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**SAVES BONES OF CHINESE.**  
 Lee Chung Attends to Removal of Remains Carefully.  
 Lee Chung, of San Francisco, makes a good living by a peculiar employment. Some years ago he entered into contract with the Six Companies to remove the bones of all Chinese who had died in this country. The Six Companies found that it was hard to induce Chinamen to come here unless it was stipulated that in case of death their bones should be finally buried in China.

He engaged the services of Mr. Chung as their agent in the carrying out of this agreement. He keeps track of the remains of all the citizens of the Six Companies that have died and sent to it that they are carefully buried up and sent back to China.

His duties take him to all parts of the country and he has subagents in all the large cities where Chinamen have settled.

His contract makes it incumbent upon him to prevent the bones from being mixed. They are separately packed in white muslin bags, and no bone must be broken or sawed. Each set of bones is labeled and carefully recorded in the Six Companies office, when and where buried, when examined, when shipped to China, and the account finally closed with the receipt for the bones from the dead man's relatives.

**Canadians in This Country.**  
 In the United States, according to the census, are 819,264 Canadians 10 years of age and over. Forty per cent of these are engaged in manufacturing, 30 per cent in personal service, between 17 and 18 per cent in trade and transportation, about the same percentage in agriculture, and somewhat over 4 per cent in professions. The percentage in the professions is approximately the same as that of the native born white population in the United States. The large numbers, as compared with the number left behind following the same occupations throw light on conditions in Canada—for example, the number of expatriated Canadian teachers and college professors, lawyers and clergymen.

**Disinfecting Churches.**  
 The Alcade of Madrid, who, at least in sanitary matters, is decidedly progressive, has issued an order for the disinfection of churches. This order, which is based on a report from the director of the municipal laboratory, prescribes that all the churches of the Spanish capital are to be swept out daily with sawdust moistened with a solution of copper sulphate. All the fittings and furniture of the churches, chairs, benches, confessionals, holy water fonts, etc., are to be disinfected every day.

**Arizona's Ribbon of Silver.**  
 To people who pass through Arizona on the train it seems all sand and cactus. But if they would follow the rivers they would know of the great ribbons of silver and green which redeem it from the name of desert. Phoenix and Tempe are garden spots of verdure, and for miles in every direction broad fields of alfalfa and shady rows of cottonwood show what irrigation can bring forth. The Salt River Valley is the richest in Arizona, but it is the ribbon of silver—Salt River—which wrought the miracle. Forty years ago the river was allowed to follow its own course, but now it is dammed and directed and led away, spread out over the thirsty land, pumped up from the underflow and spread again. When the people of Phoenix and Tempe have finished with it, the surplus flows down the river at Buckeye and upon the underflow and use it for irrigation purposes.

**Present Day Lunch Boxes.**  
 Children's luncheon boxes have become so transformed that it would require a mind reader to know the real object for which they are made. For, somehow, there has grown up a feeling among children that there is something disgraceful about carrying a paper parcel or an ordinary lunch. This has even extended to the grown-ups, and stenographers, typewriters and clerks who are seen carrying small grips are not all going off on a journey. They are only bringing their luncheon to business with them. One of the most popular of lunch receptacles for boys is a box resembling a camera, while for girls it is the music roll. Others are in the shape of books, shawls strapped parcels and small dictionaries. Even the old fashioned tin dinner pail of the day laborer has disappeared, and instead the goodwife stows the lunch away in a paper parcel to be stuffed into a coat pocket away from sight.

**DEATH MASK STAMPS.**  
 The Serbian issue which is in demand among collectors.  
 According to a Belgrade correspondent the publication of the story of Queen Nathalie's intrigue to revenue herself on Serbia, followed by the sudden withdrawal by the postal authorities of all the new coronation stamps, is of conversation throughout the Balkan States, says the London Daily News.

In order to celebrate King Peter's coronation the Serbian government decided to issue a series of large postal labels bearing the new monarch's portrait, beside that of his ancestor, Karageorge.

The engraving was unfortunately entrusted to a Frenchman named Mouchon, a person, it is alleged, very friendly toward Queen Nathalie, and he very skillfully introduced into the design for the new postage stamps the ghastly features of the Queen's murdered son, King Alexander.

A vast number of the coronation stamps were issued to the public before it became known to the authorities that the new issue was regarded by many of King Peter's superstitious subjects as a "heavenly sign," that the new monarch's reign was to be "brief and bloody."

If one of the new stamps be held upside down the unmistakable death masks of King Alexander may be seen, formed by a portion of King Peter's head with that of his ancestor, Karageorge. The nostrils of the two heads together form the eyes of the murdered monarch, the mustaches make the eyebrows and the eyebrow and eye of Karageorge form King Alexander's nose and mouth.

The "death-mask stamps"—as the new issue has become known—have undoubtedly made a great impression in the army and among the uneducated classes.

"I learned on the best authority," concludes the correspondent. "that the government is making desperate efforts to buy up as many of the dangerous labels as possible, and is even sending agents abroad to France, Germany and England to secure them, at any cost, from speculators and foreign stamp dealers."

**Churchill's Fine Record.**  
 Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill of England is now 30. In five years he has been through two campaigns—those in the Sudan and South Africa—has been a prisoner of the Boers, only to make a sensational escape, has written half a dozen noteworthy books, is the fiercest and one of the most effective of Chamberlain's political foes, has an unrivaled power of rudeness and can boast of being one of the best-hated men in British politics. He is equipped with a mind and manner comparable with that of Disraeli. Here is an example of his rudeness in a recent speech he said: "The other day a cabinet minister—I forget which"—this with a drawn-out sneer which brought down the house—"really, gentlemen, how could I get through my work if I had to bother about the odds and ends!"

**Bacteria in Coal.**  
 Not long ago a French scientist, M. Regnaud, announced the discovery of bacteria in coal. A long continued research confirmed the evidence that bacteria were probably coeval with the first appearance of organic life on the earth. These bacteria attacked vegetable tissues, as well as the bones and teeth of animals, but as a rule they belonged to species of bacterial organisms quite distinct from those of to-day.

**New York's Diamond Cross.**  
 New York City has the largest diamond cross in the world, though it is not recognized as such. Its main line runs along Maiden lane, with its foot resting on Broadway and its arms extending north and south along Nassau street. Here there are 480 men in the diamond business, and there are more of the gems there than in the same space in any other city.

**Stings for Rheumatism.**  
 The Auckland (New Zealand) News notes the fact that certain medical men have declared that bee stings were a useful remedy for rheumatism, because of the formic acid they contain, gives the following plan for securing the stings:  
 Knowing that the honey bee hates the odor of rubber, the expert hangs near the hives a rubber blanket. This infuriates the bees, and they all rush at the blanket and sting it, leaving their stings in the rubber. Any one wishing to try this remedy for himself can obtain one hundred bee stings and put them into two ounces of alcohol. Let them stand three or four days, occasionally shaking. The clear part should then be carefully poured off. Ten drops, three times a day, for an adult would be the proper dose.

**When the Thunder Rolls.**  
 Excellent authorities agree that in a thunder-storm the middle of a room is much the safest place in a house. A carpet floor or one covered by a heavy thick rug is better to stand on than bare wood. It is well to keep away from chimneys and out of cellars. In the open air tall trees are dangerous. A person sheltered under a low tree or shrub 30 or 40 feet from a large and lofty tree is quite safe. If lightning strikes in the immediate vicinity it will hit the high tree as a rule, with few exceptions. Water is a very good conductor, and it is well to avoid the banks or streams in a violent thunder-storm.—Detroit Tribune.

**Cotton Loss in the South.**  
 It is estimated that at least 2,000,000 bales of cotton are lost throughout the South every year, because of the frost and scattered cotton left in the field by the pickers. According to a correspondent of the Manufacturers Record of Baltimore, a machine has been invented which will save nearly all this loss.

**Maori Railways.**  
 The Maori idea of building a railroad is the British idea of taking the Tugela position—climbing over obstacles regardless of cost or the possibility of finding a way round. Maoriiland has been making freak railways for forty years.—Sydney Bulletin.

**Queen a Linguist.**  
 Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is an excellent linguist, for she speaks French, German and English as fluently as her native Dutch, and she knows something besides of Italian and Russian.

**SECRET OF JAPANESE METAL.**  
 Composition of Oriental Alloys Just Becoming Known.  
 The Japanese are celebrated not only for their skill in making decorative articles, but also for the beauty of the materials used. It is said that the secret of the composition of some of their alloys of brass and copper has only lately been revealed. The finest Japanese brass, called "shinchi," consists of ten parts of copper and five of zinc. Another very beautiful alloy, named "shadko," to which splendid hues are imparted by treatment with acids, is formed by mixing gold and copper, the proportion of gold varying from 1 to 10 per cent of the entire mass.

**Dislike New Greenbacks.**  
 According to the Washington Post, quoting a cashier, bank officials do not prefer fresh, new bills to old ones. "Everybody doesn't care for new greenbacks," said a cashier. "It is a common idea that bank cashiers do not care to give up crisp paper money. As a matter of fact, nine cashiers out of every ten try to get rid of new money as quickly as possible after receiving it. There is grave danger to the average paying teller in handling unused money. New bank notes stick together frequently the ink not thoroughly dry."

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**German in Polish Schools.**  
 The German authorities are finding the Polish school children in the eastern provinces to be more than their match. Those children who resist the efforts of the teachers to compel them to speak German during religious instructions are hailed as heroes, and other children are fired to emulate their example.

**California's Forest Land.**  
 The State of California, which has within its borders over 20,000,000 acres of forest, is taking steps permanently to preserve practically the whole amount. California's forests are looked upon not only as a great wood supply; they are far more valuable as a medium of water conservation.

**Converts in China.**  
 The year 1907 completes a century of Protestant missions in China. Morrison, the first missionary, labored for years without one convert. After thirty-six years there were only twelve missionaries and six converts. Now 3,270 missionaries from seventy-eight societies are working there, and are enrolled as Christians.

**World's Iron Ore.**  
 The world has only 10,000,000,000 tons of iron ore available. Of these Germany has twice as many tons as the United States. Russia and France each have 400,000,000 tons more than this country. Our consumption is placed at 35,000,000, which is more than a third of the world's total consumption.

**Where Gold Beetles are Found.**  
 The most remarkable gold beetles in the world are found in Central America. The head and wing cases are brilliantly polished with a luster as of gold itself. To sight and touch they have all the appearance of that metal. Oddly enough, another species from the same region looks like solid silver, freshly burnished.

**Quality of Building Bricks.**  
 Well-made bricks are most durable building materials. In the British Museum are bricks taken from the ruins of Ninevah and Babylon which show no sign of decay or disintegration, although they were never burned nor baked, but simply left to dry in the sun.

**French Dwarf Trees.**  
 French horticulturists have apparently been very successful of late in raising dwarf trees and one of the features of dinner parties among the rich is now to serve the fruit upon the tree.

**Not Allowed in Workhouses.**  
 Neither in France nor in Austria are children ever permitted to be received into workhouses. They are boarded out with peasant families.

**What Energy Costs.**  
 Energy displayed by the Duchess Dowager Fitz-James cost France as much as the last war and had the indirect effect of greatly reducing the consumption of wine in the republic. The Duchess in her passion for self-aggrandizement, imported vines from America to plant on her estate there. It spread all over France and ruined for years the vintage departments. Her American vines could resist this disease; French vines could not. This loss to the Grond alone came to 500,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000). The whole family of M. Fallieres, the present President, was nearly ruined by phylloxera.

**Dog Show Prizes.**  
 Prizes were recently awarded at a dog show at Sturminster Marshall near Wimborne, England, for the ugliest, handsomest, most lovable, most faithful, most attractive, best behaved, best named, best at tricks and the best-looking dogs—each being allotted a separate class—and also the biggest mongrel.

**Oldest Secret Trades.**  
 The two oldest secret trade processes now in existence are said to be the manufacture of Chinese red, or vermilion, and the method of laying the hardest steel with gold and silver, which seems to have been practiced at Damascus ages ago, and is known only to the Syrian smiths and their pupils even to this day.

**Mine Laws in Austria.**  
 The Austrian law compels mine owners to build "rescue chambers" underground. The room must be large enough to hold at least twenty-four people, and must be provided with tinned food, medicine chest, first aid material, inhalation apparatus, and compressed oxygen in cylinders sufficient to last at least three days.

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