

Funny Peasant Notions. The astronomical lore of the Russian peasantry of the north, center and south of the empire is limited to a knowledge of the existence of the sun, the moon and stars, of three constellations of the Milky way, of comets, shooting stars and meteors. The sun is to all a mysterious and beneficent being.

What Makes a Nation. I believe there is no permanent greatness to a nation except it be based upon morality. I do not care for military greatness or military renown. I care for the condition of the people among whom I live.

A Formidable Feast. Wentworth Woodhouse has long been famed for its hospitality. On Jan. 7, 1732, Richard Wardman, the steward of Wentworth Woodhouse, writes that "My lord is to have a grand dinner for all his tenants and some other of his loving gentlemen that be persons and doctors and potheecaries and none is to be admitted but what has the King's license."

Ether. Ether was known to the earliest chemists. Nitric ether was discovered by Kunkel in 1681 and muratic ether, from the chloride of tin, in 1750, by Courtauvant. Acetic ether was first prepared by Gay-Lussac.

A Point of Law. The world famous detective spoke in a low whisper, and his friend looked quickly around, seeing a mystery.

Bit by Bit. "Washington seems to have finally made a conquest of the Seaside girl. Wonder how it all came about?"

Qualified to Instruct. Mr. Green—What a lot I seem to have learned tonight! How I have benefited by this conversation with my dear Miss Roberts! Somehow your intellect seems to appeal to mine. Are you a literary lady? Miss Roberts: No; I am a teacher in an infant school.

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Misunderstood. "Before you were married he said he would go through fire and water for you, didn't he?"

ROLLING GOLD PIECES

By TERENCE J. OTOOLE. "Mike, ye poor devil, why don't ye go to Ameriky?" "The words were spoken by a country squire in Tipperary county, Ireland, to Mike Doolan, one of his poorest tenants.

"Go on." "He blindfolded me and led me along for awhile. I counted my steps. This he turned me to the right and went on. I began to count my steps again.

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