

GOOD TO THE SOLDIERS.

What the Government Does for Their Care, Comfort and Amusement.

Moved by the many suggestions that have been made by individual writers for the cure of desertions in the army...

SHREWDNESS OF BELGIANS.

How a Number of the Medical Profession Secured Skilled Services for Nothing.

Sir Moral Mackenzie once received a wire from Antwerp asking him his charges for a certain operation.

"But," said the spokesman of the party, "we know that you did what you could, and we do not intend that you shall be out of pocket a shilling."

Football of Old. Football has never been a very gentlemanly game, to judge from what Master Stubbs says about it in his "Anatomy of Abuses," published in 1583.

Families Share Carriages. A curious custom exists in Genoa. Many of the well-to-do people, as well as those in moderate circumstances, do not own either horses or carriages.

Just for Effect. Growls—If I should die, I don't believe you would even wear mourning for me.

Our Strange Language. "Your language," remarked the visiting foreigner, "it is so strange."

ESSENTIAL TO HEALTH

Sleep is as Important as Good Respiration or Perfect Digestion.

Sleep, as a factor in physical economy, ranks in importance with respiration and digestion.

How much one needs is not to be determined by dogmatic rules or precedents, nor does each one require the same amount under every condition or circumstance.

The mind is clearest in the early morning and those who can utilize this period for intellectual work are capable of turning out the best.

CAT DECORATED TO MATCH.

An Effective Way to Set Off a Gown, Says a Lady of Fashion.

The young woman who is fully alive to the picturesque possibilities of the cat has a new fad, says the New York Sun.

"Wear a pale blue gown," she says, "and then on your kitten use a white satin ribbon figured in forget-me-nots and you have an effect which cannot be beaten."

Too Tall for Strength. In tall men, as a rule, the body is out of proportion to the lower limbs.

That Famous Lunch. When Brother Dickey heard that Mr. Carnegie had paid \$1,000 for a plain lunch on a railroad train, he exclaimed:

Heartless. "Promise me, Jack, that you will not go to the dogs just because I have refused you."

THE CONDITION IN RUSSIA.

Cleavage of Classes is Vary Marked and They Hold Rigidly Alike.

The cleavage of classes in Russia at all times is extreme. The law closes whole walks and pursuits to the peasant, says the Philadelphia Press.

RACING MAKES THEM DEAF.

Chauffeurs That Drive Detonating Cars Have Difficulties in Hearing.

He had done in his 110-horsepower car a mile in 29 seconds, says the Philadelphia Bulletin.

THE "GRAFTER'S" SUCCESS.

Trick of a Tramp Which Illustrates the Utility of the Jewish Ingenuity.

James B. Dill, whose recent speech on "graft" at Oberlin college, impressed the entire country, told recently, apropos of "graft," a story about a swindling tramp, says the New York Tribune.

PLACE FOR BACHELORS.

They Would Get Their Just Deserts Were They All Sent to Korea.

"Korea is the place for bachelors, nit," said the sailor. "Bachelors in Korea is considered as children and has only children's privileges."

Like It, But Different.

The capital of a western state had been relocated at a small county seat village where an old-time exhorter preached every Sunday with increasing enthusiasm as the building boom enlarged his congregation.

Most Unique Book.

In the possession of the family of Prince de Ligne is a book which authorities declare to be the most unique publication in the world, because it is neither written nor printed; the letters are cut out of each folio, upon the finest vellum, and are interlarded with blue paper, so that the text can be read with perfect ease.

Chinese Competition.

California growers are alarmed over the fact that Chinese in Asia have gone into the business of exporting pickled olives to the United States to compete with the California product.

The Teakkerchief.

In some parts of the Tyrol a beautiful though curious custom prevails. When a girl is going to be married, and just before she leaves the church, her mother gives her a handkerchief, which is called a teakkerchief.

CHILDREN'S BILL OF FARE.

Curious Table Which Was Furnished by Woman School Inspector of London.

The decision of the board of education that children under five ought not to be sent to school is on the safe side, although much adverse criticism has been poured upon it, says the Church Eclectic.

Thirteen chose fish and potatoes; five, fish only; five, potatoes only; two, peas and potatoes; three, pea pudding; five, soup; two, meat and potatoes; four, pudding; one, Christmas pudding; one, apple pie; one, jam roll; one, jam tart; one, rice, one, cheese; one, apples.

ODD WEDDING SPEECHES.

A Number That Were Delivered in Dumb Show and Some That Were Sung.

The recent wedding in New York at which the bridesmaids were representative of six nationalities, and each felicitated the bride in the language of her own country, was an odd affair, but probably not so well received as the speech of a young Englishman who was called upon to propose the toast.

STORY OF NIAGARA FALLS.

Great Changes Have Been Noted Since the Days of La Salle, the Discoverer.

Niagara falls was discovered by La Salle, who became aware of its presence while trying to paddle a canoe up the Niagara river from Lake Ontario.

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ANTIQUITY OF CHINESE.

Civilization That Antedates That of Other Nations Many Centuries.

Ten centuries ago China was undoubtedly the most civilized portion of the world, and 3,000 years ago only Egypt and possibly India could have competed with it.

EDUCATION IS COMPULSORY

All the Children Are Hushed Up and Made to Go to School in France.

Every child in France, according to law, is obliged to go to school between the ages of seven to thirteen.

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TINY JAPANESE GARDENS.

Landscapes in Miniature That Are Veritable Camoes That Have to Be Studied.

To the stay-at-homes who cannot depart to summer retreats there comes a dainty garden in miniature, and a Japanese garden at that, as perfect a landscape as can be found in the States.

The beauties of these gardens cannot be appreciated at a casual glance. They are veritable camoes that have to be studied.

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