

Venice Once Supreme City.

A few centuries ago Venice was the gateway for the commerce of all central Europe, particularly to and from the Near East. It was here that the merchants of the earth congregated and many money lenders plied their vocation of collecting usury.

The Rialto bridge, made famous by Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," still stands. This structure once afforded a meeting place for merchant princes to discuss the business of the world. In those days Venice was among the most important of seaports. Its harbor was constantly alive with merchant ships, as well as passenger vessels. It is still a unique city, in that its streets are chiefly waterways or canals, but although still a city beautiful, and far famed for its fine arts, its glory and importance as a commercial center have passed away.

Making Joss Stick.

The composition of candles called joss sticks, which are used in all the religious ceremonies of Buddhism, has long remained a mystery, the preparation of the sticks being entrusted to certain persons chosen from a limited class. Not long ago, however, there was learned the manner of making joss sticks in Indo-China. A stem of bamboo is rolled in a preparation containing 14 different odoriferous drugs, two of which are significant, as showing a knowledge of chemical and physical properties. These are acetic, which serves to protect the sticks against the attacks of rats and mice, and campher, which causes them to burn steadily without being periodically extinguished.

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The Russian is a heavy meat eater, due largely to the fact that there is an abundance of game, pheasants being cheaper than chickens, and in some places venison is cheaper than steak. In the palmy days the Siberian table must have groined.—Cody Marsh in the National Geographic Magazine.

Individuality.

Individuals are just as distinct and different each from the other as one kind of matter differs from another. They have different uses and different applications.

To attempt to drive a nail with a sponge would be just as fruitless, if not as destructive, as to try to wash a window with a hammer.

To try to make a boy who loves mechanics and wants to study machinery into a professor of Greek is to misapply his talents and diminish his efficiency.

Don't plan too much for your children.

Let them have a little of their own way in following their inclinations as to what they shall be and do.

Remember that you cannot get out of a boy or a man what God Almighty did not put into him.—F. A. Walker in Chicago Daily News.

Try Smiling.

Two women were talking; one smiled as she spoke, and the other frowned. One looked out on the world with friendly eyes, and the other scowled into the faces of passers-by.

"Well, you see, I learned long ago how to smile," said the smiling one. "At first it was not so easy; then by degrees I learned to smile even though I did feel like crying."

"I think that personally I made a hard study of the psychology of a smile. When I went into a store, and faced a clerk who was inattentive or insolent I smiled at her, and then made known my wants. In most cases I got back a smile for every one I gave. Not always, of course, but often enough to learn that a smile would go farther than a frown any day. So that even though I may feel like pulling somebody's hair, I smile. It is contagious, but the health board will not interfere."—Columbus Telegram.

A total of 5,555,953 pounds of pears was shipped last season by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. Of this amount 4,574,095 pounds were shipped from Rogue River valley.

Fire chiefs and firemen of Oregon and the Pacific northwest to the number of 200, will be in Corvallis, June 17 and 18. They will come to attend the annual convention of fire chiefs.

The Western Lumber & Export company's mill at Cottage Grove has closed down for an indefinite period and the organization has been disbanded until there is a rise in the price of lumber.

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