

ICE CREAM IN THE SOUTH.

Much of it Made of Condensed Milk—Shipped Long Distances.

The consumption of cream in the South is small, owing to the scarcity of fresh cream rather than to a lack of demand.

There is a large consumption of ice cream, but much of the product is made from bulk condensed or whole milk of low grade.

A little girl in St. Louis the other evening was going through the usual form of prayer: "God bless mamma, and papa, and make me a good girl."

George Washington was commander-in-chief of the army at the age of 33; Cromwell entered upon his remarkable career at 28; Napoleon crossed Italy before he was 30; Gladstone was a member of parliament at 22; Macaulay began his literary career at 20; Columbus started out on his voyage of discovery at 35; Frederick the Great began the Thirty Years' war at the age of 30, and Blackstone had finished his "Commentaries" before he was 35.—Scrap Book.

For Future Dreadnoughts. That the German government believes ships of war will be much bigger in the future is shown by the announcement of the Kaiser Wilhelm canal, which is to be deepened at once to 36 feet, with provision for a later deepening, if necessary, to 48 feet.

Ancient Pagan Festival. In the highlands of Scotland and in Ireland the last of May was called Beltane. This was the name of an ancient pagan festival, traces of which have survived to this day.

A Plea for Bachelors. There are few people in the community more generous, according to their means, more unselfish, and more self-denying than the much-maligned bachelor class.

When Fortune Topples. The demand for employment by educated women is greater proportionately in England than in any other country.

Lady Aberdeen's New Sphere. Lady Aberdeen, who has been carrying on an energetic propaganda to better the health of the Irish people, has undertaken the editorial work of a weekly magazine, which will be issued by the Women's National Health Association.

Would Have Home Course. Mrs. Julian Heath presided at the meeting which was held the other day in New York for the purpose of urging the creation of a federal bureau to instruct mothers in the care of their homes and families.

Asking Too Much. Jacks (ringing up the theater goes the wrong number)—"Can you let me have a box for four to-night?" Bessie (the undertaker)—"I'm afraid not, sir. I only make 'em to hold one."—Tit-Bits.

Great Enemies of Peace. Five great enemies of peace inhabit us, namely, avarice, ambition, envy, anger and pride, but if these enemies were banished, we should enjoy perpetual peace.—Petrarch.

Occasionally there is a college president who receives as high a salary as a first-class baseball pitcher, in spite of the prevalent impression to the contrary.

SIG BLAST IN ARIZONA.

Side of a Mountain Broken Up to Supply Railroad Ballast.

One of the biggest things in the blasting line ever done took place the other day near Stein's Pass, Arizona, when the whole side of a mountain was dislodged to ballast 190 miles of track, all in one explosion.

Thoughtless Speech Brings Sorrow. A man will never be sorry for hearing both sides before passing judgment, for thinking twice before speaking for holding his tongue when he is angry, for closing his ears to the reports of gossip, for discrediting reports for being kind to those in distress, for being patient with those who make mistakes for apologizing to those whom he has injured for being courteous to those around him for doing his duty every day.

Catch Phrases. People catch an striking phrase and work them until they become very tiresome. The pupil and the preacher are especially in danger of this over-doing. It is well for the preacher and for the leader in prayer to watch themselves, and if they find that one certain phrase is becoming very common in their utterance, to call a halt at once. The more striking the phrase the greater need to use it rarely if its significance or force is to be held.—Presbyterian of the South.

Care of Brass. To clean your brass candlesticks and andirons that have become discolored, collect the pine shavings that accumulate in your fireplace, or in the kitchen stove, and mix them with a little warm water and pour each with a bit of flannel dipped in this paste. Afterward wash the brass with warm water and dry with soft, clean flannel, and if it does not look like new by this time, finish with a dry ash flannel, rub down.

Of High Degree. A little girl of old New York, absent in whose presence the family glories were often talked about, overheard lately rebuking her pet kitten. Holding pussy by her fore paws and looking her full in the face, she remarked, "I'm ashamed of you, Kitty, for being so naughty, and just think, your grandmother was a high degree!"

Pheasant Farm on Island. On one of the Thousand Islands an enterprising American has started a pheasant farm. He expects in time to have 4,000 to 5,000 English golden pheasants on his island. As the nearest land is half a mile away, he thinks he'll be able to keep them at home.

London Ladies Fences. London ladies stimulated by the Olympic games of last summer have taken to the fells, and fencing is now the fashion. Indeed, an official of the Sword club holds that fencing is likely to have an even wider vogue among women than among men.

Drawing the Line. A new authority has decided that "under certain circumstances" a man may play poker with only four cards. But if he wants to play with six the player must get his gun out ahead of the other fellow.—Boston Herald.

For Better or Worse. "I'm tired of this eternal philosophical scrap about the respective influences of heredity and environment," says the Philosopher of Holly. "If heredity brings a man enough money, he can make his own environment."

Ocean Waters. A ton of water from the Atlantic ocean, when evaporated, will yield eight pounds of salt; a ton from the Pacific, 79 pounds; and a ton from the Dead Sea, 187 pounds.

Great Speed of a Pigeon. A speed of more than 2,800 yards a minute for 71 miles has been attained by a homing pigeon belonging to Mrs. R. Swarbrick Roebuck, in the Northwest Lancashire Federation race from Stafford.—London Standard.

Pride. Pride that dines on variety sups on contempt. Pride breakfasted with plenty, dined with poverty and supped with infamy.—Benjamin Franklin.

Force of Example. Some men are so governed by example that they can't even see a full moon without wanting to get full, too.—Philadelphia Record.

HOW TO LIVE LONG.

Conclusions Drawn from the Writings of Distinguished Men.

A Paris contemporary has been instructing its readers how to live to a good age, drawing its conclusions from the lives and writings of distinguished men.

The Captain's Repartee. The captain of a trans-Atlantic liner, having become irritable as a result of some minor troubles in the ship's management and the unusually large number of ridiculous inquiries made by tourists was heading for the "bridge" when a dapper young man halted him to inquire the cause of the commotion off the starboard side of the ship. Being on the port side, the captain politely replied, with some sarcasm, he was not certain, but thought it possible that a cat fish had just had kittens. What-to-Eat.

Mutual Surprise. A mission worker in New Orleans was visiting a reformatory near that city not long ago when she observed among the inmates an old acquaintance—a negro lad long thought to be a model of integrity. "Jim!" exclaimed the mission worker. "Is it possible I find you here?" "Yassum," blithely responded the backslider. "I'm charged with stealing a barrel o' sweet potatoes." The visitor sighed. "You, Jim!" she repeated. "I am surprised." "Yassum," said Jim. "So was I or I wouldn't be here!"

A Use for Liquid Air. Liquid air made from carbon dioxide, according to Dr. David Hubbard, liquefies at a pressure of 2,000 pounds to the square inch. When liberated at a low temperature it becomes carbonic acid snow, crystallizing into a substance resembling common white chalk, though of greater brilliancy. This snow has been applied with great effect to many skin diseases, such as moles, warts, birthmarks, etc., a ten-second application ending the growth and causing it to disappear.

Forests of British Columbia. Official estimates state that in British Columbia there is an area of forest and wood land aggregating 285,554 square miles. All over this extensive area are large sections, each of many square miles, owned or leased by American syndicates and controlled by American capital. The available timber area of Vancouver island alone amounted to 8,000,000 acres.

Feminine Facts. The earliest form of the glove was a mere bag for the hand. Women workers in Germany rarely make over \$3 a week. The Ainu women of Japan tattoo their faces in order to give themselves the look of whiskered men. The Sultan of Morocco is descended from an Irish girl.

Who Would Think It? The renowned M. Biowits once wrote from Paris to the London Times. "La Liberté is one of those amphibious journals that, waiting to see which way the wind blows, sometimes unexpectedly turn the scale."—Christian Register.

Against Saloon-Cashed Checks. "Any employee of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company who in the future has his pay check cashed in a saloon will be discharged." The foregoing is the substance of a general circular issued by Superintendent, N. J. Finney.

Her Blue Kitchen. "You are always talking about your lovely little blue kitchen," they said, "but we see no dining room every night. Do you never cook in it?" "Not enough to get tired of it," she said, "and that's the reason I like it so."

An Encumbrance. Little Helen had been very noisy all day long. Her papa asked her to stand in the corner to punish her. After crying a while she very indignantly said, "I do wish papa had never married in this family."

Her Discovery. A queer maid from the city saw a fair thing on a tree: she said: "Oh, ain't it pretty! Whatever can it be?" With a stick she poked it—to her beauty's ruination; for, alas! it proved to be a hornet's habitation.

Good Definition of Pride. "Pride," said Uncle Eben, "is 'a-dum-pin' like a fly'n' machine. 'It'll take you way up over de heads of other folks; but it has to be managed wif great care to avoid a bump.'"

Pagan Idea of Death. Death—a stopping of impressions through the senses, and of the pulling of the cords of motion, and of the ways of thought, and of service to the soul.—Maurice Anselme.

PRIVOLOUS MADRID.

Spanish Capital a Spendthrift Town and Devoted to Gossip.

The note of Madrid is frivolity. It is a spendthrift town. Nowhere do so many people of modest means keep carriages, or at least hire them. For automobiles has supplied a new outlet to an old passion.

Madrid women dress well, even very well, and the charm of the Spanish woman is never denied. Modern Madrid is sometimes supposed to be modeled on modern Paris, but the Parisian view is that there is nothing but a young person appeared on horseback in Hyde Park in a Directors' costume. Feather headed and light, dressed, the Madrilenos, on the other hand, good natured and easy to live with.

Hygiene and Aeroplanes. Top floors are healthier. On the same principle to nest like birds among the trees is a sound practice hygienically and one that is indulged in every summer by Princess Marie of Roumania, who owns an airy habitable house that was erected for her by the architect. This consists of a small tower, furnished simply furnished cottage with a kitchen and has for its support four big iron trees. The idea is not original, but it suggests the most convenient form of abode for an aeronaut, as it facilitates the process of launching it. Thus man could step out of his dining room into the car.

A possibility of the near future is the curatorial treatment of invalids. Instead of sending his patient to a health resort a doctor will prescribe a week's holiday in a balloon at an altitude adapted to the case in hand. In this respect there has already been considered a perfected system of balloons, with a library, a recreation room, and a portable laboratory complete.

Tracing Underground Water. A rational device for finding underground currents of water has been invented by a Frenchman named Dierckx. It was suggested by the instrument known as Daguin's acoustic device or the analysis of sounds, which is somewhat like a megaphone. To use it a hole about a foot deep is sunk in the earth and the large end of the tube is placed in it, tubes attached to the small end being inserted in the ears. If there is underground running water anywhere in the vicinity it may be heard plainly, the sound resembling that of the wind in a forest. Still water, of course, cannot be detected. Experiments with this instrument near known subterranean streams have succeeded well, but it does not appear that it has ever discovered any hitherto unsuspected streams. There seems to be no reason, however, why it should not be so used.

The Bab. The Bab—Mirza Ali Mohammed—was born in Shiraz, Persia, in the year 1820. He was trained at first to commercial life, but a pilgrimage to Mecca awakened in his heart the religious zeal which made him devote his life henceforth to developing the faith which he held. Upon his return to his native city, in 1844, he assumed the title of Bab, or "Gate" leading to the truth. In the eyes of the orthodox Mohammedans the tenets of the Bab were rank heresy, and he was taken to Tabriz and shot.

The Klondike Discovery. The discovery of gold in the Klondike is said to have been made by a prospector named J. W. Carmack, who married a squaw and learned from the Indians that there were deposits of gold in the Klondike region. In August, 1896, he verified the story by taking out several hundred dollars' worth of gold in a few days by primitive methods.

Still Warm. After watching a turkey gobbler for some minutes, Tommy exclaimed: "Look, mamma, the old gobbler has had his fan up for half an hour, and his face looks just as red as ever!"

New Thought. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Look on the sunny side, determine not to see shadows and make the best of everything and life will be one sweet song.

Habit Hard to Overcome. Many people find it impossible to get over the habit of adulterating the truth which they use.

A Cynicism. Woman's most valuable asset is—the imagination of man.—London Truth.

USE MORE THAN ONE DESK.

Men Who Find Two or Even Three Desks Convenient in Their Work.

"One man I had occasion to call on the other day," said a man whose business takes him around among people more or less, "I found sitting between two desks. Facing one, he had the other directly at his back, and evidently both were in use. The significance of the two desks was really very simple.

"This man is at the head of an establishment calling for both scientific and administrative work and in one of his desks he has all the material required in his scientific work and in the other the various things required in his business work. He sits between the two desks in a revolving chair. If he has business to attend to he swings around and goes at it on the business desk. Business finished, he swings around again to his other desk and resumes his scientific work enabled by the arrangement to avoid confusion and to prosecute his work in either direction, with convenience and economy of time, all of which I thought was very fine.

I have since heard of another man engaged in three pursuits who uses three desks in precisely the same manner, the three desks being set to form three sides of a square, with his revolving chair in the centre, the papers and documents and data pertaining to one thing in one desk, to another thing in another and to the third thing in the third desk, all very convenient, and time saving. And I suppose if you looked around enough you would find in fact a considerable number of men who make use of their business or professions of more than one desk."

Another Mother-in-Law Story. Two great excitements of the East under are weddings and funerals, but the greater of these is the funeral of a poor district will be going to see the funeral of a neighbor, and if perchance a man, woman or child has been so happy as to meet with a violent death in the factory or in the street, they turn out in their thousands in every possible variety of dress and undress to do honor to the virtues of the delinquent neighbor. It is an unhealthy kind of interest, it is a morbid excitement, but such as it it plays a most important part in the life of the poor. A man of my acquaintance who had lost his wife for whom I am sorry to say, he did not great liking, was told by his friends that he would have to ride in the mourning coach with his mother-in-law. Now although there was little love lost between his wife and himself while she was alive, he had still as affection for his mother-in-law and so he obstinately refused to consent to this arrangement. Finally he gave way with the utmost reluctance.

Well be muttered, if you say I must, I suppose I must, but it'll spoil all the pleasure of this day." Percy Addison, in The World To Day.

Australia the Poor Man's Paradise. The cheapness of living in Australia is proverbial. It is a veritable poor man's paradise. In the butchers shops you see two penny and four penny steaks on the meat, and provisions of all production are equally inexpensive. In the eating houses or coffee houses a great feature of town life there you can get a square meal consisting of a steak or chop, bread and butter and tea, for sixpence. There are no tips for waiters in the Antipodes. The colonials are enormous tea drinkers, and on an average partake of the cheering herb seven times a day. Boarding houses—another prominent feature—are under almost essential in a land where the domestic servants command a wage of a pound a week, with every evening out and leave to practice the piano and keep a bicycle.

One of Dumas' Sentences. The prize for the longest sentence ever written may fairly be awarded to the elder Dumas, who probably holds a further record for fertility of production. In the seventh of the 29 volumes which compose the "Impressions de Voyage," there is a sentence describing Benvenuto Cellini which fills three pages, or 108 lines, averaging 45 letters apiece. The sentence is broken by 68 commas and 80 semi colons, but as it contains 195 verbs and 123 proper names, the reader is somewhat bewildered before the end is reached.

An Unreasonable Command. An Irish captain inspecting his company noticed that one of the soldiers had neglected to wash either the back of his neck or his ears. "Hi, you," he called to him—"you haven't washed yourself at the back! Right-about-face and look at yourself!"

Woman. A Japanese saying runs: "Woman is an unmanageable creature; flatter her, she is elated; thrash her, she weepeth; kill her, her spirit haunts you." We would suggest that the best remedy is to love her.—London News.

Worst of Hardships. We speak of hardships, but the true hardship is to be a dull fool and permitted to mismanage our life in our own dull and foolish way.—R. L. Stevenson.

Large Coal Fields in Alaska. That one-fourth of Alaska is a coal field is announced at Washington by Alfred H. Brooks, chief geologist of the Alaska division of the geological survey.

WATER BY PACK HORSES.

Problem for the People Who Live Back from the Rio Grande.

Water is a precious article in the upper Rio Grande region of Texas, says the Kansas City Star. The Rio Grande itself contains an ample supply for the Mexicans and few Americans who live in this remote region, but it sometimes is a difficult matter to transport and distribute a supply. In the villages and goat ranches situated back from the river the water problem is one of the most difficult that the people have to contend with. Many months may pass without rain. The country becomes dry and parched. The hardy desert plants are the only species of vegetation that are able to go through these long droughts. Water frequently has to be transported long distances from the Rio Grande. Where the country is mountainous and rough water carts cannot be used; the water is carried in water bags which fit over the back of a horse.

These bags are evenly balanced upon the back of the horse and carry ten to twelve gallons when filled. The bags are made of stout canvas and are fitted with the funnels. It is not uncommon to see a dozen or more of these water pack horses in a single train going to or from the river, all in charge of a Mexican driver.

Nuggets of News. Statistics show that while England is becoming a less violent nation it is at the same time becoming more dishonest. Government experiments indicate that with the use of oil as fuel both the speed and steaming radius of a vessel is increased. The proposed bridge across the Snake River Canyon below the Great Shoshone Falls, 700 feet above the water will be the highest bridge in the world. Telephone rates are fixed by the State in Illinois and interchange of service between companies in the same locality is compulsory.

Seek to Domesticate Yaks. To the Canadian government the Duke of Bedford has presented a small herd of yaks. There are six individuals in the herd and it is sought to ascertain their suitability for domestication in the northern parts of the Dominion. They constitute the most important form of animal life to be found in Tibet being used for all purposes except tillage and draft, and may become a valuable economic factor in those chill and lofty regions of the far northwest where conditions correspond in a measure to those of Tibet.

The World's Various Creeds. According to a French writer, Christianity has about 377,000,000 followers, with the Oriental creeds ranking next in the following order: Confucianism and ancestor worship, 258,000,000; Hinduism, 190,000,000; Mohammedanism, 177,000,000; and Buddhism, 147,000,000. The Christian total includes 231,000,000 Roman Catholics, 143,000,000 Protestants, and 98,000,000 Orthodox Greeks.

Iron Ore Fields in Finland. Though Finland has been regarded up to the present time as being extremely poor in iron ore, recent research has proved the existence of ore fields in South Finland (Nyland), and above all in the Ladoga lake district which seem to be worth the expense of mining. For research purposes a company has been formed.

Happiness. We should be as happy as possible and our happiness should last as long as possible, for those who can finally issue from self by the portal of happiness know infinitely wider freedom than those who pass through the gate of sadness.—Maeterlinck.

Easy! Six-year-old Ray's teacher was endeavoring to give some very simple instructions in fractions. She added, "If Jane has six eggs and uses half of them to bake a cake what part will she have left?" Quickly came the answer. "The shells!"

Stagnation Means Defeat. One grows or stagnates. Stagnation is not good for any one. To be in touch with the progress of the world one must keep in touch with the life that makes it progress, and every man and woman plays some part in this.

Increased Petroleum Production. The petroleum production of the United States in 1908 has been estimated at between 175,000,000 and 180,000,000 barrels, an increase of five to nine per cent, as compared with the production of 166,000,000 barrels in 1907.

Exclusive. "Where do the Hottentots live, Mary?" a public-school teacher asked one of her pupils. "I don't know, m," said Mary, primly. "Ma won't let me visit any of the people in this neighborhood."—Youth's Companion.

As a Rule. "When a man gives it out that he is not seeking a nomination," observes Old Man Flocks, "it is generally because he thinks the nomination is breaking his neck chasing him."

Improved Burglar Alarm. An automatic burglar alarm has just been invented in Russia by Lieut. Col. Tufayev and a Mr. Domanovsky. The signal consists of 200 shots fired automatically.

Always a Popular Toy. The boys of ancient Egypt played with toy soldiers.