

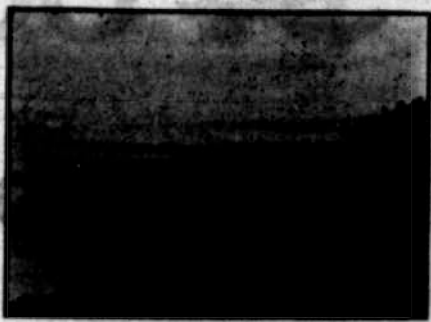
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Some time ago there was a flood in British Columbia. An old fellow who had lost nearly everything he possessed was sitting on the roof of his house as it floated along when a boat approached.

"Hello, Jim."
"Hello, Bill."
"Are your fowls all washed away, Jim?"

"Yes, but the ducks can swim," replied the old man.

"Apple trees gone?"
"Well, they said the crop would be a failure anyhow."

"I see the flood's away above your windows."

"That's all right, Bill. Them windows needed washin' anyhow."
—Housekeeper.

A Clever Thief.

This is how the presence of mind and audacity of a Chicago thief saved him from being locked up: A policeman who recognized him and knew he was "wanted" put him under arrest, with the words, "You are wanted at headquarters." "Yes, I know," replied the thief quickly. "I was arrested last night and was bailed out this morning. You are too slow." "It does look that way," said the crestfallen policeman as he told the thief he could go, of which permission the thief lost no time in availing himself. Later, to his chagrin, the policeman found that the thief had not been previously arrested.

Dreaming.

Men speak of dreaming as if it were a phenomenon of night and sleep. They should know better. All results achieved by us are self-promised, and all self-promises are made in dreams awake. Dreaming is not the relief of labor, the wine that sustains us in act. We learn to love labor, not for itself, but for the opportunity it furnishes us for dreaming, which is the great under monotone of real life, unheard, unnoticed because of its constancy. Living is dreaming. Only in the grave are there no dreams.—Low

HOT SPRINGS OF TIBERIAS.

Most Ancient and Most Celebrated Baths in the World.

America and Europe boast of many noted and justly famous mineral springs, but no doubt the oldest and most celebrated baths are the hot springs of Tiberias, in Galilee, which ever since the Roman occupation have been renowned for their curative powers. They are in many respects similar to the hot springs of Carlsbad. The temperature of the waters at Tiberias averages about 140 degrees F., and they contain sulphur, chloride of magnesium and iron.

The present baths at Tiberias were built in 1883, during the Egyptian invasion. Additions were made in 1890 by the Turkish government, but the accommodations are inferior and lack cleanliness. The springs are frequented mostly by natives, who make pilgrimages from all parts of the country to bathe in the waters, which are reputed to have powers to cure chronic rheumatism and various diseases of the skin.

In 1887 an attempt was made to install cleaner and more sanitary, up to date methods, but the plan was abandoned owing to the fact that according to a firman a lease on the baths could not be obtained for a longer period than two years, and as a result no person could be found who was willing to invest any amount of money with a chance that at the end of two years the lease on the baths would not be renewed.

The government considers the baths in their present state sufficient for its purposes, which are to offer free lavations for the Bedouins and a few private baths for native Turks of wealth.

In Roman times the baths were called Ammaus. Pliny extols them for their sanatory properties. Roman villas, temples and baths surrounded the springs, and Herod's acropolis crowned the heights near the thermal baths.—New York Herald.

Smooth White Walls.

Who has not felt the irritating effect of the glare of a smooth, glossy white wall? According to the art department of the Kansas State Agricultural college, there are two reasons for this—because there are few articles in the room that do not have color and because there is so much of the wall at which to look that it tires you. Even in tinted walls there is a glare from the smooth surface. If a rough finish is used there are so many tiny grains to break up the rays of light that this is overcome, and the effect is more restful. If a little caution is used in the care of the room the rough finish will not be insanitary.—Kansas Industrialist.

Flavored to Taste.

"It's the insects," complained the amateur gardener. "They destroy all my radishes, and try as I may I can't exterminate them."

"Best remedy I know," said the friend, "is to lay salt between the rows. Never been known to fail."

"Well," said the friend when next they met, "and did you try the salt on those insects?"

"Yes," replied the other, "and the next morning the little beggars were pulling up the radishes, dipping them in the salt and eating them by the score."—London Ideas.

The First Knitting Machines.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth first mention is made of hand knitting. William See in 1589 invented the first knitting machine, called a knitting frame or stocking frame. He was refused a patent in England and went to France and established a factory at Rouen. This machine was introduced into the United States shortly after the Revolutionary war, was modified and improved by a Yankee and a factory established at Cohoes, N. Y., in 1832.

Right on the Job.

Manufacturer—I understand. You wish for some armor plate which no cannon shot can pierce. We are turning out that kind of thing every day.

Government Agent—No, no! You misunderstand me. I wish you to manufacture a cannon that can pierce any armor plate.

Manufacturer—Oh, certainly! We are turning out that kind of work every day also.—London Mail.

Equal to the Occasion.

"Does your husband ever compare your ways with his family?" asked the mischief making friend.

"Oh, yes," said the little bride, dimpling, "but I never get angry." "That's sweet of you," warmly exclaimed the friend. "But what does the brute say?"

"He says," replied the bride, "that there is nothing in our home like the rumpus his mother used to make."—Washington Star.

THE BROKEN DOWN FOOT.

Weak Ligaments and Muscles Cause the Arch to Collapse.

The condition known as flat foot is brought about by a stretching of the ligaments and a weakening of the supporting muscles, so that the foot, forced to its natural work of standing and walking, spreads under the strain and the normal arch is obliterated.

All the miserable symptoms connected with this trouble are due to the fact that the machinery of the foot has broken down and the weight of the body is too much for it. It follows that there will be many degrees of flat foot and of the suffering incident to it. Naturally a heavy person who is obliged to be on his feet a great many hours of the day will suffer more than one of light weight who is in a position where he can humor his feet. This is why the foot breaks down so often in early adult life, when most persons take up their chosen occupation.

Such occupations as those of trained nurses, policemen, waiters and cooks will soon bring to light any unsuspected weakness of the foot mechanism, and in many cases this weakness is of such a degree that the occupation must be changed. Many women who wish to take up nursing and who are eminently fitted for this work in every other way are obliged to abandon it for the reason that their feet refuse to meet the demands put upon them.

The first sign that the foot is giving out is a sensation of weakness. It passes off when the foot is allowed to rest, but soon returns when the sufferer tries to use the feet again. By and by the dull ache will run farther and farther up the leg; the knee will hurt, and then the hip. The dull, constant ache may be enlivened by a sudden sharp, darting pain, and the patient complains that he has gout or rheumatism.

If the patient neglects treatment and persists in overuse of the foot he is driven to abnormal attitudes by the effort to adjust the weight of the body, and these unnatural attitudes will presently result in a permanent displacement of bones.

The treatment of flat foot consists of certain exercises designed to strengthen the weak muscles and to make passive motion of the foot free and painless. The patient must learn to throw the weight on the outer side of the foot, and to this end a shoe with the inner border of sole and heel a little thicker than the outer one is often a great help. Long continuance in one position should be avoided, and the supporting metal arch which the majority of sufferers need should be as accurately measured for and fitted as any other surgical appliance.—Youth's Companion.

Solubility of Gold.

Gold is one of the group of metals soluble only in that mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids known as aqua regia. It has been found, however, that the presence of certain organic compounds renders gold soluble in hydrochloric acid. Thus a mixture of this acid and chloroform is found to be a solvent. Ethyl, or ordinary alcohol, methyl alcohol and amyl alcohol are among the other substances which give to hydrochloric acid the power of dissolving gold. The solution takes place slowly in the cold and more quickly on heating.

Independently Miserable.

A day or two ago, having joined the boat train at Dover harbor station, the writer found a fellow passenger resting a heavy head on worried looking hands. The weather was quite pleasant, but one can never judge the channel by the appearance of Dover beach, so the question was asked sympathetically, "Was the crossing very rough?" "No," said the passenger; "this is a personal matter."—London Globe.

Measuring Time With Water.

Under the Ptolemies the Egyptians measured time by the clepsydra, a hydraulic clock, the hours being determined by the quantity of water that escaped from a small orifice in the reservoir. The simplest kind consisted of a transparent vase filled with water, graduated and having a small aperture in the bottom. As the liquid escaped its height in the receptacle marked the hour.

An Appropriate Name.

"It is a pretty name," the impressionable traveler murmured. "But, tell me, why do they call you Manita?"

There was an arch smile on the savage maiden's face.

"Evidently," she said as she signaled to her brothers, who were concealed in the brush with clubs, "you do not know our favorite food."

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