

BANDON RECORDER.

ROMAN HOT BATHS.

They May Have Caused the Downfall of the Imperial City.

When Rome was in her glory and men were strong and women beautiful, they set first importance upon the bath.

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THE TRUE FISHERMAN.

He Enjoys Nature's Beauties and is Not a Mere Fisherman. The angler's art is but a pretext, or rather, the incentive to a ramble, and not the sole object of the fisherman.

The true fisherman loves to catch fish, to match his wits against the wary trout, but as he wanders from pool to pool the songs of the birds greet him restfully.

Home to camp the fisherman goes, taking a cast in this silent pool in which the trout rose in the forenoon to his cast, but missed the fly, or in that dark hole deep under the bank in which a vigilant eye may detect the brown side of a trout with lastly waving fins and tail.

Another tribute to the dead which should appeal to every one was the placing of flowers on the graves in the poet's field, which originated with some lady in one of our country towns.

Old Violin Recovered by Czar. A Stradivarius, which had been played by several Czars, beginning with Alexander I and which disappeared from the Museum of the Imperial Orchestra at St. Petersburg in May, 1892, has been recovered by Dwight J. Partello, United States Treasury agent at Berlin.

The Hookah in India. The hookah is smoked as a refreshment and sign of fellowship by the natives of India and not merely as a luxury.

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

Paralyzed by American Slang. The parliamentary language of New York's board of aldermen is puzzling the people of "the tight little island."

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NEW SHORT STORIES

Mrs. Vanderbilt's Tact. The tale of how Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt outwitted a kodak fiend who had snapped her picture serves to strengthen Mrs. Vanderbilt's reputation for supreme tact.

They had all run the gantlet, some shielding their faces and others laughing into the face, and the sun was at its highest when Mrs. Vanderbilt arrived.

To make matters worse the footman had difficulty opening the carriage door, and the enthusiastic photographer snapped again and again.

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

The furniture used in Cuba is largely from the United States. The total population of Canada equals that of the state of Ohio.

Next to Liverpool, Bremen is now the leading cotton market of Europe. The proportion of Chinese to Indians in the United States is as two to three.

The population of Canada east of Lake Superior is 4,000,000 and west of it 1,000,000. The St. James district of London, although but seven-tenths of a square mile, has 471 policemen.

Mining enterprises and limited companies are now taxed 2 per cent of their net profits in Bolivia. California produces more dollars' worth of oranges than gold—over \$18,000,000 and gold \$17,000,000.

The Russian navy has been using alcohol boat motors up to 300 horse power with highly satisfactory results. During the last three years twenty-two millionaires have died in England. Their average age was seventy-five years.

A person usually begins to lose height at the age of fifty and at the age of ninety has lost at least one and a half inches. In Southwark, the smallest London borough, there were more lunatics last year than in any other metropolitan borough.

When Queen Victoria ascended the throne only \$100,000 a year was spent on education; now the amount expended is \$65,000,000. The biggest wheat field in the world is in the Argentine. It belongs to an Italian named Guasone and covers just over 100 square miles.

In Berlin a club of the "disengaged" has been formed by young men who, having broken with their sweethearts, regard marriage as fated to be a failure. The Royal Geographical society has recently acquired the boat's compass used by Dr. Livingstone on his first journey down the Zambesi valley in 1856.

In some of the Parisian cemeteries there are open vaults connected with electrical appliances to prevent the burial of persons who may be only in a trance. Machinery has been ordered for the Argentine Republic to turn out 250 tons a week of molasses, the new cattle food made from molasses and sugar cane fiber.

A census recently completed shows that there are 94,882 children of school age in Boston and that 71,532 of them are pupils in the public schools and 15,001 in private schools. Almost every adult Mantchoo carries a Connecticut dollar watch. The United States had no trade worth mentioning in Manchuria until we began to furnish Russia ties, rails and engines for her railways. Now the trade in flour and cotton is important.

The great power station of the District railway, London, possesses special interest because of the fact that it will be the first large electrical power station to be operated entirely by steam turbines. The plant will consist of ten Parsons-Westinghouse turbines, each of 7,500 horse power.

The Australian death rate from cancer for every 10,000 living has risen in the last thirty years from 2.75 to 5.72. It has more than doubled for males and nearly doubled for females. Cancer is, however, distinctly a disease of later life, increasing in prevalence as age increases beyond its middle term.

Cohesion is an extended electric attraction of groups of electrons in mutual linkage or satisfaction. Cohesion in the electric sense, as in wireless telegraphy, is the artificially enhanced molecular attraction due to electric stimulus and the momentary inductive displacement of groups of electrons.

The delays in the construction of war ships in private yards in this country constitute a grave national danger. The British admiralty boasts that it can wait to know the designs and efficiency of the projected vessels of France, Germany or the United States before it begins to build new vessels to excel them. As stammering is a cause of rejection for military service, its frequency is shown by the statistics of the examination of recruits in different nations. The number rejected as stammerers is 7.50 per thousand examined in France, 3.25 in Switzerland, 2.87 in England, 2.2 in Austria, .86 in Italy and but .19 in Russia.

There is alive in France today a woman who has been asleep for the last twenty years. Recently an abcess appeared on one arm, and this had to be lanced. Dr. Charlier performed the operation. The sleeper seemed to feel the incision and for the first time in twenty years was observed to move, making a slight twitch of the arm. The remnant of a strange tribe of Eskimos has been discovered on Southampton island, at the north of Hudson bay. These people had never seen a white man until recently. Their huts are built of the great jaws of whales, covered with skins. In the middle of the elevation, on which is a stone lamp used for lighting, heating, cooking, melting snow and drying clothes. The tribe is almost extinct, only some sixteen being left. Commercial schools in Russia are founded by the state wherever they are thought to be necessary. The initiative is always taken by commercial organizations—that is, chambers of commerce and similar bodies—the members of which have previously examined the question. Russian commercial schools are state institutions and are under the control of the minister of finance. There are forty-three commercial schools in the Russian empire under the control of the state and twenty private schools, similarly organized, with state supervision.

Two Effects. "I never send out a story for publication," said Dullipath, the realist, "without first having slept over it." "I don't believe I've ever read one of them either without doing the same thing," returned Hawley.

Sweet Content. Biobbs-Sillucus is very proud of his lineage, isn't he? Slobbes-Yes; he would rather have ancestry than make a name for himself.—Philadelphia Record.



"YOU SEEM TO LIKE THAT PICTURE."

the painter of the picture in question happened in. He recognized Goodwin, but did not suppose the actor was aware of his identity. Mr. Goodwin, it seems, had previously met the artist at a dinner and did not fail to recognize his face when he saw him in the gallery. Sauntering up to Goodwin, the painter, scinting, as he did, possible eulogy of his effort and perhaps a sale of the canvas, remarked casually: "You seem to like that picture?"

"Like it," answered Goodwin, smiling meaningly at Miss Elliot. "A man who would perpetrate a thing like that ought to get six months."

"Why, what do you know about painting?" he exclaimed. "You're only an actor. How can you know a bad picture? You never painted one."

"No," drawled Goodwin; "that's true enough, but I know a bad egg when I run across it, and, would you believe it, I never laid one either."—New York Times.

Angustus Thomas is credited with a bit of humor at a recent tea, where he and Elsie De Wolf met for the first time since the playwright's "The Earl of Pawtucket" was forced out of the Madison Square theater to make room for Miss De Wolfe's production of "Cynthia." Miss De Wolfe was expressing her regret at the circumstances, which, she said, could not be foreseen or prevented, and added: "I hope you realize how awfully sorry I was to turn you out, Mr. Thomas, right in the midst of your success. But my contract was signed before there was any thought of producing your play, and as there was no other theater vacant of course—"

"I understand," laughed Mr. Thomas. "In spite of our great financial success we couldn't keep De Wolfe from the door."—New York Times.

Quite a Linguist. Mr. S. had just welcomed his nephew home from school. "Now, then, Tommy," he said, "let us see what you have been learning all this time. What is the meaning of felo de se?" Instantly replied the lad, a little contemptuously: "Oh, that's only French for a sailor. Ask me something in Latin."

The pride that many unblemished persons affect in their ancestry is so melancholy that they might as well be dead themselves.—Schoolmaster.