

CURIOUS FACTS.

A bee raiser in Virginia says that his bees have been making honey ever since Christmas.

Hotel keepers say the demand for hot water as a beverage is superseding the demand for ice water.

In England all dogs have to be muzzled. A lot of thieves make a business of stealing the muzzles.

At Melbourne, Australia, on January 22, the thermometer registered 156 degrees in the open air at noon.

The Russian Czar bought a farm about the size of the State of Texas the other day. He is now the largest landowner in the world.

Several recent cases of the grip in Italy have been followed by a lethargic sleep which the doctors are unable to overcome, and the patients' lives are in danger.

The wettest place in the world is Cherapongce, in Assam. The average annual rainfall there is 610 inches. The average annual rainfall of the world is thirty-six inches.

At La Harpe, Ill., two lads, Clarence Bainter and Sammy Matthews, engaged in "a banana-eating contest." Clarence ate sixteen, Sammy sixteen and a-half. Then the doctor was sent for.

The theme of the Japanese national anthem as recently rendered into English is: "Oh, that the reign of our Emperor might continue for thousands and thousands of years—until oyster shells become rocks."

Near Cold Springs, N. C., lives a remarkable old lady. Her name is Mrs. Phoebe Wilson, but far and wide she is known as "Granny Wilson." She is one hundred and nine years old and has been twice married.

There is in the Paris hospital called the Hotel Dieu a woman who can see two different sets of objects at once and the same time. While one eye is gazing at a given point the other remains perfectly still, and vice versa.

A nest of mice was found in a Penobscot County (Me.) man's overcoat after he had hung it up in a Bangor hotel. When called on to explain the man said he hadn't put on the overcoat for two years till he took it down to wear to Bangor that morning.

In the Government of Kieff, Russia, there exist 12,000 burial mounds, of which only 566 have been investigated. These mounds are of three separate types: the first kind belongs to the stone age, the second to the Scythian, and the third to the Slavonic.

A kind-hearted woman at La Crosse, Wis., bought five cords of wood and three buck-saws and gave all tramps a chance to earn a meal. They stole the saws and boys stole the wood, and one day a tramp entered her house, scared her almost to death and stole her watch.

Hibernating Alligators.

The other day Mr. Sim Bowles, who lives in Mitchell County, Ga., was walking around his mill-pond, which is situated at the forks of two creeks. In his peregrinations he came across a cave. Leading from it through the earth was apparently a large burrow. He obtained a pole and began investigating. The cave and burrow extended some twenty feet. He dug into it, and between five or six feet beneath the surface he came to seven alligators. They were large, old rusty fellows, ranging from four to ten feet in length.

They were sound asleep, enjoying their winter nap in accordance with the queer habit of these hibernating saurians. They were promptly dispatched. There is an old belief, that when the alligators find the winter approaching they gobble down a number of pine knots to fill up their aching voids, and then take their lengthy siesta. Mr. Bowles thought this would be a good opportunity to test this belief, and accordingly one of the reptiles was cut open. Within it was several lightwood knots, and now Mr. Bowles is ready to testify to the truth of this theory as to the capacity of the alligator for digesting the knots of the pine while slumbering through the winter months.—Atlanta Constitution.

The poor potato has its ups and downs like everything else. A short time ago the distinguished doctors of Europe were condemning it as productive of throat diseases, and now they have gone wild in recommending an exclusive diet of potatoes and milk for stomach troubles. The potato is a good thing in its proper place.

WISE WORDS.

A sharp point is where the sense of seeing and feeling meet.

Imagination will do for a change, but only lunatics depend upon it.

Shabby originality is better than a brilliant display of borrowed ideas.

The only thing that still astonishes one is that people are still astonished at anything.

No one need to hesitate about what to be when honesty is always ready to be embraced.

People who discover they are reading something very simple should realize that vanity is displayed by critical talent.

Happiness is more frequently found among people who have tact than among those who have good hearts and mean well.

Ask a favor from your enemy and you make him your friend; ask a favor from your friend and you make him your enemy.

The man who will not tell the truth for fear of losing his "respectability," or social standing, is too wicked to enjoy his position.

The world is a paradise to those who do not except themselves in their feelings of pity for the wickedness, which keeps the wheels of progress turning.

Audacity of a Rat.

Pittsburg, like other cities, has its rats. Whether Pittsburg has more than its share in proportion to population and territory is a question for social statisticians to determine. Whether, too, the rats of the Gas City differ from the rodents of other villages is not known, but one was discovered the other day that had the courage of its convictions.

A man was wending his way the other night through the court yard in the rear of the Seventh Avenue Hotel toward Smithfield street. He felt something dart at him and catch hold of the end of his trousers about the heels. Whatever it was it clung to him with a tight grip, and looking down he saw it was a large rat. With a violent kick he slammed the animal across the court yard against an ash barrel. It rolled over apparently lifeless, but it soon recovered and renewed the attack. The audacity of the rodent was his opponent, and the rat's case beat a hasty retreat.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Acquiring Personal Grace.

One of the best-known teachers of physical culture and oratory in the city tells of a certain prominent divine who recently came to him for instruction in the art of prayer. The prayers were carefully discussed from the oratorical and dramatic standpoint, and the clergyman asked for frequent rehearsals until he was satisfied that each phrase was made to carry its utmost weight of eloquence. Lessons were then taken up in the art of posturing, of genuflection and, above all, the divine asked that special attention be given to the art of making the sign of the cross in the most graceful manner possible.

"Nor was this a novice in orders," said the teacher, "but a middle-aged and successful clergyman, who had simply come to the conclusion that personal grace and effective oratory are more essential to-day than simple devotion."—New York Sun.

The Emperor's Decoration.

A romantic story attaches to the new decoration announced by the Emperor of Japan in commemoration of Emperor Jimmu's coronation, 2550 years ago. The distinguishing feature of the decoration is a golden fish hawk. The legend is that during Jimmu's conquest of eastern Japan the sky one day became suddenly dark, and a fish hawk of golden hue settled on the Emperor's crossbow. The bird threw off a brilliant light, by which the enemy were dazzled and the Emperor's forces were victorious.

To make the bridge across the English Channel will cost £34,400,000.

Funeral of a Burmese Queen.

The Rangoon (India) Gazette reports the burial recently of the Meebya Queen, one of the wives of King Mindone Min, whose body had been lying some time in state at the residence of her daughter, near Rangoon. About 9 o'clock the procession, which was nearly a mile long, started. White umbrellas, the special symbol of Burmese royalty, were numerous, and the priests mustered in strong force. The shrines and other ornamental structures were ablaze with gold leaf, the bands of music numerous, and the cartloads of presents for the priests would have sufficed to stock a bazaar with almost every conceivable article of food and wearing apparel, beside crockery, kerosene oil, fans and furniture. The Princess, as chief mourner, walked in front of the coffin, preceded by her retinue of fifty white-robed women walking in pairs; before them girls strewed the path with roses. The Princess, like her attendants, was dressed in pure white, and wore no jewels whatever. She and her maids of honor bore in their hands the white rope attached to the coffin. The latter was slung from a pole and carried by bearers. Over it was thrown a splendidly decorated pall, piled high with bright flowers. The scene of the cremation was on the slope of the Sheay Dagon Pagoda, near Bahan, where an inclosure had been erected round the funeral pile, upon which the gilt coffin was laid to the sound of weird music. By desire of the Princess the coffin was opened to enable her to take a last look at her mother. The pile was then set fire, and after the body had been entirely consumed the ashes were taken away to be cast on the broad bosom of the Irrawaddy.

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The man who is right is seldom left.

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Said Sarah to Mary:

"Pray, tell me, dear cousin, what can be the matter? Sure, a few months ago you were fairer and fatter. Now your cheeks, once so rosy, are sunken and pallid. Your thin, trembling hands are as weak as tallo; your nerves are unstrung, your temper is shaken, and you act and appear like a woman forsaken."

Said Mary to Sarah:

"Your comments seem rough, but the facts are still rougher. For nobody knows how acutely I suffer. I am sick unto death and well nigh desperation, with female disorders and nervous prostration. I've doctored and doctored till my stomach is seething and life hardly seems worth the trouble of breathing."

Said Sarah to Mary:

"Forgive me, my dear, if my comments seem crusty. And, pray, try a cure that is certain and trusty. 'Tis needless to suffer, to murmur and languish. And pass half your days in such pitiful anguish, for 'female disorders' of every description are certainly cured by Pierce's Favorite Prescription."

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