

PEASANTS OF SOUTHERN ITALY.

Bear Burden of Poverty with Resignation and Fortitude.

During three months spent in the southern Italian provinces, I saw enough to make me wonder why the people have borne the burden so long.

RULES FOR SUCCESS IN LIFE.

Appoint Day's Work, and Give Every Energy to It.

The overscrupulous and methodical individual who can neither sleep nor take a vacation until all the affairs of his life are arranged must remind himself that this happy consummation will not be attained in his lifetime.

The day's work should be started with the resolution that every task shall be taken up in its turn, without doubts and without forebodings.

Responsibility.

Some one has said truly that responsibility walks hand in hand with capacity and power. Little is expected of the incapable.

Another Role.

"Speaking about game tenderfeet," drawled Amber Pete as he skinned a cinnamon bear.

Be Ready for Your Luck.

The mistake which the generality of people make is in not being ready for their luck when it comes.

Curiosity.

Mr. Stubb—Yes, Maria, 20 years is supposed to elapse between the third and fourth acts.

Innocence.

The cat had just eaten the canary. "I hated to eat the foolish thing," remarked the cat.

SEND IN "CONSCIENCE MONEY."

Londoners Make Amends for Faults in Many Queer Ways.

"Conscience money" advertisements are published from time to time in the London papers, acknowledging receipt by the chancellor of the exchequer of various sums from anonymous people who have evaded taxation and later repented of cheating their country.

DISTANCES SEEM TO SHORTEN.

Thing That Struck New Yorker on His Latest Visit to Old Home.

"The thing that struck me this time," said a New Yorker who had just made a little visit to the town in which he was born, "was the shortness of the distances in the old place."

Nervousness.

Nervousness is often due to some poison formed in the blood by the decomposition of undigested food—in other words, often arises primarily from indigestion.

Nervousness when due to this cause may sometimes continue through many years without causing dangerous conditions.

Snake Opal Lucky.

A "snake opal" must be an invaluable possession. It is the "lucky stone" of the Mojave Indians, who say it frightens away bad luck.

Castling Out the Devils.

It seems to be necessary for the human body to exhale the poisonous constituents of the blood. A big, stout pair of lungs trained to do their duty will stave off a multitude of diseases by blowing them into the air.

The Best He Knew.

Gladstone, a Jamaica negro, was assistant to a district physician in the canal zone, and being rather poor in his Latin, the bottles had been numbered for his benefit.

All Wish to Live Happily.

All men, Brother Gallo, wish to live happily, but are dull at perceiving exactly what it is that makes life happy; and so far is it from being easy to attain to happiness that the more eagerly a man struggles to reach it the farther he departs from it.

The Donator.

"Why don't you do something for literature?" asked Mr. Birrus Barker. "I have helped to put up some of the finest library buildings in the country," answered Mr. Dustin Star.

ARE LEARNING TO DRINK MILK.

Only Lately Have the Japanese Even Tolerated the Beverage.

Japan is learning to drink milk. A Japanese newspaper says of the phenomenon: "There was a time when milk was regarded in Japan with the same abhorrence as cheese is in China, especially the pungent and strong-smelling variety."

"As to dairy farms, they have increased notably in recent years. Thirty or 40 years ago milk was abhorred. The average Japanese could not induce himself to drink it."

KEPT UP FIRE OF COMMENTS.

Duke of Cambridge Took Lively Interest in the Sermon.

"The late Dr. William M. Stonehill," said a college settlement worker of New York, "was called the bishop of the Rowery. It was a title of affection. The Rowery loved this good man."

"He sometimes used to laugh over the naïveté of his Rowery audiences. He used to say that in their frequent audible comments on his sermons they reminded him of the famous duke of Cambridge—the old duke, you know."

"From his great pew the duke rumbled out all sorts of remarks and criticisms every Sunday morning. It would be, said Dr. Stonehill, like this: 'Preacher—Let us pray.' 'Duke—By all means.' 'Preacher—Pray for rain.' 'Duke—No good in that as long as the wind is in the east.' 'Preacher (reading)—Zacchaeus stood forth and said, 'Behold, Lord, one-half of my lands I gave to the poor.' 'Duke—Too much, too much. Don't mind subscribing, but can't stand that.' 'Preacher quotes a certain commandment. 'Duke—Quite right, quite right, but very difficult sometimes.' 'Preacher quotes another commandment, which need not be indicated. 'Duke—No, no. It was my brother Ernest did that.'"

Eels and the Searchlight.

Danish investigators have found a means of checking the downward migration of breeding eels to the sea, whereby it is hoped that a valuable food supply may be saved for the country, for these migrating eels, when they have once reached the sea never return to their native rivers.

A Very Odd Clock.

An extraordinary addition has been made to the exhibition of inventions now being held in Berlin. A shoemaker named Wegner, living in Strasbourg, has sent in a clock of the grandfather shape, nearly six feet high, made entirely of straw.

Got the Benefit.

"Oh, yes, Skinner was a beneficiary under old Roxley's will."

A Question of Nerve.

"Does it require much nerve to ask a woman to marry you?" inquired the inquisitive youth.

No Liking Apparent.

"Your wife likes the last word, doesn't she?"

Good for the Nerves.

"John," said Mrs. Stubb, proudly, when her husband returned that evening, "here is a parrot I bought from a Brazilian sailor. Isn't it a good parrot?"

Why, a Dead Parrot, Maria.

"No," snapped Mr. Stubb, in anticipation of interrupted slumbers, "that is not a good parrot."

Why, a Dead Parrot, Maria.

"Not a good parrot? Why, John, what do you call a good parrot?"

Why, a Dead Parrot, Maria.

"Why, a dead parrot, Maria."

LAPLAND HAS MANY RESOURCES.

Recent Efforts to Develop Them Are Full of Promise.

Within a recent period efforts have been made to develop the natural resources of Lapland, and there seems to be a considerable economic future in store for this region, which is especially due to the large deposits of iron ore. A great step was the building of the trans-Lapland railroad, which was finished in 1903.

BENEFIT IN CHICKEN RAISING.

Leads to Development of Brothery Love, According to Writer.

"If you want to give me real pleasure," said the gentle man, "just set me down among a group of amateur chicken raisers. Their conversation is a study in brotherly love. More than any other set of people they are willing, even anxious, to help each other. Professional men and men engaged in the trades do not, when talking together, sound the note of mutual helpfulness. Each man keeps his secrets of success to himself. Now and then one may drop a hint that may by chance prove valuable to his hearers, but he doesn't mean to do even that, because the rule is for each to work out his own salvation."

Like Some Men.

Mrs. Belle De Rivera, president of the Equal Suffrage League of New York, said, at a recent dinner:

The Flea a Dangerous Enemy.

The principal indictment against the flea is that it is the partner of the rat in the propagation of the bubonic plague, and is, indeed, the more guilty of the two. It is perfectly well established that the bacillus of the plague exists in rats of a certain breed. These rats are infested with fleas which by their biting transfer the disease germs to other rats. When the rats die the fleas desert their bodies for other rats or for human beings. So fleas are the essential factors in conveying the plague virus to men, and it is possible that they convey it from one man to another, from a plague patient to a healthy man, without the co-operation of rats at all.

For Home Gardener.

Most ladies who plant sweet peas plant them in trenches, but in some cases these seem to be unsuccessful, and both methods may be used, and the result depended upon for future work. For those who have not planted them before, both methods may be tried. There is no flower that gives more satisfaction if the cultivation is successful.

A Thought for the Day.

"Make yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts," Ruskin wrote, and these thoughts for the soul to live in are not possible if you let your neighbor or magnify your own importance by continually talking and thinking about your own small concerns. You are a very small fraction of the universe, and there is so much else worth contemplating.

NOT AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART.

Loverlike Attitude, But One in Which Cupid Had No Part.

Long and steadfastly he looked into her eyes. She returned his gaze steadily and without winking. For a minute neither spoke. Then she broke the silence:

"You think it is—" she hesitated.

"He gazed into her eyes again—those great, heavenly, blue eyes."

"I did not want you to understand—" he began.

She interrupted him with some impatience. "Can we not understand each other?" she cried.

"It is not what I wish to believe," he said gently.

"It is what you must know. I have determined—"

She covered her face with her hands as if preparing for the worst. But she was a woman—a proud, imperious woman. She would show him that she could suffer and make no sign. She rose from her chair.

"Well?" she demanded.

"It is only a little gratulation," he continued. "Nothing serious whatever. I will give you a prescription. The charge will be \$10."

For had he not looked long and steadfastly into her eyes?

LITTLE WIFE DROVE HIM HOME.

Downfall of Burly Anarchist Saved Day for Reporter.

Gen. Bingham's reference to the professional "tricks" as cowards recalls the experience of a New York Tribune reporter who went to a Fourth street saloon on the day following Johann Most's first appearance in Cooper Union. Something about the young man's appearance, which was probably not in harmony with the surroundings, attracted attention, and a burly, full-bearded man approached and asked him bluntly: "Are you a reporter?"

The Romance of Helium.

Another chapter has been added to the romantic history of the "sun element" by the brief telegram to Prof. Dewar from Prof. Kamerlingh Onnes of Leyden announcing that the latter has succeeded in converting helium into a solid. Helium was first discovered spectroscopically in the sun—hence its name—by Sir Norman Lockyer during the total solar eclipse of 1868, the first eclipse at which astronomers had the spectroscope at their disposal. Its existence on the earth was unknown until 1895, when Sir William Ramsay found its distinctive yellow line in the spectrum of cleveite, and quite recently it has been found associated with radium, which may possibly prove to be made up of helium and lead. Owing to the intense cold required, all previous attempts to solidify helium have failed, though Prof. Dewar reached 436 degrees Fahrenheit of frost in his liquid air and frozen hydrogen experiments. It is probable Prof. Onnes has reached the absolute zero—450 degrees Fahrenheit of frost—to succeed in freezing helium.

American Life in the Open.

Nor is it only in the field of social gossip that America insists upon and always obtains the fullest publicity. Its government lives in a glass house, with all the electric lights turned on, the blinds up and a reporter at each window, if not at each keyhole. The pros and cons of every cause celebre are threshed out in the press long before they are brought before the courts. The most unpopular man I ever encountered in America was an Englishman who had the audacity to surround his "place" on the outskirts of Chicago with a high brick wall. High brick walls are bitterly resented as undemocratic. There are no hedges in America, not because they will not grow, but because they are an invasion of your neighbor's right to an uninterrupted view of whatever you may happen to be doing.—London Chronicle.

Woman Makes Pet of Wildcat.

Mrs. G. J. Grommet, one of Alto's best-known society ladies, has a Mexican leopard wildcat for a pet, according to the St. Louis Republic.

Sharp But Pertinent Advice.

"Stop seeing snakes and playing dices inside yourself," is the advice one woman lecturer gives and she declares that it is sometimes not an advantage to have an education as one does not need an English accent to be able to help a friend in trouble. Moreover, one can be a fool in plain American and all the knowledge of other languages will not remedy the matter.

Cute Kid.

"Yes, Tommy," said his mother, "you've been a very good boy to-day."

Why, ma, you told me Willie Nedore was good for nothin' an' you don't want me to be like him, do you?"—Philadelphia Press.