

WITH THE FAR EAST

Writers point out how it may be developed almost beyond the imagination.

Some people say the Chinese are so poor that it will be difficult to increase their trade with us, writes Robert Dollar in the Nation's Business.

"We are going to increase trade by increasing the purchasing power of the people."

"But," said he, "it cannot be done." At that moment a wagon load of lumber from my lumber yard came along; it was being pulled by thirteen men.

It was in the winter and snow lay on the ground, but those men were all barefooted. I was paying them eight cents a day. I said:

"You take those thirteen men off that wagon, put a horse there with one man to drive and put the other twelve men into a factory and you will increase their purchasing power. They will buy more and develop the commerce of your country."

I asked him how many persons in China were going barefooted, and he replied that there must be 100,000,000 anyway. If not more, I told him that they were going barefooted from necessity and not from choice and that if they could earn more they would not go barefooted.

ORIGIN OF COATS OF ARMS

Employed as Method of Recognition in Days When Learning Was in Its Infancy.

Almost every name of European origin, which has been passed down for centuries unchanged, except for a slight alteration in its spelling, had in the earliest time, before surnames were used, and when language was undeveloped and few could read or write, a totem or seal, which represented it. The totem was used as a seal. All persons of property had a seal, and when knighthood was introduced in feudal times, after the Roman era, the device of the seal was painted on the knight's shield, and he was known thereby when the helmet was closed in warfare or in tournaments.

Odd African Bush Tribe.

The strangest people in the world, according to Mrs. Harry Kaigh Eustace, who is here on her way to England and Africa, are the women of a bush tribe in the Gordonia desert, central southwest Africa.

These women, she says, have developed glands in the back in which they store water, like camels. When they drink a great deal of water, the glands make them appear deformed. After a few days in the desert, with little or no water, their reserve supply is absorbed and they look normal.

Home Hunters Take All Except Ghost.

It was a haunted house in a gossipy neighborhood, relates the New York Herald. Residents assembled daily and talked in muffled tones of spirits and queer noises. With such advance advertising the real estate agent found it difficult to get a "prospect" near the house.

The work had scarcely been completed when the agent heard a "live one" had visited the property. Rushing off to the caretaker he inquired breathlessly: "Is it true that someone has taken the house?"

"No, sir, not yet," replied the caretaker, "but they've taken the fixtures, piping and doorknobs. Perhaps they'll come back for the house."

The Last Resort.

In answer to the returned summer visitor's questions as to the welfare of Mr. Padgett and his whereabouts, Mr. Dorkin replied that "Jake" was teaching at the little red schoolhouse on Harley's hill.

"Well, he is," admitted Mr. Dorkin, understandingly, "and he gets more 'n' more muddled-headed all the time. But what else could we do? We had to put him in as schoolmaster to keep him off the town."

"We ain't got 'n' to pauperize a man," he added, loftily, "if we can find anythin' for him to do."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

TOBACCO UNDER ODD NAMES

When Herb Was New It Had Various Appellations, as Also Did the Potato.

Among its thousands of illustrations on wood in a work on the "General History of Plants, Gathered by John Gerarde, Master in Chirurgie," and first printed in London toward the end of the sixteenth century, was one of the then still new herbs, "tabaco, or herbane of Peru," according to the text. "The people of America call it Petun; some, as Loebel and Pena, have given it these Latin names: Sacra Herba, Sancta Herba, Soma Sancta Inferum; and others, as Dodonaeus, call it Hyoscyamus Peruvianus, or Herbane of Peru; Nicolaus Monardus names it Tabacum. Of some it is called Nicotiana."

There was an illustration of another plant, also then still new—the potato, "by some called Skyrrrets of Peru, generally by us called Potatua. Clustus called it Battata, Camotes, Amotes and Ignames; in English, potatoes, potatus and potades. The Indians do call this plant papopus." The potato, the book informed the reader, was to be eaten "tonsted in the embers and sopped in wine." It was also made into conserves "no lesse toothsome, wholesome and dainty than the flesh of quinces." Its use, however, in Burgundy—"where they call them Indian artichokes"—was forbidden, according to Bauhine, because it induced leprosy. The sweet potato and the common potato were pictured as belonging to the same family.

REFUSED TO BOW TO KING

English Pin Manufacturers, Centuries Ago, Shut Down Before They Would Obey Royal Mandate.

What would happen in the United States, where two thousand tons of pins are turned out every year, if all the pin factories closed down, as once they did in England? In the thirty-fourth year of Henry VIII complaints were made of the inferior quality of the pins supplied to the public, and in consequence parliament enacted that none should be sold "unless they be double-headed, and have the heades sodered faste to the shanke of the pyne, etc." The result was that the public could obtain no pins until the act was repealed three years later. The act of repeal, having recited the former act, pathetically admits that the attempt to control the pin industry had proved a failure. "For as much since the making of said act there hath been secrettee of pynes within this realme, and the kynge's liege people have not been well nor completely served of such pyners nor are likely to be served. . . . In consideration whereof it made please the kinge that it may be adju'dged and demed from henceforth frustrated and nullified and to be repealed forever."

Breeding of Buffalo Mystery.

Whatever of romance in regard to the American buffalo may have vanished with the passing of the old West, the life history and breeding of these animals are still a mystery to the biologist. Just how old a buffalo gets to be is not known. As far as the records show, the Methusalem of the species is one in Paris which is said to be thirty-one years old. The oldest buffaloes in the government herds are a venerable cow on the Wichita preserve, now twenty-four years old, and Kalspel Chief, the leader of the Montana herd, now twenty years old. It is known that the cows begin to breed in their third year. When they stop is a biological mystery. There is a record of a cow breeding in her twenty-sixth year and one on the Wichita preserve had a calf at the age of twenty-two. The normal number of calves and the exact ratio of sexes are likewise unknown.

Snails Fed on Grapevine Leaves.

The choicest of edible French snails is the Escargot-de-Bourgoigne, or the Bourgaignon Ruge, bred in the vineyards of Burgundy for the French market, and fed only on the tender leaves of the grapevine. This escargot, baked with that delicious stuffing which the French are wont to crown him, is, it is said, delicious when one has got over the grip that arises at the idea of eating a snail. Or eaten from a silver bowl (with a silver three-pronged fork as a means of conveying the long gelatinous thing to the mouth) and brought to the table very hot and swimming in a sauce in which hard and onions and garlic seem to be the principal components, the Escargot-de-Bourgoigne is a dainty to remember. In many districts in England are still descendants of the snails the Romans ate.

Remarkable Micrographic Feats.

Micrographers have vied with one another in the execution of the most minute specimens of writing. The Ten Commandments have been engraved in characters so fine that they could be stamped on the side of a nickel, and on several occasions the Lord's Prayer has been engraved on the side of a gold dollar, the diameter of which is six-tenths of an inch. There is an account of a "rare piece of work brought to pass by Peter Bales, an Englishman and clerk of a chancery. It was the whole Bible in an English volume no bigger than a hen's egg. The nut holder in this little there are as many leaves in this little book as in the great Bible and he book as in the great Bible and he bath written as much in one of his little leaves as a great leaf of the Bible."

TOO PRONE TO EXAGGERATE

Many Figures of Speech Employed in Ordinary Conversation Are Ridiculous When Analyzed.

A judge in the courts the other day objected to a witness who was prone to use exaggeration and employ figures of speech.

The judge remarked that it was absurd to say that "the accused was beside himself with rage" and that "he flew at the other man." He wasn't two people and he hadn't got wings.

When you come to think of it it is absurd. We wallop our children for saying that there are hundreds of dogs in the garden, but then they hear us say that we are "driven to death" with work, or that somebody has "set the ocean on fire."

Equally untrue is it when we say that a steak is as "tough as leather," the coffee "as cold as ice," or that the cake is "as heavy as lead." One result of this sort of thing is seen when the child asks his sister's young man if he has any prizes for running, because the child has heard that he's always "running after" Sisie.

The fact is that we are ever looking for something out of the ordinary.

When hailstones fell during June, they were in a few cases the size of eggs but everybody told everybody else that all of them were as big as footballs.

It's time that we went back to simple description. No day is ever so hot as to be "baking," or we should all be dead. No man drinks "like a fish."

Fishes, anyway, don't drink a lot. They see so much water that they're probably sick of it. And no soprano sings "like a nightingale."—Buffalo Express.

CALLS FOR SOME DISCRETION

Power of Attracting Birds May Be All Right in the Country, but in the City!

One of the best ways of attracting birds, according to the authorities, is to place the lips to the back of the hand and make a violent kissing sound.

Apparently this has some resemblance to the cries of a wounded bird; and, according to one of the bird books, one may enter an apparently deserted thicket and, after a few minutes of this sort of thing, "find oneself surrounded by an anxious or curious group of its feathered inhabitants."

This is valuable information, but to be used with discretion. In Central park, for instance, one is just as likely as not, after trying this little ornithological experiment, to find oneself surrounded by an anxious or curious group of gentlemen with blue coats and brass buttons. Better keep these tactics for the open country.—Frederick L. Allen, in Harper's Magazine.

Medicine Men.

In all times some degree of healing power has been ascribed to the priesthood. Medicine-men, mystery-men, shamans, or by whatever name they might be called, were to be found in every tribe of North American Indians. Some of these knew the medicinal qualities of roots and herbs and practiced rude surgery, and others were "fakers." A medicine-man of the Walapai, a Yuman tribe on the Colorado river, says John G. Bourke in an article on the Apache medicine-men, would cast a bullet in a mold containing a small piece of paper. The healer would have an Indian fire this bullet at him and the lead, because of the paper, would split into pieces and do him no harm.

Another would secretly fasten the end of a roll of sinew to a twig, swallow the ball and hold the twig between his teeth. After the sinew had softened and expanded "because of the heat and moisture of the stomach" the magician would astound his friends.—Adventure Magazine.

Geography of Planet Venus.

Venus appears to be a mountainous world. Gray shadings may be seen at times in the midst of high pressure areas. Their positions and outlines change with the shifting clouds, but when a composite drawing is made of several observations they appear fixed to the surface of the planet. From the fact that the darkest ones are also the most often visible, it is inferred that the gray spots are the masses of continents dimly visible.

The behavior of Venus' storms also confirms this belief. They actually show the regions where dark shadings are seen, and mainly keep to the spaces between. Storms on earth find it notoriously hard to cross divides of land. The Venusian seas seem to be hot and steaming, and from their surfaces rolling clouds of vapors arise.

Venus shows phases like the moon. She lies between us and the sun, and so a portion of her night side is almost always turned toward us.

Who First Licked Stamps?

Dispute is being waged as to the earliest postage stamp lick. Claim is put forward for James Chalmers of Arbroath, Scotland, who submitted specimens of adhesive postage stamps to a select committee of the house of commons in 1834. Rowland Hill is also credited with the invention, having experimented with glutinous washes in 1837. As Rowland Hill directed the British postal arrangements, he was probably the first man to lick a genuine postoffice stamp.

SEEK TOO GREAT ACCURACY

Even Celebrated Engineers Have Been Known to Waste Time on Unnecessary Measurements.

There can be too great accuracy, according to Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, which says:

"We recall one instance where a celebrated engineer was preparing a set of tables for publication and was using a set of 12-place logarithms. We asked why he used 12-place tables and he replied that they were the best he could find, that he had heard there were 20-place tables but he had been unable to locate them. The interesting thing about this anecdote is that practically all the data which the celebrated engineer was tabulating had an accuracy which was seldom better than 1 per cent, and an ordinary 12-inch slide rule would have been amply accurate for the work.

"Again, when a young engineer is about to make a mathematical calculation, say for example the surface of heating coils necessary to obtain certain results, he will almost invariably sit down and calculate it to an accuracy of a tenth or even a hundredth of 1 per cent, and this in spite of the fact that the constant factor in the equation (the rate of heat transfer) may not be known within 50 per cent.

"Herein lies one excellent reason why many a practical man with good common sense and a wide experience has been able to compete with engineers in many fields."

SPELLS THAT ARE POTENT

Evidently There is Something in the "Medicine" Devised by East African Witch Doctors.

Quite recently a Kikuyu (East African) had a spell put on him by a witch doctor, whereby he was compelled to kill the first man he met. The Kikuyu went to another witch doctor and had the spell removed. But No. 1 was cured. He placed a medicine on the Kikuyu's doorstep so that when the latter stepped over it the spell would be replaced.

The Kikuyu came out of his hut shortly afterward, immediately ran amuck, went down the street and killed the first man he met—another old Kikuyu. The witch doctor and the witch doctor got the longer sentence.

At a place called Kibos there once lived an old gentleman who carried around a monkey's paw strapped to his finger. Whoever he pointed this at immediately fell down stone dead. He caused so many deaths that he ultimately had to be removed from the district by the government.—London Express.

Apples Breathe.

Every living organism, whether animal or vegetable, breathes; that is, it absorbs oxygen and gives off carbonic acid.

Any organism which does not breathe may be considered dead. Now, ripe apples plucked from apple trees are not dead. They are not so vigorously alive as while the sap ran through them, but still they are alive, and so they breathe and absorb oxygen. It is found, too, that apples stored in an atmosphere of oxygen and carbonic acid keep twice as well as apples stored in common air.

No doubt the oxygen stimulates their respiration and increases their vitality, while the carbonic acid serves as food, provided sufficient light reaches the chlorophyll in the skin of the apple.

Watchman Helps Men on Careers.

"I've helped make more big men than most old fellows have, despite my menial job, and of course I haven't done it through giving young upstarts financial backing," boasts the venerable night watchman for a large downtown corporation.

"You see, people who come and go here after seven o'clock are supposed to sign in and out. Well, a lot of young fellows are in a hurry to get out and oftentimes don't want to sign out. I make them, though, and in that way the big bosses, scanning the time sheets and personal reports, learn that young So and So is an industrious lad, who often works overtime. Christmas presents from them net me a big penny annually, attesting appreciation for what I've done."—New York Sun.

The Philosophy of a Smile.

Of all appearances of the human countenance methinks a smile is the most extraordinary. It plays with a surprising agreeableness in the eye, breaks out with the brightest distinction, and sits like a glory upon the countenance. What sun is there within us that shoots its beams with so sudden a vigor? To see the soul flash in the face at this rate one would think would comfort an atheist; by the way observe that smiles are more becoming than frowns. This seems an actual encouragement to good humor, as much as to say: If people have a mind to be handsome they must not be peevish and untoward.—Jeremy Collier.

Reciprocity Desired.

"Will you marry me?" anxiously asked a swain of the Fiddle Creek region in the Ozarks, addressing the daughter of the proprietor of the crossroads store. "No!" replied the lass. "Aw, I think you might! I do all my trading with your paw."—Kansas City Star.

OREGON BREVITIES

Multnomah county's assessment roll, as corrected by Assessor Welch following adjustments by the board of equalization, shows a decrease of \$5,342,020 from that of last year. The total last year was \$288,636,459 and this year it is \$283,294,439.

Plans for exhibition of Deschutes county potatoes at all of the important potato shows of the northwest and middle west were formulated at a meeting of representatives of all the commercial organizations of central Oregon, held in Redmond.

Senator McNary has cancelled all speaking engagements for which he was scheduled in New England, New York and New Jersey and left Washington, D. C. Sunday for Oregon, where he will take the stump in behalf of republican state and congressional tickets.

More than 40 years ago William A. Kirk filed on government land in Morrow county. Last week a son, Will T. Kirk, state industrial accident commissioner, received a check for his share of an overpayment of more than \$100 which his father made the government.

Sheriff Wellington's threat to invade the various cities of Columbia county with his deputies and raid shops operating slot machines if the city officials did not stop the gambling was said to have resulted in the closing down of most of the various gambling devices.

The injunction suit of the Lane county good roads association against the recall of the unsold portion of the county's \$2,000,000 road bond issue failed when Judge J. W. Hamilton in circuit court at Eugene dismissed the case and ordered the measure placed on the November ballot.

Prominent Medford men who acquired timber holdings in that section which will justify manufacturing operations for many years have organized the Talent Lumber company and will erect a sawmill and box factory at Talent with a daily capacity of approximately 30,000 feet.

George Roberto, charged with killing Alvin H. Price and wounding another man in a bus on the lower Columbia river highway August 21, has been pronounced insane after an examination at St. Helens and the grand jury has recommended he be confined in the state hospital at Salem.

The surface of Sutton lake, in the western part of Lane county, will be lowered about three feet when the Mitchell brothers, who live on its shores, have finished opening an outlet. The Mitchell brothers will reclaim 300 acres of land and will cultivate cranberries and vegetables.

Preliminary organization of a road association which has for its purpose the boosting of a north and south highway from Pendleton to Lakeview, was effected when James Moffie of Ukiah was elected president of the delegations which met at Pilot Rock. Felix A. Johnson of Range was named vice-president and C. I. Barr of Pendleton secretary.

Delegates from many commercial and highway organizations and representatives from the executive and highway departments of Oregon, Idaho, California and Nevada at a banquet at Jordan valley went on record as pledging their moral support to the movement looking to the early completion of the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada cut-off highway.

Circuit Judge Bell, of Dallas, sitting in court at McMinnville sustained the demurrer of the defendant in the case of the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers, a co-operative association against J. A. Hansen, thus dissolving his eggs to others than the plaintiff, and dismissing the association's suit for specific performance of contract with Hansen.

WHY WE SHOULD BATHE INTERNALLY

Physicians agree that most human ills are caused by accumulated waste in the lower intestine—Headaches, biliousness and "that tired feeling" are but the forerunners of much more serious ailments, and more drugs are used with the mistaken idea of ridding us of this waste than for all other ills combined.

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