

**MENACE TO CAUCASIAN RACE**

**Practice of Polygamy in the Orient Constitutes Peril Which Must Not Be Underestimated.**

The storm center of social reform in Asia for the next quarter of a century is likely to be over the relations of the sexes, writes Tyler Dennett in Asia. If any statement of the menace of polygamy were necessary to bring home to American readers the immediacy of the subject, some recent statements from the editorial columns of the Far Eastern Review would seem to be suitable. The Caucasian population of the world is doubling its number once in a hundred years; the dark-skinned races, which now outnumber the white population two to one, are doubling their numbers every twenty-five years.

At least such is the case in Korea, where the most recent figures are available. The editor of the Far Eastern Review figures out that at the present rate of increase the Caucasian element in the world's population will have shrunk in a hundred years to scarcely 5 per cent. The oriental demands male children, as many of them as he can produce. The editorial in question says: "So long as the oriental man is able to arrogate to himself the right to possess plural wives, just so long will polygamy prevail. But there is a way out and one which is becoming broader and more easy to tread each year. The wife with foreign education is a precious thing in China in the eyes of the returned students, since she is one of a few women of his own race that realizes and understands his peculiar aspirations. She has it in her hands to be the one and only wife, and if the few examples that have come under the writer's notice are any criterion, she will exert that power to the utmost."

**TO ADD STRENGTH TO COTTON**

**Machine Devised by New Jersey Man Is Something for Which the World Has Been Looking.**

There is probably no service which subjects cotton fabric to so severe a test as that it has to endure in an automobile tire, says Scientific American. The fabric serves as a reinforcement for the rubber. It is designed to withstand an enormous tensile strength in all directions, imposed by steady pressure of air within the tire, and must also withstand the sudden shocks due to the passage of the wheel over obstructions. At the same time it must be perfectly flexible; for it is flexed constantly as the wheel runs over the ground. The fabric cannot have its strength increased merely by using heavier threads, for this would interfere with its flexibility. It has occurred to an inventor, William G. Trautvetter of Paterson, N. J., that a fabric might be designed in which, in addition to the regular warp and filling, diagonal reinforcing threads might be incorporated. And, starting out with this idea, he has designed a machine which will actually weave such a fabric. Anyone accustomed to handling looms or familiar with the operation of these machines will realize how revolutionary must be a mechanism which will put bias threads into a woven fabric.

**Madagascar Graphite.**

Production of graphite on the island of Madagascar in 1917 was estimated at 35,000 tons, and exports amounted to 27,838. Shipments to England totaled 15,506, and those to France 17,322 tons. While direct shipments to the United States have not been permitted, it is understood from consular reports that 8,000 tons reached this country from Marseilles in 1917, and a considerable quantity has also been shipped from that port during the present year, principally through a consortium of French firms which, up until now, has controlled the bulk of the output of Madagascar graphite other than that shipped to England. Inasmuch as the French firms belonging to this consortium are represented in Madagascar, it is not unlikely that they will endeavor to control such graphite as may be shipped to the United States direct from the island when restrictions are removed, while it would appear that various independent producers are endeavoring to form direct connections with the American importers.

**Frank Comment.**

Martin likes to go next door every Sunday morning and have his Uncle Al read the "funnies" to him. One morning the pictures were particularly alluring and he was deaf to all importunities to get ready for Sunday school. Finally Uncle Al added to Martin's discomfort by urging the benefits of attending Sunday school, offering as an argument that he had attended until eighteen years old. Whereupon Martin cast a withering glance upon him and said: "I don't see where it did you any good."—Chicago American.

**Fireproof Celluloid.**

Great interest has been aroused by the announcement that a professor in one of the Japanese universities had invented a successful incombustible substitute for celluloid, to be manufactured from soya bean cake.

The new product has been given the trade name of "Safolite," derived from the name of the inventor, Prof. S. Sato, and a company for its manufacture has been started with a capital of 2,000,000 yen (\$1,000,000).

Safolite is described as a galathite made of the glue of soya bean, coagulated by formalin.

**SEEK CHANGE IN PRACTICE.**

The American Bar association has set about to produce a reform in court practice, hoping to remove at least one cause for popular irritation and distrust of the Judiciary. It is that when examination of the trial record by an appellate court discloses no error that would in itself prejudice the verdict, the decision will not be disturbed. In simple words, no verdict will be set aside on mere incidental technicality, says Omaha Bee. Lawyers who are concerned in this move, as well as eminent judges, give it earnest support as tending to restore popular confidence in the courts, admittedly forfeited by the hair-splitting that so frequently has appeared to thwart or turn aside justice. They do not apprehend that confusion will result because of the liberal application of common sense. On the contrary, they recognize that it is comparatively easy for shrewd trial lawyers to provoke what is now accepted as "reversible error," giving them that much of a leverage on the future if the suit goes adversely. It is to wipe out this practice that the bar association is now pressing a bill in congress to correct the rules in the federal courts, with the belief that a similar reform in state courts will follow.

It is singularly appropriate to choose Benjamin Franklin's picture to appear on the new issue of War Savings stamps, says Youth's Companion. Not only did Franklin himself pay all the bills of the Revolution that pertained to foreign expenses of the government as well as negotiate loans amounting to millions; during the French and Indian war he advanced more than six thousand dollars to help General Braddock, and in 1776, just before sailing for France, he put all the money he could raise—between three and four thousand pounds—into the hands of congress to show his confidence in the new government. Also, if any other reason were necessary, Franklin was the greatest preacher and teacher of thrift that America ever produced.

We are living in a new world. The indications are plentiful that this is true. Only the blind man can fail to see that tomorrow is big with possibilities of which a few years ago few dreamed. One of the indications is the appointment of an interallied air commission to consider the political and commercial questions involved in the occupation of man's new domain. This is pioneer work in an age when we had thought the pioneering was at an end. There are no precedents to guide, and the problems are complex. What a vista opens for imagination!

The Automobile club of Los Angeles has just been observing an anti-glass week, in which 186 pounds of bits of glass were removed from the streets. Broken glass is a menace to more than tires. It threatens pedestrians and horses as well. There is entirely too much carelessness in this regard, particularly in dealing with mischievous children who wantonly break glass on the street for sport.

Mozart, according to tradition, defied Haydn to play a piece of piano music with a note to be struck in the middle of the board when the hands were at each end. He then played it himself by using his nose. If the pre-occupied Paderewski in Poland isn't reduced to analogous experiments the world will be pleasantly disappointed.

The problem of immigration will be one soon to face this country. The war has taught many practical lessons on this vital subject and it is to be hoped that this nation will profit by them and let experience dearly earned be the guide to future legislation as to the barring of undesirable newcomers.

Somebody is suggesting "Let's Go!" as a national slogan. We move to amend by substituting "do" for "go." The fellow who can be found where he ought to be will not have to "go" so much, and he can keep doing right along.

The government is doing a good job in sending these millions of pounds of "victory rolls" and other things to Europe. It is a fine substitute for nothing, and it does not appeal to Americans who prefer regular flour.

We captured 10,000 German prisoners during our participation in the war, while the Germans captured 2,163 American soldiers. It tells a large portion of the story.

We are glad that Clemenceau kissed 24 steps on the day the armistice was signed. How many has he got left to kiss on the signing of the treaty?

The profiteers want no more strife. Even the greediest glutton of the moment gets his fill in the market.

Any man who is put on a plane with the Swiss navy.

**ANNUAL REUNION GOES TO GREENWOOD**

**Confederate Veterans to Assemble in Thriving City.**

Columbia, March 12.—The annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of South Carolina will be held this year in Greenwood in the latter part of April or the first of May, the date not yet having been definitely fixed.

Maj. Gen. W. A. Clark, commanding the South Carolina division of the veterans, said yesterday that the invitation to hold the reunion in Greenwood this year was received several days ago, and that the invitation would be accepted. The exact date will be left to the convenience of the hosts of the veterans. It has been the custom to hold the annual reunion between the planting and the working seasons, but few of the veterans are able to do much physical labor now, on account of the infirmities incident to advanced age.

The program has not yet been arranged in its entirety. It is planned to have several addresses delivered, and it is probable that the usual festivities that mark the annual gatherings of the veterans will be engaged in. The Sons of Veterans will also presumably hold their annual meeting at Greenwood, though General Clark was unable to give definite information as to the plans of the Sons yesterday.

The annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of the entire South will be held in June. Tampa is making a bid for the national reunion, and it is understood that Savannah will extend an invitation also.

**DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER! THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH**

Look at tongue! If coated, clean little stomach, liver, bowels.

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated, this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile, and fermenting foodpasses out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mother can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeits sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company". Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

**THIS WEEK**

We open complete lines of Silks and Dress Goods of every description. These embrace the latest fabrics for the season, Madras and Percales. Special mention is made here of Dress Gingham, the best value we have offered for many seasons. Ladies' Shirt Waists in Georgette Crepe, Crepe-de-Chene and Lawns. The Hosiery Stock shows choice numbers in Silk and Silk Lisle in all colors, with a complete line of Notions and Neckwear.

**W. G. Wilson & Co.**



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**STORE NEWS**

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Gordon Hosiery are best for ladies and children. What are you going to do about it?

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We have a complete line of Mothers' Friend Wash Suits for the little boys, and the colors are tub proof. What are you going to do about it?

To be out of style is out of place. Why not wear a Cape or Dolman. We have them in stock—navy and colors. What are you going to do about it?

Some good looking new Spring Dresses in taffeta, georgette and Crepe-de-chine just opened up. What are you going to do about it?

We are displaying some stylish new Spring Coat Suits in the most wanted shades and materials. What are you going to do about it?

So come on Mollie and join the crowd and take a look at the New Spring Silks and Dress Goods. No time to wait. What are you going to do about it?

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Twenty New Spring Styles in Taffeta, Georgette and Crepe-de-Chine Dresses now displayed. Colors, Black, Navy, Copen, Grey and Brown

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