

BANDON RECORDER.

FOOD PRESERVATIVES.

A Comparison Between Salicylic Acid and Sugar or Salt. All of the most common food preservatives are constituents of the food we eat.

SPIDER SILK.

The Way the Thread is Taken From the Impressed Insect. The American consul at Tananarive, Madagascar, sends an interesting report on the manufacture of silk from spiders' web.

Narrow Escapes.

An Edinburgh minister delivers a thousand feet down the steps of St. Nicholas and lived to tell the tale.

A Deadly Spider.

Papa is the name of a small spider the body of which is about the size of a pea.

Too Much For Her Memory.

"You had man," exclaimed the flustered hostess, "you've kept everybody waiting."

Discouraging.

Collector—"I'm sorry, Mr. Slowpoky, but your tailor has been obliged to put his account against you into my hands for collection, Mr. Slowpoky."

Beats of Old-Manee Swamp.

The great Old-Manee swamp begins not far from Waycross, Ga., and extends five miles to a distance of about forty miles, running over into Florida.

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POLLY LARKIN

"Everywhere you go now-a-days, Polly, you hear some one talking with a wise shake of the head and a determination to show that they know what they are talking about when they speak of the simple life, and yet when they begin to try to enlighten me on the subject, they get all tangled up and don't give me the least satisfaction."

In answer to this query from my little friend I shall quote from the book on the simple life, and that will give a clear idea of the subject, and in a better way than anything I could say.

"Remember, forget! This we should say every morning in all our relations and affairs. Remember the essential, forget the accessory. How much better we should discharge our duties as citizens if high and low were nourished from this spirit!"

There is no doubt that if one could live up to this simple life but what they would be the better for it, but who is going to live it to the letter?

Ella Wheeler Wilcox is responsible for "The Heart of the New Thought," and it is a beautiful religion to live up to. Care, worry and disappointments, and all the ills and trials of life can fall from us as easily as the autumn leaves come floating silently to the ground to mingle their richness with the Mother Earth.

"Think of your body as the silver jewel box, your mind as the silver lining, your spirit as the gem. Keep the box varnished and clear of dust, but remember always that the jewel within is the precious part of it. Think of yourself as on the threshold of unparalled success. A whole, clear, glorious year lies before you!"

"That is all very well Polly," says a little friend who has seen so many of the ups and downs of this life and principally down: "that reads fine and sounds beautifully on paper, but I have gone through life with that battle-swinging in my heart, achieve, achieve, I have suffered tortures and bit my lips to keep them from voicing my complaints."

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Beethoven Appreciated. She said to a concert—Oh, I just dote on Beethoven! He—Do you?

Same There as Here. She—I see not one bride was over twenty-two years of age in the 346,500 marriages which took place in Japan last year.

Not So Effeminate. "Yes," said Cholly, "I'm going in for cricket and golf and all that sort of thing. They're such manly sports, don't you know?"

Valu Regret. "But, Bertie," said his mother, "you asked for two cakes, and I gave them to you. Aren't you satisfied?"

Why? Oh, Why? She—Why is it that a bride is always afraid to open her mouth on her wedding day?

BRIEF REVIEW.

Immortality of Soul. I sometimes think that the Orientals and especially the Japanese, are the only people who really recognize the immortality of the soul.



Rubbing It In. She—Why is it that a bride is always afraid to open her mouth on her wedding day? He—Why is it that a husband is afraid to open his mouth a short time after the wedding day?

Why Coc gave up Tobacco. There are many ways of learning by example. Pension Agent E. D. Coc says he has not used tobacco since war and it was an accident he observed during a march that prompted him to forego the use of the weed.

Longest Bridge. The longest bridge in the world stretches across Great Salt Lake. It was constructed at an enormous cost to save time and money.

Far From It. "Do you ever have any trouble with your neighbor's chickens?" "Oh, humks, trouble? I should say not. There's nothing I enjoy better than stoning them out of my yard."

Ants Make Gardens. Brazilian ants make little gardens in the tree tops and sow them with pine-apple and other seeds. The gardens are found of all sizes, from a single sprouting seed surrounded by a little earth to a densely overgrown hill as large as a man's head.

Lay Medicinal Eggs. By breeding and feeding his fowls in a special way a chemist in Weisbaden, Germany, has been able to increase the natural quantity of iron in eggs that they are medicinal and useful for the cure of various diseases.

Women The Workers. In Finland the women of the lower classes perform labor that in other countries is usually assigned to men. They wheel handcarts and barrows containing heavy burdens.

The White Rhinoceros. Major Powell Cotton, who is on an expedition from the Nile to Zambesi, has secured a skin of the Northern white rhinoceros, of which only one specimen has ever reached Europe.

Blue or Gray Uniforms. Trials are now being made in the German army as to whether the blue or dark uniforms of the infantry had better be exchanged for gray clothes.

It's So. Bachelor—I am told that a married man can live on half the income that a single man requires.

A Useless Request. "Do you say your prayers in the morning or at night?" asked Ted. "At night, of course," answered Rob. "Anybody can take care of themselves in the daytime."—Lippincott's Magazine.

No Use Within. Times have changed. Our fathers for some strange reason preferred a cold sitting house to one which was warmed by artificial heat. When a stove was put into the Old South church, Boston, in 1783, says J. H. Crandall, a newspaper of contemporary date contained this significant lament:

Extinct the sacred fire of love. Our zeal grows cold and dead. In the house of God we fixed a stove To warm us in their stead.

Brief, but Effective. These diplomatic correspondence between two Irish kings is recorded in Ireland's history. "Send me tribute or else," wrote Tyrconnel. "I owe you none, and if—" replied O'Neal.

POOLE'S FAMOUS FEAT.

In Splitting Paper He Went One Better Than an English Expert. Lucius Poole, a brother of William Poole, the librarian whose name is perpetuated in "Poole's Index," was known throughout the country for his rare skill in restoring and repairing old documents and reports.

THE SUN AND MOON.

Quiet Folklore Stories Concerning These Luminaries. The most touching of all folklore stories may be found in Charles F. Lummis' "Folklore." It is one of the many myths of the moon and heavenly bodies.

AN OCEAN ENIGMA.

Mystery of the Fate of the Crew of the Ship Marie Celeste. Undoubtedly the most extraordinary of all the mysteries of the sea is the fate of the crew of the ship Marie Celeste, a more fantastic creation apparently than novelists ever wrote.

AN EMPEROR'S FURY.

Paul of Russia's Order to Ride of Horse Guards. On one occasion during a parade of his horse guards the Emperor Paul of Russia was extremely dissatisfied with the manner in which the troops performed their evolutions.

THE OCEAN DERELICT.

It is the Most Perilous of All Dangers That Threatens Seafarers. Of all the spectacles of the seas none is so tragic as the derelict, the errand of the trackless deep. Weird beyond description is the picture presented by some broken and battered hulk as she swings into view against the sky line.

OLD JEWISH TRADITION.

The Way the Israelites of Old Lost Their Third Eye. The Jews of eastern Palestine and Asia Minor have a queer tradition which has survived from ancient times and tells of a remote period in their history when a very fully developed magic was equipped with three perfect eyes.

PEWS IN CHURCHES.

At First They Were Allowed Only as Personal Favors. Private pews, first a lower-class person of favor, appeared in churches in the reign of Henry VIII. In spite of the opposition of Sir Thomas More and others they gained ground under Elizabeth and Charles I. and after the restoration came into increased favor and use among well-to-do citizens who claimed and enjoyed—

Sea Gypsies. In the archipelago of Mergul, off the coast of lower Burma, Asia, live the "sea gypsies." Instead of carts they own covered boats, in which, with their families, dogs, cats, chickens and pigs, they float about on the sea and wander from island to island.

For His Appetite. "I'm takin' somethin' for me appetite—three times a day."

Breakfast, dinner and supper! "Breakfast, dinner and supper!"

TIGERS OF CHINA.

The Ease With Which One Will Carry Off a Dead Pig. Amoy is an island city on the China coast, near Formosa. There are mountains west of Amoy, and, according to a correspondent, there are tigers in them.

THE TALL HAT IN INDIA.

Its Reign Is Even More Despot Than It Is In England. From moon till 1:30 p. m. is the calling hour, and, though Calcutta even in winter is a hot place, no man who is not an outer barbarian will walk into a drawing room without a tall silk hat in his hand.

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THE TOMBSTONE CENSOR.

He Sees That No Unbecoming Inscription mars the Cemetery. A tombstone censor is employed by most large cemeteries. It is the duty of this man to see that nothing unbecoming in the way of a tombstone is put up.

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A BAD SCRAP.

"You seemed pretty familiar with that last chap," remarked the soap. "Not at all," replied the Turkish towel. "I was merely trying to scrape an acquaintance."—Chicago News.