

MAGIC IN DIAMONDS.

SECRET REVELATIONS OF A PERSIAN PRINCESS.

Mysterious Eastern Woman Declares to London Society That Precious Stones Have Life—Tells Fortunes Through Gems.

A Persian princess has recently been demonstrating the occult sciences of the east in the drawing-rooms of London.

At a house in Mayfair the other afternoon this dark-eyed sibilant lifted a corner of the curtain which hides the magic and the mystery of the oriental from English eyes.

Clad in a loose flame colored gown, with jewels entwined in her dusky hair and precious stones glittering in her eyes, she looked like a queen.

She declares that only the eastern mind could understand the drop, all absorbing, passionate devotion of a woman for her jewels.

Of the opal the princess could not speak without a shudder. It was an evil stone, and brought misfortune.

"Never wear opals. Never run the risk—it is too great," said the princess.

"How could one find out one's own fortune?" the princess was asked.

By wearing each of the seven precious stones for one week, she said, and keeping a record of the emotions and experiences, and at the end of the seven weeks comparing them, was the result.

If her hearers had been interested in the princess' talk of precious stones, they would have been interested in the princess' talk of precious stones.

SCARED TO DEATH BY SNAKE

Mermaid Did Not Bite Her, But Woman Imagined It Was Still Clinging to Her

Mrs. Henry Harris, wife of a farmer living in the Wayne county (Ky.) oil fields, after having taken a jug of oil to her husband, who was working in a field, was returning home when she felt something pulling at her dress.

Her husband saw her fall and rushing to her assistance found the snake within a foot of his wife and ready to strike.

Examination showed that the snake had not bitten her but when she came out of the faint she was in wild delirium, screaming and jumping from the bed and crying for some one to take the snake away.

SAYS FORCES ARE EQUAL

German Military Expert Finds That Russia Has Most Men While Japan Is Strongest in Artillery.

After a careful compilation and close investigation by German army experts, the Militar Wochenblatt, of Berlin, gives what is probably the most accurate estimate printed of the strength of the Russian and Japanese land forces.

On the Russian side it is estimated that the active field army at the present moment consists of 154,000 men and 187 guns on the front in Siberia.

On the Japanese side the active army in the field is given as 152,000 men and 202 guns in reserve 71,000 men and 78 guns, total 223,000 men and 280 guns.

Easy to Guess.

A New York man with a diamond brooch on his button, says in 12 weeks the jewel is worth 100 cents.

CAUSE OF APPENDICITIS.

Buzzing Electric Car Is Now Pointed Out as the Incubator of the Brand Disease.

Where shall we bug out in our daily game of tag with the deadly appendicitis germ? Thousands, say millions, of our people have asked this question and are still asking it, and now, from far off, some Arkansas comes another off.

"A Der Motus doctor," says Mr. White, "states that the trolley car is the real incubator of appendicitis, and people who travel that way are liable to catch it as the litch.

Mr. White's complaint gives him the keenest delight of exposing a man's innermost secrets with the aid of a knife, and that the citizen with a colicky look is perilously near the operating table.

Just what gulf the trolley car has on its soul in the matter of appendicitis is hard to determine, but it is a matter of record that the passengers on a Chicago cable car were stricken with mal de mer last winter because of the lurching and heaving of the craft.

Communication with the officials of the Chicago Union Traction company might bring Mr. White interesting data as to the number of cases of appendicitis which have been brought home to the electric car.

LIVED WITH A PIGMY TRIBE.

Edgar Gell, an American, Tells of a Queer Race of People in the Heart of Africa.

Edgar Gell, an American, reached London recently after a journey of 15,000 miles in many climes. He visited a number of mission fields during his travels, which consumed three years.

He speaks in the highest terms of missionary enterprise, whether considered from a commercial, humanitarian or spiritual aspect.

Mr. Gell spent a month in the great pigmy forest of central Africa, where he studied these remarkable people. He lived in a leaf hut constructed for him by the pigmies at Camp Gorilla.

The pigmies are very clever, bright and independent people, and are described by Mr. Gell as the Japanese of Africa.

CIVIL WAR RELICS AT FAIR.

Old Government Wagon That Followed Sherman to Sea and Gen. Thomas' Office Wagon.

Among the curious things exhibited at the world's fair are an old army wagon and an ambulance that saw service in the civil war.

The ambulance displays a card reading: "This wagon was used from 1861 to 1863 in the army of the Potomac, when it was sent to Nashville, Tenn. from there to Chattanooga, Atlanta, Milledgeville, Millen, Columbia, Charleston, Goldsboro, Danville, Barkville, Richmond and Washington City, 4,161 miles, with Gen. Sherman, four years and nine months with the Second division, Twentieth corps."

First Mechanical Device.

St. Thomas, Born, an architect who is directing the excavations of the Forum at Rome, has found a heavy column with eight feet of wood.

The wood is perfectly preserved, while the iron fixtures have become oxidized. This discovery is considered of the greatest importance as being the first known mechanical contrivance dating back 2,000 years.

The New Seal.

The Supreme Court of the United States is to have a new seal. It will contain the same inscription, but in order to conform to the coat of arms of the United States the "eagle" will be replaced with wings, but wings are fully extended, projecting above the head.

UNIQUE DEED IS RECORDED.

Minneapolis Man Gives Property to Another Woman Rather Than to His Wife.

George H. Hale, aged 39 years, who was lying fatally ill at the Swedish hospital at Minneapolis, has transferred all the property he has in the world to Mrs. Alice Acres in consideration that she pay his hospital bill and bury him when he dies.

The property in question consists of all the furnishings, including bedroom sets, chairs, tables, etc., in a lodging-house, which was being conducted by Mr. Hale. It occupies the two upper floors of the building and contains 20 rooms.

A copy of the transfer deed has been filed in the city clerk's office and is looked upon as the most unique document on record there.

The deed recites that "George Hale, . . . does hereby . . . to Mrs. Alice Acres all his personal property . . . for \$16 (the hospital bill up to date) and with the further consideration that she pay his burial expenses at his death."

Several years ago Mr. Hale and his wife separated. Since then he and his children have become estranged and Mrs. Acres says he receives no aid from any of them.

He became ill some time ago and spent all his savings in a vain attempt to get well. The invalid then asked Mrs. Acres to help him out in the manner indicated above.

OLDEST CHURCH IN LONDON

St. Bartholomew, a Venerable Edifice, Fallen Into Decay, Is Now Used as Horse Stable.

Horses are stabled in London's oldest church, such is the unfashionable state into which this holy edifice has fallen.

Most London visitors know Smithfield and the venerable Church of St. Bartholomew. This ancient pile once included a great priory and a hospital—built nearly 800 years ago.

At the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII the priory and the cloister were abandoned. The citizens preserved the hospital, which is flourishing in these days.

The other side of the cloister, on the defensive and the holder of the plate, who was the father of the Mansfield young man, separated from his son.

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AGED WOMAN SHOTS BEAR

Mrs. Mary Sinclair of Brunswick Co., N. C., Is 76 Years Old, But Her Aim Is Straight.

Seventy-six years old, but possessed of the grit and courage of a man, Mrs. Mary Sinclair of Brunswick county, N. C., shot and killed an enormous black bear as it was tearing one of her pigs to pieces recently.

She had heard a commotion in the pigpen and believed a thief was after her pork. Without the slightest hesitation she took a double barreled shotgun from the wall and sallied forth to protect her property.

Only one barrel of the gun was loaded. Mrs. Sinclair in her sixtieth day's was noted as a crack shot, but the stock of a gun had not rested against her shoulder for 30 years.

Uncle Joe's Strenuous Race.

A submarine torpedo boat of Newport remained below for 12 hours at a stretch. There is a suspicion, however, that the boat was not in Newport.

No Refuge Left.

The Russians are certainly having a rush of very bad luck, remarks the Brooklyn Eagle.

COURT ON MULE ETHICS.

Federal Tribunal Renders Decision with Regard to Animal's Traits.

The proverbial mule formed the burden of an opinion by the federal court in Kansas City recently in the case of the Chicago-Coulterville Coal company against the Fidelity & Casualty company of New York.

Pettigrew, a driver in the mines of the coal company in Illinois, was caught by a descending cage in a shaft and injured. He sued the company for \$500 and received a compromise verdict.

The mule is a historic animal, and it might not be too much to say that common observation teaches that the average common mule is not easily led, and that it is not always safe to urge him from behind.

The spectacle of a plain private citizen of the United States enjoying the possession of a silver service which an English lord would regard as a masterpiece.

HAS PRIZED FAMILY PLATE.

Silver Service, in Possession of Ohio Heir of an English Lord, Occasional English Battle.

About 10 years ago an English lord, having incurred the wrath of the king, was banished from the court and all his titles forfeited and given to another branch of the family.

The holder of the plate claims to it tenaciously. He says he is morally entitled to it. Merrill has no chance of ever securing the title unless the holder of it should die without heir when it would pass to the bank of side Merrill.

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HONOR WHITEHOUSE WOMEN

Government May Compile List of Those Who Have Been Leading Ladies of the Land.

For a couple of weeks Mrs. M. K. Keegan has been a member of the family of former Secretary of State J. M. Foster and his family at Washington and before starting for home she spent some time in the White House.

SUBMARINE BOAT A SUCCESS

Vessel Put Through Many Tests—Proves Its Practicability in All Emergencies.

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Poor Policy Sometimes

A New York woman who was worth \$75,000 died the other day and left her husband only five dollars because he hadn't kissed her for nearly seven years.

Woman Named as Receiver.

Judge Emory Spear of the United States court, has appointed Miss Nellie Walsh, of Savannah, Ga., receiver of a bankrupt firm of Savannah. This is believed to be the first time a woman was ever appointed to such a position.

HONOR A SHOEMAKER

TABLE ERECTED TO MEMORY OF JOHN ADAM DAGUER.

People of Lynn, Mass., Credit Him with Founding Town's Industry—Served Through War of the Revolution.

The memory of John Adam Daguer, who is credited with having founded the great modern shoe industry of Lynn, Mass., was honored on Bunker Hill day by the unveiling of a tablet at his grave in West Lynn cemetery.

Daguer was the first to make a reputation for Lynn shoes, and that reputation has steadily grown until this day; hence Lynn honors him highly.

There were only three shops in the town employing journeymen, and they were managed by John Mansfield, Benjamin Nowhall and William Grey.

Daguer was a skilled workman and he brought with him an ambition to make the best shoes in the world. At that time the colonial shoemakers were clumsy artisans and the English and French manufacturers supplied the better class of colonial trade.

Daguer aimed to make a better shoe than these English and French goods, and in pursuance of that policy he imported the finest shoes dissected and studied them. He got many valuable ideas and was able finally to beat the foreigners in competition.

Daguer freely sought all the colonial shoemakers who came to him to learn the shoemaking. It earned a reputation for Lynn and the Boston Gazette of 1791 called him "the celebrated shoemaker of Lynn," Lynn being a town of 10,000 people.

Daguer was a patriot in the patriot's opposition to England's oppression, and when the war broke out he exchanged his awl and hammer for a bayonet and musket. He fought in several campaigns and was one of the captors of Gen. Burgoyne.

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COLT ADOPTED BY A COW.

Bovine Watches with Equal Concern Over It and Her Own Calf.

A cow owned by John H. Gorman, who has a small farm near Lynn, Mass., has adopted a Colt .45 caliber revolver as a playmate.

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STAMPS IN SLOT MACHINES

British Postmaster General Considering New Device for Public Convenience.

The English postmaster general is considering a penny-in-the-slot machine by which the purchaser will be enabled to obtain stamps at all hours of the day.

The machine is so constructed that it can be fitted into a wall or pillar box, for it is of small compass. The purchaser, after placing the penny in the slot, presses a button, and the machine does the rest.

It is an advantage, and will prevent the loss of sundry pennies and the use of "flagstone."

No Cows or No Station.

President L. E. Johnson, of the Norfolk & Western railroad, has made the Roanoke (Va.) city council a unique proposition, which probably will be accepted, says the Richmond Times-Dispatch.