

THE REAL LAND OF PEANUTS.

Senegal, Africa, Raises Over 125,000 Tons of Them Every Year—What Becomes of Them.

If you like peanuts, the place for you is Senegal, Africa.

Senegal is one of those places that is hard to remember, even after you have found it on the map, and many a "Failure" has old Senegal produced in school days past and present. But the peanut gives it a sort of lifelike look, and should make it easier to remember, says an exchange.

The peanuts raised in Senegal in one year weighed more than 125,000 tons. France takes most of them. But thousands of tons go also to Holland and Germany.

The little French and Dutch and German children do not, however, eat peanuts by the ton. Indeed, they hardly eat them at all. The peanut in those benighted lands is turned into oil instead of being turned into hungry children.

The only European country that treats the Senegal peanut with proper respect is England. It takes less than a hundred tons out of Senegal but the nuts are packed carefully in bags, and are sold to confectioners, as they should be, instead of to oil makers.

Senegal also raises great quantities of that typical Arabian Nights grain, sesame. Do you remember the "open sesame" of the 40 thieves?

POLITE DISMISSAL.

The true meaning and effect of the words, "You are required to resign your appointment in the bank forthwith," will never, we hope, have more than a speculative interest for our readers, but for the sake of gratifying natural curiosity on the point, it may be worth while to record a recent decision of the court of appeal as to the construction to be put upon the words. The bankers' Magazine, in September, in the London Joint Stock Bank, a writ had been found to be concerned in a transaction in such a way as to meet with the bank's disapproval, and the secretary sent him a letter worded in the manner described, whereupon he sent in his resignation. By the regulations of the bank, subscribed to by every officer on admission to the service, pensions are granted on a certain scale, but no allowance whatsoever is made to any clerk dismissed from the service. The clerk in question sued the bank for his pension, contending he had not been dismissed, but that he had resigned. The court of appeal, however, affirming the judgment of the court below, held that the letter was a dismissal, and that the use of polite instead of peremptory language in no way altered the fact—a view which commends itself to common sense.

Actor Who Once Made a Meal Of Petunia, Nasturtium and Pansy Seeds.

The refreshing part of a story which the New York Times recounts is not the stupidity of man in his domestic aspect. The particular man concerned is an actor whose wife—an actress—is an earnest advocate of the theory that food should be the consumer rather than the reverse. Consequently there are periods when milk flows incessantly through the household menu. Again it is hot water, and at other times nuts, fruits and grains which are relied upon to nourish genius to its finest flower.

Once, in the grain age, the wife was called away to a rehearsal that was likely to last well into the afternoon. She told her husband that he would have to get his own luncheon, and he cheerfully consented to do it.

"I had a fine meal of your new cereal," he said when she returned.

"What do you mean?" she inquired. "I know any new cereal in the house."

"Why, that nutty stuff you left on the dining-room table."

The wife sat down suddenly. "You've eaten up my window-garden!" she called. "All my petunia, nasturtium and pansy seeds!"

STARTING IN HOUSEKEEPING.

Young Bride and Groom Borrowed All the Furniture of a Neighboring House.

A curious story concerning an easy method of starting in housekeeping comes from Jefferson county, says the Ethics Journal. A Watertown woman owns a house in a small village and occupied it prior to May 30 last, but on going to that city to live she locked it up leaving the furniture inside. A few days later she went to the village to see how her property was getting along, and to her surprise she found that the furniture had disappeared. A little later while looking around in the vicinity, she saw a brand new pump, which she had recently purchased, in the well on the premises of a neighbor. Following up this clue, she called at the house, and there found her entire outfit of furniture, carpets and dishes. The dwelling was occupied by a man and his wife who had been married only a couple of weeks, and the former said he had found the house of the Watertown woman open, and, believing that the owner would not object he had borrowed the goods. He was evidently repentant, readily returned the furniture, and paid the woman \$10 for its use. This seems to be an instance where housekeeping is one thing and furniture keeping another.

A QUEER BELIEF.

The Place of Torment to Which Wicked Buddhists Are Consigned.

The place of torment to which all wicked Buddhists are to be assigned on the day of final reckoning is a terrible place of punishment. The Buddhist hell is a sort of apartment house, divided into eight "easy stages." In the first the poor victim is compelled to walk for untold ages in his bare feet over hills thickly set with red-hot needles, points upward. In the second stage the skin is carefully filed or rasped from the body and irritating mixtures are applied. In the third stage the nails, hair and eyes are plucked out and the denuded body sawed and planed into all sorts of fantastic shapes.

The fourth stage is that of "sorrowful lamentations." In the fifth the left side of the body and the denuded head are carefully roasted. Yama, the Buddhist Satan, superintending the work. In the sixth stage the arms are torn from the body and thrown into an immense vat among the eyes, nails and hair previously removed. Then in plain hearing of the sore-footed, blind, maimed, roasted and bleeding victim the whole horrid mass is pounded into jelly. In the seventh stage the other side of the victim and his feet are roasted brown and then comes the eighth and last stage, in which the candidate is thrown into the bottomless pit of perdition.

PREVENTIVE AGAINST COLDS.

German's Novel Method of Keeping the Feet Warm in Cold Weather.

Warm feet during wet weather are the best preventive against so-called "colds" and their often dangerous consequences. Rubber shoes and cork-soles have been pretty generally used to avoid getting cold and wet feet, but a new and very curious means to warm the feet has recently been patented by Paul Wonneberger, of Gruna, near Dresden, says the Philadelphia Record. He calls his invention "heatable shoes." Within the heel of the shoe, which is hollowed out, there is a receptacle for a glowing substance, similar to that used in the Japanese hand-warmers. Between the soles, imbedded in asbestos covers, there is a rubber bag, which is filled with water. The water is heated above the heel, and as it circulates while the wearer of the shoe is walking it keeps the entire nether surface of the foot warm. A small safety valve is provided, and the bag cannot burst. The warmth given by this sole never rises above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and will last for about eight hours. The shoes are little heavier than ordinary ones, and the sole is but slightly thicker than that of the so-called wet weather boot.

NOVEL TEST OF DEATH.

The Device of a French Physician Which Seems to Do Away with All Doubt.

Horror of being buried alive is common to the whole human race, and from time immemorial experiments have been in progress with the view of making such a terrible fate impossible. Some physicians maintain that satisfactory tests can also be made by the use of Roentgen rays, but it is not everyone who has the facilities for making such tests, whereas anyone can make a test on the plan devised by Dr. Icard, a physician of Marseilles, France. The doctor uses fluorescein, the well-known coloring material, and his experiments have proven so successful that they have won for him the approval of the French Academy of Sciences. Fluorescein injected into the human body produces absolutely no effect if the body is dead, whereas it produces a most surprising effect if the body is alive. Dr. Icard uses a solution of it which is so strong that a single gramme is able to color 40,000 quarts of water.

If a little of this solution is injected under the skin of a living person in two minutes the skin, and especially the mucous membranes, will become much discolored, and the person will present the appearance of one suffering from an acute attack of jaundice. Moreover, the eyes will become of a greenish color and the pupils will also become invisible. These symptoms will remain for one or possibly two hours and then will gradually disappear. Since fluorescein produces this effect on a living body it naturally follows, according to Dr. Icard, that any body on which it produces no effect must be dead.

Gunpowder Has Been in Use for Centuries—Known to Hindoo Before Birth of Christ.

There is abundant evidence that the origin of gunpowder and artillery goes far back into the dim ages of the past.

The Hindoo code, compiled long before the Christian era, says Stray Stories, prohibited the making of war with cannon and guns or any kind of firearms. Quintus Curtius met with fire weapons in Asia, and Philostratus says that Alexander's conquests were arrested by the use of gunpowder.

It is also written that those wise men who lived in the cities of the Ganges "overthrew their enemies with tempests and thunderbolts shot from the walls." Julius Africanus mentions shooting-powder in the year 275. It was used in the siege of Constantinople in 668, by the Arabs in 690, at Thessalonica in 904, at the siege of Belgrade in 1073, by the Greeks in naval battle in 1068,

by the Arabs against the Iberians in 1147, and at Toulouse in 1218.

It appears to have been generally known throughout civilized Europe in 1300, and soon thereafter it made its way into England, where it was manufactured during the reign of Elizabeth; and we learn that few arms were possessed by the English in 1310, and that they were used at the battle of Crecy in 1346.

MAY DESERT LONELY ISLAND.

Inhabitants of St. Kilda, of Hebrides Group, Said to Be Planning Migration to South Africa.

That lonely island, St. Kilda, one of the loneliest of the Hebrides, is likely to be left lonelier still in the near future. Its inhabitants, it is reported, propose deserting the island and emigrating to South Africa. This is not much to be wondered at, for St. Kilda is one of the most inaccessible islands in the world—only four times a year, once a month in June, July, August and September, does a steamer call from Glasgow. For the rest of the year the inhabitants are entirely cut off from the outer world. Their special mail is in a tin box, into which they put letters, toss it into the sea and trust to Providence and favorable winds to carry it to the shores of the outer Hebrides. The population of the island has gradually dwindled to 72. The last time there was a great exodus was when 36 islanders left in a search for gold in Australia.

Sugar and Coffee for Soldiers.

The British government has decided to be more liberal with its soldiers and sailors in giving them sugar and coffee. Among the experts in such matters the belief has been gaining ground for years that moderate allowances of sweet stuff and of the Arabian berry are beneficial to strong, healthy men who are called upon to perform heavy tasks and endure hardships, while the entire medical profession appears to be inclined to the theory that weak and feeble men, women and children should, as a rule, refuse such indulgences.

GET SEASICK IN A HOUSE.

Peculiar Effect of Attempts to Walk in Storm-Beaten Buildings—Floors Were Solid, Too.

At a recent meeting of the Women's Literary club of Baltimore Mrs. Charles C. Morgan read a paper in which she cited a peculiar but well-authenticated fact concerning some storm-beaten houses on Cobb's Island, off the eastern coast of Virginia. The houses were eventually washed away by the encroachments of the sea, but for a long time they were firmly imbedded in the sand at such an angle that the wanderer could walk in the second story windows from the bluff, while the floors all slanted at an acute degree.

There was not the slightest danger attendant upon walking up or down these floors, yet no one was ever found who could traverse their length without becoming seasick. Experienced sailors, who knew no qualms in midocean, turned faint and giddy on trying to walk these perfectly steady planks. To all the neighborhood the buildings were known as the "seasick houses," and that the seasickness was not due to imagination was proved by persons who never had heard of the tradition experiencing the same unpleasant results.

Mrs. Morgan, who resided on the mainland near by, concluded her account of the houses by saying that a small dog belonging to her husband which followed that gentleman "foot to foot," as the negroes term it, never could be induced to follow his master across the mysterious thresholds, be the command ever so peremptory or the inducement ever so strong.

Salvationists Who Use a Graphophone in Preaching.

The most up-to-date religious organization, the Salvation Army, which never misses an opportunity of exciting the curiosity and interest of the crowd, has secured the services of the graphophone, says the New York Press. There are many thousands of villages and small towns all over the country where such a machine has never been heard, and where its introduction is calculated to evoke astonishment and delight.

The graphophone consists of a large horn and stand which will enable an audience of from 400 to 1,000 persons to hear a song as distinctly as if sung by the individual, and its accessories comprise 18 records, including an address by the commander, and also one by the consul, and 16 army songs, band selections, etc.; 18 blanks by which home records can be made; a traveling case to carry 36 records, and, finally, three hearing tubes. A full meeting similar to those held in New York and London, with complete band accompaniment, will be given by the aid of the machine.

When a detachment strikes a village that it has been decided to capture, the soldiers will proclaim in every direction the marvels of the seance that is to be held, and the curiosity of the inhabitants having been aroused, they may be counted upon to appear in full force at the place and time appointed.

The machine will do the rest, even asking for the collection. Then the villagers will sit in amazement and listen to the assistant commander's voice, while she, perhaps, is thousands of miles away.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Public Land Sale (Isolated Tract.)
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon.
September 21, 1905.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by act of congress approved February 26, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., on the 2nd day of November, 1905, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: The SW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 28 East of Willamette Meridian. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.
MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.
ANNE M. LANG, Receiver.

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He may well think, he has got off cheap, who, after having contracted constipation or indigestion, is still able to perfectly restore his health. Nothing will do this but Dr. King's New Life Pills. A quick, pleasant, and certain cure for headache, constipation, etc. 25c at Sloan Drug Co.'s drug store; guaranteed.

SUMMONS.

Gee Wo, Plaintiff }
vs.
St. Joe, Defendant. }
To St. Joe, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby summoned to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff in the above entitled suit now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Morrow County, Oregon, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons. You will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as herein required, plaintiff will take judgment against you for \$175 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from June 25, 1901, and the costs and disbursements of said action, and that the property attached herein, to-wit: the furniture and fixtures of the St. Joe Restaurant in the City of Heppner, Oregon, will be sold and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction of said judgment. This summons is published by order of Hon. T. W. Ayers, County Judge of Morrow County, Oregon, made September 6th, 1905, directing said summons to be published once a week for six successive weeks and the date of first publication of same was September 7, 1905.
C. E. WOODSON,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of T. D. Davidson, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same with proper vouchers therefor, to the said administrator, at his place of doing business at the Law office of Redfield & VanVactor in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.
Dated August 21st, 1905.
L. P. DAVIDSON,
Administrator.

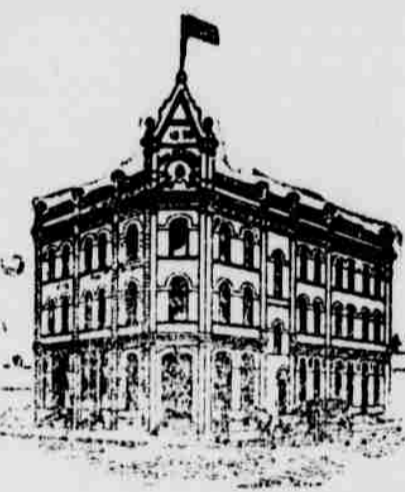
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