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Something About Canals.

The Suez canal is usually considered the most important example of ship canals, though the number of vessels passing through it annually does not equal that passing through the canals connecting Lake Superior with the chain of great lakes at the south.

In length, however, it exceeds any of the other great ship canals, its total length being 90 miles, of which about two-thirds is through shallow lakes, says Harper's Weekly.

The canal connecting the Bay of Cronstadt with St. Petersburg is a work of great strategic and commercial importance to Russia. The canal and sailing course in the bay are about 16 miles long, the canal proper being about six miles and the bay channel about 10 miles, and they together extend from Cronstadt, on the Gulf of Finland, to St. Petersburg.

The next of the great ship canals connecting bodies of salt water in the order of date of construction is the Corinth canal, which connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Gulf of Aegina.

The canal, reducing the distance from Adriatic ports about 175 miles, and from Mediterranean ports about 100 miles. Its length is about four miles.

This is Miraculous.

Manhattan, Kansas, March 14.—

One of the strangest cases that has ever been heard of in Riley county is that of the three-year old daughter of Mr. Jonas Brubaker of this place.

Sometime ago the little girl took whooping cough, which was followed by pneumonia.

When the pneumonia left her, she was taken down with malaria fever with at times symptoms of Spinal Meningitis.

The family doctor brought her safely through these troubles, but after the fever Bright's Disease set in, and the doctors gave her up. Her father tells the rest of the story:

"We began to give her Dodd's Kidney Pills and after she had taken about three and a half boxes, she was entirely cured. Now she is well as any child, running and playing as if nothing had ever been the matter. The doctors said she was beyond the reach of medicine. Dodd's Kidney Pills certainly saved our little girl's life, when she was so far into the chronic stage of Bright's Disease that we thought nothing could save her."

Old Marriage Certificates.

Historians are to be found all over the world who advocate that no man or woman shall be allowed to marry who has not a certificate of freedom from transmissible disease. Not even the most extreme, however, would go so far as a Prussian official in the town of Happon, one of whose duties is to inspect butchers' meat and another to place the official seal on marriage certificates. The Berlin Lokalanzeiger states that on one occasion he found the wrong stamp and instead of sealing the nuptial contract he certified that the happy pair were free from trichinosis. The absurd mistake was not discovered until some days had elapsed, with the result that the high court of Berlin has had to be set in motion to rectify the error.

The Enterprising Drummer.

Shopkeeper (whose patience is completely exhausted)—Snippers, call the porter to kick this fellow out.

Importunate commercial traveler (undaunted)—Now, while we're waiting for the porter I'll show you an entirely new line—best thing you ever laid eyes on.—Glasgow Evening Times.

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GUVED FITZ TO HIS SORROW.

Pugilist's Unexpected Demonstration of His Hitting Power.

Bob Fitzsimmons gave an unexpected demonstration of his physical might the other day in a downtown sporting goods house. The big fighter drops into this establishment frequently and edifies the clerks and whatever customers may be about by his skill at drumming the punching bag. He rarely fails to perform his old trick of knocking the bag loose from its bearings, and on this occasion, after a hard blow had torn the bag loose from the string that held it, one of the officers of the concern who was looking on and who knows Fitz well, remarked to the pugilist:

"Oh, I don't think much of that stunt, Fitz; that piece of rope was an old one and it wouldn't take much of a blow to break it. It took you some time to get that bag loose, and my opinion is you are getting to be a back number. If you couldn't land on Corbett any harder than that he'd trim you in jig time."

Fitz didn't say anything in regard to the guying, but the mention of Corbett's name made his face take on a more determined expression.

"Then," said the business man in telling of the incident, "I got a brand-new piece of stout sash cord, nearly thick enough to lift a horse and rigged up the punching bag with this cord. 'Now,' I said to Fitz, 'there is something you could not knock loose in a hundred years.' Fitz lammed away at the bag viciously for a while, but didn't knock it loose. I stood there guying him some more, telling him how he'd gone back and all that, and then I walked away about twenty feet."

"I turned around to see how Fitz was getting along, and as I did so I saw his arm shoot through the air so fast it was only a blur in the air, and the next thing I knew the bag was shooting through space like a bullet."

"It was coming straight for me, too, and at such speed that I didn't have time to dodge it. It cleared an intervening show case, and the next instant I was wondering whether I was in the ring or in the hospital. The flying bag caught me squarely over the eye, and I surely thought I would have to take the count. The blow dazed me for a moment and nearly put me out."

"I guess I was the one that was being guyed all the time, but in any event between the kick of a mule and a man who can drive a punching bag twenty feet through the air and hard enough to almost knock you down, the mule for mine. I don't think Fitz is quite a candidate yet for the home for superannuated old men."—New York Sun.

Trees in China.

Tree planting in Northern China is being strenuously enjoined by the authorities, not only as a productive industry for the people, but also as a means of strengthening the river embankments against floods and of checking drought. Of late years trees have been cut down wholesale for agricultural purposes, while the peasants do not take the trouble to plant fresh ones, because the soil is so loose that they must dig down very deep for a satisfactory foothold. So vast tracts of fertile land are left barren, while in the northern provinces especially the influx of sand carried by high winds from the Mongolian desert threatens to fill up the uncultivated ground.

So in the important Province of Chih, which contains the capital, Peking, a government proclamation notifying the "dear directions for tree planting"—most minute instructions as to the kind of trees required, the depth they should be planted and the fertilizers to be used—and the "ten benefits to be derived from the same," such, among others, as the sale of timber and fruit, the beneficial influence of trees in attracting rain, preserving the equilibrium of wind influences, and purifying the atmosphere, while "travelers and families will find shade and rest under the branches"—a poetic truth for conclusion.—Golden Penny.

New Type of Engine.

From Germany comes news of a locomotive worked by steam and yet independent of fire of its own.

The engine has just been completed at the Hohenzollern works at Dusseldorf and is of a type designed for shunting in explosive factories. Instead of carrying fire in its own boiler it is filled with steam from stationary boilers, and when so charged is capable of several hours' work. The first warming up occupies half an hour, and subsequent recharging can be done in a quarter of an hour. The apparatus is so simple that an unskilled workman is able to look after it. The absence of fire in a place where dynamite or gunpowder is being handled is the reason for the invention of this type of engine.

The Care of Umbrellas.

More umbrellas are spotted through careless treatment than wear out from actual hard work. One great mistake that many people make is to leave an umbrella standing on its point to dry after it has been used in the rain. This is most harmful, as all the water trickles down and settles in the folds at the narrow end of the silk, and this not only causes the silk to rot, but the wire frame to grow rusty. The right way to treat a wet umbrella is to open it and wipe it as dry as possible, then hang it up and leave it standing on its handle to drain. Wet umbrellas should never be put near a fire; this is likely to cause the silk to split.

Equal to the Emergency.

The old sexton approached the pulpit.

"Parson," he exclaimed in a hoarse whisper, "the church is on fire!"

"All right, John, don't get excited," rejoined the good man as he stopped abruptly in the middle of his sermon. "You pass down one aisle while I go down the other and we'll quietly wake up the congregation."

Answered.

"When does a girl reach the 'marriageable age'?"

"When her father's purse has reached the marriageable size."—Detroit Free Press.

When a leap-year girl proposes it's up to the young man to lose his self-possession.



Miss Whittaker, a prominent club woman of Savannah, Ga., tells how she was entirely cured of ovarian troubles by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I heartily recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a Uterine Tonic and Regulator. I suffered for four years with irregularities and Uterine troubles. No one but those who have experienced this dreadful agony can form any idea of the physical and mental misery those endure who are thus afflicted. Your Vegetable Compound cured me within three months. I was fully restored to health and strength, and now my periods are regular and painless. What a blessing it is to be able to obtain such a remedy when so many doctors fail to help you. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is better than any doctor or medicine I ever had. Very truly yours, MISS EASY WHITTAKER, 604 3rd St., W. Savannah, Ga."

No physician in the world has had such a training or such an amount of information at hand to assist in the treatment of all kinds of female ills as Mrs. Pinkham. In her office at Lynn, Mass., she is able to do more for the ailing women of America than the family physician. Any woman, therefore, is responsible for her own trouble who will not take the pains to write to Mrs. Pinkham for advice. Her address is Lynn, Mass., and her advice is free.

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"Many years suffering with weakness, inflammation, and a broken down system, made me more anxious to die than live, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound soon restored my lost strength. Taking the medicine only two weeks produced a radical change, and two months restored me to perfect health. I am now a changed woman, and my friends wonder at the change, it is so marvelous. Sincerely yours, MISS MATTIE HENRY, 429 Green St., Danville, Va."

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Why It Failed to Appear.

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Criticism—Did you inclose a stamp?

Scribbles—No.

Criticism—Well, that accounts for it. Had you done so it would no doubt have appeared in your mail the next morning.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Hadn't Heard of It.

Mr. Clifton—Do you think the North Pole will ever be found, Miss Lakeside?

Miss Lakeside—Why, I didn't know it was lost.

Pink's Cure is a remedy for coughs, colds and consumption. Try it. Price 25 cents, at druggists.

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"I wonder why it is that always call the doctor's business a practice?"

"Ha! I see what it is! You've never been under one!"—Exchange.

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Not Natural.

"I suppose the prisoner refused to talk—referred you to his lawyer, eh?"

"Oh, no; the prisoner is a woman."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

That Language of Ours.

"Oh, don't worry about such trifles," said the girl. "Just keep a stiff upper lip and everything will come out all right."

"But," protested the other maid, "it is a physical impossibility for me to maintain a superior labial rigidity."

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MISTAKES IN DRESS.

Women of Moderate Income Buy Too Many and Too Expensive Clothes.

Lady June, in writing on dress allowances for girls, notes the fact that one reason why upper-class English women do not look smarter than they do is that they will buy too many clothes. They commit the mistake of buying much that is unnecessary and that they never wear, because they see it and it is cheap.

"All Englishwomen," she goes on, "have too many clothes—in fact, too much of everything—and the consequence is that their things are old-fashioned and unwearable long before they are worn out. French women have very few gowns, they have just what they want and wear them out. An Englishwoman loves her old clothes and wears them a little, then puts them away, and when she finds they are old-fashioned she has them done up and remodeled, believing that she is practicing great economy, whereas it would be far better and cheaper to give them away. She clings to her old gowns, jackets, hats, boots and shoes with a sort of romantic tenacity."

The same may be said of many American girls and women, and it often is a good reason for not buying the very best materials in everything, as one is often recommended to do. There are many trifling accessories of dress which are nice only so long as they are fresh and hit the fancy of the hour. Then why sink much money in them? The same is true of the tailored suit.

"It is commonly supposed that a good tailor gown is a thing that a woman of limited means can safely invest her money in, with confidence that she will get every dollar's worth of wear out of it," says an authority. "Yet how many women find themselves with a \$75 suit on their hands which is demode, which they cannot afford to give or throw away, and upon which they have to lay out often a considerable sum to make it wearable. Almost any woman would say under these circumstances the person in question would have fared better to have laid out only \$40 or \$50 on her suit originally. When she had 'shabbied' it, or it had got out of style, she could then have bought herself a new one with a clear conscience and at hardly any extra expense, considering what she would have to pay to get the old suit renovated. Supposing the woman in question has only one tailored suit, and has to wear it four years; she would certainly cut a smart appearance on two suits at half the price. This seems to be one of the instances where, while it is never prudent to buy the cheapest, it is certainly not wisdom to buy the highest priced. A good part of the accumulations of clothes from which women suffer is due to buying too expensive things, as well as too many of them."

MAKING OF PATENT LEATHER.

Each Manufacturer Has His Own Process.

All manufacturers of patent leather have their own tanning processes, much like those of the calfskin tanner, though some patent leather is given a bark tanning. Horsehide and colt skins are the chief leathers made with a patent finish.

The patent or enamel finish is really painted and baked on, as the bicycle manufacturer paints and bakes enamel onto a frame. Tanners are very particular about keeping their processes secret, and nobody but workmen is ever allowed into the finishing rooms.

The hide or skin, having been stretched and dried as much as possible, is first given a coating of a mixture of linseed oil, litharge, white lead or similar materials boiled, together until they make a pasty mixture.

This is daubed on the surface with a steel tool and well rubbed in, so that the pores of the leather will be filled up. Then the leather is put into the oven, its surface being exposed to steam pipes at a temperature of about 100 degrees.

Next the surface is rubbed down with pumice stone, and then it is covered with linseed oil and ivory black, about six layers applied, each layer being dried and rubbed down. Finally a varnish is applied, and then the surface is rubbed down and finished off as nicely as a painter finishes a fine carriage.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Poor in Spelling.

Charles Stecker and a friend were driving along a country road on the Canadian shore of Lake Ontario when this sign, nailed to a gatepost, attracted their attention:

LAM SHEAP.

"Now, what does that fellow mean?" mused Mr. Stecker. "Is his name Lamb, and has he got sheep for sale, or is his name Sheep, and has he got lamb for sale?"

Halling a native, Mr. Stecker repeated the question. The native grinned and drawled:

"'Tis a little bit complex, come to look at it, ain't it? Farmer Towle there ain't much on spelling, but he's powerful strong at trading. What he's trying to let people know by that sign is that he has lamb for sale and that he'll sell it cheap."

Unexpected Happens.

Fred—How about that wedding check your father-in-law gave you; was it good?

Joe—Sure. You know, it was usually the unexpected that happens.

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"Mails out. I see the blood in your eye."—Harvard Lampoon.

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