

GROWTH OF INCINERATION.

Influence of a Name Has Brought the Method of Disposing of the Dead Into Favor.

There seems to be a steady if small gain in the popularity of cremation as a method of disposing of the remains of the dead...

We think it absurd that native public opinion in India should ever have required that a widow burn herself on the funeral pile of her husband...

At present the conservative way of looking at it is partially influenced by the name "cremation" itself...

INDIAN GIRLS' RICH DRESSES.

Some of Them Worth More Than the Costumes of the Most Wealthy City Belles.

Indian women in Greenland dress more expensively than the richest women in New York or Paris...

Frequently the wardrobe of a semi-savage Ingot girl on the east coast consists of furs which would sell any day on Broadway for \$10,000.

There was an elaborate fringe of wolverine tails, while the garment was lined with the fur of young sea otter.

The average value of the dresses worn by Indian women on the Columbia and Fraser rivers is \$750.

Graul saw a Dyak girl with a golden corset. It consists of 40 solid gold rings, the smallest about the waist...

Nootka women spend from six to seven years in the weaving of a sleeveless mantle of cypress fiber to be worn on state occasions.

Chiluck women have acquired the art of weaving fabrics from the fur of animals. The process is extremely tedious, and if paid for in gold the price of one dress would be enormous.

Sadong girls frequently ornament their dresses with 25 to 50 pounds of gold and silver.

A feather cloak manufactured by an Indian woman far in the interior of Brazil sold recently in London for \$5,000.

Nicaraguan natives frequently weave their clothing of pitka, or silk grass, the most valuable textile fabric in the world.

Manicous Dogs.

The dogs in central Borneo, it seems, when wishing to cross a river, have considerable difficulty in doing so, owing to the fact that alligators find them very troublesome morsels.

They, therefore, collect on the banks and make a terrific noise by barking and yelping as loudly as they can.

The alligators are attracted to the spot by the noise and the dogs, as soon as they see that their bait is successful, set off up the bank at top speed and cross higher up.

A Borneo traveler states that he has watched this maneuver times without number.

Served Him Right.

Mrs. Grant Mrs. Turner's discharged her milkman.

Mrs. Turner: You don't mean it! Was his milk poor?

"Not that I have heard. He insisted upon being paid, he would deliver no more milk."

"O, well, that being the case, Mrs. Turner did just right."—Boston Transcript.

ACUTE BRONCHITIS.

In the Very Young and the Aged It is Often a Most Serious Malady.

Bronchitis is an inflammation of the membrane lining the air tubes in the lungs. It may be acute or chronic, and may vary through all degrees of severity...

The most prominent symptom of an acute "cold on the chest" is cough. This is caused by the secretion from the mucous membrane of the bronchial tubes...

Acute bronchitis, like a cold in the head, will often cure itself if the patient will stay in a well-ventilated room with an equable temperature...

If the cough is so painful as to call for special treatment, among the best of domestic remedies is the old-fashioned flaxseed tea.

If the cough persists, or the secretion becomes profuse, in spite of domestic remedies, more strictly medicinal treatment will be called for.

NOT AS EXPECTED.

The Borrowed Example of Juvenile Gentility Was Not Equal to the Occasion.

"Mrs. Blank has no children of her own, and that may account for the mistake she made," said the fond father, according to the Detroit Free Press.

"He is such a perfect little gentleman," said she, "that I want him there to set a good example for the rest of the boys."

"Late in the afternoon Mrs. Blank returned our heir and left him on the front porch without comment.

"I said nothing," said she, "but I believe I should have done the same thing for our olive branch was not a pleasing looking object."

"Well, 'son,' said I, looking him over.

"Had three fights, pop, and got licked every time," he announced.

"Mrs. Blank says that I am a little devil; but Swipsey says I will be a little brick when I learn how to upprent."

"I asked Mrs. Blank when she was going to give another party, and she said when the moon turned into a fried cake."

"This is an excellent custard for a child or for an invalid with delicate digestive powers."

Mix together one pint of grated corn, one pint of stale bread crumbs, one beaten egg, two tablespoonfuls of flour and seasoning to taste.

Make into small croquettes, roll in grated bread-crumbs and fry in boiling fat. People's Home Journal.

Mankind and the Lover. "All mankind loves a lover" is an old saying.

But as a matter of fact, all mankind makes fun of a lover.—Acheson Globe.

IN THE REALM OF FASHION.

Fresh Items of Feminine Finery That Make Up the Latest Costumes.

With light gowns the latest fancy for wraps is a long scarf of mousseline de soie, either plain or in fancy design.

In these days of fluffy neck fixings, sashes and scarf ends, no woman need be at a loss for a smart toilette.

For a muslin gown it would be difficult to find a prettier model than one made of creamy muslin, with design of tiny mauve pansies.

The full sleeves were similarly tucked and inserted and were gathered at the wrist into bands of the Cluny lace.

Bands of embroidered velvet, cloth, silk or satin are used to edge boleros, walking jackets, the hems of skirts and open-fronted princess frocks.

The very latest novelty in corsets for bathing purposes is made of perforated rubber mysteriously stiffened so that it answers all the requirements of a genuine corset.

Both black and white silk tassels are among the novel features of dress trimming, and we see them arranged in pairs down either side of the front of the bodice on a black and white fustard.

Washable petticoats are the leaders. They are made with closely-fitting tops and much befrilled with simple or elaborate trimming of lace and Hamburg edging.

BY A PRINTER'S ERROR.

How the "Bull" of a Type Closed a Theater and Ruined the Manager.

It very often happens that the intelligent and soft-eyed compositor flirts with the stilly hours of the night.

An error committed by one of these accomplished nocturnal nightingales while setting up an advertisement might have resulted in a terrible tragedy the other day at Newport News, Va.

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MAN AND HIS DUCIO.

Disease Cannot Always Be Debaed, and Drugging Lacks in Certainty.

"The doctor 'man' 'ow 'always' wants to know too much. He wants to know what is the matter with him when it is not possible to tell him; moreover, he will have an answer, and if not he thinks the doctor an ignoramus and calls in some one else.

What is our position in regard to that real and intimate knowledge of the action of the liver, for example, which we require to enable us to treat its diseases? We still give our blue pill and podophyline, and so on, and speak with early innocence of "touching" the liver, and so still perpetuate the idea that certain remedies go for the liver and increase its various secretions.

Coming then to drugs, why do we give them? To cure disease, you answer at once, and think the question unnecessary. But wait a minute; drugs are given for several other reasons, some of which are far less free from criticism.

ABANDONING THE PROBE.

Now Considered Not Only Superfluous But Frequently Dangerous.

Experience of surgeons in the war of the rebellion went a long way toward inducing the abandonment of the probe as a surgical instrument.

The war in South Africa has enforced the surgical lessons of the war of the rebellion and the Franco-Prussian war.

English Speaking in Mexico.

The constant growth of knowledge of English here is made evident by the new demand on the part of Mexican youth for books and periodicals in this language.

Widely Scattered Triplets.

An old soldier who had served his 21 years was discharged at Portsmouth.

Black Currant Marmalade.

For this take ripe black currants, and wash thoroughly, removing the stems; stew them very gently, bruising them at first a little in the preserving kettle.

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THE QUEEN OF VALOR.

During Performance of a Young Woman in a Bull-Ring in Paris.

A few weeks ago there appeared some alluring advertisements which were especially attractive to those Parisians who love excitement, and who had their appetite for such things tickled by the races of the Rue Perceuse.

The "Queen of Valor" is dressed completely in white. Her face and her hair are powdered. The carriage stops just in front of the presiding party, and she gets out smiling and bowing and throws up her mantle, talking with the ushers while the attendants arrange in the middle of the arena a pedestal of wood about two feet high.

When all is ready the impresario addresses the public and begs them to observe the most rigorous silence during the performance. This is indispensable. Then Donna Tancereda mounts the pedestal, helped by the matadors.

She crosses her arms and the matadors the door from which the bull will emerge. The woman looks exactly like a marble statue. The arena is empty. All the ushers have disappeared behind the barriers and shelters. The deepest silence reigns in the vast amphitheater.

It is with the greatest difficulty that one can restrain a cry of horror, one's sensations are too painful, and a long endurance of such emotion would be unbearable.

THE BULL STARTS BACK. LATAL AT HIS STRANGE ADVISORY, and then with a terrible bound rushes up to the pedestal. Anxiety is at its height. But once more the bull stops short without striking. He draws back a few feet, and taking advantage of this, Donna Tancereda jumps down and rushes behind a screen while the ushers draw off the bull.

Donna Tancereda, who was born in Paris, has appeared with success at Barcelona, Valencia, Castile, Madrid, Seville and for the first time in France at Roubaix.

HAY FEVER SUFFERERS.

Educated Persons Said to Be the Most Susceptible to the Distressing Affection.

The only thing that serves to comfort a sufferer from the dread hay fever is the knowledge that persons of more than average intelligence are subject to the disagreeable complaint.

On what causes the complaint the doctors are not a unity. The belief is most prevalent that the disease is caused by the pollen of wild or cultivated plants.

HOW A FOX WAS FOOLED.

Buried His Prey and Brought Another Fox to Share in It But It Was Gone.

A gentleman who was out shooting one day came to a river upon which he saw six geese just out of range of his gun.

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OLD-TIME HUNTING MATCHES.

Form of Shooting Contest That Was Once Popular with New England Sportsmen.

Up to the time of the civil war, and for half a dozen years after it was one of the most popular forms of contests among sportsmen in New England.

There were several forms of hunting matches. Some occupied only a few hours while others continued a week or more and sometimes the match would be for the best results during the entire season.

The hunting match affording the greatest satisfaction occupied about three days and had from 10 to 50 participants upon each side.

Wild Cat ..... 500  
Bear ..... 500  
Weasel ..... 500  
Rabbit's Feet ..... 500  
Woodchuck ..... 500  
Hedgehog ..... 500  
Horn Hawk ..... 500  
Fish Hawk ..... 500  
Crow ..... 500  
Loon ..... 500  
Wild Duck ..... 500  
Hedgehog ..... 500  
Raccoon ..... 500  
Pigeon Hawk ..... 500  
Hedgehog ..... 500  
Blue Jay ..... 500  
Mink ..... 500  
Black Squirrel ..... 500  
Gull ..... 500  
Woodcock ..... 500  
Hedgehog ..... 500  
Woodchuck ..... 500  
Rabbit ..... 500  
Striped Squirrel ..... 500  
Rat ..... 500  
Blackbird ..... 500  
Woodpecker ..... 500

Many of the hunters would start out after coons the night before the match began in order to be upon the field early in the morning.

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