

## THE MOST USEFUL GRASS.

It Grows a Hundred Feet High and is Called Bamboo.

There is a grass that grows 100 feet high. For bamboo is classified with the grasses. And bamboo is the most useful of all the grasses, for in the variety of its applications to the service of man it exceeds all other plants.

Most people are familiar with the appearance of this tree-like tropical grass and the structure of its all important stem or trunk.

Being remarkably light and strong and at the same time elastic, the stem is admirably suited for making light bridges, the masts of ships and for other structural work. At every joint there is a partition. If these be removed, together with the pithy filling, the trunk may be used as a water pipe. By sawing across just below each segment the trunk is converted into a series of buckets or water pails, each pail having a partition for a bottom. Life preservers, boxes and quivers are also made in a somewhat similar manner.

The hard, elastic stems are used for bows and arrows, flutes, whistles, pipestems and the familiar walking cane. Such a stem of good quality makes an exceptionally serviceable fishing rod.

Rattan, which is made by splitting bamboo into thin strips, is woven into mats, hats, umbrellas and wickerwork. The leaves are used to make hats and thatch. They are mingled into a pulp, which is a good base for certain kinds of coarse paper.

The tender young shoots and the seeds of bamboo are eaten cooked, and a crude beer is made from the seeds. A sweet, viscous exudation from some species is known as bamboo beer. It was known to the Greeks in ancient times and called "Indian honey."

Moreover, there are species of bamboo that, on account of their thorny nature, are used as a hedge, as fortification against wild animals or human foes.—New York World.

### Early Writing Implements.

When the Egyptians, Romans and other ancient races wrote on papyrus or parchment their instrument was a pointed reed. When they used wooden tablets or wax they made their letters with a sharp stylus of bone or bronze. It is true that a bronze nib was found at Pompeii and that silver pens were sometimes used in the middle ages, but they were merely the curiosities of princes and great men, and until the nineteenth century the quill was the only pen in common use among western peoples. The pencil as we now know it was an even later invention. The earliest black lead pencil known in history was mentioned in a book printed at Zurich in 1565.

### Boiling a Fish.

In boiling any fish you should put enough water in a large pot to enable a fish to swim in it if it were alive. Add to this water half a cupful of vinegar, a tablespoonful of salt, one whole onion, one dozen whole black peppers, one blade of mace. Take any fish and sew it up in a new piece of cheesecloth fitted to the shape of the fish. Put in the water and heat slowly for thirty minutes; then let it boil hard and fast for about ten minutes. Unwrap and serve with drawn butter made from the liquor in which the fish was cooked and add to it the juice of half a lemon.—Exchange.

### Iceland Drides.

In Iceland, where various interesting and fantastic superstitions abound, there is an ancient custom that every bride must invite all her friends to a dinner in her home, and every article of food must be prepared by the bride herself. If she succeeds in pleasing her critical guests she achieves not only praise for her own skill, but she helps along her own younger sisters, who are then assumed to be equally well instructed in the intricacies of the culinary art and consequently have their chances of marriage more than doubled.

### Kissing the Toe.

The custom of kissing the feet of persons whom it was desired to honor or originate with the ancients. The people of oriental nations used to kiss the hands and feet or hems of the clothes of the persons they wished to show respect for. The

ancient Egyptians got this custom from the Assyrians, and later the Greeks adopted the habit from the Egyptians. The Romans followed the Greeks.

### A Youthful Investigator.

"Miss Bellam," said a six-year-old boy to a visitor who was waiting for his mother, "will you take one of your shoes off a minute?"

"My shoes!" exclaimed the caller in amazement. "Why?"

"Well, I heard mother say you were getting crows' feet awfully!"

### Nest Made From a Leaf.

The tailor bird of India, a tiny yellow creature, makes a most curious nest. To escape snakes and monkeys this bird takes a dead leaf, flies up into a tree and with a fiber for a thread and its bill for a needle sews the leaf to a green on hanging from the tree. The sides are sewed up, an opening to the nest thus formed being left at the top. The leaf, apparently hanging from a twig, would never be taken for a nest.

### Putting it in English.

A Hindoo baker's assistant in Bombay setting up in business for himself and desiring to cater for the English community had the following notification painted over his doorway: "Ram Bux solicits respectful patronage. He is a first class British loafer." — Christian Life.

### Three Dinner Rules.

John Bulwer, a rather quaint writer of the seventeenth century, recommends the following three dinner rules: Stridor dentium, alium dentium, rumor gentium. These have been humorously translated thus: "Work for the jaws, a silent gait and frequent bahaws."

## MARKET REPORT

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Wheat, per bushel.....	\$ 86
Oats.....	30
Flour, per sack.....	1 25
Bran, per ton.....	28 00
Middlings, per ton.....	33 00
Chop, wheat, per ton.....	33 00
Chop, oats, per ton.....	22 50
Barley Chop.....	27 00
Butter, (Country) per roll.....	40
Eggs, per dozen.....	20
Chickens, per pound.....	10
Geese, per pound.....	8
Turkeys, per pound.....	18
Ducks, per pound Pekin.....	10
Ducks, Indian Runner.....	8
Beef, per pound, live weight... 5 to 06	
Pork, dressed.....	92
Pork, live weight.....	72
Veal, per pound, for shipping... 113	

### The Twenty Year Test

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## Prohibition

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## Temperance

In Germany, where prohibition is unknown and where all the people have been temperate drinkers of wholesome beers and light wines, there is less drunkenness than in Maine or in Kansas—the two most conspicuous prohibition states in the Union.

The same is true of France and Italy. The world over you will find that the really temperate races are those who are not prohibited from drinking temperate beverages such as beer and wine.

Prohibition in Germany, France or Italy would produce exactly the same results that it has produced in every state in the Union where prohibitory laws have been enacted. It would not stop men from drinking nor decrease drunkenness, but it would drive out the mild drinks and encourage men who do drink to resort secretly to the highly concentrated spirits.

If prohibition really saved men from the "curse of drink" it would have more to commend it to the intelligence of the people. But, as the great editor, Henry Watterson, observes in the Louisville Courier-Journal, "It does not promote either temperance or virtue. It arouses human passion to frenzy by restricting private rights. It does not reduce drunkards. It multiplies Phriseses and malefactors." — Paid Advertisement.

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