

ODDITIES OF EXPORTING.

Some of the Things We Read Abroad and What Comes to Us in Return.

We read Dakota seeds to Russia from which the raisins wheat to compete with our own product in the markets of the world. To plant, cultivate, reap and harvest her crops we send to Russia nearly one-half our total exports of agricultural machinery.

Another regular article of export to Central Asia is the Ohio grapevine cutting. The vineyards of Central Asia are all offshoots from American vines, and the fruit is prized above all others in Russia proper for its delicacy and flavor.

No oriental fabric is stranger than the accomplishments of the up-to-date Yankee drummer. In Bagdad, the home of Aladdin, he offers new American lamps that burn either Russian or Ohio oil.

Badges for Opium Smokers. A government monopoly and a factory for the preparation of opium has been established at Fukien, China. Hereafter all opium smokers who wish to purchase the drug must obtain from this establishment badges which are of three classes, size, first, brass badge, which is for the government officials;

The Affectionate Pelican. The ungainly pelican, and a keeper of the Zoo, is the most affectionate of all birds. It inspires immediate sympathy for any one who is kind to it, and will follow its master about like a dog.

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IT WORKED ALL RIGHT.

A Simple Experiment That Illustrated How Easily Some People Are Led.

Over in the corner of the club room they were discussing that sheepish tendency of most of us to "follow the leader," relates the Philadelphia Press. "Now, it is astonishing," said the young man with a bald spot.

"Oh, Jack!" cried a daintily dressed little woman, "isn't this hard luck? My gown will be ruined. How stupid of us not to bring an umbrella!"

Through all this the chaps on the curb maintained their solemn, dignified demeanor. It hadn't rained a drop.

THE COURIER MAID.

Young Woman Who Fits Herself for the Position of Travelling Companion.

The courier maid's best time for her trade is the early summer, when people are planning their holidays. But the successful courier maid must be versatile in her accomplishments, says the New York Sun.

Not all courier maids are of foreign origin, and a considerable number are not of the class accustomed to rendering personal service. Some get into the business through being companions and governesses.

He Invited It. "If there was one thing more than another that I preferred in life it was that she would never be invited only to her traveling expenses."

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SHOPPING IN CUBA.

Like Their Sisters in Other Countries, the Women Here Enjoy a Visit to the Stores.

The average woman in her glory when she goes shopping. It is an occupation for which nature seems to have peculiarly fitted her and in every country on the face of the globe women are never happier than when exploring the contents of the shops.

"Shopping has always been my bete noir," she said to a friend the other day. "The hurry and bustle of a big city shop completely exhausts me and I always feel a humiliating sense of my insignificance as one among a crowd of hundreds of determined women who are elbowing and pushing me out of the way."

"Nearly all the shops and cafes bear poetical names in large lettering over their fronts. Just think how delightful, instead of going to Smith, Jones & Brown for your shoes, to buy them at La Reina de Flores or La Gran Senora for dry goods, to El Angel or La Perla to buy your flour and potatoes.

Expert American Growers Who Are Interested There Say the Crops Will Be Fine.

One industry that will certainly prove a money maker in Porto Rico, but which will not begin to yield returns until next year, is the cultivation of oranges, says a report.

It takes five years for an orange tree to bear fruit, and the product of the groves which were planted immediately after American occupation will make its first appearance next season.

Hawaiian and Shark. At Hahaione, the western end of Maui, Joe Kawila, a native Hawaiian, said the singular experience of being towed underneath the water by a shark.

Death of Gulf Stream. The Gulf stream, which flows deep off Cape Florida, near Cape Hatteras, is only half as great, the stream appearing to have split up, with an absence of ten inches to the mile.

AN AVERTED TRAGEDY.

A Serious Situation That Was Very Happily Turned to a Comical One.

"When my husband and I were traveling in Italy last summer," said the lady in blue, whose suit case was covered with foreign labels, according to the New York Times. "I had an experience which, while it seems laughable now, nothing on earth would induce me to repeat."

"My husband put me into an empty compartment in one of those horrid continental trains and went off to look for his baggage. In some manner, while hurrying back, he got into the wrong compartment himself, the train pulled out, and so he could not join me until the next stop."

"All of a sudden he took out a clasp knife, opened it and began to cut all the curtain cords and to knot them in one place. I was almost frightened out of my senses. All the horrible stories I had ever read or heard about mad adventures with criminals in those railway compartments flashed into my head. I expected nothing better than to be strangled on the spot and began to beg the brigand for his life."

FURNITURE MADE OF IRON. Tubular Tables and Bedsteads Have Become Popular in Germany.

Among the various uses to which iron, steel and brass tubing are applied in Germany, says the London Standard, and in important is the manufacture of furniture, especially bedsteads, set frames and tables for hospitals, hospitals and military purposes.

Bedsteads are made wholly of iron or steel tubing of the same tapered and flattened with brass, and needed in the case of a fire, they are proof against fire, and protect them from oxidation or injury in cleaning or disinfecting.

German Pine Needle Oil. The making of pine-needle oil is an industry of the Thuringian mountains in Germany. The needles and young shoots of various pines, especially of Pinus pumilio, are collected late in May or early in June, and are cut into small pieces and put into a cylindrical still, through which steam is passed.

Shallow African Lake. Lake Tanganyika, reported by the French explorers to be 145 miles long and 30 miles wide, yet only 15 feet deep in its deepest part, only five feet in its eastern end. It has no islands, some barren, others only forested and under plantation, and having a total population of about 20,000.

PRIMITIVE FISHING METHODS.

Lines, Hooks and Nets Used in Modern Times Were in Use in the Time of Christ.

The proximity of the fisheries of Oregon and Washington to a populous coast, settled by a highly progressive and intelligent people, has tended to differentiate them in many ways from other fisheries. No one of the great industries shows in general less departure from the primitive methods of a hundred, or even a thousand, years ago than does fishing.

The success of the Pacific fisher, however, is not wholly the result of his enterprise and resourcefulness. Nature has favored him with a variety of fish not only of superior quality as a food product, but having certain peculiar habits of life which render possible a highly organized system of fishing.

NEGLECTED LITERARY SHRINE. Home of the "Ingoldsby Legends" in the Heart of Beautiful Kent Almost Forgotten.

The vicinity of Kent is famous in a literary sense, its history including Chaucer, Spenser, Hawthorne and Dickens. Devoted to the latter's shrine at Gad's Hill by his best-known name, and said to be increasing since the population of the Dickens' birthplace has been estimated at 1,500,000 and 1,000,000 respectively.

Not Up to Her Ideas. An Englishman who visited America was at a dinner given in honor of a little daughter of his host, who was two weeks shy of three, but who gave him a very interesting presentation of a fish.

Jackal Worse Than Tiger. It is not generally known that the jackal is a great destroyer of humanity in India than the tiger. Statistics published by the government of India show that while 25 persons were killed by tigers, more than 1,000 children were carried away by jackals.

BEAUTY AND THE BEASTS.

Views of a Bunch of Male Cosmologists on the Subject of Female Excellence.

A group of men were discussing that most interesting subject, girls. "Miss Fair is a mighty pretty girl," said one. "She's a perfect peach," Miss Fair was a fair type of beauty, with pink cheeks, fluff light hair, which she wore drawn softly down over her forehead, and she was of willowy, graceful figure.

"I don't see how anyone can consider Miss Fair pretty," said another member of the group. "I would never think of looking at her twice."

The plump, buxom lassie came in for approval. One man admired intensely the woman with round red cheeks, a chubby figure, and a bustling manner.

It was a disaster. "I hate girls who make up," said one, "and most of these blondes are provided. If they're not artificial, they look so, and all they care about is how to get to 'pull his leg.' Look at the newspapers and you'll find it's always a blonde woman who is getting the man into trouble. They're clever, but they're like cats, you never know when they are going to show their claws."

HIS CRAFTY REVENGE. The Doctor Had a Way of Showing His Creditors He Was Not to Be Rattled.

The doctor shook his head and looked a little wistful. "I'm sorry to hear that," he said, "but I'm afraid you're right. I've been thinking about it a good deal lately, and I'm afraid I'm not as good as I used to be."

Evolution of Woman. "I don't see how anyone can consider Miss Fair pretty," said another member of the group. "I would never think of looking at her twice."

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