This does not tend to pauperize the children or to lessen the responsibility of the parents, for all those who can afford to pay for the meal are expected to do so. On the other hand, no jealousy or contempt can be felt by the richer children for their starved comrades, for all are supplied with the same metal token, which has to be given up in exchange for the meal. The "cantine scolaire," as this municipal soup kitchen is called, is not confined to Paris. In the provinces the "soupe scolaire," its equivalent, has sent up the school attendance by leaps and bounds. Here, however, instead of paying for their midday meal all those who can possibly do so are encouraged to bring to school their handful of vegetables and the like, and the contributions are all put into the common soup.

Madrid's Throne Room.

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Calculating man.

"I don't like young Dr. Oppates," remarked the timid young thing.

"No? And Why?"

"The other evening he called, and by and by he squeezed my hand and said something sentimental, and just as I was trying to look demure and to blush I discovered that he had his finger on my pulse to see whether or not I was really affected by his attentions."—Judge.

Below the Horizon.

"Jenks seems to be prosperous now. He says his income just at present is out of sight."

"I should think it would be; he lives so far beyond it."—Philadelphia Press.

The Expert Strap Hanger.



Voice From Above—Don't let go, Jimmy, whatever you do. Jimmy—That's all right, old man. I'm used to it.—Punch.

Bad For Husbands.

Hewitt—Do you think women ought to be allowed to attend prize fights? Jewett—Well, certainly not married women. They'd get too many points.—New York Press.

A Versatile Housemaid.

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