

Danger in Small Fruits.

Can people swallow seeds and the pits of fruit with impunity? It is a topic that may be more important than others of more apparent weight.

It is not the size of these foreign substances that is the consideration, but their bulk when swallowed in quantity.

Road to Business Success.

As to the young men in business employments, their way to success—to rise in rank, to become managers and finally owners—is briefly but aptly described by Mr. O. W. Potter.

Do not run into debt. This is the warning which all who discuss the subject give to young men.

Mark Twain's Queer Methods.

Mark Twain was a queer writer in the days when he composed steadily, and although he calls himself a lazy man, and is certainly moderation of speed and manner personified.

Casting Pipes of Glass.

Although glass pipes of large diameter have not as yet been successfully produced, the opinion has been expressed by those engaged in the manufacture of glass on a large scale that the time is not far distant when some method of casting such pipes satisfactorily and cheaply will be devised.

Objected to the Outburst.

A leading English judge is hard of hearing, and recently, it is said, there was frequent applause during the hearing of a case before him.

The Making of the Violin.

"Violins that are made as they should be," explained the dealer, "have fifty-eight different pieces. The wood of the belly, or sounding board, should be of soft red fir, a kind only growing on the Tyrolean mountains.

Several violins of the same make and in all respects apparently alike were tested to demonstrate this. They were all tuned in fifths, the lowest giving what is technically known as middle G.

It is noteworthy that there is no word in the Hindustani language that signifies home. There are the house, the household, the dwelling; but no home!

The house, if that of a poor man, is built of mud or sundried bricks; if that of a rich man, it is built of kiln dried bricks in a substantial manner.

Here is the ridiculous way in which a German cyclopaedia, recently published in Leipzig, describes the social life of a large city in eastern New York.

John Brown, who probably received more presents than any other man in the history of the English court, was shrewd enough to anticipate the embarrassment which would be caused to his friends if he died possessing the gifts themselves.

Burmese cats are curious looking animals. They have a joint in the middle of their tails, which appendage is in consequence crooked and sticks out in an angle.

Americans generally might well follow the example of the Mormons in one thing, namely the observation of a holiday called Old Folks' Day.

The preparation of the huge quantity of beef tea is one of the sights of the London hospital. One hundred and seventy-two pints a day is a part of the patients' bill of fare.

"NERVOUS" MODERN CIVILIZATION.

The Subject as Viewed by a Writer in Far Cathay—No Rest.

It is a very significant aspect of modern civilization which is expressed in the word "nervous." Its original meaning is "possessing nerve; strewy, strong, vigorous."

There is no doubt that civilization, as exhibited in its modern form, tends to undue nervous excitement, and that nervous diseases are relatively more common than they were a century ago.

Ours is an age of extreme activity. It is an age of rush. There is no leisure, so much as to eat, and the nerves are kept in a state of constant tension.

The effect of overworking our nerves shows itself, not mainly in such affections as "fiddler's cramp," "telegrapher's cramp," "writer's cramp," and the like, but in a general tension.

The power of the mosses to endure repeated desiccation has recently been experimentally treated by G. Schröder, who obtained the interesting result that many of these plants cannot only resist months of dryness without any harm, but also that they do not perish even under the strongest desiccation carried on in a drier with the aid of sulphuric acid.

A curious experiment was performed with Grinnia pulvinata, in which a stock which had been cultivated for some time in a moist atmosphere under a bell glass was suddenly exposed to a warm and perfectly dry current of air.

A remarkable discovery has been made in Egypt of tablets or letters, which compose a literary correspondence of 3,500 to 4,000 years ago, carried on between Egyptians and Asiatics.

The find is remarkable every way, and opens the people of that age to us with freshness and familiarity. It is clear that the literary spirit is very ancient, and Professor Sayce surmises we shall yet find libraries of clay books.

Among the oldest developments of New York's hairdressing is that shop where underlinen may be hired for trousseaux purposes, and where the finest of garments may be had for the honeymoon only.

THREE KISSES OF FAREWELL.

Three, only three, my darling. Separate, solemn, slow. Not like the swift and joyous ones We used to know.

One is apt to be alarmed by seeing 'in the police report for 1887 that there were 81,176 arrests in New York city during the year.

Keep a girl from fretting by all means—right and fair to others; but, since life is strewn with daily discipline, it is well for her health and good condition to feel herself under direction to which she is bound to submit.

A very small woman; so lame she can scarcely cross the floor unaided. Slight and yet square in figure. A small, white face, with the withered whiteness of one whose health had always been delicate.

Besides their lack of proper schooling, the Persian children are not taught sufficiently by their parents what is right and good.

Late observers have found that the temperature of a wire conveying electric currents varies with the air pressures surrounding it.

The angel in art has got to go. Mr. Beard, of the New York Art Students' League, in a lecture has shown the absurdity of giving to the artistic angel the wings of a bird.

New steel pens often fail to flow properly. Moisten them in the mouth and rub dry on a pen wiper, a blotter or a piece of unsized paper.

When starting on a buffalo hunt the Indians were in the habit of painting themselves with brighter colors than at any other time.

A constant and disagreeable sweet taste has been reported in one case as a result of the substitution of saccharin for sugar.

The man who uses swear words as adjectives shows a paucity of language.

The Stingy Young Man.

I would go across a muddy street of a very muddy day to shake hands with the person who stands at the head of this paragraph, and when I had shaken hands I should perhaps humbly beg him for his autograph or a lock of his hair.

It means that he doesn't rob his employers, or, if he is a bank cashier, his bank to minister to his illicit pleasures.

The place to study American women in their varieties is at Washington. The congressmen's wives and daughters come there and the constitutions' daughters and wives too, and most of the difference in them at first is that some are thick and some are thin.

The change from simple, easy going village life to pretentious society which adds constantly to its rules and standards must be one of effort and exhaustion.

The average college president is but a poor judge of human nature. It is useless to try to coerce a large body of young men into the observance of any set of rules.

German sporting men and naturalists are interested in the reports from several different parts of that country of the appearance this year of the "partridge of the steppes" (Syrhaphe paradoxus), a bird hitherto found only in the Asiatic steppes.

A Home of Rest for Horses is a successful English scheme. The chief object is to give temporary rest to the horses of cab drivers and poor traders, who in most cases are obliged to keep their beasts at work until past help, when a timely holiday would restore the poor creatures.

Something much superior to a sponge when you have a large number of envelopes to stamp is wet blotting paper several times folded.

West Point Cadets' "Skin Board."

Up in his office the major of infantry who commands the battalion of cadets is busy with the arduous duties of his position.

"Armstrong—Odor of tobacco smoke in quarters at inspection by officers of the day.

"Brooks—Slow extinguishing light at taps," and so on throughout the long list. On Friday punishments fitting their respective offenses will be awarded the delinquents.

Academic regulations are very strict, being the combined result of the experiences of a long line of superintendents, and any cadet who could and would go through his whole four years' course without breaking any of them should, at its close, be graduated straight through the pearly gates and receive a golden harp instead of a diploma.

It gives a confirmed landsman a cold chill when he reads that the Etruria ran through fogs at a rate almost equalling an express train.

The only vessels lost during recent years have been lost while either standing still or going slowly. If the Oregon had been going faster she would not have been struck.

So in spite of what the papers have been saying of the recklessness of running a big ship through a fog at good speed, it seems to be the safest thing to do.—Detroit Free Press.

Boy—Say, mister, father wants to know what's the cheapest way of gettin' teeth inserted.

Village Dentist—Well, I reckon the cheapest way that I know of is to come and steal my apples when my bulldog's around.—Exchange.

"John," said his wife, "go out and stop those boys from torturing that cat. The cries of the poor thing almost drive me crazy."

First Dame—What shall we do today? Let's go to the matinee!

Second Dame—Can't; we haven't any money. It takes money to go to the theatre.

First Dame—So it does. I did not think of that. Well, let's go shopping.—Philadelphia Record.

Baker (to foreman)—Are the pies in yet, Fritz?

Foreman—No, sir; I'm waiting for the boy. He's gone around to the Rubber Belting and Packing company for a few more bottoms.—Life.

Waiter (to customer)—Fin' de steak an' onions all right, sah?

Customer (dubiously)—Well, er—I think the steak takes away somewhat the flavor of the onions.—Texas Siftings.

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