

BURNT CORK.

Use of Minstrel Performers When "Blacking Up."

A popular impression as to the application of burnt cork by minstrel performers and actors in general is that it is rubbed on the face and hands of a player from a cork whose end is used in a conventual gas jet. This is not, however, incorrect. The burnt cork used by minstrels and actors is the product of the theatrical "factories," just as is any other color or pigment employed by the artist.

In a house makes it in the following manner: The corks are placed in three vessels, resembling wash boilers, and holes punched in their sides and ends. Alcohol is sprinkled over the corks and they are "fired." When the corks have been properly charred they are placed in muslin sacks, which are then packed in barrels of water. This action forces the powdered charcoal into the sacks into the water.

When all the charred corks have been worked through the sacks into water in this way the water is filtered through a close canvas sack, what remains in that sack is used by the performers. The stuff put up in cans, from which, when a minstrel is ready to "black up," he takes a little of the black paste in his hand and applies it to his face, neck and sometimes his hands.—New York Herald.

A CURIOUS BIRD.

Crested Hoatzin When Hatched Has Four Legs.

The crested hoatzin of British Guiana is the only survivor of a certain order of birds most of which are now known only as fossils. The hoatzin inhabits the most secluded forests of South America, and its survival and its congeners is doubtless owing to its retiring habits and to the fact that it feeds on wild arum leaves, which give its flesh a most offensive odor, rendering it unfit for food. The chief peculiarity of the hoatzin is that it possesses four well developed legs. The young birds leave the nest and climb about like monkeys over the surrounding limbs and look more like tree sloths than birds.

The modification of the fore limbs into claws at once after hatching, when the claws of the digits fall off and the whole clawlike hand begins to fatten and become wing shaped. Feathers soon appear, and before full growth is reached not a vestige remains of the digital character.

The adult birds not only have no wings upon their wings, but their thumbs even are so poorly developed that one would hardly suspect that in its nestlings we have the nearest approach to a quadruped found among existing birds.—London Tit-Bits.

Tung Po and Teamaking.

There is but one way of making tea.

Unless the water boiling be poured on water spoils the tea. The teapot itself should be heated very hot before the tea is placed in it and the boiling water poured on. It should be scalding hot water or the tea will float to the top.

No less authority than Tung Po, the Chinese poet, is quoted for a recipe for teamaking. He says: "Whenever tea is to be infused take water from a running stream and boil it over a lively fire. It is an old custom to use running water, boiled over a lively fire. That from springs in the hills is said to be the best and river water the next, while well water is the worst. A lively fire is a clear, bright charcoal fire. When making an infusion do not let the water too hastily. At first it begins to sparkle like crabs' eyes, then somewhat like fish's eyes, and lastly it boils up like pearls innumerable springing and waving about. This is the way to boil water."

"Touch Not the Queen."

Under this title a Paris journal proposes to give an account of the tragic death of the queen of Siam, who was as greatly loved as her consort. Some years ago her majesty was boating with ladies of the court in a lake in the gardens of the palace at Bangkok. The boat overturned, and the queen could not swim. She was surrounded by numerous personages who could have saved her life, but no one has the right to extend the hand upon the queen. The king alone could have held her up and prevented her from sinking, and he was nowhere at hand. Respectfully the court allowed the queen to drown.

Chippendale's Own.

"Is genuine Chippendale?" "Absolutely, sir." "But this looks like a crack right across"—"Done by Chippendale himself, sir, in a fit of rage when he heard the union called the men out."—London Sketch.

The Other Was Important.

"Two great desires of my life have been gratified. One was to go up in airship." "And the other?" "To get safely back to earth."—Exchange.

A Real Pretty Excuse.

"Bessie's Mother—Bessie, did you let Mr. Sangle have a kiss? Bessie says, mamma, he said it would be a lily kiss, and I was just dead anxious to have him go.—Puck.

The judicious reader of judicious advertisements always gets more than money's worth.—Florida Times.

DISLIKES INNOVATIONS.

Hence the Rhino Blindly Attacks Anything New to Him.

Sir Frederick Treves, the distinguished British surgeon, in his book "Uganda For a Holiday" has a word or two to say about the rhinoceros.

"The rhinoceros is the embodiment of blind conservatism," he writes. "Its hide is impenetrable, its vision is weak, while its intellect is weaker. It has, however, two marked qualities—combativeness and a sense of smell. It is aroused to its maximum energy by the presence of anything that is new. This object need not be a thing that is aggressive or inconvenient. Its offensiveness depends upon the fact that it is unfamiliar, and the more unfamiliar the object is the worse the rhinoceros acts."

"When a rhinoceros smells a man he will charge him with maniacal violence, although the man may be merely sitting on a stool reading Milton. The massive beast will dash at him like a torpedo or a runaway locomotive simply because the smell of him is novel. Actuated by this insane hate of whatever savors of an innovation, the rhinoceros has charged an iron water tank on the outskirts of a camp and has crumpled it up as a blacksmith would an empty meat tin."

"A conservative rhinoceros with a sensible dislike of anything new once charged a train on the Uganda railway, but with no more serious results than the tearing away of the footboard of a carriage. As regards the rhinoceros in this case, it appeared surprised that a thing composed, as it had imagined, of flesh and blood could be so hard. It went off with an additional grievance and an increased swelling of the head."

MOSCOW CATHEDRAL.

Fantastic Looking Edifice Erected by Ivan the Terrible.

One of the most extraordinary and fantastic Christian places of worship in the world is the Cathedral of Moscow, known as Vasil Blajenni, strange not only in outline and conception, but even stranger in its history. No one knows the architect's name, but the story goes that the czar ordered his eyes to be put out directly the church was completed, so that he should never be able to surpass his work. The idea of the building was inspired by the wickedest and maddest monarch who ever sat on a throne—Ivan the Terrible, czar of Muscovy.

The architecture is in every respect extravagant and barbaric, and the coloring is garish in the extreme. It has nine chapels, roofed by nine cupolas, each different and each stranger than the other. One resembles a pineapple, another a melon, a third is said to ape a hedgehog in its appearance, and the rest are more or less grotesque. Some are gilt; others are painted in brilliant hues. Indeed, the only description is that it is a nightmare of a church, the fitting legacy of a ruler who grilled his counselors in frying pans and clothed his subjects in bearskins in order that trained dogs might worry and tear them to pieces.—Strand Magazine.

A King's Hobby.

The late king of Siam had an extraordinary hobby—that of collecting empty matchboxes of all nations. In this connection an interesting story is related. During one of his visits to England the king while passing down Bond street one afternoon, accompanied by two members of his suit, espied an empty matchbox which had been discarded by its owner and thrown away into the middle of the thoroughfare. Without a moment's thought the monarch dashed into the middle of the crowded traffic, grasped the much coveted treasure and was nearly run over by a passing cab. The fact, however, that he was able to add a new specimen to his collection gathered under such circumstances more than compensated him for the risk which he had run.—London News.

Gothic Architecture.

Gothic architecture began about the ninth century after Christ and soon began to spread all over Europe. Its great feature is the pointed arch, and it was at first called the "pointed style." Most of the glorious old world cathedrals are in the Gothic, and it is generally conceded that for religious purposes no other style of architecture is so perfectly suited. It has been said that the first idea of the Gothic was suggested by the interlacing boughs and trunks of the great woods in which German Christianity was formed; hence the name Gothic.—New York American.

Still More Painful.

The Young Politician—I can assure you there is nothing more painful than having to make—er—er—one's first speech in public. Young Politician's Wife—Oh, yes, there is, dear! Young Politician (displeased)—Then what is it, pray? Young Politician's Wife (sweetly)—Having to listen to it, my dear.

He Was Considerate.

She—I should like that lovely pearl necklace. Look what beauties they are. He—It's better not to have such large pearls, my dear. People always think they are false.—Journal Amusant.

Marriage.

"Marriage," said the serious man, "is an education in itself." "Yes," commented old Grouch, "it teaches you what not to do after you have done it."—Boston Transcript.

Love of our neighbor is the only door out of the dungeon of self.—MacDonell.

The Mayor's Message.

To the Honorable City Council, Gentlemen:

Agreeable to the provisions of our city charter, I herewith submit to you, the condition of the city at this time, as it appears to me together with a few recommendations.

FINANCES

The general fund of the city is at present in fair condition. All outstanding warrants are paid and a balance of approximately \$300 appears to be on hand.

The street fund is less fortunate. There is an outstanding indebtedness against this fund, amounting to more than \$6500.

The charter, under the construction recently put upon it by our courts, permits a levy of only one and one half mills for street purposes. This levy amounts to a little less than \$900 which is entirely inadequate for street purposes. After consulting with you each individually, and with some of our citizens whose resourcefulness can not be questioned, I will make some recommendations, tending to relieve the situation for the present, as hasty and ill advised recommendation in the face of this deficit would be useless. Our streets are in such condition that improvement is in order all along the line. At this time, however, I recommend that an appropriate legislation be passed at once to submit to the people an amendment to this clause of our charter, to the end that the next administration may not meet with the same embarrassment.

The water fund of the city is creating a sinking fund, that is very flattering to all, and the expense of the city for its fire protection and municipal water supply has been reduced to a minimum.

IMPROVEMENTS

The streets in the business section of our city should be improved with a good hard surface pavement, and cement curbs. This may be done at the expense of the abutting property. All sidewalks in the business section hereafter constructed should be of concrete and made to conform to street lines and grades as established by our city surveyor. It is to be deplored that those already laid permanently have not been made on proper grades, for if the grades and street lines when once established are not binding on the owners of the abutting property, then the office of the city surveyor is superfluous and the money paid as compensation for his work is wasted.

A first class sewer system is one of the crying needs of the city. The construction of a proper system will require careful consideration, not only from the ways and means committee, but from the engineer. It appears to me at present that the most difficult problem to overcome is securing sufficient fall to carry off the sewerage.

A city hall, sufficient to the needs of the municipality and one which will be an ornament to the city, and the pride of its citizens, is to be seriously considered. No man of any pride whatever, would conduct a private business of the same importance as the business of this municipality in the building we now have.

In making any and all improvements undertaken, as well as the transaction of all business coming before us, I recommend careful economy, and the practice of receiving a corresponding benefit for each dollar expended. In many instances in public officialdom the idea seems to prevail that "the public pays the bill, no matter what he cost is." Let us scrupulously avoid this great and growing evil, at the same time avoiding the spirit of parsimony.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

While this organization is no part of the municipality, its roster of membership contains the names of most of our progressive, enterprising taxpayers, and I feel it incumbent upon us to listen carefully to and act wisely upon any suggestions they may have to offer us as to civic improvement generally.

THE LIQUOR BUSINESS

The constitution of our state has recently been changed, under the management of the Home Rule Association, so that this branch of legislation has been delegated to municipalities, within their respective borders. As this is to some degree an experiment, I recommend that legislation along the lines laid out by this association, for the control of this business be enacted as soon as it can be done conveniently.

THE POLICE FORCE

While personally I have the fullest confidence in our elected marshal, and any one who may be appointed on the night force, yet as disorderly conduct on the streets and in public places where intoxicating liquor is sold, is, by the public, generally charged as a neglect of duty by the mayor, I would recommend that the proper legislation be enacted submitting to the people an amendment to the charter which, if passed, will give the mayor authority to employ and discharge such police as he may see fit. I am ready to accept the responsibility for order if permitted to appoint the officers to enforce it. The practice heretofore existing, of reducing the salary of an officer to force his resignation, is not good business policy, and such a policy would never

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IN CONCLUSION GENERALLY

The offices to which we have been elected, will call down upon us much criticism and little commendation, yet it is the duty of citizens when called upon, to accept these offices and use their utmost endeavor to fill them creditably to the public.

In our associations with other citizens we will hear much discussion of city affairs. Let us listen patiently to all such discussions and to all expressions of opinion, remembering that to express our opinion outside of our meeting weakens our influence.

In these public discussions you will encounter four different classes. There will be those who know nothing about municipal matters at all, but who do not know that they do not know; they are simply fools—leave them quietly to their folly.

There will be those who do not know, and know they do not know; they are as children—teach them.

There will be those who know, and do not know that they know; they are asleep—wake them.

There will be those who know, and who know they know; they are wise—listen to them carefully, and follow their advice.

Let us be prompt at our meetings and in the transaction of our business. Let us do what we have to do, decently and in good order. Let us bear and forbear with each other, when we differ in opinion. Let us make as few mistakes as possible. Let us correct as many as may be that are made, and let us shoulder the responsibility of those we make and fail to correct like men of courage.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. Talmage.
Mayor.

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Dated this December 15th, 1910.
M. ARPLARALP,
Administrator of the estate of Louis Blattiar, deceased.