

MAINE CHEWING TOBACCO.

Farmers Flavoring It with Maple Syrup Just as Their Grandfathers Did. Since the price of plug tobacco went up, a good many farmers in Maine have been making their own chewing tobacco...

MIGHT DESTROY ALL LIFE.

Tesla, the Great Electrician, Afraid That He Might Ignite the Atmosphere. In a signed article in the current number of the Electrical Review, Nicola Tesla describes some of his experiments in the line of electrical currents of high voltage...

A QUICKSILVER FOUNTAIN.

An Odd Exhibit from Queensland Which is Said to Be Made in London. The government of Queensland are going to show the world, in such portion of it as may visit the forthcoming exhibition at Earl's court...

FISH IN HOT WATER.

If We May Believe This Account They Enjoy It and Seem to Grow Fat in It. A fish is naturally a cold-blooded animal, but if you take a fish and keep him in slightly tepid water for a month or so he will soon get used to it...

NEPHEW OF HIS UNCLE.

The Expedition Employed by a French Explorer to Get On with the Niger Natives. Lieut. Hourst, the Frenchman who made himself famous while ago by sailing down the Niger from its upper waters to its mouth...

NEVER SAW HER HUSBAND.

A Nantucket Couple Are Both Blind and He Thinks of Her as Still Young. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Chase, of Nantucket, are each nearly 70 years old and they have been married the greater part of that time...

THEIR PET BELIEF.

Nearly All Women Think They Have a Fine Knack for Mending Things. If there is a woman who can lay her hand on her heart, or the region where it ought to be, and solemnly declare that she has ever succeeded in mending anything permanently with paste, gum or cement...

SALARIES OF PROFESSORS.

The Pay of Many in Scotland is So High as to Cause Surprise. The lists have been formally opened for candidates to the chair of physiology in the University of Edinburgh left vacant by the death of Prof. Rutherford. A number of quite distinguished names have already been presented...

HER FIRST ALLOWANCE.

Spending It Had an Intoxicating Effect Upon This Care Free Maiden. The spending of her first allowance has an intoxicating effect on the average maiden, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. Power and freedom and extravagance are hers to use and abuse...

MOTHER-IN-LAW DISSOLVED.

An Impetuous Artist Who Went Cleopatra, Serpent of the Nile, One Better. When the engagement was in its first quarter Wagers painted the portrait of his mother-in-law-elect, says the New York World. He had never done anything better in an artistic sense...

CHINESE POLITENESS.

When in Shanghai Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia were given an amusing example of Chinese politeness. While visiting a notable mandarin their host asked through the interpreter the age of Prince Henry. On being told that the emperor's brother is a little more than 50...

FLOCKING TO HAWAII.

Rapid Increase in Immigration of Japanese Causes Alarm.

Twelve Thousand of Them Have Arrived in the Islands Since They Were Annexed to the United States. The rapid increase of Japanese immigration into Hawaii has attracted the serious attention of the authorities at Washington of late, and several official inquiries have been sent on foot to learn the extent of the invasion and how it can be checked...

STOMACH SEEN BY X RAYS.

Chicago Medical Society Watches the Organ Performing Its Functions. The human stomach performing its digestive functions was shown to the medical fraternity of Chicago the other evening through the agency of the X-rays at the meeting of the Chicago medical society. A short paper upon the possibilities of the X-ray in the medical profession was read by Dr. Metcalf, the demonstrator for the evening...

KIT CARSON'S PISTOL.

Wisconsin Man Has an Interesting Relic of the Great Pioneer and Indian Fighter. A. J. Bell, of Fond du Lac, Wis., is the owner of a valuable relic of the early fighting days in the west, when the Spanish, English and Indians formed a population in which every individual was for himself, and the spice and adventure of western life, as seen in the story books, was a reality...

A Strange Radish.

The first vegetable freak of the season is reported by H. O. Austin, who lives at 703 East Eighth avenue, says the Topeka (Kan.) State Journal. It is a radish which tied itself in a knot. The lower part curled around the body of the radish and then grew through the loop thus formed...

A FOREIGN SNAKE STORY.

In It a Woman Is Both Killed and Revivified by a Venomous Reptile.

American inventors of snake stories must look to their laurels; the educated Bengali has entered into competition, and judging from the sample given in good faith by a native paper at Calcutta, he will be hard to beat. Some time back the lovely daughter of a wealthy Zemindar was bitten by a cobra and died in the course of a few hours...

WORK FOR SCIENCE.

In the Late War American and Spanish Physicians Labored Side by Side. When the United States hospital ship Olivette was crowded with terribly wounded Spanish soldiers last July the worst cases were soon selected for operating on, and then we saw a strange sight—the brotherhood of science tripping over the temporary passions of two nations, says the San Francisco Argonaut. Among the Spanish surgeons captured after the destruction of their feet, but prisoners only in name, were some men possessed of very great skill, and operation after operation, considered at first almost hopeless, was performed by Americans and Spaniards together...

ONE EYE SHUT.

The Queer Practice of Mexican Miners Who Work in the Dark. A recent traveler in Mexico, who visited the mines during his journey, says that he was much astonished at seeing the men carry the ore come out of the mine each with one eye shut. The foreman, seeing his surprise, explained the matter. He said the candles belonging to the trateros (who drill and blast) do not give sufficient light in the drifts, where it is consequently quite dark, but where, nevertheless, the tarantulas see well enough not to run their heads against the rocks. But, on emerging into daylight, they would be blinded if they did not take precautionary measures...

SOME NEW FACTS ABOUT SNOW.

That eminent medical authority, the Lancet, has just discovered that snow water will penetrate the ordinary boot, and that the only sure way to prevent this is to grease the boot. The ancient and honorable custom of the Yankee farmers is set forth in the Lancet fully and scientifically—and is news to no one. But some of the Lancet's remarks upon "beautiful snow" may be new. It is stated that few actions of nature clear and purify the air as does a fall of snow. An analysis of newly-fallen snow shows an enormous percentage of organic impurities and bacteria. These have been swept out of the air by the falling flakes, leaving the atmosphere we breathe the pure and wholesome. Again, there is so much friction engendered by the snowflakes dropping through the air that it gives rise to the formation of ozone. It is stated that so much ozone is formed by the descending flakes that to those familiar with it there is a marked smell of that element in the air after a snow-storm...

A NURSE IN CUBA.

This One Couldn't Understand the Language and Was Badly Frightened.

An army nurse but lately returned from Cuba to Washington declares that never again will she go to a country whose language she cannot understand. It was before hostilities had come to a definite end that she was startled one day by the unexpected visit of her Cuban laundress. The woman was intensely excited. Anxiety sat on her brow and sorrow dwelt in her eyes. She gesticulated and she talked. The nurse knew not a word of what she said, but the pantomime filled her with terror. The Cuban's hands seemed to speak of an attack on the hospital—of wounded men butchered and nurses cut to ribbons. The nurse was frantic. She must know the worst...

PRIMROSE DAY IN ENGLAND.

On the Last One Ninety-Six Million Blossoms Were Sold in British Cities. Few people who observed the ready sale which bunched "primas," as they are named by the trade, secured on Primrose day in the streets of London and other centers possibly gave a thought to the extensive nature of the business, says the London Mail. From 20 reports from different leading cities just to hand, it seems that over 4,000,000 bunches of primroses were dispatched for sale to meet the requirements of Primrose day. These bunches contained probably something like 96,000,000 blossoms. Estimating 4,000,000 plants as being needed to give the field, they would, set a foot apart each way in the fields, occupy more than 90 acres of land. Of course the flowers really are gathered in the woods, by the hedgerows, and in rural nooks, and the bulk come from the southern counties of England...

NO MORE MEN NURSES.

According to This Account They Were Never as Satisfactory as the Women. A writer in a contemporary has lately been endeavoring, in a series of articles to prove the lamentable inferiority of women to men in the different arts and professions, says the Philadelphia Times. If the writer did not include nursing in his catalogue he was a wise man, for the conference on nursing, lately held at the Medical society's rooms, would certainly have made him look rather foolish. The male nurse is rapidly becoming rarer, but his rarity does not, so far as one can judge from the conference, mean that he is precious. In fact, his disappearance seems to be a matter of congratulation. He is said to be not at all conscientious or sober, very open to bribes and thoroughly untrustworthy. He is drawn from a lower class than women nurses, and it was almost unanimously decided at the conference that his services were best limited to cases of paralysis, with insanity...

TRICKS IN THE FISH TRADE.

The Novel Use to Which a Chicago Dealer Puts His Finny Cannibals. An amateur dealer in goldfish has discovered a most profitable trick for his trade. He has a modest little shop on the North side near one of the public schools, and his show windows are hundreds of children to the reckless investments in tiny aquariums, reports the Chicago Inter Ocean. Some time ago the shopkeeper happened to buy a number of fish that soon exhibited an appetite for their companions. Large and small fish were devoured, and the dealer's stock was soon alarmingly reduced. Then a happy thought struck him. When he made a sale he tried putting one cannibal fish with every lot. In less than a week each purchaser would return with the announcement that all the fish except one had died. The dealer sympathized with the disappointment of the children, gave directions concerning the change of water and the allowance of food, and sold a new lot of fish. By a skillful distribution of the cannibal fish he soon doubled his trade, and he is now selling choice lots of the cannibal fish to downtown dealers, and the sales are reported to be increasing in a manner that encourages the North side man to put fancy prices on his peculiar specialty. Military Mustelins. The German army includes more than 10,000 military musicians. Other powerful nations on the continent employ rather less numbers in military bands. Chinese Teachers' Pay. A Chinese teacher in a private school receives about one cent a day for every pupil in his class.

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