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**SOME QUEER CONVEYANCES.**

Many and strange, and of all sorts and conditions, are the conveyances which travelers encounter in various parts of the world. Some clumsy, some dainty, some fantastic, some useful, and others utterly hopeless. Perhaps the rudest of any are to be found in Mexico. The cart in use there must go back almost to the days of prehistoric man. Pharaoh's chariots are as good as rubber-tired beside this.  
 The old sedan chair had no rival for distinction and grace, and one often wonders why it was allowed to go out next station is only five hours' distant.  
 The traveler saw he was in a fix, but it would have set a very bad precedent for him to give in. Besides, five hours' walk in the blistering sun and choking dust was not to be thought of. Unfortunately his guns were stowed away so that he could not reach them.  
 However, with a quick movement he snatched the native's revolver and pointed it at his head.  
 "Now," he exclaimed, in a calm, judicial voice, "you will go on carrying me at double speed, and the first one who shows a sign of stopping receives a bullet in his gizzard!"  
 They hesitated for a moment, but the white man's nerve triumphed.  
 He was awake enough now, and he beguiled the journey by abusing the rascals unceasingly. In little more than three hours they were within sight of the station. Just before reaching it he ordered a halt and took out a shotgun, which he had just loaded.  
 "Now," he said, "I am going to give you a chance. You see that rice field over there. You have got to run for it, and when I count five I shall fire at you. One."  
 They ran as though they were possessed and presently he fired (but over their heads), so that they might not get off without a fright.  
 At the station he found other bearers and completed his journey without further incident.  
 Quite as interesting as queer conveyances are the queer creatures that have been employed to draw them. We have grown so accustomed to the horse, as the noble animal whom all must prefer if they can possibly afford him, that it is somewhat surprising to hear of countries where he takes the second place.  
 In Abyssinia a mule costs as much as two or three horses, and is always preferred by persons of distinction. Travelers who go to pay their respects



SMART TURNOUT OF BOMBAY.

of fashion. If the sedan-chair were not agreeable, it would certainly not be so generally popular as it is in the far East. There you will find a kind of sentry box, where you sit bolt upright, and can be carried about at a great pace. The position is tiring, but you feel secure than in the more luxurious equipages, where you have a hammock or arm chair, and snooze through a journey. Some of these are drawn by two horses, one behind and the other in front, but you are rather at their mercy in case of a stumble.  
 For towns and smooth roads there is nothing to beat the Jankars and various little wheeled go-carts drawn by running men. The pace is often that



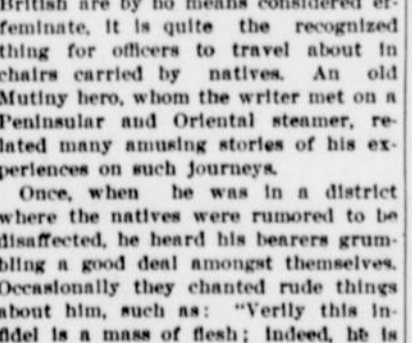
A LUXURIOUS LITTER—CABUL TO PESHAWAR.

of a fast trotter and the motion is very agreeable.  
 The most picturesque kind of litter, as might be expected, is to be found in Japan, where everything is arranged prettily. When you travel through the forests of the interior you may meet whole families being conveyed in traveling chairs. As many as six or seven hammocks are suspended to one long pole borne by at least a dozen little men, and there is room for baggage on the top of the awnings. The pace is by no means fast and many rests are necessary, but the travelers make themselves very comfortable and the time passes quickly with gossip and refreshments.  
 French colonial personages are particularly fond of being carried about in a reclining position. In Abyssinia the French minister always travels to and from the coast on a regular couch, where he can lie at full length. It is supported in front and behind by mules, and looks very magnificent with all sorts of brilliant draperies. But the natives cannot understand it at all, and wonder why he "travels like a woman."



HUMAN HORSE AND HIS JINKERISHA.

In parts of India, however, where the British are by no means considered effeminate, it is quite the recognized thing for officers to travel about in chairs carried by natives. An old Mutiny hero, whom the writer met on a Peninsular and Oriental steamer, related many amusing stories of his experiences on such journeys.  
 Once when he was in a district where the natives were rumored to be disaffected, he heard his bearers grumbling a good deal amongst themselves. Occasionally they chanted rude things about him, such as: "Verily this infidel is a mass of flesh; indeed, he is as heavy as a mou—ou—ountain." However, it was very hot, and he felt too sleepy to make a fuss.  
 Suddenly he was rudely awakened by his litter being thrown down upon the road. He looked up, and saw evil faces scowling at him. One of his bearers was actually pointing a revolver and asking for his valuables.  
 "What do you mean, you black ruffian?" he roared.  
 "It is no use making a fuss, sahib," was the reply, "we are eight and you are one. We are tired of carrying your ugly carcass, so we mean to take what you have got and leave you here. The



A TROTTERING OSTRICH.

to the Emperor Menelik find it difficult to realize that they are doing the right thing in riding mules while their servants besetride horses with fine long tails.  
 The little donkeys of North Africa also enjoy a certain consideration. Perhaps the queerest use they were ever put to was at Tangier, when the British minister imported a billiard table. There are no wheeled vehicles in Tangier, nor, it is believed, anywhere in Morocco, unless we except the Sultan's cycles. So the only way to bring the table up the steep, tortuous streets from the landing stage to the legation was on donkey backs. Sixteen donkeys groined beneath it, completely hidden from view, and it seemed to be crawling about of its own accord. The Moors declared that it was a new kind of Ahrim—evil spirit—and were almost moved to insurrection.  
 Every one has a lurking desire to be drawn by an unusual team. This accounts for the popularity of goat carriages by the seaside, as they cannot be amusing of themselves, seeing that they go at a snail's pace, and you are not allowed to drive. The same thing may be said of elephant rides at the Zoo.  
 A friend of the writer's imported a pair of zebras, and succeeded in breaking them in for driving in the country, but they were always a source of anxiety.  
 One of the illustrations here given represents "the first trained ostrich in the United States." At the Jardin d'Acclimatation in Paris little ostrich cars are let out at ten cents a drive. There are also zebra carriages there at the same price. Ostriches are certainly not easy creatures to break in to harness, for they have a decided will of their own.  
 In the great Indian city of Bombay one may see plenty of native carts drawn by oxen, and an enterprising gentleman at Leicester, England, not long ago, utilized the idea for a carnival and won a prize for a very pretty little chariot decorated with flowers and drawn by a pair of fat kine.  
 Most of us have, or have had, too many dog friends to approve of their drudgery, so when we see two poor dogs panting in shafts while a Finnish peddler or milkwoman sits or lounges behind them, we long to interfere. But it is only fair to add that they generally seem to be kindly treated and in good condition—Montreal Star.  
 Gratitude is a strange thing. You never find it where it should be found, but in cases where there is seemingly little or nothing to be grateful for it abounds.  
 The discrimination against the male sex has no end. When a scarecrow is built, ever notice that it is patterned and dressed like a Man?  
 Often "the coming man" has a little bill he would like to collect.

**SKIN DISEASES**

**ACNE, TETTER, ECZEMA, PSORIASIS, SALT RHEUM.**

There is nothing more distressing than an itching, burning skin disease, and upon the return of warm weather those who are afflicted with skin troubles find the symptoms appearing and know that they will be tormented through the hot summer months. The blood is heated with humors and acrid matter, and as they are forced to the surface the skin seems to be on fire. The treatment of skin diseases with external applications is all wrong, because they do not reach the trouble which is in the blood. The most such treatment can be expected to do is, allay the itching and burning and cover up the trouble for awhile, but as soon as it is left off the disease returns.

All food taken into the body contains, in some form, the elements necessary to sustain the different parts. One portion is used for the making of blood, another for muscle, one for bone, still another for fat, and so on. After these different properties are extracted from the food there still remains a portion that is useless, or waste matter, which is intended to be disposed of through the natural channels of bodily waste, the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. At this season of the year, however, these organs become torpid, dull and sluggish, and fail to perform this duty, and these accumulations remain in the system and are absorbed by the blood to ferment and sour, producing burning acids and acrid humors. The blood cannot properly nourish the system while in this impure condition, and begins to throw off these acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Acne, Eczema, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin diseases of every description.

**ECZEMA** appears usually with a slight redness of the skin, followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, arms, legs and face, though other parts of the body may be afflicted. In **TETTER** the skin dries, cracks and bleeds, and is often very painful. The acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, causing a dry, feverish, hardened condition and giving it a leathery appearance. **ACNE** makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black-heads, and is particularly disagreeable because of its unsightly appearance, while **PSORIASIS**, a scaly disease, comes in patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin disease is **SALT RHEUM**. It discharges a watery fluid, forming sores and producing intense itching. The head and face are the parts usually affected, and sometimes the hair falls out and a mass of sores forms on the scalp.

These and all skin diseases are due to the same cause—burning acids and humors in the blood, and until this vital fluid is cleansed and made pure they will continue. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S., a remedy that is purely vegetable, being made entirely from roots, herbs and barks, and acts directly on the blood with a cleansing, healing effect. It neutralizes the acids and purifies the blood so that the skin, instead of being blistered and burned by the fiery fluids, is nourished by a supply of cooling, healthy blood. It goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of waste or foreign matter, builds up the blood and cures all skin diseases promptly and permanently. S. S. S. does not leave the least particle of the poison for future outbreaks, but entirely rids the blood of the cause for all skin diseases.

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