

DYEING REAL FLOWERS.

How the Ingenious May Produce Some Rare Floral Effects.

Every once in a while some floral gets busy and puts some odd-colored blossoms in his window as an extra attraction to the display...

Bacteria in School Glass.

A cup which had been in use nine days in a school was a clear thing. It was broken into a number of pieces and properly stained for examination with a microscope magnifying 1,000 diameters.

Birds That Deceive.

All birds are not so innocent as they would seem," says a naturalist. "Take, for instance, the goose. Most people have heard a goose hiss when threatened by danger.

Meerschmum Running Out.

Unless a fresh source of supply is found, meerschmum will soon be worth double as much as it is today.

Mathematics Versus Poetry.

Some men are so practical that it is utterly impossible for them to take in even the barest idea of poetical expression.

Position in Sleeping.

The Hindus believe, and have believed for ages, that to sleep with the head to the north will cause one's days to be shortened, the head to the east will bring longevity.

Get Variety in Amusement.

There is no city in the world that has more variety in its life than New York. Even the theaters give the drama-loving public an average of 14 new plays each month.

The Only Thing.

"So your wife is an authoress? Sinks. Does she write for money?" "I never had a letter from her yet that she wrote for anything else."

The Real Cost.

The cost of a thing is the amount of what I will call life, which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.

Dangerous Job.

Next to working in a sawmill, the most dangerous business is acting as a judge at a baby show.

The Three Ages of Man.

Report by a young English schoolgirl of a lecture on "Phases of Human Life—Youth, Manhood, and Age": "In youth we look forward to the wicked things we will do when we grow up—this is the state of innocence. In manhood we do the wicked things of which we thought in our youth—this is the prime of life. In old age we are sorry for the wicked things we did in manhood—this is the state of our Solitude."

WHY TRAINS START LATE.

Object is to Give Passengers Just One Minute's Leisure.

"We're one minute late in starting," observed the man to his seatmate on an outward bound train at the Grand Central the other afternoon. "Either the train is late or my watch is slow. I don't think it. My watch, for it's an absolutely accurate chronometer as there is in America. I paid \$500 for it, he added proudly.

The Moose.

When the rains and sunshine of late March and early April have lowered and crumpled the snow so that tramping again is possible the moose and deer leave their yards to range the woods, feeding eagerly on the expanding buds and green plants that first appear in woodland.

Our Great American Astronomer.

Prof. Simon Newcomb, the celebrated astronomer, who has just been decorated by the Kaiser, is the first American official to receive a foreign decoration of any kind in eight years.

An Herb That Tames a Tiger.

Most people are familiar with the catnip that catnip has upon Miss Puss and know how she will tear open covered ten miles and a fraction. His paper filled with it, after it about asserts that this long record of the kind roll and rub her head and sides in it, apparently delighted with its fragrance.

Correct Answer.

"This," said a teacher to her class of arithmetic, "is a unit." She held up a pencil. "This book is a unit, too," said she. "And these are units." And she showed them a ruler, a flower and an apple. Then she peeled the apple, and holding up the peel, said, "Now, children, what is this?" Silence. "Come, you know what it is," she urged.

The Smallest Tobacco Pipes Made.

The smallest pipes in the world are manufactured at Gouda, a little town in Holland. There are three kinds of them, one kind being formed of red, another of black and a third of white earth. They are all, however, of the same shape and of the same dimensions.

Real Diamonds.

Mrs. McBride — It was awfully thoughtful of Uncle George to give me what he did for a wedding present.

Girl Friend—Why, what did he give you?

"Haven't you heard? Why, you see, the other guests sent plated ware and paste jewelry mostly, but Uncle George gave me real diamonds—just think of it! A whole ton of Lehigh coal to begin housekeeping with!"

Lincoln's Freedom from Cant.

One of the delightful things about Lincoln was his freedom from cant. He never set out to "set an example." He lived his life simply and naturally, thought out and spoke the thoughts that were in him, did the work he found to do and let his example shift for itself. By consequence it is one of the great examples, one of the great inspirations, of human history.

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PAPUAN TREE HOUSES.

Cool and Clean, but not Built for Sober Nambullats.

The famous tree houses of Papua are rapidly disappearing before the march of civilization and settlement in the colony. The tree house is a neat and well built habitation, placed at an enormous height among the branches of a forest tree and reached only by a swinging ladder.

The Florida Guava.

Florida produces a great variety of the choicest fruits, but it never was famous for apples or peaches. However there is the guava concerning which little is known outside of that State but which is an excellent substitute for either of the above mentioned fruits and actually seems to be so in quantities of each.

He Was Under Oath.

The late Professor Rowland of Johns Hopkins University, was the most eminent physicist since the days of Galileo. Recently the Emperor of Russia received an associate of the Institute of France since Franklin. He has received exalted degrees from the European universities, is a member of about thirty foreign societies, and has received five medals from abroad.

Aeronautic Progress.

Although only three or four men, like the Wright brothers and Henry Farman, have as yet practically demonstrated the possibility of human flight with aeroplanes, the inventions of such machines are putting out a great variety of designs, which command much serious attention.

Setting Fire to a Whale.

A dead whale, seventy-five feet long, came ashore at Phillips Cove on the Maine coast, and large numbers of tourists went off in motor boats to have a good look at the monster. Then the town authorities towed the carcass two miles out and inserting into its side a stick of dynamite, set the explosive going. What was their astonishment when the whole animal burst into flames, fed by the whale oil for which whales were once so much hunted before the discovery of petroleum. The flames shot ten feet high and the carcass was several hours in burning, the beach being lined with astonished spectators.

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Very Long Plants.

The longest plants in the world are seaweeds. One tropical variety is known which measures in length, when it has reached its full development, at least 700 feet, or about one eighth of a mile.

The World's Colors.

Of the races of the world, 600,000,000 are white, 700,000,000 yellow, 217,000,000 black, 85,000,000 brown or Malayan, and 15,000,000 red or American Indians.

ANCIENT HINDU TEMPLE.

Remains in Java of Great Works of Eighth Century.

The Borobodor, unearthed by Sir Stamford Raffles when the English ruled in Java, was built by the Hindus in the eighth century and is by far the finest example of their work on the island. Standing on a hill in the middle of the valley, this imposing edifice, covering nearly ten acres, rises to a height of upward of a hundred feet above the summit of the hill.

One Author Who Paid His Trade.

The personal characteristics of great men so often display meanness, and this meanness is so common that it is almost a truism to say that a man who is a great man in one respect is a small man in another. The skin is smooth and the hair is black, the nose is straight and the mouth is sweet, the eyes are blue and the hair is curly, the feet are small and the hands are large.

It is All a Matter of Taste.

A strange fact is told by travelers who declare that the Arabs in the desert of Africa have contracted a habit distasteful to running water and only drink from stagnant pools when on journeys. This has become a matter of habit that will not be broken. The most poisonous-looking water agrees with them perfectly pure and they will in a few hours make them violently sick. This prejudice against fresh water is common among the animals of the desert and is frequently acquired by European travelers. At first how ever, when the latter drink of stagnant water it produces nausea and fever but when once the system becomes inured to it, running water affects them in precisely the same way as it affects the Arabs.

Her Answer.

An Atchison girl had a proposal of marriage Sunday night and asked a week to think it over. She went to all her married sisters. One, who is used to be a belle had three children, all of her own work and hadn't been divorced. Another who was always on the theatre or out riding since she was married. Another whose husband was a promising young man at the time she was married, was supported him. A third didn't dare say her life was her own when her husband was around, and a fourth was hearing their wren got poor ink and paper and wrote an answer to the young man. You may think it was refusing him but it wasn't. She said she could be ready in a month.

Houses Built of Meerschmum.

The town of Valencia in Spain is almost entirely built of meerschmum. Valencias has on its outskirts great quarries of a meerschmum too coarse for pipe making and a meerschmum built town is the result. In the Spanish sun in Morocco meerschmum is so plentiful that they use it when soap and fresh for soap. It gives a pleasant and cleansing lather. Eldisheim in Asia Minor, supplies the world with meerschmum. There are 2,000 mines, large and small, and 8,000 Kays and Persian meerschmum miners work day and night in them. The meerschmum comes from the earth yellow and turns white after ten days bleaching in the sun.

How They Shoe Geese in Poland.

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DEBIT AND CREDIT.

A Bit of Wit and a Bit of Wisdom Apropos of Unpaid Bills.

One of the most amiable men who ever dunned a delinquent debtor has condensed the argument of his calling into an epigram and pasted it on the back of his collection book. It reads: "MAN CAME FROM DUST—DUST SETTLES. ARE YOU A MAN?"

Women Like Pockets.

Talk about the small boy and his desire for plenty of pockets," remarked Harry New manager of one of the biggest concerns in the city or in the west, manufacturing women's garments. "No youngster with his first pair of trousers is half as excited about his pockets as is the average woman buying a cloak or suit. With in the last few years the question of pockets has come to be an important matter in women's garments. Women not only like pockets for carrying various small articles but they even like them so placed in the coats that they can walk with their hands in them, the same as a man's. It's getting so that we manufacturers hardly dare put out a garment without paying attention first of all to its pocket feature." Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Life's Adjusting Power.

Life seems to have a sort of adjusting power. We always suffer one way or another for the wrong we do and unquestionably we are always rewarded for the good actions. There is no happiness in revenge no joy in hatred no inspiration in jealousy and meanness. It is when we have come to a quiet understanding of the ill-effects of our baser sentiments that we become refined and grow into better more wholesome conditions. It is usually the one who runs away from the fight who is the stronger. Punishment will be meted out to your enemy if it isn't for you to judge and control. All those matters are taken care of just how we do not know and after all it does not matter.

Anger Shrinks Vitality.

Dr. Maurice de Fleury, a distinguished Frenchman, advances the theory that every time one becomes angry his vitality shrinks. After even the most artfully suppressed signs of a bad temper the vitality becomes small. Anger is a certain kind of cerebral excitement explains Dr. de Fleury. The hyperaesthetic subject is always on its verge while the neurasthenic becomes infuriated only by a sudden bound of reaction excited from without. But at that moment when they are let loose the two are alike save that the strong man is a blunder brute while the weak man is somewhat of a snivel and seems to shrink at effect.

True Missionary Spirit.

Speaking at a recent meeting of the Colonial and Continental Church Society in London the bishop of North Queensland said I spoke at Oxford the other day and asked for men to help me in our great work. Eight of the finest young graduates volunteered to go back to the bush with me. Then I searched for a leader and turned to Ireland the home of missionaries. I sent a telegram to Rev. E. H. Crozier vicar of St. George's Dublin asking him if he would give up his rich living worth £500 a year and come and be the leader of my band of recruits in the bush at £300 a year. The answer I received was: Yes, the Lord being my help.

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