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QUEER ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

Touching a Suicide's Hand Was Thought a Cure for Sickness.

In former times it was a common notion that if a sick person, could only touch the hand of a suicide, he or she would be cured.

This superstition was especially common in the west of England; in Cornwall, touching a suicide's hand was said to have once cured a young man who had been afflicted with many tumors from his birth. A similar superstition regarding the touch of executed criminals has been widely prevalent and has often been recorded.

Robert Hunt, in his "Romances of the West of England," says that he once saw a young woman led to the scaffold at Newgate to have a wen touched by the hand of a man who had just been executed.

At Northampton of old the hangman is said to have had a regular fee for according a similar "privilege" to the sufferers from like disorders. Even the coffin of a suicide may have curative value.

There is a Devonshire belief to the effect that, if any one suffering from disease can manage to throw a white handkerchief on such a coffin at the time of its interment, the disease will vanish as the handkerchief decays.

Much superstitious value has been attached to the knots of the ropes used either by a suicide or in the execution of a criminal.

Clean Your Glasses.

You who wear spectacles must understand that you cannot see to advantage through greasy lenses. The common habit is to wipe eye-glasses or spectacles with a silk handkerchief carried in the pocket. The finger tips always exude a delicate oil. This gets on the handkerchief and from the handkerchief goes on to the lenses. Presently there is a smear of grease and people complain of dimness of vision. Drop the handkerchief; get some very fine tissue paper cut into small sections, wipe your glasses with two or three pieces and throw them away.

Shoddy.

Shoddy is the worst brand for everything that is mean and contemptible, false, and make-believe. Yet the product known in the world of business as shoddy is one of the most useful inventions of the nineteenth century, and deserves to rank with steam and electricity, anesthetics, the bicycle and other discoveries that have made life worth living, improved our health, and lengthened our days.—World's Work.

Newspapers in the U.S. in 1899 nearly a century ago were 25 newspapers in the

United States. In 1905 there were 26,422 printing and publishing houses in the country. These represented \$385,008,004 of invested capital and turned out products valued at \$496,061,137. The growth for the five years since 1900 doubled the growth of the ten years previous.

Right Handed Men.

According to authorities from 85 to 95 per cent of the men in civilized lands are right-handed and have developed the low right shoulder. This, however, is no new phenomenon, for even the ancient Greek sculptors had noticed it and posed their subjects so as to make them appear more asymmetrical.

Peat as Fuel.

There is a strong organization at work in this country developing the use of peat as fuel. It is now utilizing many acres of swamp lands which are being reclaimed for agricultural purposes. The by-products of the industry are very promising.

A Prosperous Town.

Waycross, Ga., with a population of 9,000, has no poorhouse, nine out of ten of the white population own their homes and 93 per cent of the children attend school. The saloon license has annually for the last 16 years been fixed at \$2,000.

New York City's Banks.

Twenty years ago the fact was made much of that New York City boasted one hundred banks and trust companies. Today, however, the greater city has no fewer than 212 institutions of this character.

Greatest Heat and Cold.

The greatest heat is never found on the equator, but some 10 degrees to the north, while more severe cold has been registered in Northern Siberia than has been found near the Pole.

Rolling Stones.

The "Rolling Stones" of Australia placed on a fairly smooth surface, will soon roll together in a group. They contain a magnetic ore.

Taken in Marriage.

Men of talent generally fix upon ignorant and stupid women for their wives; while stupid men almost invariably alight upon clever women.

English Predominates.

Two-thirds of all the letters which pass through the postoffices of the world are written by and sent to people who speak English.

Taking into consideration the proportionate weight, the wing of a bird is twenty times stronger than the arm of a man.

SOUR MILK IS HEALTHY.

The Use and Origin of Curdled Milk Older Than History.

Nothing is older than curdled milk or sour milk, and nothing newer than the application which has been made of it.

Civilized people are the only ones to drink milk fresh or boiled, while fermented milk is almost the only kind used outside the pale of civilization. The use and origin of curdled milk are older than history.

Later the Greeks and Romans also recognized the strengthening and tonic effects of sour milk, and they performed veritable cures with the special kind of curdled milk called "schiston."

In our times fermented milk is in common use as a daily diet in Eastern countries. In almost all these countries, besides being used as a food, sour milk has played and still plays a great part in empirical medicine.

Sour milk, after being recognized as a wholesome food possessing medicinal properties, has been proclaimed by some people as a remedy for prolonging human life.—Medical Journal.

French Thrift.

From time to time the English workman has the French peasant's thrift thrown in his face. The French peasant may not be able to find "sermons in stones, books in the running brooks," but he can and does find food in everything. He and a large family could live on what an Englishman in the same position wastes. People, however, seem to forget that the habits of the Englishman are determined by their climate.—Lady.

Lady Gamblers.

The number of suicides which have taken place lately among business men and speculators in America carries a warning note to women, who, unfortunately, are many of them, bitten with the love of gambling. Nothing is so fatal or insidious as speculating in stocks and shares, and women, from their circumstances, are peculiarly liable to be misled and cheated.—London Graphic.

Restlessness.

More restlessness is not a matter for which physicians are often consulted. It is, on the face of it, an unimportant malady, but when it exists in sufficient intensity to form the subject of complaint, and to induce the sufferer to seek advice, it is usually found to be the superficial indication of a grave underlying condition.—Hospital.

The Haddock's Spots.

The haddock has a superstition

attached to it. On each side of the shoulders near the gills is a dark spot, fabled to be the impressor made by the finger and thumb of St. Peter when he took it up and found the penny in its mouth to pay tribute to Caesar with.

An Expensive Plant.

The ivy plant which established itself in a crevice of the tower of St. John the Baptist church at Yarbrough, Lincolnshire, England, undermined the foundation and lifted stones out of place until it cost over \$3,000 to make repairs.

Good Swimmers.

All German soldiers must learn to swim. Some of them are so expert that with their clothing on their heads and carrying guns and ammunition, they can swim several hundred yards.

A Lengthy Lawsuit.

A lawsuit which has been in progress since the year 1436 between the local authorities of Friemar, a suburb of Gotha, and certain mill owners, was amicably settled at Berlin after 478 years of litigation.

About Freckles.

Freckles may be hereditary. Cases of freckles all over the body are mentioned. Food is not supposed to cause them. Sun and wind makes some faces freckle.

Forests of England.

It is difficult in England to arouse an interest in the preservation of forests because of the universal substitution of coal for wood as fuel.

Exhausts the Soil.

The growth of a number of successive crops of the same plant has been lately found not only to exhaust the soil for that plant, but to develop an active poison for it.

American Oak Staves.

Spanish grape growers prefer American oak staves for barrels, claiming that no other wood is so good for the preservation of fruit.

The Lick Telescope.

The great Lick telescope will pick out a star so small that it would require 30,000 of them put together to be visible to the naked eye.

How We Breathe.

Every man respire or draws in his breath on average of twenty times a minute, or approximately 20,000 times a day.

The art of glove cutting requires great skill, and in France some of the best workmen are paid \$100 a week.

SUGAR MAKES YOU GROW.

Americans and Britons Increasing in Height and Weight.

English and American girls just reaching womanhood, and the next generation in its early teens, are unusually tall, standing a head or more above their mothers. This has been remarked on over and over again, and has been the subject of learned disquisitions. Yet no generally accepted cause for the fact has been given up to this time.

Now comes a London physician of note and says that it is simply a case of lengthened sweetness. By "sweetness" in this particular case the nature of the young ladies is not referred to, but their diet. In fact, statistics of recent years show that Americans and Britons of both sexes are increasing in height and weight. Why? The physician referred to says it is sugar.

Great Britains and Americans are the sugar eating nations of the world and have quadrupled their saccharine consumption in the last score of years.

This is now the best explanation of an accepted fact, and it will have to stand until a better one comes along.—London Tit-Bits.

Spotting Smokeless Powder.

German military authorities are experimenting with a device by which the location of troops using smokeless powder may be easily discovered. By this device it is proposed to survey the landscape through pale red glasses. The flash of smokeless powder appears strong in red light, while ordinary objects are dimmed. By furnishing field glasses with the device in question, which is provided with screens of the proper tint, the position of concealed marksmen can be detected.—Washington Herald.

Girls Allowances.

Parents should give their girls an allowance, however small, from their earliest years. To learn economy it is necessary to spend, and how can one spend what one has not got? Keeping accounts is an admirable practice, though the great Dr. Johnson scoffed at it. You won't eat less beef to-day," he said, "because you have written down what it cost you yesterday."—Lady Violet Griville in Black and White.

Women Detectives.

In Paris, shoplifting has become a fine art, consequently watching has had to become a fine art also, and the Parisian shopkeepers are finding that it pays them to employ proper women detectives to watch their stock, so now every house of importance has its own woman detective.—Woman's Life.

An Ancient Robe.

The robe which John Wesley wore when he was christened over 200 years ago is now the property of Miss Emily Pashley of Worksop, England, it having come to her from her grandfather at whose house Wesley lived for a time when but an infant.

An Unusual Happening.

A mill at Great Barrington, Mass., was shut down in a most unusual manner a few weeks ago, when water bugs, crowding into the space around the engine stop push button, produced a short circuit and the consequent stoppage.

The Christian Brothers.

The Christian Brothers, a religious congregation of the Catholic Church, founded in 1680 in France, is building a large business college at Portland, Ore., an entire city block having been purchased for the school and a large playground.

Canada's Fuel Supply.

A serious problem for the people of Canada to solve is the fuel supply of the future. No coal of any kind has ever been discovered in Ontario. In the older part of the province the timber is practically exhausted.

Talk a Mile.

The conditions of the Arctic atmosphere are so favorable for the transmission of sound that it is possible for two persons to converse through a mile of space.

Coloring Brass.

A color resembling pewter may be given to brass by boiling the casting in a cream of tartar solution containing a small amount of chloride of tin.

Firemen in the Metropolis.

There are more firemen killed and injured in the performance of their duties in New York City than in any other city in the world.

Long Lived Swan.

Among the birds the swan lives to be the oldest, in extreme cases reaching 300 years. The falcon has been known to live over 152 years.

The Sawed Off.

Laplanders are the shortest people in Europe, the men averaging 4 feet 11 inches, the women 4 feet 9 inches.

The Bristol to Paddington (England) express covers 118½ miles in two hours.

Glass telephone poles reinforced by wire are being used in some parts of Germany.