

Use of the Identiscope.

The Identiscope is an affair something like a book cover with a sheet of glass in place of leaves of the book. The fact on which the instrument claims its usefulness is that when the sheet of glass is placed over the iris of the eye...

The Identiscope was exhibited at a photographic exhibition held at Bristol, and a reward of £100 offered to any one who could disprove the accuracy of its principle or produce two photos of different sitters which would exactly coincide with one another.

The Women of Capri. They have a strange way in this little place. I found, of betrothing the girls to the young men before the latter leave the town.

It is a very picturesque scene, these women with their gay costumes, rich complexions, bright, flashing eyes, at work in the fields, or leading their flocks of goats up the mountain side to pasture.

Contents of a Woman's Handbag. "What do you carry in that bag?" said the big man to the business woman, pointing to the little black handbag that is her inseparable companion.

The Smallpox in Mexico. There is one peculiarity about the Mexican people which I do not recollect ever having seen in print, and that is their attitude toward the disease.

Diamond Mining in South Africa. The diamondiferous soil is quarried out below by kaffirs, and deposited in great iron buckets which run on standing wires, and are hauled up by steam to the receiving boxes on the brink of the mine.

A Strange Hereditary Peculiarity. The duke of Simonetta, an Italian nobleman, who is making a name as a musical composer, is the descendant of a long line of dukes who have a strange peculiarity.

VIEWING THE RED PLANET.

People who can obtain the privilege of looking at Mars through the Lick telescope should not neglect the opportunity. Several years have elapsed since this remarkable planet could be seen to such advantage as at present, and it will be three years before we have an equal chance again.

It may be interesting to lovers of astronomy to know that the eminent French astronomer, M. Perrotin, is engaged in a minute study of Mars, and that his discoveries confirm those of M. Schiaparelli in every particular.

Yet, if these bodies of water are canals, as Schiaparelli believed and Perrotin seems hardly to doubt, what monstrous works they must be. They are from fifty to eighty miles wide.

Whether the grass of Mars is red, as the old astronomers averred, modern telescopes have failed to decide. It is very difficult to determine colors when an object lens collects 30,000 times as much light as normally enters the human eye.

Coffee Making in Venezuela. What I saw of the process of making coffee requires no elaborate, carefully considered description. The following plain and unadorned cook book, English, will suffice to initiate the careful, pains-taking housewife in the mystery of how to make a cup of coffee.

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