

PERSIAN GEMS MORE COSTLY.

Fine Turquoise Stones from the Mines of Nishapoor Are Becoming Scarcer and Dearer.

The turquoise gems, the finest examples of which are produced from the mines of Nishapoor, are, probably from some change in the fashion of the west, becoming dearer in price and, in Teheran and neighborhood, more difficult to find. According to Vice Consul General Tyler, at Teheran, says the Washington Star, much of the value of the stone depends on its shape, the oblong being considered the most appropriate; on its freedom from spots or discoloration, however small in size; on its age, when the color has settled down into its final hue (not the superficial variations or sympathetic changes, but its really permanent shade); but more than all on its actual color, whether fresh from the hands of the lapidary or sedate from long wear. Choice, taste and fashion largely determine the preference of one shade or another, but the lapis lazuli, or the cloudless sapphire of its native skies, is the highest quality of the turquoise.

The pearls of the Persian gulf, which have formed for a long time past an important branch of the export trade, have likewise, within the last few years, risen greatly in price. Mr. Tyler says he does not think that this means that the supply has seriously diminished, but rather that the demand has increased out of proportion. Ten thousand dollars for a rosary of faultless pearls is not at the present time considered at all excessive, although formerly the same might be bought for a tithe of that amount.

THE NAVY RATION.

Immense Amount of Provisions Consumed in a Year by American Sailors.

The enlisted force of the navy during the coming year is expected to consume 220,000 pounds of frankfurter sausages and 144,600 pounds of sauerkraut. This is a part of the new navy ration, for the component parts of which contracts are shortly to be awarded covering one year's supplies, deliverable at the various navy yards and stations. The schedules for these provisions have been prepared in the bureau of supplies and accounts, and it has been one of the interesting estimates of that bureau to figure out the amount of subsistence of this class which will probably be consumed on shipboard, says the Army and Navy Register. The aggregate supplies, in addition to the 220,000 pounds of frankfurters and the 144,600 pounds of sauerkraut are as follows: 1,130,000 pounds of fresh beef, 187,000 pounds of fresh pork chops, 172,000 pounds of fresh veal, 285,000 pounds of fresh mutton, 220,000 pounds of pork sausages, 88,000 pounds of bologna sausages, 723,000 pounds of smoked beef tongues, 141,500 pounds of sugar cured hams, 141,500 pounds of sugar cured shoulders, 141,000 pounds of fresh beef liver, 285,000 pounds of dressed chickens and 71,900 pounds of dressed turkeys.

TIMES CHANGE.

She Thought the Case Required Heroic Treatment.

They had been married less than a year when she noticed that her husband stayed out late at nights and when he did come home was apt to be noisy and demonstrative, says the Detroit Free Press. On his part William observed that he could never find a knife to cut a bite to eat, and that even the family shears were out of reach, while his razors at such times were locked up and the key hidden.

He did not say much, because he was not in a condition to talk, and when he was sober he did not care to refer to the past.

But he grew worse instead of better, and one night he went home at a late hour and found the hall brilliantly lighted and on the table under the gas an assortment of all the cutlery in the house. Knives, scissors and razors alluringly open met his unsteady gaze.

"M-M-Mary," he called, "w-w-what does t-this mean?"

"It means," she answered, from the top of the staircase, "that ever since you've been cutting up in this manner I've been afraid you would do as you threatened to do—kill yourself with some of those things."

"Y-y-yes, Mary."

"Now I'm beginning to be more afraid that you won't, so I thought I'd give you every possible chance."

There was a sound of cutlery by night, mingled with forcible though unsteady words, and William has remained at home every evening up to date.

Ostriches in Australia.

The experiment of raising ostriches in Australia has been successful. Twenty-two birds were brought from Africa and placed on a farm near Sydney. Those raised in Australia produced beautiful feathers 27 inches long and of pure white.

Nerve System of the Army.

The signal corps claims to be the nerve system of the army. Telegraphy, telephony, ballooning and heliography are its specialties. It is also charged by law with gathering and transmitting military information.

A Weapon.
"Mah goodness, cunnel," exclaimed the elevator man, "yo' face sho'ly is cut up powahful bad dis mornin'!"
"Yes," replied the colonel, "my razor wasn't in good condition. That's how it happened."
"Better carry a gun de next time yo' gits in an argyment, cunnel."—Philadelphia Press.

Ready for the Blow.
Mother—Johnny, your pop ain't well, so you better run for the doctor.
Johnny—Yes'm.
"An', Johnny, stop on your way at the florist's an' ask him how muoh he'll charge fur a pillar o' white flowers with 'My Husband' in red on it."—Philadelphia Record.

HE WAS THANKFUL.
For the Clothing, But Thought a Ticket to Florida Should Go with It.
He was tattered and torn as he knocked at the side door of a hospitable uptown mansion, and stood shivering in the cold November blast that almost swept him from his feet. A benevolent-looking woman opened the door and listened with a pensive smile to his plea for some cast-off clothing, says the Detroit Free Press.

"Poor fellow," she said, in kindly tones; "stay there and I will see what I can find in my husband's wardrobe," and she closed the door in his face.

After a long time she reappeared with a pair of duck trousers, a white vest, and some canvas shoes.

"I think those will fit you," she said, as her eye took his dimensions, "and it is really fortunate you called this morning, as I was going to pack them away for next summer."

"But I have no ticket," expostulated the object sadly.

"Ticket? Oh, you mean from some charitable association?"

"No, ma'am; but I thought you expected I was going there to wear these clothes. I have just one favor to ask, madam, if you will pardon the liberty."

"Well?" said the woman in a short tone.
"Would you kindly add a fan?"
The door slammed, and as he turned sadly away with his hot-weather clothing he heard her putting on the burglar chain.

If You Don't Believe It Listen to This Man's Remarks.

"Few Americans appreciate the vast extent of our national domain," said Col. Charles C. Moffert, of Denver, to the Buffalo Courier. "I firmly believe that some day in the near future we'll have air lines of transportation between all points—either up in the air or otherwise. I'm bound for New York, and I'd save 12 hours' travel if I could travel in a straight line from Denver to New York. For instance, the air line between Chicago and New York is 700 miles; by rail it is 961 miles. From Buffalo to New York it is 295 miles in an air line, 422 miles by rail. Why, our country is so great that the public lands here exceed in the number of square miles the whole of Russia in Europe. The state of Texas is much larger than Austria, Germany or France; New Mexico is larger than England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales combined; Montana is larger than Norway; Missouri is larger than Turkey in Europe, Kentucky is larger than Portugal, West Virginia is larger than Greece, Arizona is as large as Italy, Indiana is twice as large as Switzerland, and Wyoming and Oregon are as large as Spain. In the event of a successful war of conquest with Great Britain, or by annexation, if the United States should become possessed of Canada, it would add 3,294,315 square miles of territory to the great republic, and our total area would then be 6,807,371 square miles. We would still be one-third smaller than the Russian empire, and one-third larger than the Chinese empire."

GAME BUTCHERS' WORK.

Wanton Slaughter by Hunters in the Jackson Hole Country.

The American Field jumps upon the foreigners who come to the United States, seek out those localities where most of the big game is to be found, and then lay themselves down to the work of slaughtering it with rifles. A favorite resort of these game butchers is the Teton Basin. Here are found elk, deer and antelope, which are being killed off rapidly. The Teton Basin, Jackson's Hole, is much lower than the National Yellowstone park, and much of the big game migrates south to it, as a warmer climate is to be found in the valley. It is here that the hunters from abroad congregate, and in spite of the Wyoming state laws kill game wantonly. If these men would kill a couple of heads of each kind, taking care of the meat, and following up wounded game, little or no objection would be made.

These hunters, some of whom are Americans, pass through the national park on their way home with wagon loads of skins and horns. The law in relation to transporting game reads that "possession within the park of the dead bodies or any part thereof of any wild bird or animal shall be prima facie evidence that the person or persons having the same are guilty of violating this act." With this act behind him the superintendent could squelch the wholesale slaughterers of game in the region of the Yellowstone park. Capt. Anderson, the superintendent, is urged to make an effort to enforce the law. What would be better yet would be the annexation of the Jackson's Hole country to the Yellowstone park.

Weekly Oregonian—Heppner Gazette.

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