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Simple and Direct Method Employed by the Nez Percés Indians.

An old custom was revived by the Nez Percés Indians and their visitors during the celebration on the last Fourth of July, says the Morning Oregonian. The natives of the local tribe are very wealthy people, and there are designing mothers among the aborigines as well as in the different classes of civilized society. The young lads of the Nez Percés tribe are regarded somewhat like the scions of royalty in matrimonial circles. The maidens from all visiting tribes were brought to Lapwai to find husbands. The customs of the tribes, which were revived for the occasion, were more effective than the Boston man's way.

The marriageable maidens were by common accord quartered in a selected spot in the valley of the Lapwai. At an appointed hour the young men who wanted wives to share their annuities, their homesteads and the affections of their hearts appeared in procession on the ballroom camp ground. The hour was midnight, and the scene was in a grove of trees made fragrant by the wild flowers, and every heart danced to the music of the rippling waters. The young men marched forth, and none but candidates for matrimony joined the march. They were dressed in their brightest colors, and each carried a white willow cane. As they approached the tents they chanted an Indian chorus that was as doleful as the song of the owl, and kept time by beating upon the tents with their canes. The drumming was deafening to the distant spectator and must have been distracting to the waiting maidens in the tents. At last the singing and the drumming had the desired effect.

The maidens came forth, after a delay just long enough to satisfy that universal passion of the mind of a woman to drive a lover mad with doubt. There were more men than maidens. The former kept up the march and the music without. The maidens counter-marched on the line of the same circle, each selecting a husband from the line. The chosen ones hastened to follow their bridegrooms into the darkness. The unfortunate suitors were left to despair.

CIGARETTES OF GREEN TEA.

They Tell Us That They Are Now Smoking in "Society."

The green tea cigarette has arrived, and promises to cause greater ravages than its predecessor, the slender roll of allied tobacco, which now poisons the air almost everywhere in Asia, Europe and America. The person who first discovered that green tea would smolder responsibly, says the New York Journal, for millions of disordered nerves, stomachs and heads, but is probably too far gone in adoration of the enervating habit to feel any remorse. Already the new fad has taken possession of England; it will soon storm the walls of Paris, and before we can fortify against it here we shall be besieged. It will penetrate the boudoir of the ladies, and even the strait-laced, orthodox public will see no harm in an innocent tea cigarette. But none the less a deadly peril lurks within it.

New areas for the growth of tea are constantly opened up in the east, and the product will be pushed with all the energy of merchants determined to make fortunes. We can even foresee the time when to every pound of tea purchased for legitimate consumption as a cheering and nonintoxicating beverage the subtle grocer will add the dainty package of tea cigarettes, enveloped in paper covered with pretty Chinese or Ceylonese designs, thus urging the entrance of the demon into the household. There is but one compensating feature in the whole business, and that is that at its worst the tea cigarette can never furnish an effluvia so stifling as that of the American paper roll with which every office boy deliberately exposes his lungs to partial paralysis daily.

THE WILY SEAL.

How He Manages to Catch Sea Gulls Unawares.

The seal is probably the clumsiest animal in the world, says the New York Recorder. He likes to bask in the sun all day and when he moves he is exceedingly sluggish and awkward. It is often been wondered how the animal manages to secure his favorite food, wild sea gulls.

Sea gulls are so wild that it is difficult even for man to get within gunshot of one. The seal seems to realize that it would be a waste of time to attempt to crawl up on the gulls as they rest upon the water and catch them unawares. So he watches until the gulls are soaring slowly through the air and close to the water. Then the seal dives into the sea and swims underneath the water for some distance. By the time he has managed to swim about 100 feet the gull has forgotten the presence of its enemy. This gives the seal his opportunity. He cautiously rises to the surface of the water at some distance from the point at which he dived, and allows merely the tip of his great nose to appear above the water.

Remaining in this position, he gives his enormous body a rotary motion, so that his nose describes a circle on the surface of the ocean. He does this so skillfully that to the gull his nose looks like a fish at play. This catches the gull's eye, and it at once starts down straight for the little dot. The seal sees it coming and sinks a few inches, and as the gull strikes the water with tremendous force the seal's jaws close upward and the gull disappears.

Laws for Wives.

Among the poorer classes in England there are some strange notions regarding the law of husband and wife. A woman solemnly appealed to one of the London magistrates the other day to advise her whether she was compelled to wash her husband's shirts, and seemed surprised to learn that she was not.

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# WEALTH IN WHEELS.

Enormous Capital Invested in Bicycles in This Country.

An Industry That Has Grown to Mammoth Proportions in a Few Years' Time—Cost the Makers and Users.

Some of the larger companies have capital invested in the manufacture of bicycles alone aggregating \$6,000,000. Yet, as has been shown, these firms are but a tithe of the whole, and the industry is growing larger and more widespread every day.

"Judging from the capital invested in our own country," said the manager of one of these firms to me, "I should say that \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 would be a conservative computation of the amount of capital invested in the bicycle industry in this country. And this is for the manufacture of bicycles alone. I do not include those necessary accessories—saddles, lamps, bells, chains, tubing and odd parts. The manufacture of these articles has necessitated the building of specially constructed plants attached to existing factories, and, of course, the employment of many hundreds of additional hands. In these reinforcements I do not think I am overestimating when I say that another \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000 has been invested in the last three or four years, and with perfectly satisfactory results.

"There is, however, a peculiar and altogether unlooked for change in process. When the industry started upon its truly remarkable course bicycle makers were unprovided with machinery and tools for the manufacture of certain parts of the wheel, such, for instance, as those made with screw machinery. This was almost entirely done by one firm, whose business in consequence increased enormously. Necessity is the mother of invention, you know, and as it soon became evident that these parts could be made more cheaply than they could be bought there very quickly arose bright engineering geniuses in nearly every establishment who set themselves to the invention of new and improved machinery with which to improve on the parent premises.

"I do not fear contradiction," said the manager of one of the largest athletic sundries concerns in the country to me, "when I declare my belief that there is not a trade in the United States that has not been beneficially affected by the bicycle industry. Why, even the butchers are benefited by the improved health and healthier appetites of the people. Members of every trade have found it to their advantage to invest some money in one of the many necessary adjuncts to the bicycle pastime.

"The leather goods people have found it necessary to invest in a special class of goods favorable to the manufacture of saddles, bags, valises and such like sundries. The shoemakers now make specially designed shoes, leggings, etc. The glove-makers are affected. Watch-makers manufacture and keep on sale cycleometers and such like instruments of precision. Photographic apparatus-makers turn out specially designed cameras. Woodworkers and caneworkers and cork cutters, engravers, locksmiths and newspapers all have found it positively necessary to invest more or less capital in various branches of the bicycle industry. The total capital thus invested, entirely outside of the actual manufacture of bicycles, cannot be far short of \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000. The investment is spread over an enormous area."

A little sum in arithmetic is necessary to get at the amount of money spent by the devotees of the new pastime.

Prices of wheels vary from \$50 to \$100 and upward; \$75 may, therefore, be pretty safely accepted as an average first cost to the owner of a bicycle. Put down another \$5 for such adjuncts as lamp, bell, cycleometer and a few useful, handy tools. There is possibly a suit of bicycling clothes, which may be estimated at \$20, and then for the simple repairs that may be needed while on a long trip and away from the regular repair shops of the maker. These are not likely to exceed \$5 in a year. The guaranty given with all bicycles covers all ordinary repairs not the result of carelessness or accident caused by the owner. Together these sums, which include first cost, amount to \$105. Now by the end of the season a rider may be tired of his "bike" or even one he likes better, and wishes to make an exchange. His old machine and \$20 to \$50 will procure him a brand-new one of the latest model. Hence we may take it that the annual expense of keeping a bicycle, inclusive of first cost, is about \$50, or say, \$1 per week. This, of course, does not include refreshments on journeys, hotel and other incidental expenses.—N. Y. Herald.

Nearly four-fifths of the submarine cables of the world are in the hands of British companies, who own a length of more than 150,000 miles of cable, laid at a cost of over \$30,000,000. Of 14 cables across the Atlantic to America, France has one and Great Britain two, while so popular are the British cables that nine out of every ten telegrams are dispatched over British lines.

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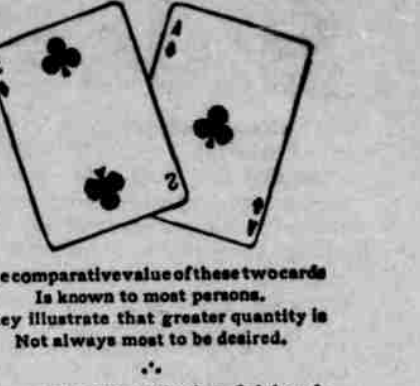
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