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**Kitchener in Retreat
From Official Cares**

Kitchener Island is a real lotus island of tropical beauty in the middle of the great River Nile, not far from the great cataract.

When Lord Kitchener lived near Assouan, he loved to leave the haunts of men and steal quietly in a small boat to this island, which he made his own. It was entirely uninhabited and was a perfect wilderness when he took it over, but he brought to it tropical Indian trees and planted there fig and banana trees and made beautiful and picturesque palm groves with seats made from palm leaves.

In the center of the island he built a small kiosk for himself, and resting there, away from the busy town, he could see the stately white-sailed feluccas wending their way through the various islets and could hear the Nubian boatmen chanting as they sailed along. In the distance he could also hear the peculiar droning of the water wheels and the hum of innumerable insects.—Weekly Scotsman.

Surely Kitchen Treasure

A lady was many weeks without finding a cook. In despair she at last answered an advertisement in an Irish paper. She had a reply and appointed an interview, defraying the woman's fare over.

"Can you cook?" asked the lady.
"Yes, marm," was the reply.
"Do you understand French cooking, as my husband likes dainty little dishes?"
"Why, lor, yes, marm," said the cook. "I understand all furrin dishes."
"Really!" cried the lady, whose delight knew no bounds. "What can you do?"
"Well, marm, I can cook French beans, German sausages, Brussels sprouts, Jerusalem artichokes, Spanish onions, Dutch Cheese."—London Answers.

All Potential Cowards

While I think that the three classes, cowards, fearless men and courageous men, embrace all males on this earth, including the insane, I do not hold the categories iron-bound. The coward in a corner may become brave and run amok. The courageous man is essentially a coward at heart, and the fearless man may, in a bad enough situation, be either courageous or cowardly. Personally, I am a great physical coward, but get a quart of hooch in me and I'll fight a saloonful and have, to the best of hazy recollections, attempted it.—G. D. Eaton in Plain Talk Magazine.

Hard to Find

"Ah, monsieur! I call to see Mr. Smith," said the Frenchman.
"You can't, he's not down," replied the valet.
"What you tell?" said the Frenchman. "I come yesterday and you say I cannot see heem because he is not up. Now you say I cannot see heem because he is not down. Vat you mean? Ven vill he be in ze middle?" —Tit-Bits.

22 Years Ago

December 28, 1906

The store of A. B. Stephens, the Umatilla postmaster, was robbed on Christmas eve. Mr. Stephens and his sister-in-law, Miss Ellen O'Connell, were confronted by two thugs who wore no masks, but who presented two 45-caliber sixshooters at them and commanded them to throw up their hands. Stephens escaped, but the robbers compelled Miss O'Connell to turn over to them \$125 and made their escape in the darkness before Stephens could give the alarm. One suspect is under arrest.

Mr. J. H. Stone and Miss Adie Barton, well known young people of this city, were united in marriage at Pendleton Saturday, Rev. W. T. Euster, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of that city performing the ceremony. Athena friends extend well wishes. They will reside in Athena.

A simple home wedding of considerable interest to Athena people occurred Wednesday evening December 18 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Preston near Huntington Beach California, when their daughter, Estella, was united in marriage to Jos. N. Scott.

At a meeting of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society, held Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. D. Plamondon, president; Alex McIntyre vice-president; Henry A. Barrett, Secretary; Chas McLean, treasurer. The next meeting of the Society will be held on the first Saturday in March.

The marriage of two popular young people on Weston mountain occurred this week, Mr. Archie Doble and Miss Gladys Taylor, the wedding taking place at the residence of Mr. George Taylor father of the young bride.

Miss Minnie Naylor is home from Whitman for the holidays.

Merle Robey was the guest of Walla Walla friends on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell spent Christmas at the Ogle home in this city.

Miss Kittie Gholson is spending the holiday week with friends in Walla Walla.

Miss Zelma DePeatt is home for the holidays, from the Walla Walla high school.

Mrs. Jack Weir is expected soon to make a visit with Athena friends from her home near Delight, Wash.

Eber Luna, the popular salesman for the Mosgrove Mercantile Co. at Milton, spent Christmas with his parents here.

Bert Zerba and family arrived home yesterday after a visit of several weeks with friends in Alberta, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Reeder arrived home Wednesday after having enjoyed a short wedding trip to Portland and other points in the valley.

One of the most appreciated Christmas presents received in Athena came to S. F. Wilson, the attorney. It was a beautiful bouquet of carnations and maidenhair fern, plucked from the garden at his old North Carolina home.

Ralph McEwen of the University of Oregon, Miss Jessie McEwen and Boise McEwen of the Pendleton Academy, are home for the holidays. The annual New Year's ball will take place at the Athena opera house Tuesday night. La Brasche's Orchestra has been engaged to furnish music.

Little Bessie Smith underwent a surgical operation this week for relief from an abscess under the arm. The little girl is in a precarious condition from a complication of diseases, but was afforded much relief from the operation, which was performed by Dr. Sharp.

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Stone pestles and mortars are popular for the same reason. They are much sought after by apothecaries and the weird contingent of charlatans who make medicine for India's millions. Marble pestles and mortars are very useful for pounding up drugs, and stone ones are generally used for blacksalt, alum and other hard substances that require less care than eye of newt and toe of frog. But stone pestles and mortars are not the monopoly of medicine.

They are turned out by the hundred for the use of the housewife. They are heavy and cumbersome; yet housewives will travel miles to procure them, pilgrims will tug them home if they pass by that way, and at the big Indian religious fairs one sees a pile of grindstones, currying-stones, pestles and mortars, hailing from Agra, Aligarh, and Jeypote.

**Why Some Wives Have
Thoughts of Murder**

"These eggs don't taste as fresh as they might, dear. Where did you get them? . . . Why do you have the gas burning so high? Look at that—what was our gas bill last month, anyway? . . . I wonder if we could not have lunch promptly at 12 today, Ethel? . . . Where on earth is my pipe? I left it here on the piano last night. . . . What did you move the table over in the corner for? . . . That picture is all right where it is. What's the difference whether it is over the piano or the marble-top table? Besides, the wall is already so full of nail holes that it looks like a cribbage board. . . . Don't you think you had better let up on that candy, Magnolia? Remember that you gained a couple of pounds last week? . . . I'll bet that with a month's practice I could do all the housework that is done around here in less than two hours a day. . . . This is the fifth accident we've had with the new car, and every one of them has occurred with you at the wheel—and every one of them has been the other fellow's fault. Remarkable!"—Kansas Industrialist.

Value of Timidity

Anatole France, in his younger days, found it profitable to assume a pose of timidity. Once before starting on a lecture tour, he said to his press agent:
"I want you to work up a reputation for me. I don't know that I am particularly timid, but I should like to be thought so. A timid man can do anything. If he is silent when he ought to speak, people say, 'How charming! He's so timid, you know.' If he speaks when he should be silent, they set it down to nervousness. A timid man can dare so much with impunity. So please tell all the people in advance that I am timid."

Gourmets Eat Horse Meat

Horses, mules and donkeys supplied the only meat served to gourmets at a banquet recently held in Paris. Among the important dishes were cheval a la dencroix and pate a foie trouble of donkey, the last named arousing special praise from the delighted epicures. Responses to toasts were filled with praise for the meats that had been consumed, and M. Buffon, the toastmaster, reminded the guests that the horse was the favorite dish of the Hindus 4,000 years ago. Brillat Savarin, famed throughout France as a gastronomist, declared that he liked nothing better than roast dog.

Those Noisy Atoms!

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The Modest Doctor

Dr. Joseph Collins, well known neurologist, and author of "The Doctor Looks at Literature," was once being cross-examined in an accident case in which he was giving medical evidence.

"You are a neurologist, aren't you, doctor?" queried counsel.

"I am, sir."

"A neurologist, pure and simple?"

"Well, I am moderately pure, and altogether simple," replied the doctor. Kansas City Star.

Co-Operation First

Team work is that little cog which takes all the separate parts of a machine and co-ordinates them into a smooth-working whole. It is just another word for co-operation, without which very little is accomplished in life.—Grit.

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