

MOST PECULIAR PEOPLE.

The Bicycle Has Nearly Emancipated the Parsi Women.

The most peculiar people of India are the Parsis (or "Parsees," meaning "Persians"), who feed their dead to the vultures upon the Tower of Silence. They fled to India from Persia when that land fell into the hands of the Arabs twelve centuries ago.

They are the only Indians, who, as a body, admire and cultivate Western progressive ideas, who treat their women fairly well (according to our ideas), and who permit their widows to marry again.

They have no beggars among them; they are monogamists; they are not caste-ridden (or rotted), like the Hindus, for they acknowledge two classes—the priests and the people.

An English lady advised me to go and see the rich Parsi young women riding bicycles on the road beside the sea at 4 o'clock of any afternoon.

The Kentucky Mountaineers.

There are no more strikingly interesting people in America than these isolated mountaineers who make their homes generation after generation among the fastnesses of the eastern section of the "dark and bloody ground."

A man who knows the whole country as a child does his first picture book to me that if any person took the trouble to go through a copy of Shakespeare and pick out all the obsolete words he would find nearly all of them in common use among these mountain folk.

Female Postal Employees in England. The English post office employs not far short of 30,000 women, and it is probable that the largest number are employed in telegraphy, or in duties relating thereto.

Every time a boy looks at a gun, some woman screams.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The native hen of New Zealand is an expert rat killer.

The giraffe, the armadillo and the porcupine are voiceless.

Tomatoes have been cultivated for only one hundred years.

As a rule, the eyesight of women is better than that of men.

The animal that first succumbs to extreme cold is the horse.

In Switzerland a telephone can be rented for \$8 a year.

The song of the nightingale can be heard at the distance of a mile.

American and Australian butter is rapidly crowding the German article from the English market.

An elm tree arrives at perfection after a growth of 150 years, and a healthy one will endure for 600 years.

Two-thirds of the crime in London is perpetrated between 2 P. M. on Saturday and 9 A. M. on Mondays.

Mexicans are not noted for their cleanliness, yet nearly every town in Mexico has a public bath house.

Miss Helen Gould has contributed the Berrian collection of works on Mormonism to the New York public library.

Louis Froebel, widow of Friedrich Froebel, founder of the kindergarten system, died in Hamburg at the age of 85.

The production of prunes is increasing rapidly in Oregon, the annual shipment of the dried fruit now amounting to 500 cars.

Five hundred miners at the Bryson Coal & Coke Company mines, near Tazewell, Tennessee, walked out, after a day's notice of a demand of a 10 per cent increase in wages.

LABASTINE is the original and only durable wall coating, entirely different from all kalsomines.

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STABLISHED in favor. Shun all imitations. Ask paint dealer or druggist for tint card. Write us for interesting booklet, free. ALABASTINE CO., Grand Rapids, Mich.

TO PLACE OUR GARDEN SEEDS IN EVERY HOME IN THE COUNTRY

we offer fresh garden seeds, full sized packages, at less than 1/2 value, best ever grown, that will grow in any U. S. climate and GIVE you a knife FREE.

VIN MARIANI advertisement for nervous, weakly, delicate women and children. Includes text: 'FOR NERVOUS OVERWROUGHT MEN WEAKLY DELICATE WOMEN PALE SICKLY CHILDREN' and 'MEANS SALVATION'.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION advertisement. Text: 'PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION. CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Taste Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.'

Bicycles in South Africa.

The present campaign in South Africa is practically the first opportunity the British military authorities have had of putting the cycle corps to a real test.

Wireless Telegraphy

Has had a new demonstration of usefulness by the captain of a battleship, who used his extraordinary signals had failed to notify the shore authorities of danger.

Soap enough to supply 150,000 for one year has recently arrived in Denver in one load. It was carried in a special train of 45 carsloads, and if stacked up, one bar on top of another, this soap would make a pile over 135 miles high.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is our only medicine for coughs and colds.—Mrs. C. Beitz, 439 8th Ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 8, '05.

At Springfield the electric workers have gained an increase of wages from \$2.50 and \$2.75 per day to \$3 per day, and the coal handlers from \$9 per week to \$10 for single and \$11 for double teams per week.

Breeding and Feeding Microbes. The intestines are full of disease germs that become active and dangerous in Constipation. Cascarets kill and expel them. Druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

A Pittsburg company is now engaged in an order for fitting up the palace of the Mikado, in Japan, with everything in the bath and sanitary line. Shipments are also being made to Australia, South America, China and Japan.

More Precious Than Diamonds.

Mistress—Did Pat give you a diamond ring when you promised to marry him?

Bridget—No, mum; but he be after givin' me a hug that made me ribs crack!—Jeweler's Weekly.

Check on Physicians.

Commissioner Wilson, of the international revenue bureau, has decided that a physician who prescribes and sells to his patients whiskey, brandy, wine or any other alcoholic liquor that is not compounded into a medicine by the admixture of any drug or medicinal ingredient therewith, is required to pay special tax as a retail liquor dealer, even though the alcoholic liquor thus furnished be prescribed as a medicine only and so used.

Two Heads.

Two heads may be used on one, but one big head is usually enough.—Chicago Daily News.

The New England granite manufacturers have rejected the demands of the granite cutters for an eight hour day and at least \$3 a day. It is expected that the men will strike March 1.

Archbishop Corrigan has made the study of the Italian language obligatory on all theological students in his diocese in order that Italian Catholics may be reached more effectively.

The production of soap in Great Britain is about 45,000 tons per week, of which between 3,000 and 4,000 tons are made in London.

An Empress Who Wrestles.

The empress dowager of China is described by an English lady, who has spent the greater part of her life in the Celestial empire, as a much more remarkable woman than most Europeans suppose.

Mr. Hamm—the eminent tragedian—"Yes we opened our new play on the first of January." Friend—"And did you have a long run?" Hamm—"Well, no, we didn't have a long run, but after the second performance we had a long walk—the way from Chicago to Philadelphia."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

THREE DAILY TRAINS BETWEEN OGDEN AND DENVER.

The increase in transcontinental travel by way of Salt Lake City in consequence of the scenic and other attractions of the route, has recently justified the Rio Grande Western Railway—in connection with the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland Railroads—says the Salt Lake Tribune, in establishing a triple daily fast passenger service between Ogden and Denver.

"I was never glad for this impediment in my speech but once," said the man from Dearborn, who was in to see the big parade. "When was that?" "Fe-fe-fellow asked me h-h-how much I would take for a-a horse, and while I-I-I was t-trying to tell him s-sixty dollars, he offered me a hundred."—Women's Journal.

DROPS Rheumatism

LA GRIPPE and CATARRH! It all know what thousands know of the efficacy of "5 DROPS" as a Curative as well as a Preventive of any Ache or Pain known to the human body.

The burning of the bride's playthings is part of the wedding ceremony in Japan. The bride lights a torch, which she hands to the bridegroom, who with it lights a fire in which the toys are destroyed.

A violent sneeze so shook the body of William A. Housell, a detective, of New Brunswick, N. J., that it caused temporary paralysis of the spine.

A new regulation cog introduced in Swiss watches, works so accurately that the time pieces do not vary 10 seconds in a month.

A firm in America is turning out large quantities of paper tiles which are used for roofing. They are reported to be hard and tough, and the glazing appears to be of the nature of Japanese lac.

1900 St. Jacobs Oil advertisement. Text: '1900 There is every good reason why St. Jacobs Oil should cure RHEUMATISM NEURALGIA LUMBAGO SCIATICA'.

During the last year 25,202,901 bushels of grain and 2,198,513 gallons of molasses were used for the manufacture of liquor in this country, which produced 107,618,120 gallons of spirits and 1,657,808 gallons of rum, making a total of 109,275,928.



An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinally laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y. For sale by all Druggists.—Price 50c. per bottle.

Large advertisement for T. M. Roberts' Supply House, Minneapolis, Minn. Lists various garden seeds and tools for sale.

PATENT SURECURE FOR PILES advertisement. Text: 'PATENT SURECURE FOR PILES. ITCHING PILES produce moisture and cause itching. This form, as the Bilecting or Proctoid Piles are cured by Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy.'

YOUNG MEN! advertisement. Text: 'YOUNG MEN! For Gonorrhea and Gleet get Pabst's Eucalypti. It is the ONLY medicine which will cure each and every case.'

PORTLAND DIRECTORY advertisement. Lists various services and businesses in Portland, Oregon.

MANY SICK WOMEN advertisement. Text: 'MANY SICK WOMEN Can easily trace their trouble to the blood, but it don't help, unless they find a remedy, Moore's Revealed Remedy'.

SALZER'S 3 EARED CORN advertisement. Text: 'SALZER'S 3 EARED CORN. This new, earliest, corn will revolutionize corn growing, yielding in 1899, in Minnesota, 400 bush. per acre.'