

LOVE'S SACRIFICE.

"My dear," said Hero Field, "don't give up. If you yield this way, it's all over with you for the rest of your married life. And the idea of a bride in her honeymoon being weighed down with an old grandfather and grand-mother-in-law!"

16 ENGLAND DEGENERATING?

Statistics Taken from the British Army Confirm That View. Arnold White has written as follows in the London Chronicle of physical degeneration in England: "The Germans drink an enormous quantity of beer, but there is no class in Germany of drink-sodden, dirty and broken mothers such as we produce by the thousand."

Customs in China.

China, as seen with our eyes, is grotesque. She is the antipodes of all the rest of the world. She seems the upside down of everything. The needle in her compass points to the south, she says west north instead of north-west.

Owls Electrocut.

The temporary suspension of work at the mine and mill of the Granite-Bimetallic Mining Co., at Pittsburg, caused by an owl becoming entangled in the wires, recalls the fact that since the transmission line was put in commission, nearly four years ago, 25 owls have been electrocuted by coming in contact with the wires, and since November of last year 12 fine specimens of the owl family have gone to owl land over this route.

Goats as Pilots.

In Switzerland and other mountainous countries goats lead long strings of animals daily to and from the mountains, but it is in South Africa that the goat is regularly kept and employed as a leader of sheep. Should a blinding storm of rain or hail drive the sheep before it, or cause them to huddle together in a corner, so that there is a danger of their suffocating each other, the trained goat will wake them up, and by a method of his own, induce them to follow him to a place of safety.

The Money-Mad Poor.

It is a great mistake to suppose that every rich man is money mad, for many rich men are money sick, and it is a still greater mistake to suppose that the only money mad people in the world are rich people. A man who is poor but bent on becoming rich is much more likely to be money mad than a man who has an independent fortune, only he shows it in a different way. A man of large fortune who is money mad shows it by his continued activity in money making. The poor man who is money mad shows it by envying and hating those who are more successful.

Consumption of horse flesh is largely increasing in Berlin and its suburbs, where 250 horse slaughter houses exist. Many dealers have become so opulent that they have exchanged the humble collars where they formerly carried on business for handsome shops. In other large towns the same state of affairs obtains, especially in Hamburg, where the annual consumption is computed to be 5,000 horses, much of which, however, is used in sausage manufactories.

A grocer who sands his sugar has more grit than principle.

COTTON FROM FIRWOOD.

Difficult to Distinguish the Natural from the Artificial. Cotton, which used to be born, is now being made from firwood which has been freed from bark and knots. The fibers are broken up by a special machine, and are then placed in a lead-lined copper cylinder having a capacity of 100 cubic centimeters. Into this steam is introduced for ten hours by means of a pipe in the bottom.

Chinese Porcelain.

China men have been exporting their porcelain to the west for at least a thousand years, and probably longer. Medieval Europe could make nothing like porcelain, and therefore regarded it as a magical product endowed with uncanny powers. It was said, for instance, that a porcelain cup would break if poison were poured into it.

Unique Lighthouse.

The most extraordinary of all British lighthouses is to be found on Arncliffe Rock, Stornoway Bay—a rock which is separated from the island of Lewis by a channel over 500 feet wide. On this rock a conical beacon is erected, and on its summit a lantern is fixed, from which, night after night, shines a light which is seen by the fishermen far and wide. The way in which the lighthouse is illuminated is this: On the island of Lewis is a lighthouse, and from a window in the tower a stream of light is projected on to a mirror in the lantern on the summit of Arncliffe Rock.—Exchange.

Compulsory M. P.'s.

The Norwegian parliament consists of 114 members, many of whom sit in the house under protest. All Norwegians over 25 years of age who satisfy certain conditions of residence, etc., meet in the local parish church once in three years and choose one man out of every 100 present to select the members of parliament for the country. The man so selected are bound to serve, whether they like the honor or not. Immediately parliament meets one-fourth of the members are chosen to form the upper house, the remaining three-fourths constituting the lower house.—Philadelphia Ledger.

In a Glacier 23 Years.

In an almost perfect state of preservation, and easily recognizable, the dead body of a guide named Nagl, a native of Aosta, Italy, who fell into a crevice in 1877 near the summit of Mont. Rosa, was recently recovered from the ice.

How Birds Doctor Themselves.

Certain birds seem to possess a remarkable instinct for surgery. The woodcock, the partridge and some others are said to be able to dress their wounds with considerable skill. A naturalist observes that he has shot several woodcocks that were recovering from wounds previously received. In every instance he found the injury neatly dressed with down plucked from the stems of feathers and skillfully arranged over the wound, evidently by the long beak of the bird. In other cases ligatures had been applied to wounded or broken limbs.—Exchange.

Rich Americans Abroad.

A cynical highland gillie thus explains a certain rich American's action in paying \$25,000 as a year's rental for a castle in the north of Scotland: "He pays \$5,000 for the house, \$5,000 for the fishing, \$5,000 for the deer, \$5,000 for the grouse and \$5,000 for being near Balmoral, where the king occasionally visits."

It appears that spies in the form of nurses have been introduced in considerable numbers into the families of French officers by some unnamed European power. The government has informed corps commanders about it.

The largest flour mill in the British empire is in Montreal. It turns out 5,000 barrels of flour a day.

THE WOMAN IN THE CASE

"Who is the woman in the case?" It was Mr. McBride who asked the question, and the query was directed to McBride's friend, Mr. Darley, as the two sat and smoked in McBride's den after dinner.



McBride Listens in Amusement.

must perform be a woman at the bottom of it. Ever since Adam set the example in the Garden of Eden his imitative sons have followed his example, and with great unanimity have thrown the blame upon the woman. I protest against this custom as a flagrant injustice to my sex. It makes me angry every time I hear the insinuation, and I hear it pretty often. "The woman that thou gavest me," said Adam, "she game me of the fruit, and I did eat. Men of modern times are just like him. There's a woman at the bottom of it," say they, and thus they attempt to shield themselves and shift the consequences of their own misdeeds. It is enough to make every woman's blood boil in her veins. Now, I don't know what case that was you two men were discussing when I came in, about which I heard my husband ask, 'Who is the woman in the case?' but I'll venture to say that there is no woman connected with the matter at all."

She looked from her husband to Mr. Darley, and that individual arose and walked to the other side of the room, saying: "You would better be careful, Mrs. McBride. You have made a very vigorous and a very praiseworthy defense of your sex. Don't you think it would be better to let the matter rest there, and not run the probable risk of destroying the effect of your forcible speech by citing an illustration which possibly might not help your case?"

"No, I don't think so, Mr. Darley. I'm so convinced of the general truth of what I have been saying, and of the fact that in every ninety cases out of a hundred no woman is in any way to blame for a man's trouble, that I am willing to rest the matter on this case you have been discussing, and defy you to show that there is a woman connected with it."

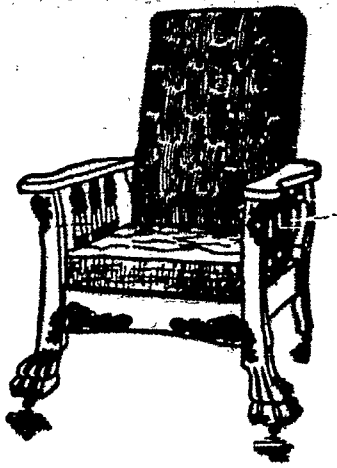
Yeast of the Ancients. The yeast employed by the ancients in making bread was probably of the same kind as the Israelites of the days of the great Pharaoh, the oppressor, used, calling it "leaven." This was what is known nowadays as a wild yeast, its germs or spores being about everywhere in the air. A bit of dough was preserved out of each batch prepared for the ovens, and when this was added to the next dough the yeast contained in it quickly spread through the whole, only a little being required to "leaven the whole lump."

Nails Several Inches Long. The dowager empress of China has nails of her hands, the nails of which are several inches long.

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