

ACRES OF PERFUME.

England's Lavender Fields and the Flower Farms of France.

The Commercial Classification of Ods—Profits in the Cultivation of Sweet-Scented Flowers—Napoleon's Daily Bath in Eau de Cologne.

There is not a lady who performs her household duties, says a writer in the Detroit Free Press, but would be both surprised and interested to know the magnitude of the perfume industry, the amount manufactured, the variety and machinery involved, and the countries from which tribute is exacted. It sounds a little startling to say that Europe and British India alone consume 150,000 gallons of handkerchief perfume every year; that the English revenue from eau de Cologne alone is \$10,000,000 annually; and that the total revenue from other imported perfumes is \$20,000,000 a year.

England imports annually from the two Rhine cities of Linn and Bergamot worth for the amount of \$28,000,000. There is one great perfume distillery at Cannes, in France, which uses yearly about 100,000 pounds of acacia flowers, 140,000 pounds of rose flowers, 35,000 pounds of jasmine flowers and 20,000 pounds of tuberose blossoms, in addition to immense quantities of other perfume-yielding flowers.

In the extreme southeast of France the flower farmers of the Var harvest annually, on an average, nearly 500,000 pounds each of orange blossoms, rose and jasmine, and of geranium, tuberose and jonnal 30,000 pounds each.

There are extensive fields of lavender within thirty miles of London, the oil of which produces annually 30,000 gallons of lavender water, besides a large, unknown quantity of perfumes with more pretentious names. The plant is at its best between its third and seventh year. It is harvested in August, and immense numbers of bees follow the vans to the distillery. The production of perfume-yielding plants at Victoria, in New South Wales, is immense.

The mignonette, sweet verbena, rosemary, wall-flower laurel, orange and sweet-scented geranium, grow in greater abundance than in any other part of the world. Sailors, while yet leagues at sea, know when they are nearing the coasts of Spain by the subtle perfume which pervades the atmosphere. Moore sings of the roses of Casimere and Bishop Heber of the spicy breeze of Cayton. Quite an industry in perfumed flowers has been opened up in South Australia, the climate being adapted to it. To judge by what Crousse says in his "Wealth of California," the latter State is not lavish in odorous flowers. They are gorgeous, and that is all. But the deficiency in fragrance of flowers is amply supplied by the aromatic shrubs and vines, such as mint, honeysuckle, sage and fennel, which are especially abundant in many parts of Los Angeles.

Some idea of the extent of the production and the profit in the cultivation of flowers can be derived from the following statements, which have been amply verified: An acre of jasmine plants, 50,000 in number, will produce 5,000 pounds of flowers, valued at \$1,500. An acre of rose trees, 10,000 in number, will yield 3,000 pounds of flowers, worth \$750. 300 orange trees, growing on an acre, will yield, at ten years of age, 2,000 pounds of flowers, valued at \$500. An acre of violets, producing 1,000 pounds of flowers, is worth \$250. An acre of cassia trees of about 300 will, at three years of age, yield 600 pounds of flowers, worth \$450. An acre of geranium plants will yield something over 1,000 ounces distillate oil, worth \$1,300. An acre of lavender, giving over 5,500 pounds of flowers for distillation, will yield a value of \$1,500.

Odds (also written attars) are largely used in perfuming soaps, to let powders (the base of which is starch and orris), dentifrices (most of powdered myrror and camphor), and sweetmeats, largely lozenges, known by the names of peppermint, lavender and rose. Odds are classified and they blend into each other very much as colors. The odds of verbena, lemon, bergamot, orange and citron are called lemon-like odds; the almond-like odds are neroli, ylang and ylang; the spice odds are cloves, cinnamon and cassia. The odds of rose, bergamot, lemon, orange and citron are called lemon-like odds; the almond-like odds are neroli, ylang and ylang; the spice odds are cloves, cinnamon and cassia.

CURED OF FLIRTING.

"For Ours in the World's History a Drummer Meets His Match."

"No more flirting for me, boys," remarked a drummer to some of his acquaintances, one of whom was a reporter for the Nebraska City Press. "I used to go without smoking when I was dying for a cigar, just so I could go in the ladies' car. But I'm cured. On my last run into Lincoln I met a nice young lady. Her was agreeable, and I courted myself as nearly so as possible. Had a pleasant half-hour with her before we reached the station, and of course when we got off there I asked her if there were any parcels I could carry for her. She smiled sweetly and said I might help her if I would be so kind. Then she pointed to the seat right behind where we were sitting, and there were three babies, assorted ages, asleep. She said they were hers. Well, I was in for it, so I picked up the biggest one, one on either arm, while she took the kid. We marched out and found a carriage, and I put her in and was about to say good day when she smiled again so bewitchingly and asked me to get in. I couldn't refuse, you know, so I went along. We drove out to somewhere near the capital and stopped before a nice house. A man came running out, lifted up the babies, kissed them, lifted out the young woman, kissed her two or three times and told the driver he could go. Would you believe it, she was so spongy on that husband of hers she directed a lay goodbye to me and looked as if she'd been in a fight and that ain't the worst of it. I had to pay the carriage fare myself and lost half a day's time in the bargain. That woman cured me of flirting so long as I live."

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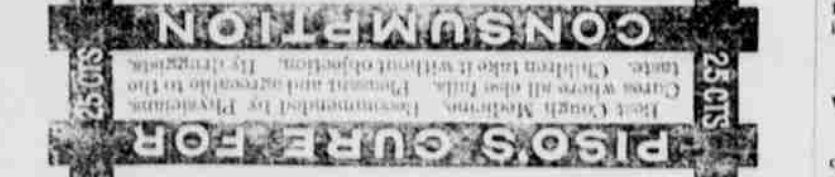
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STENOGRAPHIC BILLS.

Some That Are Up to the Standard of Printing-Office Blunders.
 Since the mistakes of Moses no class of people has made such peculiar and ludicrous errors as the stenographers, when you take into consideration their general brightness and cleverness. A prominent Treasury official gives the "Talking Machines" of the Washington Post the benefit of several which have been of recent occurrence in his office.
 Being in a hurry for certain special plans he dictated a letter to the lithographer, requesting him to rush the work as speedily as possible and forward it to the Treasury in a Knox wagon.

The stenographer brought in his typewritten letter in a few minutes, and his chief glanced it over.
 "You have this wrong," said he. "I told you to write that the plans were to be sent up in a Knox wagon."
 "That is what I understood you to say, sir. I have written that they were to be delivered in an ox wagon."
 "But I said a Knox wagon."
 "Ah, yes, certainly, 'an ox wagon,'" replied the puzzled shorthand writer. "I-I-I fear I don't see clearly what you find fault with, sir. I am quite sure I took you accurately."

"Perhaps I might have made myself better understood," responded the chief, "if I had said that the plans were to be forwarded to the Treasury by one of Mr. Knox's express wagons."
 The unfortunate young man blushed to the roots of his hair, but his experience did not save him from falling into a second snare. He went shopping one day with the young officer as a diligent student, and as a step toward the goal of his desires was filling strong indorsements from various quarters. Among others to whom he applied was the Treasury official. The latter knew the young officer as a diligent student, and as a step toward the goal of his desires was filling strong indorsements from various quarters. Among others to whom he applied was the Treasury official. The latter knew the young officer as a diligent student, and as a step toward the goal of his desires was filling strong indorsements from various quarters.

The stenographer was revising in a hurry. The same succession of confusable words placed a Washington lady of high social standing in an embarrassing position. She was visiting the family of the commandant of the Charleston navy yard in Boston harbor. She went shopping one day with the commandant's daughter. After making her purchase at one of the big dry-goods stores on Washington street she directed the clerk to have them sent to her address, Commandant's house, Charleston navy yard.
 "Where?" asked the clerk.
 "Commandant's house, Charleston navy yard."
 "They look like ladies," muttered the clerk under his breath. "Did I understand you to say common dance-house, Charleston navy yard?"
 "Yes," answered the lady, impatiently. "Have them sent at once."

The purchases came, and the driver of the delivery wagon succeeded in placing them without much trouble, but they were addressed to Mrs. Blank, Common Dance-House, Charleston, Navy-Yard! She still pointed to the address on the package, and shows it to a select few of her lady friends.
 The same official is responsible for still another story:
 I was at my desk a few mornings ago when a rather rough-looking individual waited in and said: "Good morning." I replied to his greeting and asked him to be seated. I worked steadily ahead until I found a place to pause, then turned on him with an interrogatory point in each eye. He took his foot out of his hat and said:
 "I've come to take a piece."
 "What place?"
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 "Hut! Have you the advertisement with you?"
 "Sartin'!"
 The visitor reached into his pocket and pulled out a copy of that morning's Post. Pointing to a certain spot he said:
 "Tear 'em."
 The official looked and read among the small ads: "Light housekeepers wanted. Apply," etc. It was an advertisement for families who wanted to do light-housekeeping.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.
 What the Poetess of Fashion Would Do If She Were a Man.
 Were I a man, writes Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in the Chicago Tribune, I would never speak or write one disparaging or disrespectful word of any woman whom I did not know beyond the cast of her countenance to be utterly unworthy. Even then I would only speak such words to warn others from her example.
 I would aim to make my life worthy one good woman's admiration and respect. I would be more glib and kind to my wife than to any other woman.
 I would make the happiness of my home the chief ambition of my life.
 I would deny myself some pleasures and luxuries in youth that I might not be dependent upon others for the necessities of life in old age.
 I would give every man a helping hand as I went along the journey of life, and expect no reward save in the increase of my own self-respect and satisfaction.
 I would take a great pride in controlling and mastering my passions and appetites, as I would in the control of my horses or my dogs. And I would look well to it that none gained mastery of me.
 I would feel it a greater honor to be called a faithful husband and a wise father than to be known as "a sly dog" or "a great master" by my fellow-men.
 If I inherited wealth I would endeavor to make myself in the matter of good manners and good morals the equal of many who labor for a livelihood.
 I would never imagine that the possession of a first-class tailor and an eye-glass could excuse a vile breath or an insincere air.
 I would write no letters to any woman, save my wife, which all the world might not read.
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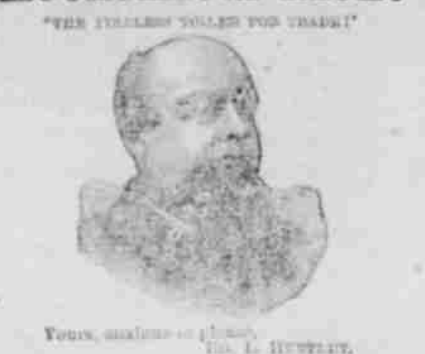
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