

Persia's Pipe Guardian. The queen of pipes belongs to the shah of Persia. Why is the great chieftain of pipes a queen? Probably because pipe is a feminine noun in French. The little shah's pipe was smoked by his father before him, and by his uncle, and by his grandfather, and how many more of the rulers of Darius' kingdom we never know. The pipe is adorned with all kinds of precious stones and is said to be worth \$10,000. It is constantly guarded by a high court functionary, whose duties allow him as much leisure as the superintendent of the Persian arsenal, but as there is no arsenal in Persia so the extent of the sinicure may be judged. Still, this functionary is responsible. This is how his office was created: Once a grand vizier was found trying to pry out a stone from the pipe with his poniard. Then the office of guardian of the imperial pipe was created. What became of the grand vizier is not recorded.—London Globe.

Labrador's Short Summer. How brief is the summer on the islands of Labrador! says Hesketh Prichard in the Wide World. Snow does not melt till July, then with a rush midsummer comes. Grasses and leaves grow almost visibly, the wild cotton soon flings out its little white pennons, millions of berries ripen on the ground, the loon cries, the ptarmigan calls, and you may even see a butterfly balancing in the warm wind. But then all weakens the countless army of hunchbacks, lean and gray mosquitoes, piping blithely for blood. So summer reigns. Then suddenly one day at the end of August, after the sun has sunk behind the barren crags through a balmy warmth of evening, one may wake up to find everything transfigured and the first snow of another season already falling.

Found Out His Man. A southerner who was visiting St. Louis wandered into the dining room of the hotel and, seeing a negro servant who had all the importance of an army officer standing near the door, asked him who the "head nigger" was around there. The negro stretched himself to his full height and pompously replied that "there ain't no niggers in St. Louis, sah. We is all gem-men of color."

Well, said the southerner, drawing a \$100 bill from his pocket and fingering it. "I expect to be at this hotel for some time and want to make sure that I will be taken care of." "Oh, sah," said the negro, whose eyes were popping from his head, "did you want to know who the head nigger waiter is? That's me."—Allentown Call.

Where Bluebeard Lived. Most of our readers have heard of Bluebeard, the enterprising gentleman who made a hobby of marriage and had a way of his own for getting rid of superstitious wives. Probably very few people, however, know that the story has any sort of basis in fact. Yet on the banks of the world famous Bosphorus near Constantinople there is situated a picturesque old medieval fortress known as "Bluebeard's castle" and which is said to have been the abode of a terrible old pasha, whose playful little ways gave rise to the story.—Wide World Magazine.

First Calculating Machine. The first calculating machine was invented and constructed by Blaise Pascal, a Frenchman, in 1642. It was made by him with the aid of one workman and was presented to the chancellor of France. During the revolution it was found in a junk shop at Bordeaux and at present is the property of M. Bougouin of that city. All of the four simple mathematical operations can be made with it.

Flow of Solid Metals. Metals flow into each other just as gases and liquids mix, though more slowly. If a cube of lead is placed on one of gold, the surface of contact being kept smooth and clean, and left for a month a small quantity of gold will be found to have penetrated the lead.

Not Playing the Game. Mrs. Fitz Suburbia—The next door person must be a very suspicious character. Hubby—Why so? Mrs. F. S.—She employs a maid who is deaf and dumb, the mean cat!—New York Journal.

Foley's Honey and Tar Co. pound "Cures in Every Case." Mr. Jas. McCaffery, Mgr., of the Schlitz Hotel, Omaha, Neb., recommends Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, because it cures in every case. "I have used it myself and I have recommended it to many others who have since told me of its great curative power in diseases of the throat and lungs." For coughs and colds it is speedily effective. The Dickson Drug Co.

To Give Him the Sack. Two noblemen in the reign of Maximilian II.—1554-1566—one a German the other a Spaniard, who had each rendered a great service to the emperor, asked the hand of his daughter in marriage. Maximilian said that as he esteemed them both alike it was impossible to choose between them, and therefore their own prowess must decide it; but, being unwilling to risk the loss of either by engaging them in deadly combat, he ordered a large sack to be brought and declared that he who should put his rival into it should have his fair Helena. And this whimsical combat was actually performed in the presence of the imperial court and lasted an hour. The unhappy Spanish nobleman was first overpowered, and the German succeeded in enveloping him in the sack, putting him upon his back and laying him at the emperor's feet. This comical combat is said to be the origin of the phrase "Give him the sack," so common in the literature of courting.

The Day of the Carver. Carving was once a serious thing. The sixteenth century carver was a professional. He had to make the joint fit the guest. The size of his slices was the thing. Then he had to know his guests and cut accordingly. A lord, for instance, at the table, and a pike was dished up whole. Smaller fry, and the pike came on in slices. The same procedure with pig. The rank of the diners decided whether it should appear at table in gold leaf or naked, whole or sliced. With bread, too, there was a difference. New or three days old baked was at the discretion of the carver as he sized up the visitors. And as for the apportioning of the tidbits according to precedence there was no end. The old time carver, in fact, was born and then made.—London Standard.

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Peru's Garden of the Gods.

"In the Andes, and a thousand feet higher than Pike's peak, is to be found the Peruvian Garden of the Gods, admired by every traveler fortunate enough to visit it," writes William V. Alford, F. R. G. S., in the Century. "It is locally called the Rock forest, though in no sense of the word is it a forest. It simply resembles one when viewed at a distance of ten miles. The traveler may be forgiven the error of thinking it a forest as he sees it for the first time and forgets that he is no longer where trees grow, but within half an hour's ride of the highest city in the world, Cerro de Pasco, perched like a condor on the high peaks of the Andes. "The Garden of the Gods in Colorado boasts of a few spectacular rocks, but they are few in number, and the area which they cover is not large. The Andean garden covers nearly a hundred times the ground and in beauty and interest surpasses its northern counterpart in the same ratio."

Escaped With His Life.

"Twenty-one years ago I faced an awful death," writes, H. B. Martin, Port Harrison, S. C. "Doctors said I had consumption and the dreadful cough I had looked like it sure enough. I tried everything, I could hear of, for my cough, and was under the treatment of the best doctor in Georgetown, S. C., for a year, but could get no relief. A friend advised me to try Dr. King's New Discovery. I did so, and was completely cured. I feel that I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure." It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, and all bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

BLOWING THE PIPES.

A Scotch Music Lesson by a Clever Highland Master.

A highland piper who had a pupil to teach originated a method by which, says a writer in Blackwood's Magazine, he succeeded in reducing the difficulties of the task to a minimum and at the same time fixed his lesson in the pupil's mind. "Here, Donald," said he, "take yer pipes, lad, an' gie us a blast. "So! Verra weel blawn indeed, but what's a sound, Donald, w'out sense? You may blaw forever w'out making a tune o' it if I danna tell ye how the queer things on the paper maun help ye. "Ye see that big fellow w' a round open face"—pointing to a semibreve—"between two lines of a bar? He moves slowly from that line to this, while ye beat an' w' your fist an' gie a long blast. "If ye put a leg to him ye mak' twa o' him, an' he'll move twice as fast. "If, now, ye black his face he'll run four times faster than the fellow w' the white face, and if, after blacking his face, ye'll bend his knee or tie his leg he'll hop eight times faster than the white faced chap I showed ye first. "Now," concluded the piper sententiously, "whether ye blaw your pipes, Donald, remember this—that the tighter those fellows' legs are tied the faster they'll run and the quicker they're sure to dance."

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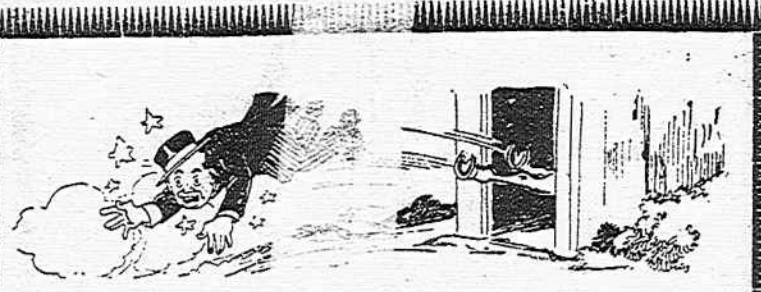
How a Wild Horse Bucks.

Rufus Steed, in "Mustangs, Busters and Outlaws of the Nevada Wild Horse Country," in the American Magazine, tells of the glorious sport of capturing and training wild horses. "Busting" is no sport for a novice. Real busters are trained to the game from childhood. He writes: "A touch of the spur or a flick of the quirt signals the start. His knowledge of what to do must be a heritage from his ancestors, for all horses do it, and all American wild horses are sprung from horses that once carried men. He pops down his head and levitates straight heavenward. While he and you are high in the air he arches his back and stiffens his body to iron rigidity. Thus he comes back to earth. The sensation to the rider is as if his spinal column had been struck by a pile driver. The impression is not analyzed at the time, for the horse goes into the air again immediately. He swings to right or left, or he 'changes ends' completely while in the air, and you come down facing southward, whereas you were facing northward when you ascended."

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