

BANDON RECORDER.

THE POWDER WORKED.

An invention that proved too much for the... A certain inventor once hit upon the happy device of desiccating eggs...

VULCANO'S VOLCANO.

A natural weather prophet and infallible at that... As a natural weather prophet, and infallible at that, the volcano on the island of Vulcano...

Gray Cues Hard to Find.

Look around during your next exploration of Chinatown... "Look around during your next exploration of Chinatown," says a close observer...

Southern Manchuria.

The St. James' Gazette says... The rainy season in southern Manchuria is not so bad as it has been represented to be...

The Curse of Money.

A negro was arrested for stealing... He had been caught helping himself to the contents of the cash drawer in the store of a Mr. Appleton...

Made a Lock for the Key.

An old and curious key and lock are attached to the door of Temple church in Fleet street, London... The key weighs seven pounds, is eighteen inches long, and, unlike other keys, it was not made for the lock...

Sweet Woman's Way.

Sweet Maid—You must remember that one was a summer engagement... The Mrs. What means if you see any one you like better you'll break it.

POLLY LARKIN

Of all the dainty, aristocratic little denizens of the flowery kingdom... I think the exquisite orchids must claim first position. They are both house plants in this section of the world...

A new and dainty orchid was recently displayed at a Boston flower show and was called "Anguloa Clawesii," or the "Cradle of Venus" Horticultural Hall, where the exhibition took place...

Woman vs. Wildcat.

A Mount Sterling, Ky., woman was tackled by a wildcat. With only her dog to assist her, Mrs. Martha Miller had a battle for life...

Spider Builds Water-Tight Web.

An English naturalist has discovered a new and interesting species of spider in Australia. It lives in the crevices of the rocks along the seashore between high water and low water marks...

Stomach Never Full.

It is remarked by the London Chronicle that most of the children taken to the hospitals there need milk rather than medicine, and that "milk dispensaries" would be a useful branch of hospital service...

Globe On His Estate.

A great globe ornamented with the map of the earth has been carved in stone to decorate the estate of an eccentric Englishman at Swanage. It stands overlooking the sea and is visible for quite a distance...

His Request.

"Papa," said little Arthur after his mother had punished him, "will you do something for me?"

Useless.

"No, sir; I never borrow trouble." "Neither do I, so why should I sit here listening to your argument about the wickedness of docking horses?"

Domestic Economy.

Mr. Younglubber—Don't you think, my dear, that you are cooking twice as much as we shall need?"

Concealing Virtue.

Senator Blower (promptly)—No, sir; no one has ever attempted to bribe me. Senator Hetchem—Never mind. Some day, when it's a close vote, you'll get your chance.—Chicago Journal.

DUTCH CHEESE MART

QUAINT ALKMAAR AND ITS ANCIENT WIGH HOUSE SCALES.

A Town in Northern Holland Which For Over Two Hundred Years Has Had the "Rights to Weigh" Every Cheese Made in the Realm.

Though Eldam, on the Zuyder Zee gives its name to those rose red spheres we know as "Dutch cheeses," which are instinctively associated with indigestion, yet it is Alkmaar, in northern Holland, that conducts to the weekly importance of this edible of commerce...

But, be that as it may, the cheese market is a rare good sight in quaint Alkmaar when the peasant proprietor and his vrouw come in to drive their bargain at the weigh house with the wholesale agents from far and near...

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

There is a type of man who doesn't know he's a fool. He is always a fool. This is finally said of every secret: "I don't see how in the world it ever got out."

Famous Physician's Diplomacy.

Some Philadelphia physicians recently were playfully discussing the diplomacy to be employed with young mothers. "When I am called to a house where is a baby whose sex I do not know," said one, "I am always embarrassed as to how to speak of it."

An Effective Whistle.

A popular English author was wholly unappreciated from work by a lady who lived next door and straggled through Handel's "Messiah." His idea of the inviolability of an Englishman's house did not allow him to send in any message, and he was at his wits' end till he saw in a daily paper that steam-whistles could be bought to fit on to kettle spouts...

Good Luck For Turtles at Least.

The Chinese have a peculiar custom with regard to turtles, which they consider as very good omens. Almost any day one can see these creatures, some of them of huge size, being carried on board the river steamers, not to be taken to Canton for culinary purposes, but to be dumped into the sea and restored to liberty and freedom.

Domestic Economy.

Mr. Younglubber—Don't you think, my dear, that you are cooking twice as much as we shall need?" Mrs. Younglubber (artlessly)—I am doing it to please you, darling. Tomorrow I want to buy some of those "Hints For Housekeepers—How to Make Delicacies From What Was Left Over From Yesterday."

Spinal Strength in Worry.

Spinal strength in worry. You need it all for duty.—Anon.

CONFIDENCE UNDER WATER.

How This First Essential in Swimming May Be Acquired.

A person who is timid about the water can overcome the greatest part of the difficulty of learning to swim by the proper use of a wash basin.

The obstacle that nervous persons meet in the water is not the conscious fear of drowning, but an involuntary nervous shock that causes them to gasp for air even before their faces are under water. It is this gasping for breath that drowns people.

They cannot control the gasping, and consequently they often snap for breath when their mouths are under water. As the buoyancy of a human body is easily disturbed, a few pints or quarts of water swallowed in these involuntary gasping acts serve to sink a person who otherwise would float long enough for help to arrive.

Now, if a person afflicted with this involuntary fear of getting under water will thrust the whole face gently into an ordinary basin full of water every day and stay there as long as possible it will be only a short time before the gasping sensation begins to disappear.

Then the bathtub should be used, so that the bather, lying full length, can immerse the entire head. At first this will bring back all the old frightening sensations of suffocation, but the attacks will be of short duration, and within a few days it will be found that the total immersion can be maintained for the most part of a full minute without discomfort of any kind.

Once a person has learned how perfectly comfortable one can be under water the first great step has been taken toward learning to swim. Many otherwise good swimmers have never really acquired this calmness under water. The result is that when such a swimmer is caught in an undertow or a swirling current his confidence leaves him as soon as he feels himself dragged under the surface.

Confidence under water should be the first lesson in swimming.

THE BIRD'S SONG.

It is Produced by a Unique Voice Organ in the Syrinx. Birds have no vocal chords in the larynx, but they possess a unique voice organ in the syrinx, which is provided with what are really vocal chords of a very effective and complicated kind.

BIELA'S COMET.

Its Sensational Career Before It Vanished From Our Sight. All Europe was in pangs of terror when in 1832 it was announced that Biela's comet would cross the earth's path. People died of terror, and no serious did the scene become that a Parisian professor begged the Academy of Science to publicly refute the assertion.

Almost Deceivable.

A new skin disease has been discovered in Vienna, the exanthema variabile. A doctor says: "The symptoms are originally a bright scarlet, forming rings connected with each other until they resemble a net. They spread in serpentine lines. The spots, somewhat elevated, are beautifully drawn, and after awhile the color alternates between scarlet, pink, lilac and gray blue. Very rarely there are brownish tints. The skin takes on a silky hue." What a beautiful way to be sick!—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Impossible.

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

Footling the Battleships.

During the recent maneuvers between the submarine flotilla and the battleship squadrons of the British navy some ingenious ruses were adopted by the former to mislead the latter. One of the most successful was the building of an exact replica of the coming tower and a short length of the top of the submarine of canvas material. This was painted the same color as the submarine and was attached to the top of the craft.

"Upstairs" in Standard Oil.

In the big room on the fifteenth floor at 26 Broadway, the home of Standard Oil, men gather each day between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock all the active men what Standard Oil, and there all so meet and mingle with the active heads, the retired captains when they are in town. Around a large table sit. Reports are presented, views exchanged, politics talked over and republics and empires made and unmade.

TOMB OF CONFUCIUS.

One of the Chief Spots of Interest in the Orient. The city of Chufuhsien, the Mecca of the believers in Confucianism, is in the province of Shantung, one of the most populous districts of the orient. Here Confucius was born, and here his sacred bones lie buried. The tomb, which is located in one of the largest cemeteries in the province, about three miles out from the city above mentioned, is one of the most imposing in the whole empire.

Behind the Human Eyes.

The difficulties opticians have experienced in arriving at an accurate diagnosis of the complaints from which their patients are suffering have led to experiments in photographing the eye. For this purpose an instrument has recently been invented, affecting optical science in general, and the further development of the eye specialist's profession in treating eye diseases and faulty vision in particular.

Sanitation of Panama.

Great improvement is looked for in the health conditions of the Isthmus of Panama and in the city of Panama as a result of the American canal. The city is well located on a small promontory, with water on three sides, and has excellent facilities for drainage. By taking advantage of these favorable circumstances the sanitary conditions of Panama can be so much improved, in the opinion of Lee Prince, a sanitary engineer, that the inhabitants of the Isthmus will resort there for health. The temperature in Panama is comfortable, not by any means so bad as the hottest days in New York or Chicago. The hospital grounds are beautifully laid out, and the seventy-five buildings are constructed on a plan adapted to the climate, and they afford excellent ventilation. On this high ground there is always a breeze and a delightful prospect of city, harbor, ocean and low mountains.

Russell Sage's Economy.

Great fun is being made of the way in which Russell Sage celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday—treating himself to drive an automobile, a soukari. One writer declares that in piling up his fortune of \$70,000,000 or \$80,000,000 the old man has turned himself into a human cash register. He travels on a pass every day to save 5 cents, never fails to attend a directors' meeting for the gold piece he receives on each occasion, wears a suit of clothes ten years, buys one hat every year, never pays for his shoes, and eats ten cents' worth of crackers and milk for his luncheon and when away from his office, as he was on his eighty-eighth birthday, compels his clerk to pay for the whole quart of milk that is usually divided between them.

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