

BANDON RECORDER.

SALT AND ICE.

The Process That Begins When the Two Are Mixed.

It is not correct to say that salt dissolves ice, since real solution only takes place when a solid, liquid or gas is dissolved in a liquid.

The true explanation of the fact that ice melts when common salt is added to it depends upon the simple physical principle that when a salt is dissolved in water heat is absorbed, and its temperature is lowered.

The remainder of the ice—being at a temperature higher than this new freezing point—slowly melts, and more salt is dissolved until the solution is saturated.

The salts dissolved in sea waters serve a very important purpose, as it requires a greater degree of cold to cause the formation of ice on them than on fresh water.

ANCIENT CURRENCY.

The Chinese Used Small Bronze Knives For Money.

Knife money, a species of ancient Chinese currency, was associated with the state of Tsi, one of the most powerful of the early subdivisions of the Celestial Empire, which came into power B. C. 1122 and was subdued by the rival state of Ts'in, B. C. 224.

This quaint form of money consisted of small curved bronze knives, some seven inches in length, with inscribed blades and handles terminating in rings.

THE WORD "HANDICAP."

It Comes From the Ancient Custom of Hand in the Cup.

In former days a "handicap" was conducted thus: A, wishing for a horse, would offer his watch for it. If A agreed, C was chosen to fix the sum that should be given by one or the other to make the exchange fair.

The three then put down a stake, and A and B, each holding a piece of money, or into their pockets, while C, enlarging on the respective merits of the horse and watch, made his award in as rapid and complex a manner as possible, ending it with the words, "Draw, gentlemen!"

A and B instantly drew out and opened their hands. If money appeared in both the exchange was made; if in one only, or in neither, the award was off, and in every case C took the stakes.

The modern use of handicap has arisen from the employment of experts to make fair conditions for a race in which the competitors are of unequal age or power.

Intelligence in Monkeys.

A correspondent in the Field contributes an extraordinary instance of intelligence in the Royal park, Melbourne, Australia. He was watching some monkeys in a large cage when one of them came to the front and tried to reach a nut which had been thrown and was lying on the ground.

Putting its arms through the bars and stretching as far as possible it found that the nut was just beyond its reach. There was straw on the floor of the cage and going to the back, where it evidently expected to find the straw less damaged, it tossed straw after straw, discarding them one by one, not thinking them strong enough for the purpose.

Her Sympathy.

Little Flora was complaining that her stomach felt bad, according to the Columbia Herald. "Perhaps it's because it's empty," said her mother. "It might feel better if you had some thing in it." Not long afterward the minister called. In reply to a question as to his health he said that he was well, but that his head felt rather bad that day.

Genius.

Men give me some credit for genius. All the genius I have lies in this: When I have a subject in hand I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pervaded with it. Then the effort which I make the people are pleased to call the fruit of genius. It is the fruit of labor and thought.—Alexander Hamilton.

Korean Customs.

According to the Rev. C. F. Collyer, an English missionary, the Korean "never cuts his hair or beard. To do so is considered a mark of dishonor to his parents, whom he strongly reveres. Any hairs that may happen to come out and even the parings of his finger nails are carefully saved and put into the coffin with him in order that he may go back to Mother Earth in tact."

Seer.

"Tell me what you eat and I'll tell you what you are," said the seer. The man told him what he ate. "You're a blanked fool!" said the seer. "Wonderful! Wonderful!" exclaimed the man.—Puck.

POLLY LARKIN

It is a mistaken idea to bring up the daughters in a family with the idea that they will never have to work and to prevent them from learning something that in the event of adversity and the necessity of earning their own livelihood, they will be able to meet the situation courageously, which they can do with brave hearts if they know they are competent to discharge the duties required of them.

The father looked upon this lack of music in the child's make-up as a great calamity and insisted that it must be overcome. "It's stubbornness," he said, "and I insist that you make her learn."

Constant practice and the instruction of the best of teachers are bound to overcome this, and I repeat, "drum it into her. She's got to learn if it takes the rest of her lifetime. She wants to paint and model in clay and spends the time that she ought to be devoting to music out in the back yard with a lot of things, trying to make all kinds of things, or up stairs shut up in her bedroom dabbling with some paints here and there."

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A CARDBOARD WOMAN

THE MALIGN INFLUENCE OF A MUMMY CASE FROM EGYPT.

Queer Sequence of Fatalities and Hard Luck Experiences Tight Appeared to Be Unhappy Legacies to Those Interested in Its Custody. In a corner of the first Egyptian room at the British museum, behind the crouching body of the prehistoric chief who lived before there were pyramids in Egypt or pyramids on the Nile, stands a woman molded from some ancient form of cardboard.

"I believe all the parents in the land should make their sons and daughters a study and endeavor to find out just what talent has been given them, and whatever that gift may be and in whatever channel it may run, make every effort to cultivate it and make a sacrifice to do it if it needs be."

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Beggar's New Trick.

A beggar who infests the region about Riverside Drive, New York, has a new style of approach, which is bringing him big returns. When he sees a man coming along wearing new shoes or newly shined shoes, he takes a stand directly in the way of his victim and stares intently at the new shoes or new shoes.

Magnificence.

A Sheffield firm has received from an Eastern potentate an order for a bedroom suit in solid silver. The designs are of Oriental character and of a most elaborate description. It is to be of solid silver throughout and includes a bedstead, a cabinet, a dressing table, a dozen chairs, three foot baths and three hot water cans.

Eggs and Potatoes.

Eggs prepared with potatoes is a nice dish. First make a sufficient quantity of creamed potatoes and break an egg for each person on the top. Put a bit of butter on each egg and place the dish in a hot oven until set. This will be accomplished more quickly if a hot pan is put over them.

Skin Troubles From Veils.

A German physician has discovered that the wearing of tight lace veils may easily produce skin troubles. The nets catch and hold dust and entrap all general impurities of the air, and enlarge not only the complexion but the lungs.

Forgetful.

Hicks—I do try to be polite, but I seem to be forever forgetting my manners. Wicks—What's the matter now? Hicks—I just gave a woman my seat in the street car and forgot to thank her for taking it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Human Nature.

It is constantly said that human nature is heartless. Do not believe it. Human nature is kind and generous, but it is narrow and blind and can only with difficulty conceive anything but what it immediately sees and feels.

NEW SHORT STORIES

McDonald Lost His Case.

Uncle Joe Cannon tells this story of his early days in the practice of the law in Illinois, says the New York Evening Post. Patrick McDonald, an Irishman, was a well known character in the town of Danville. He was a loud talker and was constantly "butting in" where he wasn't wanted.

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EXERCISES FOR HEALTH.

A Little Shaking Up Before Breakfast is a Good Thing.

For almost every person under fifty, and for a great many people over fifty, exercise is the nearest approach to a panacea for bodily ills that has yet been devised. Causing the body to move and stretch and push and pull makes the blood circulate, the liver do its work and the nerves pick up their dropped stitches.

Permanent Condition.

Bruce L. Rice, cotton broker, tell the following story of a former supreme court justice of Tennessee, Mr. Rice's native state.

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Candy.

The talk about adulterated candies, said a manufacturer, "is nonsense. There is a national organization of confectionery manufacturers which makes a business of investigating all reports of poisoning from eating candy and has succeeded in exposing most of such rumors. When a child is hungry it will fill up on almost anything it can get hold of—green apples, for instance, or even gravel or grass. It gets sick, and the mother, knowing it had eaten candy that day, spreads the report that the sweets were poisoned. The organization looks into every such case it hears about and finds out the truth. Competition is too strong for any concern to try to sell adulterated goods. The drug's competitors would immediately analyze the piece which is sold suspiciously cheap, and if it contained injurious ingredients would not be slow in proclaiming the fact. Good business principles demand honesty in the manufacture of candies."—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Worse Than the Upper Ten.

"Only the upper ten go to your church, don't they?" inquired the plain person. "Yes," replied the organist of the swell church, "but they're not a circumstance to the upper ten in our choir."—Philadelphia Press.

Looking Ahead.

She (bored)—No, Mr. Lively, I can never love you. I honor and respect you. I am sure you would make some other woman a good husband. I—He—Well—er—could you—give me a letter of recommendation to my next place?

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