

The Vagrant Heart

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Some day there shall be written the complete history of the Vagrant Heart, and that history will contain a succession of strange episodes situated in various parts of the world.



The Spinster Watched Them.

His hand slid up and touched her where it lay on the rail, but she seemed not to notice it. "They are asking for you," she added, "upstairs." And she gestured with her hand in the direction of the noisy gallery.

Morgan Burke looked on this composite woman and marvelled. Of all his admirers she seemed to be a part. The gesture of her hand, the supple twist of her body as she stood here, the poise of her hand, the glance of her eyes and the curve of her cheek—each was representative of some one of those others of his past.

Morale—a New Word. Napoleon once remarked that morale is to other factors in war as three to one. Morale is a new word to our speech, and I do not know that any one has yet fully defined it, but there are certain factors which must enter into its composition.

Printing in China. The Chinese follow the primitive way of printing from engraved wooden blocks. The matter to be printed is first written by means of ink upon paper which is pasted face downward upon a block of a pear or plum tree.

President Maker. Thurlow Weed, an old-time political leader of New York, was called "the president maker." He was prominent in procuring the nomination of General W. H. Harrison in 1840, of General Taylor in 1848 and of General Scott in 1852, though the last named was not elected.

Outside of Well-Known Deposits, Iron is Believed to Have the Greatest Amount of Ore Available. Iron will continue to be one of the greatest necessities of reconstruction days as well as during war time and its sources will not cease to be centers of world interest.

Beautiful Constantinople. The city of Constantinople is full of beautiful and interesting things, but in the way of buildings, after Santa Sophia the mosque of Yoni Valideh were supposed to afford greater protection than caps from the glare.

Concerning Snakes. Poisonous snakes have diamond-shaped heads about four times larger at the jawbone than at the neck, according to World Wide Magazine.

Fogs Have "Silence Zones." Fog bells and whistles are frequently ineffective because of the "zones of silence" prevalent in fog banks.

Author of Immortal Song. "Home, Sweet Home," was written in 1823 by John Howard Payne. In but a very few of the sixty years of his life Payne was sufficiently long at any one place to call it his home.

Columbus' Three Vessels. The Santa Maria was one of the three vessels with which Columbus set sail for America from Palos, Spain, August 3, 1492. She was a good-sized boat, ninety feet long, carrying sixty-six men.

Nothing Gained by Brooding. Give up brooding over failures—take each day as a fresh start. Give up enmities, grudges, envies—all conditions of mind that drag down the spirit.

Long Mountain Range. Sumatra is of volcanic origin, and together with the other members of the Malay group, formed in an early period of the world a part of the Asiatic continent.

Well, Knowledge is Power. Jimmie had been to the dentist to get a tooth pulled. A few days later a friend of the family, a man whose head presented an extremely barefooted appearance, called at Jimmie's house.

Pig Iron From Iron Sands. Experiments in New Zealand have demonstrated the practicability of producing pig iron from iron sands. The development of the industry has reached the stage where iron is actually produced at the rate of 15 tons per day.

Differences in Fashion. In Japan the professional beauty loves to appear with golden teeth; in India she prefers them stained red, and in certain parts of Sumatra no lady who respects herself would consent to have any front teeth at all.

WAR HELPED ZINC INDUSTRY. Remarkable Impetus Given to the Mining and Refining of the Mineral in Japan. The high-water mark in the development of zinc mining and refining in Japan has been reached since the outbreak of the present war.

Smallest National Park. The smallest of our national parks contains just thirty-eight acres and is on Prince of Wales Island, Southeastern Alaska. It was created but a year or so ago by presidential proclamation.

Holmes Caught Napping. Referring to our recent note about the English reporter giving the baseball score as "Two-love," a correspondent reminds us that no less a writer than Conan Doyle once made a curious blunder in describing our national game.

Lightning Calculation. An eminent electrician has figured out the horsepower of a lightning flash. The amount of light given by a single lightning flash is sufficient to illuminate an area two miles square with an average illumination of one candle.

To Be Friends Again. One of the best ways of healing a quarrel is to ask a favor. If we attempt to do a kindness to a friend who is alienated, she will probably suspect our motive and reject it.

Everything All Right. Nellie was happily anticipating Santa Claus' visit. It was Christmas eve, and raining furiously. A friend happened in and said: "Santa Claus can't come tonight because it is raining."

Aleppo Once of Importance. In ancient days Aleppo was a depot on the great trade trail between India, the regions along the Tigris and Euphrates, and the Mediterranean.

Searchlight Rifle. To enable hunters to accurately aim at game at night, an Englishman has invented a searchlight to be mounted beneath the muzzle of a rifle, supplied with current from a storage battery in the stock of the weapon.

In Defense of Poetry. Springtime wouldn't be springtime without its violets—autumn wouldn't be autumn without its vivid foliage. And the book of life wouldn't be complete without its poetry.—Christian Herald.

Daily Thought. There is a great deal of unmapped country within us which would have to be taken into account in an explanation of our gusts and storms.—George Elliot.

Looking Ahead. A baby boy arrived one morning, Hunter, three years old, had been given two Billy goats for his last birthday. That morning his father said: "Now Hunter, you don't need two goats, suppose you give your little brother one. What do you say?"

DO YOU KNOW HER? "June is the month of weddings, Mrs. Churchill." "Yes, indeed, and it makes me feel very blue to think this is the first June in five years I've missed being married!"

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