

EXPOSED TO CONSUMPTION

This Is a Danger to Which Those Engaged in Laundering Are Subjected.

Statistics have shown over and over again that washerwomen are much more likely to contract tuberculosis, and actually suffer from the disease in much larger proportion, than other working women of the same grade of life.

TROUBLES OF AN ENVOY.

Persian Minister at a Summer Resort Was Unable to Speak English.

Mortez Khan, the Persian minister at Washington, who is spending a few weeks at this resort, has defied the ingenuity of interviewers on account of his inability to speak English.

The diplomat from Persia came to a prominent hotel a short time ago. He presented a letter to the hotel clerk in which his secretary explained that the distinguished visitor could not speak the language, and would the clerk give him the best accommodations the hotel afforded.

CLAY IN KINDLING FIRES.

Naval Article of Commerce Introduced on the Markets of Indiana.

One of the most novel uses of Indiana clay is in the making of a fire kindler, says W. S. Harkley, state geologist, in his annual report.

To Get Acquainted.

The Boarder—Is this Harriet Simpkins really as pretty as people say she is?

Farmer Stubble—You'd think so if you knew how many of the city fellows break down right smack in front of the Simpkins' house an' go in an' borrow monkey wrenches and things.

Impossibility.

Tail Bard—Here is where some professor says that poets should never begin work on a full stomach.

Short Bard—Gracious! Who ever heard of a poet's having a full stomach?—Chicago Daily News

Patriotic Schoolgirls.

The girls in the high schools of Japan stay two hours after school each day to make bandages for the soldiers at the war.

SMART MAN'S COMMENT.

What He Said Was Sufficient to Put an End to the Conversation.

"The way men are losing their chivalry these days is a caution," said a young woman riding home in a street car the other night, and talking to a middle-aged man who was with her, according to the Philadelphia Press.

"No, nor a married man, either," suggested her companion. "It's the same with everything," continued the girl, very much in earnest.

MADE INTO MATCHES.

Millions of Feet of Ontonagon Pine Go to Enlighten the World in That Form.

A few years ago one of the greatest lumbering centers in the upper peninsula was the town of Ontonagon, with its mammoth mills churning up millions of feet of timber into matches.

CELLS OF LIVING MUMMIES.

Thibetan Fanatics Walled Up in Caves for Life So They May Gain Merit.

Living mummies exist in Thibet, near Gyantse, at a spot the name of which in English may be rendered as "The Cave of Happy Misery."

There are about 20 small caves in the solid rock, each built up in front with stones and mortar. They have padlocked doors, tiny drains and small holes just sufficient for a man to pass his hand through.

Costly Iron Gates.

The king's celebrated "Norwich Gates" at Sandringham are considered the finest specimens in the kingdom of wrought-iron, delicately elaborated into flowers, fruitful vines and sprays.

Delicate Undertaking.

"Do you admire frankness?" "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "but I dislike unskillful attempts at it. It takes far more than the ordinary command of language for a person to say precisely what he means."—Washington Star.

The Pope's Autograph Pen.

The pope does his private writing with a gold pen, but his pontifical signature is always given with a white-feathered quill, which is believed to come from the wing of a dove.

NEGRO ORGAN-GRINDERS.

Field of the Italian May Be Invaded by Colored Street Musicians.

"Philadelphia is ahead of New York in one thing at least," said a traveling man on his return from a southern trip, reports the New York Press.

"Here is something new, after all, in the hand organ line. It is also suggestive of a new field for the negro. Nearly every negro, young and old, can sing. If the race goes into the hand organ business there will be some recompense for a throw of pennies or a nickel to the street musician.

ARE SKILLFUL AT BECCING.

Mendicants of New York Who Put Some Thought Into Their Business.

There are bumbling beggars who, working a given territory, make the mistake of asking twice in a day from the same man, there are others with a keener eye, who not only avoid such blunder, but who may ply their calling with grace as well as discernment.

In the afternoon, in the next street, the same man met the same beggar, now transparently a beggar, the two meeting this time head on, coming from opposite directions.

WAS OUT OF HIS ELEMENT

But He Was Not to Be Fooled by Every Smart Statement a City Man Made.

He was evidently doing the honors of the city for the country cousin that accompanied him, and naturally the most interesting place on their sight-seeing tour was the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Strange Reptile Farm.

Perhaps the most extraordinary reptile farm that was ever instituted was one which existed for a time in Bengal.

Curious Army Custom.

A curious custom connected with the Serbian army is the manner in which most of the regiments carry the big drum.

Those Dear Girls.

Grady—How old is Maude? Gladys—She says she's as old as she looks.

Accounted For.

"Life is getting to be an awful burden," said the man with the crimson beard.

An Impersonal Reflection.

Clubman—It's astonishing how many fools there are in the world. Philosopher—Yes, and there's always one more than we think.—Simplicissimus.

GOOD IN REFORM SPELLING.

Should Save Much Money and a Year's Time to Each Child at School.

Reform spelling would save the English-speaking world more than \$100,000,000 annually, say the scientific orthographers, if it were to be substituted for the traditional way of putting letters together.

The average time allotted to spelling, reading and dictating in the school is 32.2 per cent. of the time devoted to general instruction. A child attending school for eight years expends 2,320 school hours in these exercises.

The current spelling of English contains too many superfluous and misleading letters, which greatly increase the cost of reading and writing and printing.

GREAT KENTISH CASTLE.

Picturesque and Extensive Structure with a History That Is Untraceable.

A correspondent draws attention to the fact that Leeds castle, near Maltstone, Kent, was lately thrown open to the public on the occasion of the annual flower show, at a small charge of admission.

OLD BATTLES OVER WOOL.

To Dye or Not to Dye Caused Many to Die in Ghent Many Years Ago.

Long years ago the custom in Ghent was to manufacture all cloth of a uniform drab color. The weavers wished to alter this by dyeing the wool.

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THE FLAVOR OF CIGARS.

What It Is That Gives the Tobacco the Aroma So Highly Prized by Smokers.

It is not true, as has been alleged recently, that the aromas of various kinds of tobacco are due to bacteria. They are contributed by certain peculiar aluminous compounds existing in the tobacco leaf itself.

Ammonia is essential to the proper fermentation of tobacco, and manufacturers resort to various expedients to supply this necessary substance, the commercial carbonate of ammonia being used in Florida—dissolved in water and sprayed upon the leaves.

LIFE AMONG THE MOORS.

Sport of Every Kind Is Always at Hand for the Men or the Women.

No visitor to Morocco has ever asked himself what he is to do for entertainment. There is sport of every kind, from wild-boar hunting down to quail-shooting; and further south one may even shoot panthers and hyenas.

BOOKMAKERS' BIG PROFIT.

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WHERE THE BRITISH MET.

Spot in the New Hampshire Hills Which Quaintly Infected English Troops.

There is probably not to be found in all New England a more unique monument than this which occupies a commanding position on the main highway between Durham and Hollis, N. H.

The attention of the tourist is attracted first at the sight of a monument in so singular a position. He instinctively pauses to learn what great event or victory it celebrates and is amazed to read the following inscription: "After the surrender of Burgoyne, at Saratoga, in 1777, certain British officers, prisoners of war quartered in this vicinity, but released upon parole, were permitted to enjoy in all their military finery, a trusting place at this spot."

Every kindness seems to have been shown them, every possible courtesy granted them. Notwithstanding the repugnance with which the New Englander looked upon the return of the British officer, they were permitted to wear it and to enjoy a trusting place under the branches of this old tree whose branches have sheltered generations of sturdy sons and daughters of this land of freedom.

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