

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Doctors in China charge from five to ten cents a visit, and are said to be kept exceedingly busy.
A firm of London caterers paid \$50,000 for the privilege of selling refreshments at the Colonial Exhibition.

since the time of Dr. Young's death the date of my own graduation from college!
I ought to consider myself highly favored to have lived through such a half-century. But it seems to me that in walking the streets of London and Paris I shall revert to my student days, and appear to myself like a relic of a former generation.

STORY OF A PICTURE.

An intensely interesting tale which is worth reading, whether true or not. A gentleman on a train the other day, to beguile the weary journey, told a story which interested a number of listeners. Said he: "I was a guest of an old friend of mine in Chicago recently, and on retiring to the guest chamber I found hanging on the wall a picture, and involuntarily turned away, but some attraction it possessed caused me to gaze at it again, and the longer I looked the more it engaged my attention. It was the portrait of a man's face, so frightful and unearthly in its expression, though by no means ugly, that I found myself irresistibly attracted to look at it. In bed my imagination was filled with it, which broke my rest. In the morning my host, seeing that I slept poorly, asked the cause, which was told. He exhibited much vexation, and said that it was his order to remove that picture when any one slept in that room. It was indeed a terrible picture, he said, but it was so finely executed, and came into the family in such a curious way, that he could not bear to destroy it. The story of it was this: 'My father was traveling in Europe, and at Hamburg, while eating at a coffee house, observed a young man of remarkable appearance enter and begin a solitary meal. His countenance bespoke the keenest mental distress, and now and then he would turn his head as if he heard some terrible sound, and then shudder, grow pale and go on with his meal as before. My father noticed the same young man in the same place daily for nearly a week, and at length became so much interested that he spoke to him. His approach was not repelled, and the stranger seemed to find some comfort from the tone of sympathy used by my father. He was an Italian, poor and living by the strictest economy upon the slender profits of his art as a painter. The intimacy increased, and, as my father had friends in Hamburg, he was able to throw some business in the way of his new friend.

A HALF CENTURY.

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After an interval of more than fifty years I propose taking a second look at some parts of Europe. This will give my readers, as well as the writer, a vacation to which we both seem entitled. It is a Rip Van Winkle experiment which I am promising myself. The changes wrought by half a century in the countries I visited amount almost to a transformation. I left the England of William the Fourth, the Duke of Wellington, of Sir Robert Peel; the France of Louis Philippe, of Marshal Soult, of Thiers, of Guizot. I went from Manchester to Liverpool by the new railroad, the only one I saw in Europe. I looked upon England from the box of a stage-coach, upon France from the coupe of a diligence, upon Italy from the chariot of a vettura. The broken windows of Apsley House were still boarded up when I was in London. The asphalt pavement was not laid in Paris. The Obelisk of Laxor was lying in its great boat in the Seine, as I remember it. I did not see it erected; it must have been a sensation to have looked on, the engineer standing underneath, so as to be crushed by it if it disgraced him by falling in the process. As for the dynasties that have overlaid each other like Dr. Schlemm's Trojan cities, there is no need of moralizing over a history which instead of Finis is constantly ending with What next?

With regard to the changes in the general conditions of society and the advance in human knowledge, think for one moment what fifty years has done. I have often imagined myself escorting some wise man of the East to our Saturday Club, where we often have distinguished strangers as our guests. Suppose there sat by me—I will not say Sir Isaac Newton, for he has been too long away from us, but that other great man, whom Prof. Tyndall names as next to him in intellectual stature, as he passes along the line of master minds of his country from the days of Newton to our own—Dr. Thomas Young, who died in 1829. Would he or I be the listener, if we were side by side? However humble I might feel in such a presence, I should be so elated in the grandeur of the new discoveries, inventions, ideas, I had to impart to the Ambassador of an Emperor, I should tell him of the ocean steamers, the railroads that spread themselves like cobwebs over the civilized and half-civilized portions of the earth, the telegraph and the telephone, the photograph and the spectroscopic. I should hand him a paper with the morning news from London to read by the electric light, I should startle him with a friction match, I should amaze him with the incredible truths about anaesthesia, I should astonish him with the later conclusions of geology, I should electrify him by the fully developed doctrine of the correlation of forces, I should delight him with the cell-theory, I should enlighten him with the revolutionary apocalypse of Darwinism. All this change in the aspects, position, beliefs of humanity,

MISCELLANEOUS.

A line of steamers is to be put on between San Diego, Cal., and Mexican ports.
A newspaper has been discovered at Peking, China, that was started in the year 911.
A solitary pearl set in a dark blue enamel ring is the most fashionable engagement ring.
Mrs. John Wallace, of Knoxville, Tenn., stepped to the gate to look for her five-year-old boy, and at that moment a runaway horse dashed by. It is thought that she supposed her boy had been run over, for she fell to the ground dead.

The latest fad of the gay lasses at Deep River, Conn., is to keep track of the "tips" they receive. "Tips," they say, mean a lifting of the hat to them by some gentleman friend. The one hundredth "tipper" is the one who will surely marry them.—Harford Post.

A Los Angeles (Cal.) bank president is reported as saying that since the list of last January new-comers into that city have brought the enormous sum of \$5,000,000 for investment in and around the city. The city valuation is \$9,000,000 more than last year.

SAVE THE CHILDREN.

Detrimental food which, by reason of their superior strength, may not seriously affect the health of adults, as is well known, frequently acts upon the more delicate organs of the child to produce disorders of the most serious character. The amount of laudanum or other poison that would be harmless to an adult will cause the death of an infant. This great difference between the vitality of adults and children is too generally overlooked in the preparation of food. Because no harm immediately perceptible comes to the adult by the use of an article of food, no thought is given to the effect it may have upon the more delicate organs of inferior age.

Children diet largely upon cake and bread, and these articles, if light, sweet and composed of materials that are free from injurious substances, are easily digested, nutritious and wholesome. There is a danger to our children, however, lurking in their bread and cake which is too often lost sight of. These articles are now leavened largely by baking powders, and when pure and wholesome baking powders are used they make not only the most palatable food, but one much more wholesome and nutritive than if leavened with yeast or cream of tartar and soda. The trouble arises from the fact as shown by recent scientific tests by the Government chemists and by official boards of health that all these baking powders, with the single exception of the Royal, contain either lime, alum, phosphates, or acids of an injurious character. Therefore when bread or cake is made with the use of these cheap baking powders these ingredients (which are present through the efforts of the manufacturer to produce a cheaper article) pass into the food and are taken into the delicate organs of childhood where they are the source of very much of the disease with which our children are afflicted.

Persons who have not strong constitutions, growing girls, young children and nursing mothers are particularly liable to the evil effects produced by the introduction of the adulterants named as found in the cheap baking powders. Heartburn and the prevalent forms of indigestion are often solely traceable to the action of alum on the delicate coats of the stomach. Prof. Willard Parker, U. S. Surgeon-General Hammond, Prof. Alonzo Clark, most eminent physicians of New York, with scores of others, have written and spoken most earnestly of the evils arising from partaking of such food. There should be as much care in the choice of a baking powder as in obtaining pure milk or in having a prescription compounded from pure drugs and not from poisons.

The matter is one of the greatest importance, particularly to the rising generation, and while our conservative law makers are making up their minds as to the proper legislation to stop the sale of the poisonous compounds mothers will do well to study it carefully. The housekeeper will experience no inconvenience in discarding the use of adulterated baking powder, if she has been using it, as the Royal Baking Powder upon the purity and wholesomeness of which all the Government chemists agree, is equally accessible; but she will need to exercise a close watch upon her packages from the grocer in order to prevent the inferior brands from creeping in her kitchen unawares.

In what we have felt it our duty to say in reference to the subject of baking powder there is no intention to disparage the work or the products of those many manufacturers in other lines of food products who, with conscientiousness and liberality, are serving the public with pure and wholesome articles of diet.

A black cat, we are told, brings good luck. A man at Pinedale who owned a black cat for nine years had such good luck that he spent the last years of his life in idleness and had his board paid by the county. He died in the almshouse.—Norristown Herald.

Female life-insurance agents ought to do a good business. Almost any man would be impressed with the uncertainty of life when one of them began to talk, and if he had any prudence whatever, would insure himself right away against immediate dissolution.—Somerville Journal.

Old gentleman (to tramp).—Now, if I should give you a nickel, my friend, would you spend that money as I ought to spend or would you squander it for intoxicating drink? Tramp.—How much did you say? Old gentleman.—"A nickel." Tramp (sadly).—Well, I dunno. I wouldn't like to make any rash promises. I never yet have been able to stand prosperity.—N. Y. Times.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

A Column Devoted to the Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

Fine tobacco is grown in Kitsap county, W. T.

Wheat in south Australia only yields seven bushels to the acre.

The wheat shortage in England is put at 60,000,000 of bushels.

The Arlington Times says that calves are dying all over the hills with black-leg.

Last week 50,000 pounds of water-molons were shipped from Rogue river to Montana.

Bananas of good size and excellent flavor are now being grown near San Bernardino, Cal.

It is claimed that over 1,000,000 lbs. of vegetable seed are shipped annually from Santa Clara county, Cal.

The average turnip crop in England last year was sixteen tons per acre. In Scotland it was seventeen tons.

The Prussian crops are officially estimated as follows: Wheat 95 per cent., rye 88, barley 97 and oats 101.

Land plowed when it is too wet becomes cloddy, and may be injured to such a degree that years of sod will not effect restoration.

Clean out all the rose bushes by taking away the old wood and then shortening the stronger shoots one-third. The growth and appearance will be greatly improved thereby.

A Holstein cow in the East closed a six-year-old record the other day with a little more than 26,000 pounds of milk to her credit, or about seventy pounds a day. The highest previous record was 23,775 pounds.

It is not good policy to dry hay to brittleness before drawing it from the meadow, for that causes waste in handling and reduces quality. Grass is well cured when it will rattle slightly in the handling, and then is the time to store it.

The largest vine in the world is said to be one growing at Oys, Portugal, which has been in bearing since 1802. Its maximum yield was in 1864, in which year it produced a sufficient quantity of grapes to make 155 gallons of wine; in 1874, 146 1/2 gallons, and in 1884 only 79 1/2 gallons. It covers an area of 5315 square feet, and the stem at the base measures 6 1/2 feet in circumference.

The latest reports of the wheat crop harvested this year in India make it the largest recorded. The estimated acreage is 27,302,682 acres, against 27,620,223 acres the preceding year. The production this year, 288,938,496 bushels of 60 pounds, compared with 287,955,584 bushels last year. The exports of wheat from India for the year ending March 31, 1886, were 39,312,696 bushels, against 29,550,744 bushels for the preceding year.

The Walla Walla Union says: Talk about a fruit country! Seventeen months ago Mr. B. F. Simmons took up a bar on Snake river, near Gilbert's Landing, containing 120 acres of land. He immediately planted 3,500 small fruit trees purchased of Philip Ritz, and consisting of peach, apricot, pear, plum, cherry and apple trees. At this present time every tree is growing nicely and Mr. Simmons expects to sell 3,000 pounds of fruit of this year's crop from his young orchard. The trees were so small that it was found necessary to rid them of most of their fruit early in the season. What country can make a better showing?

The results of the milking competition at Bristol, in connection with the show of the Bath and West of England Agricultural Society, have now been declared by Dr. Voeleker, the examiner and analyst. The first prize is awarded to George Ferme of Stratford for his Ayrshire cow Lady Elphinstone, and the second prize to J. Bennett of Dursley, Gloucestershire, for his shorthorn cow Fillipall. The former of the two cows calved on January 27th and the latter on February 17th. The quantities and weights of the milk given at the morning and evening milkings together were twenty-three quarts, weighing fifty-six pounds ten ounces, by the Ayrshire, and twenty-four and a half quarts, weighing sixty-one pounds, by the shorthorn.

It is well for those who plant large market orchards to set the trees out by the hundred after having made a wise and careful selection of sorts, and a thorough preparation of the ground. It will prove most convenient to set each kind in a row, extending across the orchard, or in two or more rows, so that in gathering the spring wagon may be driven directly onward without turning. For home supply this systematic method is less essential; but all newly set orchards, large or small, should be registered, so that when the names are lost they may be easily restored by referring to the record. The small home orchard should be annually replenished by a few additions of new sorts, or of those which have been previously omitted, but the main object to be kept in view is to secure a regular succession of ripe fruit without break or interruption of the year through.

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The Island of Malta, but ninety-five square miles in extent, is declared to be the most densely populated part of the world.

According to the testimony of physicians and coroners, in all parts of the Union, deaths have resulted from the use of cough syrups, containing morphia, opium and other poisons. In this connection Dr. Sam'l Cox, of Washington, after careful analyses, endorses Red Star Cough Cure as being purely vegetable, and absolutely free from opiates, poisons and narcotics. Price, twenty-five cents.

THE MALARIOUS DISTRICTS.

Malaria used to be confined to comparatively limited regions. People tried to avoid these, and so to a good extent escaped malarious diseases. But, for some reason which has never been satisfactorily explained, the area is increasing, and sections of the country which were formerly healthy are now swept over by a malarious atmosphere, bringing disease in spite of persistent efforts to ward it off. Compound Oxygen has proved an effective remedy for malaria. People who have been shaken out of all peace and comfort by chills and fever have been restored to health by this treatment. The slow fevers which by this treatment are put to flight; the system is built up; the digestive organs are put to rights; the languid liver is helped to activity, and the impure blood is vitalized. This, and the impure blood is vitalized. This, and the impure blood is vitalized. This, and the impure blood is vitalized.

Orders for the Compound Oxygen Home treatment will be filled by H. A. Mathews, 615 Powell Street, San Francisco.

Two brothers named Tylvor are running against each other for the Governorship of Tennessee, one as a Democrat, the other as a Republican. And now it is said the Prohibitionists will nominate the father of the two candidates for the same office.

A GENTLE STIMULUS is imparted to the kidneys and bladder by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is most useful in overcoming torpidity of these organs. Besides infusing more activity into them, this excellent tonic endows them with additional vigor, and enables them to better undergo the wear and tear of the discharging function imposed upon them by nature.

The body of a young woman was found in a trunk at Toledo, O.

BARTHOLD'S STATUE OF "LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD"

Will be a reminder of personal liberty for ages to come. One just as sure a foundation has Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" been placed, and it will stand through the cycles of time as a monument to the physical emancipation of thousands, who by its use have been relieved from consumption, consumptive night-sweats, bronchitis, coughs, spitting of blood, weak lungs, and other throat and lung affections.

Collectors of Customs have been instructed to number each pass given to Chinese in transit.

CONSTIPATION AND INDIGESTION.

Constipation and indigestion lead to dyspepsia and general weakness of all the bodily functions and entire system, and gives rise to sick-headache and all its attending tortures. HAMBURG PILLS are a pleasant and sure cure for these affections. 25 cents. At all druggists, J. J. Mack & Co., proprietors S. F.

THE TESTIMONY OF A PHYSICIAN.

James Beecher, M. D., of Sigourney, Iowa, says: "For several years I have been using a Cough Balsam, called DR. WM. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS, and in almost every case throughout my practice I have had entire success. I have used and prescribed hundreds of bottles since the days of my army practice (1869), when I was surgeon of Hospital No. 7, Louisville, Ky."

Four men were shot, three of them fatally, in an affray near Summerville, Mo.

"That Miss Jones is a nice looking girl, isn't she?" "Yes, and she'd be the belle of the town if it wasn't for one thing."

"What's that?" "She has catarrh so bad that it is unpleasant to be near her. She has tried a dozen things and nothing helps her. I am sorry for I like her, but that doesn't make it any less disagreeable for one to be around her."

Now if she had used Dr. SAGE'S CATARRH REMEDY, there would have been nothing of the kind said, for it will cure catarrh every time.

One person in every thirty-five in England and Wales is a pauper.

TAKE IT IN TIME.

A man who presents an appearance of debility, whose countenance is anxious, and who is subject to spells of vertigo, is liable to sudden death from heart disease. Let him take DR. FLINT'S HEART REMEDY before it is too late. At druggists, \$1.50. Descriptive treatise with each bottle; or address J. J. Mack & Co., S. F.

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PERILS OF INFANCY.

"Doctor, why is it that so many children die before the age of 5 years?" "The subject is a complex one, and its analysis we have to consider not only the various conditions surrounding the infant, but the still more important one of the latent tendency to disease. The fashionable mother, the self-indulgent father, hand down to their children overwrought nervous systems and over-physical powers, which result in early death, or more often a life of protracted weakness. Very little of the common sense which is exercised in the rearing and preserving of choice stock exists in relation to the human animal. It would require too long a time to enter into all the questions of heredity which, however of vital importance both to the individual and to the race. That the race is gaining in intellectual capacity is an undoubted fact; but we are being beggared just as much in physical power, such as strength and robust forms, such perfect development of the muscular system as existed fifty years ago. We are breeding children in and in, and every generation will witness smaller and smaller infants, who at the same time have more delicate nervous systems, and, as a result, more nervous diseases. Add to this the enervating environment, the houses, the sleeping apartments, the nurses and attendants who govern his food and raiment, and we may easily imagine the result in the feebleness of the infant."

"But, doctor, may not something be done to remedy this weakness in the parent?" "Much. If parents will understand that upon the integrity and strength of their nervous system depend the health and life of their infants, a d d at the same time add to their own happiness, the result will be less mortality and less sickness of their infants."

"What will best strengthen a feeble nervous system?" "Fresh air, exercise, less struggle for fashionable or social distinction, and a careful attention to the tonic of diet, which supplies the elements of nerve-force. If the system has not power enough at first to eliminate these from food, they may be taken as medicine. And since we know upon what the nervous system depends for strength, the composition of phosphorus, albumen, protogen, etc., known as DUJARDIN'S LIFE ESSENCE, will furnish the material in a proper form for absorption, and even for feeble children there can be no well-earned rest."

One dollar and fifty cents per bottle, all druggists. Snell, Heitshu & Woodard, wholesale agents, Portland, Or.

Recent heavy rains have almost ruined the crops in the north of Ireland.

Nervous debility, premature decline of power in either sex, speedily and permanently cured. Large book, 4 cents in stamps. World's Dispensary Medical Association, 633 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Navy Department invites proposals for the construction of five war vessels.

WOMEN

Needing renewed strength, or who suffer from infirmities peculiar to their sex, should use

BROWN'S

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THE BEST TONIC

This medicine combines iron with pure vegetable tonic, and is invaluable for Diseases peculiar to Women, and all the ailments of the system. It enriches and purifies the blood, stimulates the appetite, and gives strength to the nerves—in fact, thoroughly invigorates.

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