

The Athenian of Today. The Athenian dine into the year round and when the weather will permit, in the open air.

The out of door dining and the sky roofed theaters are so typically Greek that they serve as a link between modern and classical times.

The "cat naps" indulged in by the late Dr. William Pepper consisted of a staid "doze" among his intimate friends.

Another prominent physician has a queer habit of napping, although he only takes one a day and that directly after luncheon.

Among the foolish servants who are worried by outside questions the superintendent of mails in the postoffice gets his full share.

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Polly Larkin.

The Harvard University faculty has required its Isiah Storer of Keller's Church, Pa., to leave the university on account of too much work and too little sleep.

It looks to Polly that those professors who have sounded the death-knell to all the hopes of this young man, should admire as rare a trait in him to the extent that rather than see him leave the institution they would endeavor to arouse the interest of some philanthropic person in the young man's behalf.

If Polly had money these are the kind of people I would help—struggling students, helpless little children and aged people whose lives are almost run and who feel that there is no place for them in God's best-kept and that they are only encumbrances.

"I am going out of town today and want to get a letter to my brother, who is on board the Majestic, and she is not due until Wednesday. I don't know where he will stay in New York or where he will go from here. Can you help me?"

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"Off with your hats!" In other words, many of the new spring hats will not be tilted over your nose to any extent, but worn decidedly back from the face.

THE PRESIDENT AT PLAY. You should have seen the president at play a few weeks ago. It was a very pretty sight, little Leona P., a child of 5 or 6, came one day to the White House to see Mrs. McKinley.

Speaking of hats that are to be worn back on the head, exposing the face to the full glare of the sun, Polly has been noticing for a long time that more women have those ugly little creases between the eyes than men. Others have noticed and asked "Why?"

NEW SPECIES OF X-RAYS DISCOVERED. Experiments with a new process somewhat similar to the celebrated Roentgen, or X-rays, are being conducted in great secrecy at a Berlin Institute, according to a communication received at the State Department from Consul-General Guenther at Frankfurt, Germany.

THE GREAT RAILWAY RIDE. An old man who has been a farmer for 57 years in Missouri says: "When I began farming, I plowed with a wooden plow, and when I got out with a slide and threshed them out by the tramping process, out the mowder with a scythe and used a wooden reaper barrow. Much of the wheat and corn I raised was such by deer, turkey and prairie chickens."

LAKE STERILIZATION REMOVED SCARE. Inspector O. B. Sheppard of the Canadian department of fisheries says in his annual report that unless something is done to prevent it, sturgeon will be practically extinct in the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay district.

THE PARIS FOUNTAINS. The fountains of Paris are among the most interesting features of the city, and the authorities are careful to preserve their attractiveness.

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NEW SHORT STORIES.

Robert E. Lee and His Favorite Horse—General Wheeler's Mistake—Armore Didn't Forget.

If I were an artist like you, I would draw a true picture of Traveler, representing his fine proportions, muscular figure, deep chest and short back, strong manes, flat legs, small head, broad forehead, delicate ears, quick eye, small feet and black mane and tail.

But I am not an artist and can only say he is a Confederate gray. I purchased him in the mountains of Virginia in the autumn of 1864, and he has been my pet and follower ever since to Georgia, the Carolinas and back to Virginia.

Well, this Armenian, rubbing his hands and with his head bowed over on one side, said: "The Persians have a legend for everything. They have a legend for what you said just now. It is this:—

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FACTS IN A FEW LINES.

A new ordinance in Seattle, Wash., prohibits side entrances to saloons. Plugged pigs' heads are sent to Denver to Ireland as the food of the poorer classes.

In southern France, where beer costs 20 cents and milk 15 cents, a quart of new wine has been lately on sale in limited quantities at 2 cents a quart.

The legal rate of interest in Canada is now 5 per cent, the reduction from 6 per cent having been made by a statute of the Dominion which went into effect Jan. 1.

California's presidential electors cast their vote in the largest hall in Sacramento in the presence of an immense assembly, including the population of the public schools.

The average cost of land in southern Germany suitable for tobacco culture is \$127.50 a Hessian morgen, which is equal to three-quarters of an American acre.

The official report shows that during 1900 the number of pilgrims to Lourdes was 98,000, among whom were 10 cardinals and 30 archbishops and bishops. Of water from the grotto 16,000 bottles were dispatched to all quarters of the globe.

The servants in some of the best places in Shanghai club together and buy a cook to provide and prepare their food for them at a cost of \$2.50 a month, or about \$1.25 a month in gold, or a fraction over 4 cents a day in our money.

During 1899 the total value of metals exported to all foreign countries was \$510,000, while during 1900 the figure reached \$3,919,000. Memphis is to be the great distributing point for apples, but Louisville has recently taken precedence.

At a small village near Namur a discovery has been made of 900 pieces of Roman money in a perfect state of preservation belonging to the third and fourth centuries and bearing evidences of no fewer than 15 different emperors and empresses.

The ancient Spanish mission of San Buenaventura was established in California in 1782. The mission books show that in 55 years the monks of San Buenaventura had brought back the fold 3,870 Indians.

In consequence of emigration there is a greater preponderance of women in Norway than in almost any other country in Europe. The census of 1891 showed that there was an excess of women over men of almost 70,000, while in 1870 this excess only amounted to 43,000.

The government has created some large forest reserves in northern Arizona and promulgated rules for their regulation with a view to prevent their spoliation and to preserve them from fire.

Street trees, properly planted and cared for, work a remarkable change in the value of residential property. Any one with doubts on this subject should look into the history of Washington, Milwaukee, St. Paul and other cities where a comprehensive system of street planting has been carried into effect.

The bank notes issued by the Vetterlanska Enskilda bank of Sweden and other private banks must be presented for payment within one year of the date of issue.

The author of a book which has sold well has adopted a novel scheme for advertising it. He has had a large quantity of excellent Egyptian cigarettes made, and on the wrapper of each is gold letters is stamped the title of his book.

The official flag of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo was selected from 300 designs and is the production of Miss Adelaide J. Thorpe.

The strength of wood increases with its density. The 3-year-old son of a fat dweller, who had heard his father complain of unusually heavy furniture, was drunk and "in an condition to attend to his work" and in the fit above his own last week and rang the bell when Mrs. Hank answered it, the young man said:

"Please, Mrs. Hank, ain't your little girl come down and play with me?" "Not today," said Mrs. Hank; "she is in an condition to play."

"What's the matter?" asked the boy anxiously. "Is she drunk?"



GENERAL WHEELER'S MISTAKE.