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TEA AND COFFEE AS RIVALS.

Coffee and tea are natural allies, but they are also natural rivals. As against alcoholic drinking in any form they are combined. It is over the unoccupied territory after alcohol has been driven away that the contention between the two comes. Taking the world through, the general verdict seems to be in favor of tea. Two of the largest empires in the world—China and Russia—are tea drinkers. In Bokhara and Samarcand and in most parts of central Asia, the tea-urn is forever steaming. On the other hand, the Arab and the Turk, and with them the whole western part of the Mohamedan world, are coffee drinkers. The decision of Europe is not absolute for either side. It seems to be very much determined by what we may call the accidents of the case. Those which can get both drink both. England claims to be one of these, but the preference of England is, beyond all doubt, for tea, and not for coffee. The unfair choice is very largely compensated for in the United States—the chief coffee-consuming country in the world. Englishmen, too, would probably make more use of coffee than they do if they could be induced to overcome the initial difficulties of having it prepared as it ought to be. Tea can be made easily enough. It may be strong or weak, according to fancy; it is tea in either case. The right plan, we are assured, is to put plenty of tea into the pot, then to add a little more tea, and, that done, to leave it to chance whether the liquor comes out weak or strong. But, whatever we may think of weak tea, there is no good word to be said for weak coffee. Coffee must be very strong if it deserve the name of coffee at all. It is a generous drink, and it is for generous natures. The little arts which the frugal housekeeper uses in making tea are not to be thought of in making coffee. There must be no economy in the amount used, no filling up of the pot, no making the same material serve twice over. That tea should ever be made like this is bad enough, but there may be tastes so depraved as to put up with it and see nothing to object to about it. The man has yet to be found who can even make pretence of liking weak coffee, diluted into ten times its proper volume, and as deficient in fragrance as in strength.—*London Times.*

Fishes that Sing and Dance.

Lieutenant White, of the American service, in his "Voyage to the Chinese Seas," relates that, being at the mouth of the Cambodia, his crew and himself were greatly astonished by hearing certain unaccountable sounds from beneath and around the vessel. These were various, like the bass notes of an organ, the sound of bells, the croaking of frogs, and a pervading twang which the imagination might have attributed to the vibrations of some enormous harp. For a time the mysterious music swelled upon them, and finally formed a universal chorus all round, diminishing in strength and soon altogether ceased.

Humboldt was witness to a similar occurrence in the South sea, but without suspecting the cause. Toward seven in the evening the whole crew were astonished by an extraordinary noise which resembled that of drums which were beating in the air. It was at first attributed to the breakers. Speedily it was heard in the vessel, and especially toward the poop. It was like a boiling, the noise of the air which escapes from fluid in ebullition. The sailors began to fear there was some leak in the vessel. It was heard unceasingly in all parts of the vessel, and finally, about nine o'clock, it ceased altogether.

The interpreter belonging to Lieut. White's ship stated that the marine music, which had so much surprised the crew, was produced by fishes of flattened, oval form, which possessed the faculty of adhering to various bodies by their mouths. The fish might have been the pogonia.

The music of the sea is heard in the Bay of West Pascagoula, and is described by those who have listened to it as singularly pleasant. "It has for a long time," observes Mrs. Green an American writer, "been one of the greatest wonders of the southwest. Multitudes have heard it, rising as it were from the water, like a drone of a bagpipe, then floating away in the distance, soft, plaintive, and fairy-like, as if Æolian harps sounded with richer melody through the liquid element; but none have been able to account for the singular phenomenon. There are several legends touching these mysterious sounds; but in these days few things are are allowed to remain mysterious; some have ascribed the sounds to the catfish."

The sensibility of fishes to the sound of music has been commented upon by writers. The alose (belong to the clupeidæ) has been noticed for its love of music and dancing by ancient writers. Aristotle says that it no sooner catches the sound of music or sees dancing than it is irresistibly led to join the sport, and cut capers and throw summersaults out of the water. Ælian declares that the sprightly conduct imputed to the shad by Aristotle was well-known to fishermen, who, taking advantage of it, fastened little bells to their nets, by the tinkling of which above, the fish within hearing were attracted to the spot, and netted without difficulty.

A somewhat singular mode of catching fish is had recourse to by the boatmen of the Danube, who arch across and keep tense upon stretchers hung with grelots, a floating net, and so ring in a great number of fish by the tinkling of these bells. Rondolet, the famous naturalist, gave a romantic incidence of the fondness for music of fishes. When staying at Vichy he took a walk with some friends in quest of alose along the banks of the Allier, with violin in hand ready for a serenade. The air was still, the moon and stars shining brilliantly. When the party had come to a favorable spot a net was carefully drawn across the steam, while the violinist, putting his instrument to his chin, struck up a lively waltz. A wonderful effect ensued. Scarcely had he drawn his bow when the sleeping surface of the waters began to move, alose backs appeared, rippling the silvery expanse, and after a few strokes a large party of fish might be seen rising and leaping in the water.—*N. Y. News.*

A Lesson Taught.

Writing on the 28th ult., from Mount Vermon, Indiana, a correspondent of the Northwestern Lumberman says:

A short paragraph in that paper of a late date is a good argument for those who wish to save some of the valuable timber of the country. The paragraph referred to was a statement that the ship Syren had loaded in the Puget Sound district with spars and ship plank for use in Bath, Maine, at a cost of $15,000 for freight.

As I was born and lived near and in Bath, I know whereof I speak. Less than 100 years ago there was more mast and spar timber within 20 miles of Bath than would supply all the ships now afloat. But for years the people of that section thought, as many people now think, that the timber was inexhaustible, yet within the memory of men now living, the ship-builders are sending 20,000 miles for timber, that, with reasonable economy, could have been procured within 100 or 200 miles, to say the least, at a cost of one-tenth of what they have to pay.

I am not 60 years old and have seen pine trees lying in the woods that would have made masts, that were cut down and condemned because they would not "rive" into shingles. The sight of these forest monarchs rotting in the woods is a sight [illegible] and one that owners of large and valuable trees might profit by.

It takes a large and valuable tree to make a mast for a large ship. Some years ago I visited Bath, and while there measured two masts, finished and ready to set. They were 81 feet long and girted eight feet near the middle. They had been cut in Michigan and hauled by rail to Bath, nearly, if not quite 1,000 miles, and yet Sewell, in his "Ancient Dominions of Maine," says the American revolution was nearly precipitated at the very place, several years prior to the fight at Lexington, because the British government persisted in cutting mast and spar timber in the vicinity.

Oregon Short Line Spikes.

The Oregon Short Line reached Pocatello (the Utah Northern crossing) on the 15th of October. Westward as far as Boise City the construction camps are stretched out, in many places in sight of each other.

The Northern Pacific company is receiving over the Utaland and Northern, at Deer Lodge, two hundred tons of bolts, rods, spikes, etc., for bridging, to be used between Little Blackfoot and Missoula.

On Thursday last the sale of lands for depot purposes was consummated, the citizens of Baker paying Mr. Stewart $1,250 for the ground and presenting it to the O. R. & N. Co. This action definitely settles the depot question.

Over five hundred Chinamen are now at work on the O. R. & N. Co.'s road near Snake river, and three hundred more are daily expected.

Mr. Campbell, bridge engineer on the Short Line road, is busy making soundings and getting everything in readiness for the building of a bridge across Snake river. This bridge is to be completed and ready for use by the first of August next. Those in position to know claim the road will be graded, and ties and rails laid to Snake river by the time the bridge is completed.

From Omaha west, by the way of Granger on the Union Pacific, to seventeen miles west of American falls, cars are running on the broad gauge road.

Last Monday 150 men commenced to lay rails seventeen miles west of American falls westward, and have contracted to lay about forty miles a month. At the rate they have been laying rails and will continue to, the track will be completed and cars running to Shoshone City in fifty days.—*Walla Walla Union.*

Mr. R. Albertson, 4207 Columbus Avenue, Philadlphia, having received a severe contusion of the right knee-cap, suffered intensely therefrom. A friend suggested St. Jacobs Oil, and before he had used three bottles he was a well man.

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