

A BACHELOR'S SECRET.

I keep one precious bit of gold safe hidden in a miser. And yet, if found by robber cold, He'd never steal my wealth untold. And none would be the wiser...

Sunstroke from Electricity.

Dr. Detonante the medical officer attached to the French foundry at Creuzot, recently cited several cases of sunstroke from electric furnaces used at these works to fuse refractory ores and weld metals.

After Six Months Abroad.

There is one part of my luggage which no American should leave in Europe, and that is his nationality. It too often happens that it is just what he does leave, and there have been weak Americans who have come home from Europe with but a slight knowledge of their own language after six months abroad.

The Winter Cradle of China.

The Chinese have a queer institution which they call the winter cradle. It is shaped somewhat like an hour glass and stands on end. There is an opening above and below, and the waist which is contracted, serves to keep the celestial baby on his feet.

Coast Trading in South America.

A system of "deck trading" is carried on by the people of the country all along the west coast. Men and women come on board the steamer with fruits, market produce and other articles, which are strewn about the deck and sold to people who visit the vessel at each port.

A Cure for Homeliness.

Omaha Man, formerly of New Jersey: "What is the matter with my wife, doctor? Family Physician—Nothing, except that she is homely."

Acceptable to Everybody.

There is nothing more acceptable to all classes than a kind, affable, courteous behavior, and it can be practiced by all, in the workshop or the home.

There are 28,000 shoes in a quart.

Now then if a shoe and a half has an eye and a half in a day and a half, how many—but why go on? The reader can finish it.

A Tramp Makes Complaint. It is a more facile undertaking to secure old clothes for one's own wear from the women nowadays than to get square meals from them. I attribute this to the rise and power of women's charity societies largely.

I could change clothes once a day if I could adjust myself to all sizes of duds hung in the women's way by their husbands. But I'd have to go into the wool shed and wear away the newly received suit, with my old clothes done up in a newspaper.

The Act of a True Gentleman.

In Mr and Mrs Bancroft's "Reminiscences" there is a story told by Mr Charles Collette which is beautifully and very strikingly illustrative of true etiquette. A young soldier in an English regiment had been promoted from the ranks and given a commission in another regiment.

The guest, in ignorant desperation, took a portion of the ice and put it in his soup. A smile played lightly on the faces of some of the younger officers, when the bowl was offered to the colonel, who went on chatting with the guest, and without moving a muscle of his face also dropped a piece of ice into his soup.

Living in Underground Houses.

The Esquimaux (or Mallamouq, as they are called here) live in underground houses (called by them burbas) with rafters to keep the earth firmly up. The doorway is situated from ten to twenty feet from the buraba and communicates with the same through a crooked tunnel, which leads first one direction for five or six feet, thence at right angles in another direction.

The Natives are Very Short and Stunted.

The natives are very short and stunted, and subsist chiefly on fish, geese, fowls and eggs. They are fat, with large heads, and when they are seen crawling out of their tunnel doorway clothed in parkies, which are made with a hood all in one, they resemble some wild animal.

the Shoe Pinches.

I think it is safe to say that ninety nine out of every hundred women wear shoes that are too large in the instep. Shoes that are too large in the instep allow the feet to travel forward on to the toes and the result is there is a deformity of some sort.

What a Difference.

Small Brother—And Jack I heard you say that if you didn't graduate this year, he'd make it for you. Jack—Heifer dropped three years—It's strange how my boy what a difference in temperature that one degree does make.—Harvard Lampoon.

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