

LIVING HIGH IN THE AIR.

Quito, in Ecuador, With Winter Above and Summer Below It.

Quito, in Ecuador, lifted nearly two miles into thin air, has always boasted its "perpetual spring," but in sooth it would be just as fair to call its climate "perpetual autumn." With a temperature that hovers about 60 degrees F. in the shade, the Quilomian passes his life in early April or late October.

He escapes the winter, to be sure, but misses the vernal miracle that redeems the higher latitude. But, whether he feels chilled or baked, he can always turn his eye toward comfort.

Out across the plain, about three miles to the north, the road drops 3,000 feet through a stupendous ravine, and from the high places of Quito one can peer down into a semitropical valley, its coffee trees and cane fields dancing in the heat waves.

On the other hand, when the overhead sun scorches there are a score of snow peaks to refresh the eye. As you study through a fieldglass the huge drifts and wild snowstorms on Antisana, which looks out over the rank forests of the "Oriente," you realize that it is easier and safer to get from where you are to Greenland than to reach those polar solitudes only a dozen miles away.

Groves of eucalyptus in the environs of Quito agreeably relieve the majesty of the scenery, and it is said that this province has a third of a million of these trees. President Moreno introduced them from Australia half a century ago, and it was a saying among even the enemies of Moreno that on the day of judgment he will escape the penalty of his misdeeds with the plea, "I gave Ecuador the eucalyptus."—New York Telegram.



THE LATEST COMBINATION.

For the past season lingerie has been cut with fall, slouchy effects. This is the newest design to meet the needs of the fitted in waist, the trimmer figure. Fashioned of sheer batiste, this handmade garment has tucking, dashes of embroidery, ribbon and val insertion as trimming. The woman of nimble fingers can use this excellent cut for a more durable material, like finest quality of longcloth, dimity or a good quality of crepe de chine either white or flesh color. Indeed, experts say that this latter material, carefully laundered, outlasts cotton.

Not Settled Yet.

"Is the head of the house at home?" asked the agent as the mister of the family answered the doorbell. Making no effort to answer the question, the mister person said, "I don't know what line of goods you are introducing or whether they would fit in our establishment or not, that phase of the matter being neither here nor there, but let me tell you something—if you can establish once for all just who is to be recognized as the head of this house I'll buy a gross of whatever you've got and pay the catalogue price."—Pittsburgh Press.

An Aristocratic Grain.

Could plants lay claim to aristocratic position, as representing an old family, rice might safely claim to be of the most ancient pedigree. It is the earliest cereal known. Originally a native of India, it has crossed the ocean and made a home for itself where heat and moist soil could be found. It grows in all warm portions of the globe and furnishes the principal food of nearly one-third of the human race.

Couldn't See Why She Was Wrong.

"Was I rude this afternoon?" a little girl asked her mother.

"I hope not, my dear," said the mother.

Little Girl—Well, our teacher was examining us in poetry—"Casablanca"—and she asked why did the boy stand on the burning deck, and I said because it was too hot for him to sit down, and she made me stand in the corner.—Stray Stories.

A Good Actor.

"Hamfat is out of a job. You remember that fellow who used to play the part of a butler so well?"

"I remember him. He was remarkably good. I should think he could get a job as a real butler."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Precocious In Spots.

Bobby—Do I have to go to school, mother? Mother—Of course, Bobby. Bobby—Why, mother, I heard you tell father last night that I knew entirely too much.—Detroit Free Press.

Like strength is felt from hope and from despair.—Homer.

Right at Home.

Sometimes it is hard to find the city of happiness, but it will narrow the search if you remember that it is in the state of mind.—Youth's Companion.

The foundations of justice are that no one shall suffer wrong; then that the public good shall be promoted.—Cicero.

PUZZLED THE JAPANESE.

The Tumult a White Woman's Pair of Black Gloves Caused.

Japanese women never wear gloves. Thousands upon thousands of Nippon natives have never seen a pair of gloves. One day an American girl and I were walking through a small village some distance from Tokyo we were at a loss to understand why such a large crowd gathered around us on the street.

In a small town an American always gathers a crowd, but this crowd was particularly thick and excited, and when the Japanese do any looking they want to do it up close. The natives kept looking at my partner, pointing and jabbering away, wildly excited. The crowd kept getting tighter and tighter, while with our hands on our noses we kept trying to push out. They kept pointing at her hands, then at her face, and not until one of them reached over and felt of her hands did we understand what was the matter.

The girl with me had on a pair of black gloves with the ends under her sleeves, so that the excited villagers were trying to solve the mystery of how a person could have black hands and a white face. When she drew off her gloves, revealing hands the same color as her face, they disappointedly widened enough to let us through.

No doubt if she had not removed her gloves the legend of the woman with the black hands and the white face that once visited the town would have been handed down for years.—Homer Croy in Leslie's Weekly.

Form of Divorce in Old Rome.

In the earlier period of the Roman republic divorces were quite unknown and were rare right up to the time of the Sulian wars. In the old days the husband and wife who wished to separate appeared for the last time before the common hearth, a priest and priestess being present. As on the day of marriage, a cake of wheat flour was presented to the husband and wife, but instead of sharing it between them they rejected it. Then, instead of prayers, they pronounced formulas of a strange, severe, spiteful character, by which the wife renounced the worship and gods of the husband. From that moment the religious bond was broken, and, the community of worship having ceased to exist, the marriage without further ado was forever dissolved.

Puzzled.

A little girl has a new baby sister, and she has been somewhat puzzled as to the exact status of the new arrival in the family. She had willingly given up her bed, but something still seemed to trouble her greatly. One day she was found surveying the dining room just at mealtime. She looked at her own high chair, then inquired suspiciously of her father, "Where is she going to eat, daddie?"—Indianapolis News.

Conciliatory.

Head Waiter (dignified and pompous)—Have you ordered, sir? Despairing Patron—Yes, I ordered a porterhouse steak half an hour ago, and I wish to apologize for my rudeness. With your permission I will withdraw it as an order and renew it as a suggestion.—Chicago Tribune.

Unnecessary Knowledge.

Aunt Sarah (a spinster)—Now, dear, if you would only watch me closely you might learn how to crochet. Little Bessie—Oh, I'm goin' to get married when I grow up!—Pittsburgh Press.

Coca Leaves.

Coca, from the leaves of which cocaine is produced, was known among the Incas as the "divine plant" long before the discovery of America.

A Matter of Figures.

Lobbyist—May I submit some figures in support of my contention? Senator—Well, there'll have to be at least four figures.—Pact.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following is a complete list of realty transfers recorded during the week ending yesterday as reported for The Observer by Sibley & Eakin, abstractors, 515 Court street, Dallas:

- E. A. Sharp and wife to E. E. and Alice S. Fisher, lots in Kingwood terraces, \$800.
- J. S. Macomber and wife to John W. and Kittie M. Macomber, 1.50 acres, T. 8-6, \$100.
- Earl Russell and wife to H. A. Bowman, lots Falls City, \$30.
- Thaddens Stevens and wife to C. E. and Anna P. Huntley, 135.59 rods, T. 7-4, \$300.
- Belinder Pattee to A. R. Ford, 40 acres, T. 6-8, \$1000.
- J. H. Fitzgerald and wife to D. S. Bentley, lot in Bentley, \$25.
- Clear View Orchard Co. to Carl B. Fritz, lots Clear View orchards, \$3-300.
- Joseph Tharp and wife to Claud E. Sawtelle, 3.83 acres, T. 6-7, \$191.50.
- Andrew Smith and wife to Noah S. Smith, 18.71 acres, T. 6-7, \$100.
- Andrew Smith and wife to Nettie E. Smith, 30 acres, T. 6-7, \$100.
- United States to Michael L. Roberts, 40 acres, T. 8-7.
- Adelaide V. Dolph to Henry V. Dolph, 91.71 acres, T. 7-5, \$1.
- John B. Hudson and wife to A. R. Ford, 55.36 acres, T. 6-7, \$1500.
- D. S. Bentley and wife to J. H. Fitzgerald, tract at Bentley, \$25.
- D. S. Bentley and wife to Portland & West Coast Railroad company, tract at Bentley, \$75.
- Portland & West Coast Railroad company to D. S. Bentley, block 26, Bentley, \$75.

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