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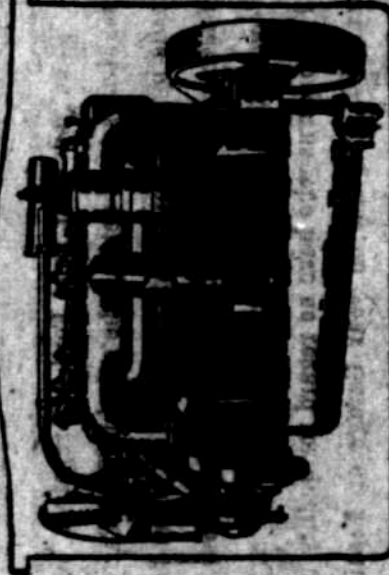
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FUJIAN'S DAY OVER Pictureque South Sea Island Is Disappearing.

Advent of the White Man, with His Civilization and His Business Ideas Too Blush for Oath-Dressed Savage.

The Fiji islander, whose cannibalistic practices have made him a favorite with writers of fiction and humor, is following the Malay pirate and the roving pearl thief of the South seas into the realm of memory. A turbaned, half-caste Hindoo is replacing the once bloodthirsty and always picturesque native of the Fijis.

It is the white man's civilization, along with the white man's ideas, and the Fijian's utter disinclination to work that are blotting out the race. The Fijian of today is no longer warlike, no longer a hunter and a fisherman. Instead he is a lazy smoker of the white man's tobacco, a lover of the white man's enticing drinks and a patron of the white man's moving pictures above.

There was when the war canoes of the Fijis plied the Southern seas and when the Fijian warrior was a dreaded person who displayed no fear in battle and who enjoyed eating his slain enemies once the conflict ended. The Fijians, according to the early travelers who came in contact with them, were superlatively bad. The very name Fijian became a synonym for whatever was barbarous, inhuman and cannibalistic. It seems that the eating of human flesh was both a matter of religious rite and of enjoyment with the Fijian. Great feasts of this sort were prepared, especially after a successful battle.

The bad reputation of the Fijians kept traders and missionaries away from the islands till long after other peoples of that section of the seas were Christianized. Finally the white man got a foothold in the islands. Trade of various sorts sprang up for the islands are wonderfully rich in commercial possibilities. The Fijian is a child who cannot grow up. He has no sense of commercial values and no liking for toil. The white man found him a wretched worker and almost unusable on the plantations that were laid out in the islands.

That is the reason why the Hindoo coolie has been imported into Fiji and why the Fijian is disappearing. The native cannot stand the double strain of softened ways of living and of competing with the work-hardened natives of India.

One notes as a significant phase of the European's attitude toward the changing conditions in Fiji, the recommendations adopted at a recent meeting of the district synd. Methodist mission of Fiji. These recommendations approved the further colonization of the islands by Hindoos and suggested a number of regulations which would better the situation of these imported orientals. The importation of women from India was recommended, as it was stated that women were disproportionately few in the Fiji islands.

There has been some intermarriage between the Fijis and the Hindoos. That, too, has helped bring about the passing of the Fijian. Samoans also have gone to Fiji in considerable numbers and have thrived there.

Guarding the Captor.

After the Turkish line was broken in front of Nabuz, a Tommy of poor physique found himself in sole charge of a whole company of Jackos. No assistance was in sight, so the ban-ran solemnly proceeded to march the captives toward the nearest compound, a few miles distant. The Turks stumbled along, and the rough nature of the country threw the column into such confusion that Tommy often found himself surrounded by prisoners. Once, while negotiating a difficult descent, he fell headlong among the boulders, his helmet and rifle flying before him. For a moment the situation seemed critical; but a stalwart prisoner promptly restored order by lifting the guard carefully over his feet and replacing the cumbersome headgear. Then, picking up the rifle, Abdul restored it with a graceful bow, and the column marched on to captivity.

Rubber-Seed Oil.

The Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry calls attention to a report of the agriculture department of the Federated Malay states on the oil from the seeds of rubber trees as a substitute for linseed oil. The oil is of high quality, requires but little refining, and comes from a waste product that is available in great quantity, and that is easy to collect. Export and store and easy to crush. Experiments with a consignment of 31 tons of seeds sent to England resulted in a yield of \$250 a ton for the oil and \$40 a ton for the residual cake. Unseeded oil at that time was selling at \$200 a ton.

Unnatural Restraint.

"They can give them suffering all their pleasure, but there is one natural obstacle to the feminine vote's being a success."
"What's that?"
"The secret ballot."

to Use.

"I see where France has been importing a lot of sulphur from the United States."
"I guess she wanted it to make the German peace delegates feel at home."

WERE CHRISTIANS AT NIGHT Tribe of Savirri in Tropicland Long Practiced Deception on Their Turk Overlords.

Not far from Tropicland (on the Black Sea to Asia Minor) live the clan of Savirri, descendants of the Greeks who kept a Greek kingdom in being until after Constantinople had fallen. Written George E. White in the American Review of Reviews.

The Savirri knew that they were of Christian ancestry, but in some hour of persecution their fathers had yielded or assented to Islam. The same buildings were said to serve as mosques above ground and churches below; the same men as imams by day and priests by night; the same boys were said to be circumcised and baptized; and named both Osman and Constantin.

A few years ago these Savirri determined to throw off the mask and return to their Christian allegiance and they did so, though at the cost of much government pressure lasting for years. With some of them I became personally acquainted when they were exiled from home. One day a Savirri met a Turkish friend, and the latter remarked, "I hear you've turned Christian." The Greek answered that they had always known that their ancestors were Christian Orthodox and they had decided to avow their original heritage. "But," said the Moslem, "you've been to mosque all these years, and we've said our prayers side by side; how did you think you could deceive God all the time?"

"I never tried to deceive God," was the answer. "He always knew just what I was. I tried to deceive you, and in that I succeeded."

NATION WAS NEVER MORE FIT

American People Have Learned Many Valuable Lessons Under Great Stimulus of War.

"Under the stimulus of war we have sweated off mental, moral and physical fat," says the New York Medical Journal. "We have been forced to curb our appetites. We have learned to sacrifice without complaint, to dare without bluster, and sink our will in the training camps dabbly. We learned to rise early, bathe cold, eat plenty, work hard, and sleep soundly. We learned to obey promptly, to think precisely, to work accurately, and to command properly. One by one the vest-riple of the body, mind and soul disappeared and we were proud to be hard and fit again."

There is a great lesson in all this. Fubbliness is man's greatest sin against himself. It begets sloth, fear and selfishness. It undermines the mind, the character, the body. Is this lesson, learned at the cost of lives and limbs and worldwide sacrifice, to be lost? Is the ponderous abdomen and feeble leg of yesterday to replace the straight front and springy carriage of today? Are we going to shrink from the cold bath and the hardening necessities of daily life? Or will we attract the post-war period resolved to remain hard and fit in body, mind and soul?

Fishes in Shipyard.

To catch a nice mess of fish right in the middle of a shipyard, without the trouble of waiting to the river bank, is a novel as well as a pleasant incident of any shipyard's noon hour. Dean Adams, a tool-room foreman in the G. M. Standifer plant at Portland, Ore., enjoyed such a run of luck a year ago, and never told about it till just now.

"A year ago I stood about where the office is today," said Adams recently, "and got a basketful of smelt. Dredges were at work clearing out a fill and the pipes were run past here, carrying water and sand to fill up the swamp. The smelt run was on and it wasn't a difficult matter to get all of them you wanted as they came up through the pipes. Some fishing!"—Face and All.

He Didn't Have to Learn.

Eugene Hutchinson, the noted pianist, tells a story related to him by the head of a European conservatory which will entertain many teachers. A new pupil arrived at the conservatory for examination. The teacher struck a note on the piano and asked:

"What note is that?"

"Major," answered the smiling pupil.

"What note is that?" asked the teacher, striking another.

"Minor," came the prompt answer.

"What note is this?" then asked the amazed teacher.

"Diminished," blandly retorted the pupil.

"Where did you learn all that?" inquired the teacher scratching his head. "I didn't learn it," responded the delighted pupil. "I always knew it."

Muscle and Musicians.

Try This on Your Parrot. As the automobile party passed one creder they saw a soldier on guard, a big white dog beside him, and then a beautiful American flag. Of course this combination attracted the attention of everyone in the car. The flag was silk, the dog majestic and the soldier proud of his trust.

"Oh, look at that dog on guard!" exclaimed the woman.

The little boy snickered audibly. All were impressed with the solemnity of the scene, and this outbreak seemed to the father uncalled for.

"What do you mean, laughing, Johnny?" he demanded.

"Oh," cried little Johnny, "maama said, 'Look at the dog-gone guard!'"—Indianapolis News.

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