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#### CLING TO ANCIENT METHODS

Maxy Egyptian Farmers To-Day Use Tools Such as Ancestors Had Centuries Ago.

"One of the curious sights in the Egyptian harvest season is a modern threshing machine noisily working in a field adjoining that in which a na-Mrs thresher is treading out the grain," said a Chicagoan, who has made a tour of the world in the interests of American farming implements.

The brown-skinned tiller of the soil. clad in his flowing robes of white or the favored dull blue and yellow combination sitting on the high seat of The crude thresher, which is dragged ever the fields by a yoke of patient camels or perhaps a camel and a donkey or a couple of buffalo cows. aspears to the stranger who sees this for the first time like the principal meter in a scene worked out by an ingenious mind for stage effect.

The native plow in Egypt is simmly the forked portion of a tree or two pieces joined together and amouthed off, a primitive contrivance which may still be seen in use by Cuban farmers. The thresher is a sledge-like affair fitted with round crushers of wood or iron and weighted down from the top. The grain is crushed into the ground and when eathered up it is mixed with lumps of mond, but it is said that never a

kernel of it is lost or wasted. "American farming machinery may tound in the remostest parts of the world and where least expected. In what manner it gets there I could not ascertain. The natives could not enlighten me."

## MARINERS' FEARS OF FOGS

Mumerous Safeguards Devised for Protection Against Dire Peril of the Ocean.

Probably the greatest menace to the safety of navigation at sea is the fog. Modern steamships are seldom endangered by the severest storms, but when the impenetrable envelope of mist enclases a vessel, she is exposed to the most terrible of perila-a collision at sea. A single ship may be comparatively safe even in a fog, but when there is a fleet of vessels the danger reatly multiplied. In addition to the customary fog-horns and sirens a flect of warships often will keep informed of their relative positions by the firing of signal-guns from the flagship. Another excellent method generally employed is the use of the fogbooy. Each vessel in a warship fleet marries a fog buoy, a large cask painted a bright red. This is cast overboard at the first sign of any fog and sats from the stern of the vessel attached by a rope of grass fiber which does not sink beneath the surface of the water. Sufficient rope is paid out by each vessel, so that its fog buoy mosts at the bow of the ship next mstern—two cables' length (400 yards) when in close order and double that distance in open order. By this means the exact stations of the individual ships of a fleet are maintained, even though proceeding at m moderate rate of speed.

# Suppressing a Nuisance.

When Professor Taft went up to Cambridge he had to live outside the college and was located next door to a musical family. The lady practictag her scales disturbed his equanimity very much indeed. So much so that he remonstrated with her father. The result was a curt reply: "Mr.- regrets that his daughter's musical education cannot be neglected." The future collaborator with Lord Kelvin was "cast down, but not destroyed." He sent away to Edinburgh for some bagpipes, and, not knowing a note of music, he started practice whenever the young lady played the piano. It was then her turn to sue for peace. Then came the future professor's triumph. His reply was that Mr. Taft much regretted that his mumical education could not be neglected. Terms were soon arranged.-London

Cure for Chewing Gum Habit. In one of the West Philadelphia pub-Mc achools is a little mite of a teachwho has a mighty way of preserving discipline. Her pupils being unmaindful of all injunctions barring the mse of chewing gum during school hours, the instructress determined to make a horrible example of a couple of the most willful boys. She accordimgly announced that she would decowate the school room a little, and thereupon stationed the boys on one werner of the platform where they would be conspicuous. Then she gave each lad a roll of clean white paper med told them to chew it.

The boys, with their cheeks bulging mut with paper pulp, were compelled to chew steadily for 15 minutes. There he a slump in the chewing gum market.

# **Buffocated** in Church.

Owing to the defective means employed in heating the Church of Gefrees, in Upper Bavaria, 30 men and wemen and all the school children in the gallery were rendered unconscious By poisonous gases during the ser-

The preacher stopped the sermon mt once, but despite immediate ven-Matton many other persons were takon fil as they were leaving the church.

# Different.

"Miss Angela, may I kiss you-or an't you like to be kissed by

"No. it would give me the borrors for a man to kies me, but you may Mas me, Cholly."-Houston Post.

## CURIOUS CUSTOMS OF ASSAM

Not the Least Peculiar Among Them Is That Known as Doing "Genna."

Among the inhabitants of Assam there are curious customs described by a recent traveler: "The local nobleman who had consented to help the cook in return for his food plus pay had complained in the morning of a stomach ache, the result, probably, of a too liberal diet at my expense. I had: dosed him with strong ginger, but evening found him still in pain, and he refused to take more. He expected: one dose to effect a magic cure, and if it did not he considered the medicine was not worth taking a second time. An evil spirit had got hold of him, he confided to me, and the only sure remedy was to propitiate it by: sacrificing a white fowl. To do so with full ceremonial three whole days. apart from the world were necessary and therefore he had to tender him

resignation. "He came to see me a few weeks ago in Sadiya, and was much hurt at my mildly suggesting that 'the evil one' had been a surfeit of pork. The custom of shutting one's self off from contact with one's fellows is common all along this frontier, on such occasions as a birth, a death, sickness or some other unusual occurrence. It is called doing 'genna,' and takes place whenever the slightest ground can be

found for it. "There is a story of a certain wellknown frontier officer being refused admittance to a house where usually he was an honored guest. On asking the reason, he was told that the household was doing 'genna,' as the family's female dog had just produced pups."

## HAD CHOICE BETWEEN EVILS

Bachelor Could Not Save Rug and Be in Time for the Theater-Still Has the Rug.

A theater party waited half an hour the other evening for one belated individual, who arrived breathless and profusely apologetic. Apologies entailed explanations, and explanations revealed some of the exigencies, as well the humor, of bachelor make-

shifts. In this case the gentleman who was tardy found it imperative to economize space. Necessity made his opera hat share a closet shelf with the Tarragon vinegar and the oliga-oil used at occasional evening spreads. One could multiply proverbs in telling the tale, for in his haste to be one time the vinegar and the oil came down unexpectedly with the opera hat. and deposited their contents upon latest acquisition, the Shervan rus he had just treated himself to.

It was ruin the rug or be late to the party, so, up came the rug, on went the water in the bathtub, and to scrubbing fell he. The rug was saved, and the theater party enjoyed the laugh they had over the tale.

# Good Letter Writing.

"Authors, my altogether dear woman, can't write letters. At best they squeeze out an essay now and then." James Russell wrote to this effect precisely 40 years ago in addressing Miss Norton, and he added: "They are thinking of their punctuation, of crossing their t's and dotting their i's, and cannot altogether forget themselves in their correspondent, which I take to be the true recipe." The assertion of fact is true enough; the author is seldom a good letter writer. He is apt to be like Dr. Holmes, only "a very good correspondent as a reader of letters." But with Lowell's explanatory principle one is tempted to quarrel. The best letter writer does not forget himself in his correspondent; he leaves it to his correspondent to do the forgetting.

# We Make Ourselves.

In the east, writes Frances Camphell I have heard a woman say: "Oh. I cannot do that; I would be born next time a hunchback!" That-may not be true. On the other hand, he would be bold who would say it could not be so-for even in this life well make ourselves. The miser, the evilspeaker, the drunkard and glutton. and those who deny the claims of humanity, those who ignore the poor, the suffering, the outcast—see how they have made themselves!

Furtive eyes, hard mouths, unlovely jaws, forbidding countenances. They have no love, so no love is theirs. The false, the wholly mean, the unreal have no beauty; theirs is the hard and stony afterward, for even here we have a choice of ways. We can make ourselves as we will, beautiful or otherwise.—Home Chat.

#### A Musical Burgiar. An ingenious burglary was recently

committed in a fashionable jeweler's shop in Vienna, the thief having entered by a hole he had made in the ceiling while playing the flute. The flat above was let in lodgings, and the landlady informed the police, when the burglary was discovered, that she had let a small room to a well-dressed young man, who played the flute all Sunday morning and afternoon. In the evening he went out and did not return. A lemmy and other burglar's implements were found in his luggage, and the man must have made the hole in the floor with one hand while he played the fute in order to drown the noise, with the other,

Insufficient Bata. Blobbs-What is Guzzier like when he's sober?

Slobbs-I don't know. I've only known him about nine years.

### VARIOUS KINDS OF COURAGE

Individuality Among Lower Animals as Marked as It Is Among Human Beings.

"I believe that there are as many different kinds of courage among animais as among men," said John Trainor of Richmond, Va.

"There are men who can wade into a crowd of husky opponents, and, as long as fists are the weapons, fight to the last gasp. Some of these same men may dodge around the corner as soon as a revolver shows up. On the other hand, a gun fighter, deprived of his weapon, may get out of the way speedily before the fists of an angry enemy.

"There is just about the same sort of difference between the courage displayed by a possum and a coon. I've just come back from a little hunting trip in the mountains of Virginia, and I heard more than one story which proved this assertion. When a possum is treed or 'denned' he never pretends to show fight. He just hugs the limb and calmly waits for one of the hunters to climb up the tree or into the den and pull him out. Of course, he will bite if he is not seized behind the neck, but he never puts

up a fight. "Now, a coon is one of the nastiest customers for a pack of dogs to handle that you can readily find. He is game to the core, and many a valuable coon dog has passed away as a result of one of these encounters. First of all, when he finds the dogs on his trail he will try to escape. But when he is cornered there is bound to be some trouble for a dog or two of

the pack. "The peculiar feature, though, is that a possum can whip a coon without half trying. The coon is afraid of the possum and gives him a wide berth. They tell stories down there in the mountains to the effect that a coon, worsted in a fight with a possum, has fought off a pack of dogs, and that this same pack has then treed the possum, who allowed himself to be captured without a struggle. A possum has coon courage, but no 'dog courage.' I don't pretend to understand the reason for these traits, but I am sure of the facts."

# PERILS OF OVER-POLITENESS

According to This, Sudden Changes Are Things That It Is Well to Avoid.

Following is an extract from a lecture delivered recently at the Battle Creek sanatorium by Horace Fletcher: "Never have a scrap at the table; never discuss bills at the table; never argue politics, religion, or the suffrage movement, because it is inimical to digestion. What you should do is to prepare yourself to pass compliments across the table, for that is the best sauce for digestion.

"One of the comic papers in New York the other day, in commenting upon this assertion of mine, made a series of pictures in which the husband had come down all prepared to make a change in his demeanor at these times. He had been a surly man, who took his newspaper to the table, bolted his meal, and was off to his work. But now he had concluded to reform; so he came down all smiles, and as he sat at the table, he began to say: 'Mother, I never saw you looking better than you do this morning.' And she looked at him. It was such a surprise she did not know what he was going to say next. Then he took some food, and he said: 'How perfectly delicious; it seems as if I never tasted anything quite so good in all my life.' Then her wonder was excited more and more. He made only one other break in this direction, when she picked up a chicken leg and threw it at him, saying: "I will teach you to be sarcastic in my presence.'

#### The Shah's Highway, It is true we have some bad roads,

but most of our highways compared with those of Persia would be as a paved street to a plowed field, says a correspondent of Harper's Weekly.

You would think that the keeping of the shah's highway would be one of the first cares of a state, yet so little attention has been given to this subject by the Persian government that there are not a dozen good wagon road throughout the whole country.

The caravan routes are, except in a very few cases, merely trails. Not only are the wagon roads bad as well as scarce, but it is an astonishing fact that although Persia is one of the oldest of civilized states, a countr: comprising an area of 628,000 square miles and a population of 9,000,000, she has but six miles of rail-

#### Lady Coleridge, widow of the late lord chief justice of England, who died in 1894. She was Miss Amy Augusta Jackson Lawford, and she was intrusted to his care returning home in England after a visit in this country. They fell in love with one another on the trip across the ocean and the marriage

resulted. She has not visited the coun-

try since.

English Woman Visitor.

An English visitor in this country is

LIE CHAP A Bird Census. The department of agriculture is taking a census of the birds of the United States, and even before its completion is able to estimate that there are 1,414,000,000 or thereabouts. The cessus is also for the purpose of flading out what birds help and

what birds harm the crops with a view

to distinguishing the insect-eating

### NO MARKET FOR UMBRELLAS

United States Consul in Peru Has Post in Country Where Rain is Unknown.

Former Secretary of State S. M. Taylor of Urbana, now United States consul to Peru at Callao, is home on the first leave of absence from his post since he was assigned to Callao

three years ago. "We like life in Peru," said Mr. Taylor. "While my office is in Callao, I live in Lima. Callao is the seaport, a place of about 35,000 population, while Lima, seven miles distant, has a population of 150,000. We are 11 degrees south of the equator, so that this is their summer, but it is never very hot there. They get the sea breeze and it rarely gets over 85 degrees Fahrenheit, while the lowest temperature is about 65. Of course, frost never occurs there.

"The climate is one of perpetual sunshine. It never rains. All agricultural operations must be carried on by means of irrigation. A Peruvian girl came up to Panama with me, and, though she was almost a woman, she had never seen rain. When we encountered a thunderstorm in Panama she was hadly frightened. It was the first thunder I had heard for three

#### LOOKING AT IT IN TWO WAYS

Pertinent Remark Ex-President Roosevelt is Credited with Making to Admiral.

At a recent banquet of the alumni of the Virginia Milifary Institute in New York, Harry St. George Tucker. of Lexington, Va., whom the gallant men of that state love to call "Governor" because he came within distance of the chair shortly before he was made president of the Jamestown exposition, recounted a story Admiral Harrington told to him.

The admiral was showing President Roosevelt the things at the Norfolk navy yard not marked by pathway signs, when they came upon a view commanding some battleships lying peacefully in the late afternoon of an Indian summer day.

"I tell you, Mr. President," said the admiral, enthusiastically, "that if we had had all of these wonderful vessels several years ago we would not have had a war with Spain."

"Yes," said the president, lifting his mustache, "and then-then I would not have been president, eh?"

Young, but Has Traveled Far. Just two years old, Sarah Clarkson already is so widely traveled it would trouble many a grown person who thinks himself something of a globe trotter to catch up with her. She has traveled almost 50,000 miles in the course of her short life and was paying her first visit to New York when the steamship Inverness, of which her father is the captain, put in there recently. Capt. Arthur Clarkson hails from Boston. He is looking forward to introduce his daughter to his home for the first time before she is many days older, for Sarah was born at sea on the way from Calcutta to Bombar, and she has not visited America before. But there are few important seaport towns in the far east that she has not looked on with her baby eyes, and in every one of them, avenging hundreds of her sex who have mourned the faithlessness of Jack affoat, she has left behind a trail of sweethearts among the big. wind-tanned men who go down to the sea in ships.

One Trip Nearly Paid for Schooner. Dealers at T wharf were given a surprise when Capt. Horace Hillman of the 14-ton schooner Eliza Benner of Edgartown offered 20,000 pounds of fish to buyers at the exchange. No one believed that a schooner the size of the Benner would attempt rounding Cape Cod at this season so deeply loaded. But the captain had recently purchased the vessel and thought if he could reach Boston at a time of high prices he might be able to nearly pay her purchase price.

With five young men belonging on Martha's Vineyard Capt. Hillman took the schooner out on the ocean side of Nantucket and in a short time filled the craft to the batches. The venture proved so successful that the crew earned about \$30 each and the Benner almost paid for herself.-Boston Herald.

# At the Tomb of Rachel.

Writing from the Holy Land, a correspondent of the Philadelphia Exponent has this to say about the tomb of Rachel, which is marked by a memorial the funds for which came from Sir Moses Montenore: "Two hours' journey to the south of Jerusalem, on the road toward Hebron, stands a small fortress called Barak, beside the gate of which are three tanks for the reception and preservation of rain water. Near this fortress, beside a spring, stands a house said to have been built by King Solomon, and a mile and a half farther south is the tomb of Rachel."

Mistake of Australian Colonists In the early days, colonists, thinking to make their surroundings more homelike, introduced rabbits. The rabbit, coming to Australia, increased and multiplied at such a rate that it overspread the whole continent, and became a nuisance, to keep which in check has cost many millions of pounds, and will yet cost many millions more. The Australian rabbit brings forth its first family-of up to nine or ten-at the age of three months. Thereafter, the doe produces the same litter every month,

#### TOOK HIS OWN PHOTOGRAPH

Clever Method by Which British Hunter Got Good Snapshot of Lion in Jungle.

Penetrating the wilds of British East Africa with a camera and a cinematograph, Mr. Cherry Kearton, the skilled "nature photographer," has brought back to England some amazing pictures of strange beasts. Mr. Kearton had one great disappointment. The lion eluded him so far as the cinematograph was concerned. For a week on end, night and day, the photographer fixed his apparatus in a tree and waited for a lion. But he found the lions extraordinarily wary. The nearest he ever got to one with the cinematograph camera in daylight, was 150 yards. Then the lion, not the photographer, bolted. At this distance the lion appeared so small upon the photographic films that the pic-

ture was useless. But Mr. Kearton had his revenge. He left a camera shielded in a leather case near the lion drinking pool. Above it, in a tree, was a flashlight apparatus. From this a thread passed across the path the lion was known to tread. In the middle of the night down came the lion to drink. He broke the thread, ignited the magnegium, and took an instantaneous photograph of himself before the brilliant flash sent him crashing away in alarm through the forest

## MOSTLY MADE IN TEN YEARS

Harriman's Immense Fortune Abso-Mutely Without Parallel in History of Self-Made Men.

The final appraisal of the late E. H. Harriman places it at a value of \$149,000,000. This is more than \$50,-000.009 over the most liberal estimate made when it was a matter of speculation. As a rule, when an appraisal of an estate of great wealth, which is much talked of, is made, the public estimate is found to be greater than the fact. Estates shrink under careful examination. But in the present case the contrary has been the fact. It is much larger than even his intimates supposed.

The wonder of it is that such a great estate should have been accumulated in the time it was. Mr. Rockefeller's great wealth was built up in a period covering 40 years: that of Mr. Carnegie in about the same time. It took three generations to build up the Astor and Vanderbilt fortunes to their present mammoth proportions. The Morgan estate was erected on accumulations made in a prior generation and the time in which the great Hill. Kennedy and Strathcona fortunes were made was not less than 30 years Yet Mr. Harriman's great accumulations were made within a period of ten years. It is without parallel in the history of self-made fortunes of huge amounts.-Brooklyn Eagle.

Steel Superseding Wood. The substitution of steel for wood goes steadily on. Beginning with January 1, or thereabouts, the National Lead Company will pack its white lead in steel kegs, having decided to abandon the use of wooden kegs. This innovation is made because the company has concluded that steel kegs will have many advantages over the wooden kegs. In the first place, the steel package does not absorb the oil from the lead as porous wooden packages do, and there is. therefore, no drying and caking of the lead around the edges, making it possible to remove every particle of white lead easily from the steel keg. The new steel kegs also will be much lighter, as well as being stronger than the wooden ones, and this will effect a saving in freight charges. Taking up less room than the wooden kegs,

the new steel package also will save

storage space.

Courtship Class for Jap Girls. Japan has killed the last doubt as to its modern progress by the organization of a "class of courtship" for girls in each of the secondary schools. The Japanese maidens are taught that if they "should be so unfortunate as to fall in love before becoming engaged they must conceal the fact. Above all they must remember that women never propose. Another thing, they are warned that well-bred girls do not exchange photographs with their admirers. In Japan until now there has not been any trouble about courting, and this is the first evidence that the Japanese maidens need instruction in affairs of the heart. Classes to the contrary, however, the point is maintained that there is not a Juliet under the sun who does know the exact formula for dealing with a Romeo.

Stanley's Estimate of Leaders. In his recent published autobiog-

raphy Sir Henry M. Stanley says: The civil war only developed two first-rank men, and those were Grant and Lee, but in the second rank there were many who might possibly, with opportunities, have rivaled the first two. I believe if it were put to the vote of the military class as to which was the greater of the two greatest cantains of the war the vote would be cast for Robert E. Lee. Nevertheless there was something in Grant which. though not so showy as the strategy and dash of Lee, makes me cast my vote for Grant."

Restiess Royalty. "Before their marriage he said she should be treated like a queen." "Well," answered Miss Cayenne, "he

has kept his word after a fashion. His

household is very like one of those

Hitte Furencan monarchies."

### NO NEED FOR AN ARCHITECT

But for Demijohn School Board Might Have Found Out Earlier What Was Wanted.

Mayor Edward Schwabenland of Riverside, N. J., and Henry Tesnow, one of the most popular residents of that thriving little borough, were talking the other day on queer sayings. and doings, when Eddie told of a motion that had once been made in school board of which he was a mem-

The needs of the town, Eddle said, demanded that a new schoolhouse should be erected, and after the board had discussed the question to a considerable length one of the members arose to his feet.

"I move, Mr. President," said he, impressively, "that we build a new. schoolhouse on the site of the old one; that we use the material in the old one for the new one, and that we don't tear down the old one until the

new one is built." "Well, what did they do about it?"

smilingly queried Mr. Tesnow. "They were a little bit slow coming around," replied Eddie, "but just as soon as they got their breath to working again they sent for an architect to figure out how the thing could be done."

"Did he find the answer?" asked Mr. Tesnow

"No," was the chuckling rejoinder of the mayor. "He worked on it until the demijohn was empty, and then told the school board that what they wanted was a sleight-of-hand professor, not an architect."

### LAUGHED IN FACE OF CARE

New York Artists Turned Eviction Tribulation Into a Time of Joyous Merrymaking.

The trials and tribulations of the large number of clever young men and women who are struggling for recognition as writers and artists in New York city are lightened in considerable degree by festivities in the studios.

One young woman whose landlord was hard-hearted turned a seamy sit uation into light comedy, and saveexpense, by giving what she called an "eviction" party. At about two K the morning, after a generous flow o. soul and punch, she announced to her masculine guests that it was time to labor. With much joy each of thes became a furniture mover. They but dened themselves with chairs and tables and bric-a-brac and trailed to with their loads through the silent streets toward the new studio. On the way they rested in the middle of an avenue, placing the chairs round the tables on the asphalt and resuming the social function. A raising of windows began, and the sound of a bell somewhere created an annoying fear that a patrol wagon might be coming round the corner.

Thus it was that the soirce on the asphalt was suddenly broken up. The window gazers, wondering what this strange proceeding in the night might mean, probably did not realize that they were viewing a process in the land of Bohemia of laughing carking care out of countenance.-The Sunday Magazine.

Hopeful Sign.

That the war on tuberculosis pays immediate dividends in human life is proved by a report of Dr. Bosley, health commissioner of Baltimore. In the monthly health bulletin for July it is shown that the number of deaths from tuberculosis occurring in the city was 92, as compared with 123 for the same month last year. Dr. Bosley savs that he attributes the decrease in the number of deaths to the educational campaign that those interested in the fight against the "white plague" are making. "The interest of the public has been aroused," he declares, "and there is a general tendency on the part of the people to heed the warnings and to observe the hygienic rules being promulgated." In ten years, if the present progress is kept up, Dr. Bosley believes that tuberculosis will be stamped out.

Haakon Follows the Hounds. King Haakon of Norway is fond of telling his first appearance with his regiment, when he headed it at parade. It was the King's Own Norfolk Yeomanry.

"I was horribly nervous," he says. "I am not what might be called a 'crack rider,' and I had seen the yeomanry on parade and in many cases following the hounds. My word, but they ride like the wind and look as if they could easily go up a church steeple if they got the order or the hounds showed them the way. I felt as I rode along at their head that every man was inwardly criticising my style and setting me down as a hopeless duffer. It was a horrible experience and I never want to go

Yarn That Fetched a Quarter. Sad-Eyed Party-Say, boss, won't you give me a few cents toward gettin' my wife into the Old Ladies'

through it again."

53.7 pm

Householder (dubiously) - Why doesn't your wife come here herself? S.E. P.-Well, you see, boss, she's a woman an' you kin hardly expect her to go around admittin' she is old enough fer that.-Boston Transcript.

Must Have. "Who was "The Woman with the

Serpent's Tongue!" 'The Woman with the Serpent Tongue?" That must have been Cleobatra."-Houston Post.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS