

MUMMIFIED CATS.

A Feline Cemetery in Central Egypt Robbed of Its Dead.

A cat four thousand years old is not altogether a familiar object to Englishmen, and can scarcely be regarded as an every-day visitor to these shores. The arrival, therefore, of 19½ tons of such cats in Liverpool is an incident that can not but lay a heavy strain upon the British capacity for experiencing amazement. Not the least astonishing feature of this unique event is that the consignment in question, described with commercial crispness as "a parcel of embalmed cats," consists exclusively of feline mummies, aptly, but accidentally, culled from a catacomb in Central Egypt. There are no fewer than 180,000 of these swathed and spiced remains in the "parcel" that reached this country a few days ago, and they have already been sold for fertilizing purposes to a Liverpool manure merchant, the auctioneer who disposed of them using one of the deceased cat's heads as a hammer wherewith to knock down the lots.

According to a correspondent, it has long been believed in Egyptological circles that a huge cat cemetery was in existence "somewhere about" on the left bank of the Nile. One day last autumn a fellah husbandman, while engaged in the agricultural pursuit of digging at a place called Beni Hassan, discovered this ancient burial ground by a very simple process. The soil which he was turning into a pit which, on further examination, proved to be a spacious subterranean cave, tenanted by uncounted legions of dead cats. Every one of these corpses had been sedulously embalmed, and swaddled so to speak, in cloth coverings, in the very best style of the undertaker's craft, as practised in the land of the Pharaohs some twenty centuries before the commencement of the Christian era.

The news of this strange discovery spread swiftly through Beni Hassan and the adjoining districts, whence laborers soon flocked to the newly-opened cave, and set to work with might and main to disinter its venerable occupants. Why these cats had been mummified, and when they had come to be arranged so systematically in their subterranean quarters, were secondary considerations, naturally enough, to the bucolic Egyptian mind—in fact, "the sort of things no fellah could understand," but the peasants of the Nile are keenly alive to the commercial value of embalmed cats and dogs, and each obscure beast, which Egyptian dotards once did bow, either as high-class manure or as a peculiarly quick and fragrant combustible. With exemplary promptitude and dispatch, therefore, they dug up some hundreds of thousands of mummies, several "lots" of which were purchased on the spot by local farmers, while others found their way down river to the storehouses of an Alexandria merchant. This worthy, being of a speculative turn of mind, shipped them off to Liverpool "on sale or return," where they fetched a trifle less than \$4 a ton. Thus, for a matter of three "ponies" or so, a British "bone-buyer" has become the sole possessor of nearly 200,000 fine old crusted Egyptian cats, each of which, at the time of its decease, had been deemed worthy of special embalment and honorable sepulture, according to the rites of Memphis, Bubastis and Thebes, "in that case made and provided."—London Telegraph.

WORN-OUT FOOTGEAR.

The Various Ways in Which Discarded Shoes are Utilized.

An absent New Yorker of an inquiring turn of mind recently saw some ragpickers gathering up some castaway shoes, and began to inquire what it meant. He soon learned that there was a market for these articles, and after leaving the feet they came to very honorable estate and position. He found that these pickers sold them to manufacturers of the most fashionable kind of wall paper. So he went to one of these establishments to get an insight into the matter, where the foreman made the following explanation: "We buy," said he, "all the old boots and shoes the scavengers can bring us. We pay different prices for the different qualities of leather. A pair of fine calf-skin boots will bring as high as fifteen cents. We don't buy cowhide boots. The boots and shoes are first soaked in several waters to get the dirt off them. Then the nails and threads are removed, the leather ground up to a fine pulp and is ready for use. The embossed leather paperings which have come into fashion lately, and the stamped leather fire screens, are really nothing but thick paper covered with a layer of this pressed leather pulp. The finer the quality of the leather, the better it takes the bronze and old gold and other expensive colors in the designs painted on them. Fashionable people think they are going away back to the mediaeval time when they have the walls of their libraries and dining-rooms covered with embossed leather. They don't know that the shoes and boots which their neighbors throw into the ash barrel a month before form the beautiful material on their walls and on the screens which protect their eyes from the fire. We could buy the old shoes cheaper if it were not for the competition from carriage houses and bookbinders and picture-frame makers. I don't know how many other trades use old shoes and boots, but the tops of carriages are largely made of them, ground up and pressed into sheets. Bookbinders use them in making the cheaper forms of leather bindings, and the new style of leather frames with leather mats in them are entirely made of the cast-off covering of our feet.—American Analyst.

—A Congo native, who has been taught to read and write, has just sent a letter, his first, to the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is as follows: "Great and Good Chief of the Tribe of Christ, greeting: The humblest of your servants kisses the hem of your garment, and begs you to send to his fellow-servants more gospel and less rain. In the bonds of Christ, Uganda." It seems that that letter hit the nail pretty effectively on the head.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 7, 1889.

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This is to certify that I have made a chemical analysis of the Great Sierra Kidney and Liver Cure and find that it is of purely vegetable constituents and no traces of mineral in its composition; also that it is a perfectly harmless remedy, used as directed by the company. Respectfully,

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January 30, 1889.

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Poetry Per Feet.—Editor:—What price have you put on that poem? Poet: A dollar and eighty cents a thousand feet; the same as the gas company charge.

STORY OF A DIAMOND.

It Cost the Life of the Poor Wretch Who Discovered It.

"There's the most beautiful diamond I have ever seen during an experience of thirty years with the sparkling gems," said a veteran diamond merchant yesterday, as he held up a stone that seemed to live in fire. From every facet radiated brilliant colors, and the hue of the stone was that steely blue which delights every connoisseur of the precious gems. The diamond did not weigh over six carats, but it was easily worth \$5,000.

"That stone has a tragic history," continued the man of jewels as he laid the diamonds to rest amid a nest of snowy cotton. "It comes from the De Beers mines, in South Africa, and was discovered by a coolie employed by the company. His practised eye saw that the gem was a marvelous one for beauty of color, and a desire to steal it overcame him. Well, he did steal it, and to conceal the diamond about his person—for the coolies work almost naked in the diamond mines—cut a hole in his flesh under the arm. But the wound did not heal, and the observant eye of the foreman saw what was the matter. A few days after he charged the coolie with having stolen a diamond, but the negro denied it.

"When Jack, the foreman, reached for his sore arm the thief made a dash and ran toward the outskirts of the camp like a deer. The foreman followed him, but the fleet-footed negro outstripped him. He knew that a severe punishment awaited him if captured, and centered all his effort on getting away with the stone, whose value would have made him rich for life. But Jack was equal to the emergency, and drawing his pistol shot the coolie through the back just as he was taking to the hills. His dead body was dragged back into camp, his arm cut open and the beautiful gem in the rough was taken from the insertion. It's a tragic story, but true as gospel, and only a sample of what has happened more than a hundred times in the diamond mines of South Africa."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

WOMEN'S FAMILY NAMES.

Trouble Would be Saved if They Were Not Dropped Altogether.

There is a lawyer who does a good deal of real estate conveyancing, one of the chief of whose grievances in life is the scant respect women show toward their names. The fact that certain alteration takes place in the name at marriage destroys, so he claims, whatever regard a woman might be expected to pay to an exact rendering, and the fact that any legal significance can be quite beyond the grasp of the average feminine brain. If a girl baby is christened Elizabeth she will sign herself when called on to put her name to a deed after she is grown, Lizzie, Lisa, Elise, Lisbet or Lisbeth, according to which diminutive happens to be her favorite for the year, and will omit her middle name, give it in full or by initial, or sign instead of her own her husband's name, according to her sweet liking. The task of the lawyer who has to trace up half a dozen of these signatures to make sure that they all refer to the same person is not calculated to make easy the task of his wife who has to soothe his ruffled temper with a good dinner. That the married woman should in all cases retain her own family name, preceding it by her given name and following it with her husband's family name is the lawyer's plea if he is to be saved from insanity. Frances Polson Cleveland, Julia Dent Grant, Louise Chandler Moulton, Julia Ward Howe, Ella Wheeler Wilcox and others set in this respect a good example.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

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