

ODD CASES OR EXTRAVAGANCE

Some People's Methods of Squandering Amounts of Money.

When people have more money than they know what to do with they sometimes develop a remarkable ingenuity in devising methods of squandering it.

Even more remarkable says London Tit-Bits, is the story told of a wealthy Frenchman who dines twice a week at a famous Parisian restaurant.

Weird form of extravagance was that of a lady named Hillier, who recently buried her husband in a \$4,000 coffin.

The late Chinese Minister at Washington used to wear a hat valued at \$1,000, in front of which was a large opal set in diamonds.

The Nizam of Hyderabad had a set of false teeth for which he paid a Madras dentist \$700, and Mr. Dixie W. Thompson, a wealthy rancher of Santa Barbara, not long ago spent \$750 on a saddle, which is of the finest embossed leather.

One of the most remarkable cases of extravagance on record was when in 1843 the Sultan of Turkey of a Sultan's whim.

The value of chairs is strictly relative. Enormous prices have been paid for chairs in recent years, notably \$100,000 for a set of half a dozen Louis XIV chairs.

A most valuable and historically interesting suite of furniture is that which more than a century ago, was presented to Warren Hastings by Tipu Sahib and which was purchased at the London bazaar sale for \$50,000.

A short time ago a romantic story was told in the French papers of two dilapidated armchairs which were sold among the effects of Mme. Borg, a widow, who died at Dellys, an Algerian seaport town.

Not long after the sale of her furniture, however, it was observed that the purchaser of the chairs, a Spanish stevedore named Perez, ceased to work.

A new sugar plant from South America which has been named eupatorium, is pronounced by Meroni, the German chemist, to be of great value.

SOLDIERS FOND OF KNITTING

Other Ways in Which Men of Foreign Service Amuse Themselves.

Soldiers abroad especially in India, are not all soldiers in the ordinary sense of the word.

From socks the natural transition is to Berlin wool work. This mostly takes the form of waist belts and slippers, and men with a good eye for the tasteful blending of colors find it an extremely profitable hobby.

Another man was a veritable artist in Berlin wool, and his reproduction of that famous picture, 'The Ince-pots,' besides taking the first prize at the Poona Industrial Exhibition, sold for \$30.

Hearth rugs, quilts and table covers also occupy the time of many men, being made of pieces of many cloth of various colors.

Paris and mines afford never failing source of occupation to those gifted with sufficient patience to undertake the task of teaching these birds to speak.

Various places lend themselves to particular hobbies. In the Andaman Islands mother of pearl is plentiful, and everybody goes in either for polishing shells or making rings and bracelets from them.

In India soldiers recovering from serious illness are sent to rest stations to cure their ailments and can find plenty of work in their 'into walking sticks'.

Largest Book in the World. Bigger than any other book in the world that is bigger in height and breadth is a book by Augustus in the British Museum.

Leonardo da Vinci's 'Mona Lisa' in the Paris Louvre has a new frame which reveals an edge of the famous picture heretofore covered.

Take Which is Attended with Some Danger

At a funny ceremony that is being held with every year has been accomplished, and that is the marking of the young swans or cygnets on the upper Thames.

The swan markers are a picturesque company. They wear white uniforms and are accompanied by two colored jerseys.

The number of cygnets is smaller than usual this year on account of the bad weather and floods which have prevailed along the river.

The Champion Lady Climber. Mrs. Fanny Hullock Workman news of whose sensational climb in the Himalayas to an altitude of 22,500 feet has come to hand is an American.

Man's Queer View. Lloyd Brown, accountant for the Title Insurance & Trust Company in Los Angeles, amazed his fellow clerks the other day by speaking to them.

Mr. Fox's Toilet. On one trip to the Kentucky mountains, John Fox, Jr. in pursuit of a deer, he stopped over night at a cabin, where he slept up next to the fireplace.

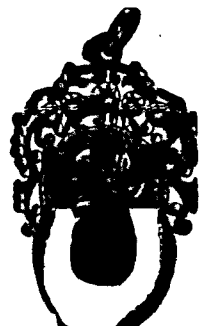


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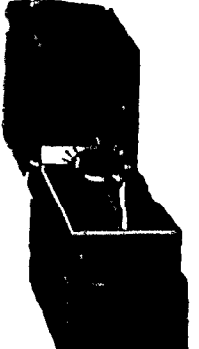
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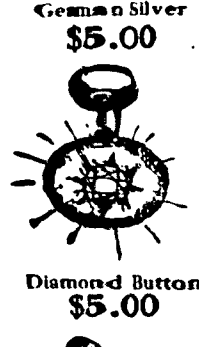
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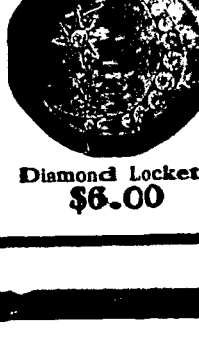
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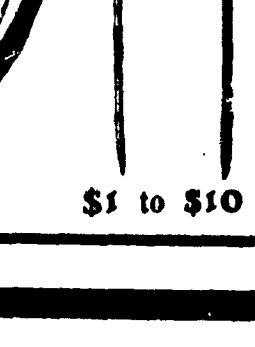
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