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### LITERARY NOTES.

M. PIERRE LOTT has a penchant for dedicating his books to prominent ladies. CHARLES A. DANA and David M. Stone are the only editors of daily papers in New York city who are past middle life.

It is said that James Whitcomb Riley talks in his sleep. That probably explains why the genial poet has refrained from entering the matrimonial state.—Rochester Herald.

DR. CONAN DOYLE, the novelist, began life as an eye specialist, but his success as a story teller has induced his abandonment of the medical profession. He is a Scotchman, thirty-four years old.

DR. JOHN MACKINTOSH, author of the "History of Civilization in Scotland," to whom \$750 has just been granted from the Royal Bounty, was originally a working shoemaker. He struck literature as a last resort and stuck to it.

EUROPEAN NOBLEWOMEN. QUEEN ANNE, of England, was extremely fond of brandy, and her face became so bloated that among the populace she was known as "Brandy Faced Nan."

The dowager duchess of Sutherland was lately committed to prison for six weeks on sentence for contempt of court. She had burned some papers used in evidence in a trial concerning her husband's will.

The princess of Wales has, perhaps, invented almost as many novelties as those in the knickknack trade. She drew with her own hand the plan for the pocket smoking case which the prince carries everywhere with him.

PRINCESS EULALIE left two hundred dollars with the manager of the Arlington hotel, Washington, to be distributed among the servants who served her and her party while she was at that house. They regard her as a princess from her head to her finger tips.

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MELLOWED WHISKY.

A Bottle of the Stimulant in a Free Frank Thirty-Six Years.

Thirty-six years ago a man named Jones, who was employed by Frank Lockwood of this town, says a Stamford (Conn.) correspondent of the New York Sun, was at work on Mr. Lockwood's farm, and as a stimulant he took out to the lot with him a pint flask of prime whisky. During the morning Jones took one nip, and seeing his employer coming, he slipped the bottle in a hole in a tree standing near, intending to return and get it after Mr. Lockwood had gone home. When the opportunity came he was disgusted to find that the tree trunk was hollow and the bottle had fallen to the bottom and probably broken. Jones related the incident to Mr. Lockwood sometime afterward, who laughed at the loss and thought no more about it. Last week during a severe windstorm the old tree, now a rotten stump, was blown down. Monday Mr. Lockwood went out to haul away the trunk and was surprised to find his former employer's whisky flask safe and unbroken. He took out the cork, took one smell. "And, sir," said he, "though I've been a teetotaler for nigh onto fifty years, I never was so tempted to take a taste of whisky in my life as I was then. But I didn't, and the stuff is safe up at my house." It is said the whisky, when poured out, had the consistency and color of olive oil. It will not be used so long as Mr. Lockwood holds it.

### NEWSPAPER PICKINGS.

The average height of the elephant is nine feet. The will-o'-the-wisp is caused by the decay of vegetable matter.

A RUSSIAN immigrant arrived in New York the other day clad in a long coat made from the skins of more than 1,000 Russian mice.

MASSACHUSETTS still reveres the memory of the codfish, once the chief industry of her people and keeps a wooden model of one hanging in her house of representatives.

COMFORT for the fat and the lean can be derived from some recent medical statistics which show that at the age of thirty-six lean men generally become fatter and fat men leaner.

The tombstone marking the grave of Rev. Wareham Williams, a leading preacher of colonial days, was unearthed at Waltham, Mass., recently. Antiquarians had long searched for the grave.

NEARLY all the gold coin that is sent abroad from New York city is packed in kegs made by James Shay. He has been a cooper for thirty-six years. Each keg holds \$50,000, in ten bags holding \$5,000 each.

It is said that the new city directory of Baltimore indicates an increase of 30,000 in the population of the city during the past year, due largely to the growth of manufacturing interests in the city and suburbs.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

RUBARB SHORTCAKE.—Split the shortcake—an ordinary cream biscuit is nice for this use—butter it liberally and spread with baked sauce. Serve with sweetened cream.—Rural New Yorker.

FRUIT SALAD.—One pineapple chopped fine, one pint strawberries, six sliced bananas, six oranges cut in small pieces and juice of one lemon. Sweeten this to suit taste.—Orange Judd Farmer.

FRENCH STEAKS.—Cut steaks a finger thick from the fillet. Season, dip in melted butter and broil. Serve with melted butter, a squeeze of lemon juice and chopped parsley.—Good Housekeeping.

HASTY PUDDING.—Put on a quart of milk to boil. As soon as boiling stir in two tablespoons of flour moistened with a little cold milk or water. Cook till thick. Serve with sweetened cream.—Detroit Free Press.

HYGIENIC COFFEE.—Two quarts of wheat bran, one cupful of molasses, white of one egg; to be well mixed and browned in the oven until of a dark brown color, stirring often to prevent scorching.—Housekeeper.

TEMPLES OF WORSHIP.

GREEK temples erected in honor of the superior deities were always uncovered or open to the sky.

The temple of the sun at Palmyra covered a square of twenty-two yards on each side. It was approached by a magnificent avenue over half a mile long, inclosed by rows of columns and statues.

The cathedral tower in Berlin was blown up (or rather down) with dynamite a few days ago while the kaiser looked on from a neighboring castle. A new and more magnificent structure is to take its place.

The temple of Diana at Ephesus was four hundred and twenty-five feet long, two hundred and twenty-five feet broad, and with statues and columns innumerable. Of this magnificent structure not a trace remains even of the foundations.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

THERE are 200,000 Norwegian Lutherans in the United States. The largest Gothic church in the world is Cologne cathedral. Its foundation stones were laid in 1248, and the edifice was completed in 1880.

The emperor of Germany asserts that the court preachers are taking too much of his time, and ordered that no sermon shall last more than six minutes.—N. Y. World.

The lord bishop of Rochester is the oldest bishop in England. He is over sixty years of age, and yet he attends to all the duties of his diocese without the aid of a secretary.

Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, of San Francisco, has a Sunday-school class of more than three hundred intelligent men and women. She has taught a Bible class for more than forty years.

LITERARY NOVELTIES.

"KING SOLOMON'S MINES" has been translated into German, and one publisher catalogues it as "Old Testament Literature."

In the seventeenth century a pamphlet was published entitled "The Spiritual Husband." To make the soul smooch with Leviticus; Salvation's Vantage Ground; or a Louping Sand for Heavy Believers."

It is said that when Benjamin Franklin proposed to start a newspaper his mother tried to dissuade him from it because she said there were already two papers in America and there was no room for another.

PUTTENHAM, in his "Arte of English Poetrie," erected two pillars of poetry in honor of Queen Elizabeth. Each pillar consists of a line of lines in eight syllables, shafts of four-syllable lines, and a crown in the same meter at the base.

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### Preparing Opium from the Poppy.

A Boston merchant in 1805 some revelations that will not make things very pleasant for opium users. "The process of preparing opium from the poppy, as practiced in India and Persia to-day," said he, "is very nearly the same as was employed eighteen hundred years ago. As the capsules mostly abound in the narcotic juice, it is from these the opium is procured. A few days after the fall of the flower, men and women proceed to the fields and make horizontal incisions in the capsule, being careful not to cut too deep, so the juice does not escape into the capsule. A white juice exudes and appears in the form of a tear upon the edges of the incision, which is allowed to remain twenty-four hours, when it is scraped off and collected in smaller vessels and beaten, being moistened with saliva, only one tear being obtained from a single plant."

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