

PERIPATETIC BATHTUBS.

Brought to Residences at Rheims for Small Cost.

Several bathing establishments in Rheims, and this is true of other French cities, have portable bath-tubs, which are placed on two-wheeled vehicles provided with a large iron boiler filled with hot water. As orders for baths to be delivered at the doors of the residences are received, the boilers are filled with hot water and the bath-laden vehicles each pulled by two men, start out for the delivery. The bathtub is filled with the hot water and carried into the residence, and while the family bath is going on the vehicle may fill another order, returning again for the tub, which is in regular commission as a visitor to the residences throughout the city. The price of a delivered at your residence bath in Rheims is 30 cents, while at the establishment it costs 20 cents.

England's Old Guns.

One might almost have armed a fifth rate Power with the seventeen guns which were sold by auction at Woolwich Arsenal at old metal prices. However, before the sale the War Office authorities took the precaution of "spiking" the muzzle-loading guns and of removing the breechlocks and fittings of the breech-loaders. Five of the guns were 64-pounders (muzzle-loaders and rifled), each weighing about three tons, and these realized together £32. A 40-pounder breech-loader went at a bargain of £3 10s, while a 7-inch Krupp only fetched £7, in spite of its 3 1/2 tons. Two 8-inch howitzers, weighing together seven tons, were also cheap at £14 10s, and two 16-pounders brought only £1 6s 3d each.—London Daily Mail.

Birth Rate Declining.

In practically all of the great countries of the world the birth rate is declining. It is a world movement, and though France was a little earlier in revealing it than any other great country, all of them are falling into line with her. Coincidentally, however, with the falling in the birth rate is a decline in the rate of deaths, which may preserve the equilibrium in population, as it evidently does in France, where the total of inhabitants remains virtually stationary. Coincidentally, moreover, with the shrinkage in birth comes an increase in the food supply of the world. If Malthus were here in 1906 he would be compelled to revise his notions about the increasing pressure of population on the means of subsistence.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Troubles From Crocodiles.

Says the Penang Gazette of certain conditions in the Malay peninsula: "The number of crocodiles in the vicinity of Penang and Province Wellesley is on the increase. It seems that fishermen who get them entangled in their nets often release them to prevent their nets from being damaged and to save themselves the trouble of killing them. The authorities might offer rewards for the destruction of these reptiles, as was customary a few years ago."

A Clever Swindler.

Albert Corman, a London book-maker, is charged with attempting to obtain money by a trick from Harry Cavanagh, another book-maker. He handed Cavanagh a paper with instructions to back certain horses for forthcoming races, and by means of chemical ink the original inscription vanished and another appeared, backing horses for races already won.

Man With Revolving Neck.

An artist named H. Costa, known as "The Man with the Revolving Head," has been examined at a meeting of the German Medical Society at Prague. He turned his head around naturally as far as the shoulder, and then twisted it farther with his hands until he looked directly backward, with his chin above the line of the spine.

Boeholm's Magnetic Rocks.

Boeholm, an island of the Baltic sea, 90 miles east of Zealand, is formed of magnetic rocks. They affect the compass that navigators, when in their vicinity, have to rely on stationary objects for steering guides. One submerged rock is so charged with magnetism that the compass on a vessel passing over it dips perpendicularly downward.

Queen's Multiple Baptisms.

The new Queen of Spain has been baptized three times, once as an infant when she was taken into the Presbyterian Church, a second time when she was made a member of the Church of England, and lastly, a few weeks ago, when she was baptized as a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Germany's Public Parks.

Three German cities—Frankfurt, Bostock, and Cologne—have public parks covering about half their area. Berlin, on the other hand, has less than 6 per cent. of its area taken up by parks.

What "Balkan" Signifies.

"Balkan" is a Turkish geographic term, referring to a range or mass of wooded hills with pasturage and meadow land on their slopes.

Deaths Due to Cholera.

Cholera, of the stomach common about 9,000 deaths a year in the United States and about 1,500 in England and Wales.

Various Uses of the Soap Weed.

Greatest, as well as most common, of all cacti is the "soap weed," which grows wherever cacti grow, and which is man's only friend in the great Southwestern deserts of the United States and in Mexico. It furnishes always a quantity of water when cut. As its name indicates, it can be manufactured into a soap, perhaps the least alkaline soap ever made, even though the weed itself may grow in the center of an alkali desert. Beer is brewed from it, the Indians make a hemp-like fiber from it and horses and men can eat parts of it if the spines are cut away. Also when it shoots up its one great arm skyward it tops that arm with one of the most gorgeous flowers in the world.

Airship Nomenclature.

There is a squabble as to the correct name for various flying machines, airships and balloons, and the Aero Club of France attempts to set the matter straight. "Aeronet" describes a flying machine heavier than air; that is, an apparatus having no gas bag. "Aeronefs" are divided into several classes: "Helicopters," machines depending on screws for flight; "aeroplanes," machines in which equilibrium depends on plane surfaces, and "orthoptera," mechanical birds and machines propelled by the flapping of wings. The expression "aviator," very often incorrectly employed, should be applied only to the pilot of an "aeronef," as "aeronaute" is applied to the pilot of a gas balloon.—Boston Advertiser.

Honoring Famous Men.

Paris honors famous literary men by naming streets after them. The death of Henrik Ibsen has started talk of thus commemorating the great Norwegian. A dramatist of the lighter sort declared his readiness to vote for a Rue Henrik Ibsen on condition that there should also be a Rue Bjornstjerne-Bjornson. This he explained, would not only be homage to the author of "Beyond Human Power," but would be productive of amusing results in the case of cabmen, as, no doubt, it would.

Refloating Ships With Acetylene Gas.

Sunken ships may now be refloated by means of acetylene gas. An experiment was tried successfully on a 10-ton boat in the River Seine. The boat was raised by means of small balloons inflated below the water with acetylene gas generated from the solid carbide of calcium. The inventor, M. Ducaze, professes to foresee the application of the invention to ships to prevent their foundering in collisions.

Ekking Out an Existence.

On the southern slope of a range of hills twenty miles from London an old and crippled keeper ekes out his slender pension by collecting and feeding snails, and finds a ready sale for them in the foreign restaurants. He also holds a standing order for all the autumn-caught bumble-bees he can collect, for exportation to New Zealand. These bees fertilize the flowers of clover plants.

Many Commonplace Words.

Many words of most august sound prove to be of quite commonplace ancestry when traced to their origins. "Finance" is really only "settling up." Literally, it is just "ending," and was formerly used in that very simple sense in the English language. Then it came to signify settling up with a creditor, and acquired the special sense of ransom.

When the Jurymen Slept.

A French barrister, whose client had the misfortune to be found guilty, appealed on the ground that during the trial a jurymen was asleep. The Court of Cassation has held that the jurymen, being asleep, was technically not present during the hearing and has quashed the verdict and ordered a new trial.

Allaying Thirst by Water.

Arctic explorers state that the water which will allay our thirst augments it when congealed into snow, and that the natives of the Arctic regions prefer enduring the utmost extremity of thirst rather than attempt to remove it by consuming snow. Yet if the snow be melted it becomes drinkable water.

General Moody and Baseball.

Attorney General Moody is a baseball crank. He does not often get time to go to the league games in Washington, but when he is out on horseback and comes across a game on a vacant lot he always stops and looks on for half an hour and cheers the amateurs heartily when they play well.

Presented on Condition.

Word comes from Serbia that ex-Queen Natalie will present all her property, amounting to \$15,000,000 to the Government for the erection of a cathedral, provided that her murdered son, King Alexander, and her husband, King Milan, are buried in it.

Bell Ringing in Spain.

On the watch tower of the Vela, at the Alhambra, Spain, there is a silver toned bell which the Moslems ring as a signal to let on the water in the gardens and the fountain in the city below. Its sound can be heard at Liga, thirty miles away.

Night Worship by Policemen.

There is an altar society in Brooklyn composed of night policemen. The members contribute a certain amount every month which pays for light and flowers on an altar of personal devotion.

Real Linen a Rarity.

Not a tenth part of the million of collars sold in this country each year are made of linen. Our housewives hardly know what genuine linen is unless they take a trip abroad and use their cajolery with the custom-inspector on returning. With us in Europe, and especially Ireland, the housewife's pride is in her linen. We have tried to equal the Irish linen and failed. They have failed, too, in Scotland, England, Germany and Russia. It is said there is something in the Irish climate. Another argument is that the superiority lies in Irish fax, but most of the Irish linen nowadays is made from fax grown in Russia.—New York Press.

Uses of the Word "Crank."

"Crank." In the sense of an eccentric person, is a new word. The very first written instance of "crank" in the modern sense that could be found for Dr. Murray's dictionary was in the reports of the trial of Guiteau, President Garfield's murderer. Guiteau's reference to somebody as a "crank" gave the word a vogue that has gone on spreading. But the adjective "cranky" was known in 1787 as meaning sickly (the German "krank") and to Dickens in the senses of cross and crochety in all its meaning it springs from the root idea of crookedness, as does "crank" in its sixteenth-century sense of a deceitful trick, as in "quips and cranks."

Novel Life Insurance.

A curious form of life insurance was introduced some years ago in French manufacturing towns under the name of La Pourmi (the ant). The peculiarity is that the longer a man lives the less he becomes entitled to. The payment of \$4 a month assures the payment of \$200 to the heirs of a man dying before the age of thirty-eight, the payment diminishing proportionately to \$102 at fifty-one. The idea seems to be that if a man dies young his children are likely to be in want, but when he is fifty they will be able to earn their own living.

Milk Drinking in Turkey.

In Turkey there is a great consumption of the milk of the buffalo, the common cow, the goat and the ewe but it is hardly ever used in a natural state. According to a paper read at the London Academy of Medicine, the milk is considerably reduced. After slow cooling the milk is treated with a ferment taken from the previous day's supply. In a few hours a kurd forms which is called Yaghsou. The preparation is preferred to milk, and it has a pleasant, clean, acid taste and is, of course, nutritious.

Regarded as an Omen.

In some parts of Siberia a bridegroom, on arriving home, commands his wife to take off his boots. In one is a whip and in the other a purse. The contents of the boot she first selects for removal, whether he is to be generous or the reverse to her. A very kind husband will put a purse in each boot and omit the whip to make her believe that her choice is auspicious.

Poisons in Eggs.

M. G. Loisel has arrived at the somewhat startling conclusion that the yolk of the eggs of fowls and ducks, as well as those of the tortoise, contains poisonous substances. When isolated and injected into the veins of rabbits or other animals these promptly cause death. The phenomena produced are those of acute intoxication of the central nervous system.

Fighting in Africa.

In the neighborhood of Lake Tchad, Africa, six negro troopers, commanded by a corporal and armed with carbines only, successfully defeated a little mud fort against 500 warlike Taurags, and when the Taurags gave up the attempt and retired the troopers sallied out and punished them.

Jewels From Czar's Mines.

A Paris jeweler has bought a large number of stones which have been found in mines on the Czar's private property. Every year stones from these mines are offered for sale by tender, in the same way as the forest lands and mines belonging to the Czar are occasionally sold by the Imperial Cabinet.

Dangers in Tunnel Building.

In constructing the East river tunnels, New York city, according to the statement of the engineer in charge, fourteen men have succumbed as the result of working in the high pressure, thirty-four pounds to the square inch above the normal pressure of the atmosphere.

Blind Mountain Climber.

There is in Vienna a woman of thirty who, though blind, is passionately fond of climbing mountains. She recently ascended, with her husband, Monte Cevedale, the summit of which is about 11,000 feet above sea level.

Heels Studded With Gems.

Women whose jewel caskets metaphorically run over with precious gems may yield to the fashion, which is reported to have caught society's fancy in Paris, of studding the heels of dainty slippers with gleaming stones.

The Color of Flowers.

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WHAT BAD WRITING COST.

Napoleon's Scrawling Cost Him an Empire.

The nose of Cleopatra had a marked influence on the destinies of the ancient world. The handwriting of Napoleon I. we are assured by recent historians, had a similar effect upon the evolution of the modern world, says Le Cri de Paris. He did not write—he scrawled. By reason of this, among other causes, he lost Waterloo. Grouchy could not read with exactness his decisive message. Was it "bataille engagee" (battle is on), or "bataille gagne" (battle is won)?

Grouchy chose the latter significance, and, not believing it necessary to press forward, arrived too late. So much for the curl of a letter, a pen stroke, or an illegible swell to an "a."

This question was brought forward by the writing master of the elder Dumas.

"Remember, Alexandre," the master said to him, "the great defeat of the Emperor was due only to his scrawling hand. If you wish to succeed in the world be careful of your heavy and your light strokes." So if Napoleon had known how to write legibly or if he had taken the trouble to do so, his descendants would reign to-day in France and we should not have the republic. It appears his scrawling hand was right. And such slight things rests the fate of empires.

Dairying in Canada.

The Canadian Commercial agent in Mexico reports that, although modern dairying has not reached any high degree of development in that country, there is an ever-increasing number of dairies being established, and as the demand for creamy butter and cheese increases old methods are being superseded in favor of modern machinery.

Displaying British Wares.

Three hundred British firms have contributed to an exhibit of goods which is displayed on the lower decks of a former military transport, and will be sent from London to different parts of Canada, the West Indies, South America, South Africa, India, China, Japan and Australia. The voyage is expected to last twelve months.

Scarcity of Gold in Spain.

Although Spain is on the gold basis gold is never seen there, the silver peasta being worth only about 15 cents, while the gold one is worth nearly 20. The silver and paper currency is ever changing, varying from 136 to 139 for gold peastas during the last year.

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