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WITH THE JAPANESE ARMY.

Some of the Causes Which Helped on Success in the Field.

In the advance of the Japanese army down the peninsula, telephone linesmen, bearing on their shoulders coils of thin copper wire, not much larger and of no more weight than a pack thread, followed through the kaolung fields on each side of the commander. The moment he stopped, a table was procured, a receiver was snapped on the wire and a telegrapher stood ready. Some remarkable was the advance of the telephone into the contested redoubt of the Eternal Dragon, where a station was placed and operated for four months with the Russians holding trenches only forty meters distant and on three sides. At this station, along the front of which twenty men a day were slain by sharpshooters, mail was delivered every time that a transport arrived, which was almost daily. Men on the firing line received postal cards from their sweethearts and mothers an hour before death.

Telephony and postoffice followed the flag, the Red Cross preceded it. The medical corps came not in the wake of the army, it came on the heels of the pioneers. Before even the infantryman entered a Chinese village it was explored, the water of its wells analyzed, its houses tested for bacteria and the lines of encampment laid down. This unusual sanitation is looked upon by surgical authorities as perhaps the chief cause of Japanese success.

Uses of Lemons.

Gargle a bad sore throat with a strong solution of lemon juice and water.

The juice of half a lemon in a cup of black coffee without any sugar will cure sick headache.

Lemon juice and salt will remove iron rust.

A strong unsweetened lemonade taken before breakfast will prevent and cure a bilious attack.

Lemon juice added to milk until it curds and these curds then bound upon parts swollen from rheumatism will bring relief.

Lemon juice mixed very thick with sugar will relieve that tickling cough that is so annoying.

A hot lemonade taken before going to bed will cure a cold on the lungs.

A cloth saturated in lemon juice and bound about a cut or wound will stop its bleeding.

Lemon juice added to fruit juices that do not jell readily, such as cherry, strawberry, etc., will cause them to jell.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Dog Carries Snuggles.

James Dell, a carpenter living in Netcong, has an ordinary yellow dog of the hybrid variety. The dog's pedigree notwithstanding, Mr. Dell thinks a great deal of him and has spent a lot of time teaching the dog to perform tricks. During the winter it occurred to Mr. Dell that if he could teach the dog to carry shingles up a ladder to the roof of a house, the dog would be a valuable assistant when spring work began.

The dog took to the idea as if it were second nature, and now that the season has actually begun he is working with Mr. Dell nearly every day. People in that vicinity are astonished at the sight of a dog running up a ladder with a log mouthful of shingles, and then returning to the ground for another load.

The Difference.

Here are tables of crime in which the meaning is the same but the description different:

THEFT.
Rich woman, kleptomania.
Rich man, shortage.
Poor man, stealing.

DRUNKENNESS.
Rich man, debility or heart failure.
Well-to-do man, alcoholism.
Poor man, delirium tremens.

IN WALL STREET.
Rich man, legitimate speculation.
Well-to-do man, dabbling in stocks.
Poor man, gambling.

Smoke and Beauty.

Here is a theory—London smoke is a tonic. Is the sulphur that finds its way via smoky chimneys into the air of London the secret of the London complexion? Over and over again it is remarked how much finer is the town than the country complexion. Put a London girl beside a country girl, and ten chances to one the London girl's complexion is the better.—Black and White.

Wedding Agencies.

The matrimonial agent does not thrive in Argentina. He first has to pay for a license, then he is made to disburse a tax on successful results, at so much per couple. Should any connubial contract turn out an utter failure, the agent may be arrested and sent to prison for not exercising useful care while negotiating the union of two of his clients.—Exchange.

Sultan's Love of the Violin.

The Sultan of Turkey has few recreations, but if there is one thing that he likes more than another, it is music. He shows some ability at the piano, but his favorite instrument is the violin. He has a son who shows promise of developing into a really brilliant violinist, and he is at great pains to see that the boy has the best tuition possible.—London Exchange.

Wounded at the siege of Lucknow, retired from the Seventeenth Lancers with a good conduct medal, having always lived an exemplary life, Henry William Smith has just passed away at Brighton, England. A grateful country allowed him to die in the workhouse.

LESS HARAKIRI IN JAPAN.

What Was an Instinct Is to Be Supplanted by Our Ideas.

"We do not understand, we Occidentals why the Japanese prefers to commit harakiri rather than be captured, and we argue this way. If I allow myself to be captured, I may be exchanged or escape, and thus have a chance to fight another day. If not, my enemy has to take care of me and feed me, so that I reduce his force and his resources that much. If I kill myself I make a gap in my own ranks that I can't fill again. If I accept capture, I am worrying and exhausting you all the time. The only good I can see in harakiri is the effect that it might have on the fighting capacity of the men who are left. Is there any economic consideration of that sort under the Japanese idea?"

The guardsman shook his head. "No," he said, "it is instinct with us, but," he added presently, "I think we are coming around to your point of view and I think we will come around to it more and more."—Scribner.

Water of the Caspian Sea.

One of the most remarkable physical features of the globe is the deep and wide depression in the hollow of which stands the Caspian Sea, and Sea of Aral is nearly as large as the Caspian Sea is nearly as large as France, and its surface is eighty four feet below the level of the Black Sea. The Sea of Aral is nearly as large as Ireland, and is very little over the sea level. Within recent geological times the vast expanse in which these lakes are found was sea. Its floor has been gradually raised, and the waters filling the depressions are all that is left of an ancient Mediterranean.

A strange feature of both bodies of water is that, although they receive large rivers, especially the Caspian, into which the Volga, the Ural River and scores of streams from the Caucasus flow, both have for many years been getting shallower. Evaporation, for they have no outlet, exceeds the inflow. But for some climatic reason probably, like Lake Ural and its neighbor Lake Balkash, have since 1891 increased in depth.

Nature reports that M. Berg visited Lake Balkash last summer, and found that the level was rising with comparative rapidity. Whereas the Caspian, like the Dead Sea, is very salt, owing to the rate of evaporation, Aral and Balkash are brackish only. These remnants of what was once a great sea opening into the ocean as the Mediterranean does now still contain marine fish and seals. Some of the latter survive in the Aral and Balkal lakes, having gradually become fitted for their habitat though it is no longer salt, but merely brackish and in the case of Balkal, actually fresh water. Exchange.

How He Needed.

A Washington county editor writes that a newly married young woman kneads bread with her gloves on. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on, he needs it with his coat on, he needs it with his trousers on and unless the delinquent readers of this old rag of freedom pay up soon, well need bread without a darn thing on.—Louisiana Press Journal.

Secret of Japanese Success.

The Japanese generals have never found time to halt and investigate the results of either victories or reverses. They have had no time for quarrels among themselves or for courts-martial. It has been a case of forward—on, on—with no thought of hunger, death, disease, or any obstacle in the path to the consummation of their plans. They have furnished the world a lesson in the value of preparedness and persistency. They have demonstrated that success comes to armies and nations as to individuals, by keeping everlastingly at it. That's the secret of it. It's an illustrated leaf in the lesson of life.—Washington Post.

Chain Carved from Tree Trunk.

Among the curiosities recently presented to the Maritzburg museum, in South Africa, is a chain twenty-three feet six inches long, carved from the trunk of a tree by "Knobnose" natives, a tribe in the Zoutspanberg district, Transvaal. The chain is continuous, requiring phenomenal patience and skill in carving.

The Bible in Turkey.

While permitting the Bible to be circulated in Turkey, the Turkish authorities suggested that the text: "Come over into Macedonia and help us," really ought to be omitted, and that, at any rate, wherever the word Macedonia occurs it should be changed to "the vilayet of Salonika and Uskub."

Value of Old Felt Hats.

In the course of a case at Lambeth County Court, London, it was in evidence that old hard felt hats, which were valueless up to a few months ago, could now be sold for \$35 a ton, and the market was rising. The hats are burned to get the shellas, which is worth 50 cents a pound.

Earth From the Holy Land.

It is stated by a London newspaper that a company has been formed to do up earth from Palestine in packages and to import them into the United States, labeled with an affidavit to the effect that the contents are guaranteed to be from the Holy Land.

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