

THE FATHER OF SOLDIERS.

How the Japanese General Kuroki Looks After the Comfort of His Men.

That night we camped on the battlefield, and again I had occasion to witness the extraordinary care Gen. Kuroki bestows upon his prisoners...

When I started out next morning to once more ride over the battlefield, the part used for burial places looked not unlike a soldiers' cemetery at home on Easter day.

I was astonished to learn that the Japanese government has no intention of bringing the bodies of the fallen.

With the same gentleman I talked long and earnestly on the sacrifice of the men of the regiment.

"When a body of troops is unable to offer further resistance, it is no disgrace to surrender," I urged.

"The crew did well," replied the Jap, "and their example will be followed by my countrymen a hundred times, if necessary."

Wait awhile, the general had said, "I have two more sons in the field, and all promised to die for our country."

A DINNER-TABLE MISHAP. Unexperienced Servant Performs His Duty to the Letter of Instruction.

Marcel Prevost, the French novelist, is a favorite in the American colony in Paris, says the Washington Star.

"How shall I hold the plates?" "Do I serve the dishes on the right or on the left side of the guests?"

"So he continued interminably, and at last the impatient outsider said: 'All you will need to do will be to stand behind the bishop's chair, and whenever his lordship puts down his glass you must reach over and wipe his mouth with a napkin.'

Man's Food. A man is a very broad, omnivorous animal and needs a great variety of food, both mental and physical.

Suspicious. Jasper, I often wonder why Jenkins is not more popular, for he is the most polite man I know.

IN AN ANTARCTIC SQUALL.

Not a Pleasant Experience with the Temperature at 72 Degrees of Frost.

Suddenly the mist lifted, and the temperature, which generally rose during a gale, by this time had fallen to 72 degrees of frost.

By this time the gale was over in earnest, and we took refuge in our sleeping bags in the tent, from which we were not able to extricate ourselves for the next three nights and days.

For three nights and three days we had to take turns in standing on all fours to prevent being smothered by the pressure of the snow.

turn at cooking. We roasted the heart of a seal, but other parts were all raw. The dogs were completely snowed under.

SATURN'S SATELLITE.

Its Discovery in 1899 Has Only of Late Received Authentic Confirmation.

One of the most interesting recent astronomical discoveries is that of Phoebe, the ninth satellite of Saturn, announced in 1899 by Prof. William H. Pickering.

Confirmation of the discovery has been long delayed, probably because the planet has been passing the region of the milk way, where stars are so numerous that the verification would be difficult.

The calculation of the orbit is well in hand, and the results will be given in a volume of the Harvard "Annals" soon to appear.

As to its orbit, all that can be said at present is that the distance from the planet must be between 7,500,000 and 8,000,000 miles, and the period of revolution about 17 months.

Had Made a Change. "Isn't there something in my policy?" asked a caller at an insurance office the other day, "about my having to report any change of residence?"

"I haven't moved anywhere," rejoined the caller. "I have made a change in my residence by painting it a light straw color and putting a chimney pot on the kitchen chimney."

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CHILDREN'S SMALL DECEITS.

Signs of Depravity in Little Ones That Bode Ill for Their Future.

Natural depravity of the youthful mind was fully shown in a North side confectionery store, when three little girls entered the shop in Indian file and made a beeline for the candy counter.

"Oh," said the eldest girl, barely seven years old, jerking her elbow expressively in the direction of one of her small companions, "she gave you a nickel instead of a cent."

"You wouldn't believe it," said the old woman, bitterly. "I wouldn't believe it myself if I didn't stand here all day and see it with my own eyes."

"The boys around here are just as bad as the girls. Half a dozen boys were in here getting candy one day, and they had got their candy and hadn't paid for it, when a boy stuck his head in the door and shouted: 'Say, missus, your sign has tumbled down!'"

THE STORY OF RAISSULI.

Capture of the Arab Brigand by the Basha of Tangier Described by Himself.

The Brigand Raissuli, who captured Perdicaris, tells his own story in Leslie's Monthly Magazine.

"Now, some eight years ago, Abd-el-Rahman Abd-el-Saduk, then the basha of Tangier," said Raissuli, "finding that he could not subdue the resistance of our party by the troops at his disposition, made overtures of peace, and, sending me a safe conduct, invited me to come and discuss a friendly solution of our difficulties."

"Do you now wonder," he asked, "at the oath I swore to be revenged upon so treacherous an enemy? You know," he continued, "of the column of government troops lately sent against us. They remained in the valley, yonder, capturing defenseless peasants at the plow and violating their daughters of whom I, amongst them children of six years old, have been thus dishonored. Then came the treacherous capture of the M'asora."

Queer Profession. Dogs are many and various but there can be few more queer than one which is now being advertised in Paris—that, namely, of professor of massage for dogs.

Alarming Symptom. "What's the occasion of all this talk about having a conservator appointed or old Muntoburn?"

CRISP BANK NOTES.

WILL BE SUPPLANTED BY SOFT AND VELVETY BILLS.

How Process to Be Employed by Government Printing Bureau—Some Interesting Particulars.

The days of the crisp bank-note are numbered. Instead of being crisp, the money which the government bureau of engraving and printing will hereafter turn out will be soft and velvety.

While it is in this soaked condition, one side of the paper is printed. The sheet is then placed in a steam-room and kept under a high temperature for 30 days, the time necessary for the ink to dry.

In cases where a third impression on the ink is necessary which is required when the printing is done in two colors the working and drying process has to be repeated for a third time, and another month is thus consumed in its production.

SMOOTHLY RUNNING WHEEL.

It Went Around All Right Until the Visitor Scraped His Heel on the Floor.

"Yes," said the manager, as they stood in awe before the great machine. "It's perfect. See how smoothly it runs, and remember the weight of that fly-wheel, will you?"

Again the engineer tore around the great machine, dripping oil all over it. The machine gave another creak, this time a hollow groan, for the visitor had miscalculated the force, and with a howl the engineer threw off the belt, and the ponderous wheel slowly halted.

"Well," said the engineer, "I'll be hanged if I know what it is, but I got to find out."

Rejected Foods. Cows' milk is said to be abhorred by the Japanese and rabbits are never eaten by the Abyssinians, who explain that rabbits are too much like big cats.

Cure of Itidney. Crinism, which is one form of Itidney, is curable, according to Professor Wagner of Vienna. He has treated 52 cases with thyroid gland and finds improvement in body and mind in all cases, even when the patients had passed the age of growth.

TO WIN SOCIAL SUCCESS.

It Is Necessary to Become a Good Listener and Show Emotion Over Small Talk.

"One of the first qualifications for a man or woman who aims at being a 'social success,' is the ability to talk and listen to twaddle in such a way that the face shall express all the depths of 'besting emotion,'" writes the Tribune.

This sentiment was uttered with muchunction by a man of uncertain age, whose face and figure have for years been familiar in the clubs, in the ballrooms, and other places of social resort in Chicago.

"What are the words?" continued the older man, "of which that pretty picture is the accompaniment?"

"Is he telling her one of those fairy tales which all maids love to hear of respectful admiration and chancelous affections?" Are those arched eyebrows little glances of admiration points by which the maiden signifies her delight at the picture which the young man's imagination has painted?

HOSPITALITY IS OVERDONE.

Indian Tribes in North Dakota Have Custom Brutish to Digestion.

One of the most striking customs of the past that are preserved by the Indians of today is found among the tribes on the Devil's Lake reservation in North Dakota.

While the guest is supposed to eat all that is placed before him it serves the same purpose if his neighbor assists in devouring the beautiful repast, the main object being to have the plate clean when the meal is finished.

Charms of Fossil Hunting. One of the charms of the fossil hunter's life is the variety, the element of certainty combined with the gambling element of chance.

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One of the Others. Clara—Did the newspapers notice your father at the great banquet? Johnny—Yes. Well, mamma said she could not see his name in the list.

WEALTH FROM COWS.

OVER TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR REALIZED.

Facts and Figures of Interest to the Farming and Stock-Raising People of the United States.

"Did you ever sit down and figure," said the man with a pencil reports the New York Sun, "just how big a swath the humble dairy cow cuts in the world, or, more properly speaking, in this country?"

"There are about 11,000,000 dairy cows in the United States, which are yielding about 1,375,000,000 pounds of butter a year. At 15 cents a pound this foots up over \$200,000,000."

"The average annual yield of butter to the cow is 125 pounds, and if the farmer knew how to feed his cattle properly he could bring this average to 300 pounds, or about the cost of the cow in the first place."

"Most farmers who have never investigated or studied the matter imagine that all that is necessary to feed a cow is about what he thinks she ought to have. The fact is that every cow must first have enough food for body maintenance, then whatever she gets over and above that goes into milk or meat—which depends upon the breed."

"For instance in Denmark it costs in round numbers about twice what it does in the northwest to produce butter. Many of the reasons are but trifles, such as Denmark, and so it runs through all the countries that offer us market."

"In fact, there is a lot of butter now being exported by the big creameries, and they find it easy to average 30 or 35 cents a pound. The price abroad at present prohibits butter from general use, but with a production double what we now have we could afford to offer it abroad at a figure that would give us plenty of margin."

"They have stations scattered all over the country and it is the duty of the farmer to separate a quart of the butter fat and the creamery pays him a maximum of 22 cents a pound for this. The skim milk he feeds to his pigs, and every month the creamery will check for about \$200 or three dollars a cow comes in very handy."

Greenleaf Davis, the hermit of Mount Katadine, tells of a bluejay's nest that contained the shells of more than 250 eggs, which the jays had stolen from the nests of song birds and taken home for their young to feed on. Hidden in one side of the nest was a gold watch which a hunter from Worcester had lost the previous autumn and had accused his guide of stealing. The watch had been hung on the limb of a lean-to-camp at night, and when the hunter awoke in the morning the timepiece was missing.

Clara—Did the newspapers notice your father at the great banquet? Johnny—Yes. Well, mamma said she could not see his name in the list. "No," but the list ends up with 'and others.' That means papa. They always mention him that way.—Tit-Bits.