

Legal Notices

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BUYING RUBIES IN BURMA.

A Peculiar Method of Bargaining for the Precious Stones.

The peculiar business methods of Oriental merchants are illustrated by the manner of buying rubies in Burma. In the examination of rubies artificial light is not used, the merchants holding that full sunlight alone can bring out the color and brilliancy of the gems.

The purchaser, placed near a window, has before him a large copper plate. The sellers come to him one by one, and each empties upon this plate his little bag of rubies.

The buyer and seller then go through a very peculiar method of bargaining by signs, or rather grips, in perfect silence. After agreeing upon the fairness of the classification, they join their right hands, covered with a handkerchief or the flap of a garment, and by grips and pressures mutually understood among all these dealers, they make, modify and accept proposals of purchase and sale.

The Efficient Japanese Spies. It is rather difficult to believe the statement of the Novoe Vremya, a leading Russian paper, which explained that a real pigtail, which he explained he had allowed to grow during the last six years for this very purpose, for the Chinese pigtail is the result of many years of growth and much careful cultivation.

Kangaroo is a Swift Mover. What is an old man kangaroo? The expression was used by Mr. Brent, the Premier of Victoria, in a recent speech, and one of the reporters subsequently asked him what it meant.

Boat that was Cut in Two. The remarkable operations of cutting a great passenger steamer squarely in two amidships, pulling the halves forty feet apart and bringing the space with new sections of boat, and actually adding to the vessel's staunchness, has been performed upon the City of Buffalo, which a few weeks ago opened its last season between Cleveland and Buffalo.

A Son's Dilemma. Sometimes two mothers have disagreed for one infant. It seldom happens that a grown-up son has to choose between two mothers. A young man named Santini, in Italy, who had grown up as the son of a bath proprietor and his wife, who had documents to attest the legitimacy of their marriage, recently had laid before him documents to prove that another woman was his mother, and that she had been compelled to abandon him in his infancy.

The Prepaid Envelope. The idea of a prepaid envelope originated in France early in the reign of Louis XIV, with M. de Valfrey, who, in 1653, established, under royal consent, a private penny post, placing boxes at the corners of the streets for the reception of letters wrapped in envelopes bought at offices established for that purpose.

Preserving Corpses. In European experiments corpses have been kept for a certain time in a bath of chloride of calcium heated to 123 degrees, then taken out and steeped for twenty-four hours in a cold solution of sulphate of sodium. The bodies are transformed into perfect mummies, to be kept indefinitely.

WAR IS NOT SO DEADLY.

As Weapons Grow More Dangerous, Deaths Decrease.

It is only a few years ago that M. Bloch wrote his book, "The War." This book is alleged to have moved the ear to proclaim his great message of peace.

M. Bloch gave terribly realistic pictures of modern war, and proclaimed that it would be impossible in the near future for nations to engage in deadly struggle. War was to cost millions of pounds sterling a day, and men were to die like flies.

But what are the facts? Two great wars have broken out in the small space of time since M. Bloch gave his opinions to the world, and in every case his deductions with the exception of cost, have proved to be false.

The fact is that while war is becoming more humane the risk of being killed or dying of disease is very much minimized. Less than 100 years ago it was no uncommon thing for 50,000 or 60,000 men to be knocked hors de combat in a single day.

And there are reasons which are not apparent at first sight in the first place, the trajectory—the height a bullet rises from the ground of a modern rifle is only 15 feet in the first 500 yards if the rifle be aimed point blank at advancing troops.

In older days a bullet soared high in the air, particularly at the longer range, but in the modern days men are no longer so easily struck. A regiment marched forward on a plain, but now it is all that has changed. In an attack taken forward, the risk of their being shot is much lessened.

In short, while the manufacture of lethal weapons has advanced by leaps and bounds the science of warfare has kept pace with that advance. And, further, the science of surgery has not stripped both the suffering of the war and the maker of the gun.

The modern bullet is not a man stopper. The old Schneider bullet, the strongest man out of action and occasioned terrible pain, if the man were not struck in a vital part.

The Martini bullet followed. It was not so heavy nor so cumbersome as the Schneider, and an energetic man could struggle along although wounded.

Later came the Lee-Boyd bullet, with its elongated body and hollow point strikes a man on the heart or brain it does not knock him hors de combat. In fact, several men shot through the brain in China and South Africa are serving in the army today.

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