

India's Curse.

One of the great perils of India is the danger from serpents and wild beasts, which annually cause enormous loss of life in that part of the world.

Plea for Enlisting.

No man who will look carefully into the work of the army of the navy can fail to realize that a career in either branch of our military service is one to which any man may give himself with the fullest devotion and with the highest ideals.

A Consumptive Flood.

The flocking of consumptives from all parts of the country to the south-west has created problems in the latter region with which the various states are dealing in different ways.

Vanishing Forests.

The old forests of Kentucky are vanishing. In all the good farming regions men saved fine bits of forest, set with old beeches, oaks, ashes, poplars, hickories, elms and walnuts.

Smokers who have been longing to break themselves of the tobacco habit will rejoice to know that a French doctor has invented a fluid called nicotyl, one drop of which will cause a man to have nausea at the mere thought of tobacco.

By a process of kite flying the weather men of the country are going to promulgate new rules for weather forecasting.

An Englishman claims to have gone around the world in 40 days and a few hours, and yet some persons now living, even if they didn't fight with Garibaldi, remember when Jules Verne made up an 80-day story that was supposed to be just inside the impossible.

They say that a Jap wrestler about to come to this country weighs 360 pounds. What a target a Japanese army would make if its soldiers were all of that style of architecture!

ON THE TRAIL OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

This Distinguished American Journalist Is Traveling Around the World for the Purpose of Investigating the American Foreign Missionary from a Purely Disinterested, Social and Non-Sectarian Standpoint. Illustrated with Drawings and from Photographs.

THE IDEAL MISSION FIELD IS IN NORTHERN KOREA.

Pyeng Yang, Korea.—To the traveler in Korea, Pyeng, the second city in the empire, is notable as a boat-shaped city where the people are afraid to dig wells lest they should sink the city; and as the ancient capital of the nation where Keja who was Korea's Peter the Great, ruled about the time King David was on the throne of Israel and Keja's grave and Keja's well are still preserved.

Within 15 years a Christian constituency of 5,000 persons, that is doubling itself annually, has been built up and in the surrounding country the number amounts to more than 25,000.

All of these congregations are entirely self-supporting, and they maintain several religious enterprises, such as day schools, colporteurs and a book store and library. They have established a school for the blind, and have

mission existing between the two missions. The missionaries are the only white people in Pyeng Yang, except one French tradesman and a French priest. Their social solidarity is as marked as the unity of their labors.

Adaptation is one of the characteristics of mission work in Pyeng Yang. Approaching the city, the visitor cannot at first distinguish the missionary compounds from the native homes.

use of Americans, and yet they are small and simple dwellings. Teaching the East to Husbands. The schools are cooperative. Be it understood that there is no public school system throughout Korea.

In Pyeng Yang proper are three noteworthy schools. One is the college, with 300 students, all of whom are Christians and all of whom pass a stiff entrance examination.

It is said that with respect to the percentage of gifts and with respect to the activity of the ordinary members of the churches, Christianity in Korea is far ahead of Christianity in America.

Flunkymen Rebuked. An amusing story is told of how Princess Ludwig of Bavaria recently administered a fine rebuke to flunkymen at Bremerhaven railway station.

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week service, with no less than 700 persons present. This, be it remembered, was in a village where no missionary resides, and where no white man visits oftener than once a quarter.

From Wiju, I hear a story that matches the famous incident of the delegation of Indians to St. Louis, years ago, to seek somebody to go back with them to teach them the white man's book.

Here in Korea there is no hunting up of people for the church; the people are clamoring to come in. During the mission year just ended, one man in this region, Rev. C. E. Kearns, baptized 100 Koreans.

The Magistrate's Concubine. When it is considered that these people are just emerging from the raw heathenism and devil worship which prevails around them, these standards seem the more remarkable.

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MONDAY UNIVERSAL WASH DAY.

Recognized as Such Over Almost All the World.

Why does nearly all the civilized world wash clothes on Monday? What has Monday to do with washing? It was originally the moon's day and was sacred to the queen of night.

The voyage of the little Mayflower lasted 63 days, I believe, and as nearly as we can now reckon the landing was made at Plymouth Rock on a Monday, though some historians insist on Friday.

THE NEW YORK LIFE'S PROGRAM.

Economy, Publicity and the Paramount Interest of Policyholders.

President Kingsley, of the New York Life Insurance Company, says, in an address to the policyholders, that his plan of administration involves these points:

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FIXING OF THE COST

THE FACTORS IN PRICES OF COMMODITIES.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Equity in Division of Profits to All Engaged in Producing, Manufacturing and Selling.

Were the masses of people better informed as to principles underlying business transactions and commerce in general there would be less cause for complaint as to matters pertaining to buying and selling of commodities.

One of the faults, if it may be so termed, is the inclination of the people to complain about prices they must pay for goods required for domestic and other uses.

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SCHEMES TO DEFAUD.

Some of the Plans to Secure Money Without Adequate Compensation.

Plans to secure money from the people without giving adequate returns are numerous. Not alone are the residents of country districts made the victims of schemes, but city people as well are now and then humbugged by shrewd fakirs.

A number of petty grafts have lately been worked throughout the country. One of the common ones is the hiring of agents to sell soaps, perfumes and other commodities on the premium plan.

One of the humbugs that is perpetrated upon the people of many communities is the selling of stock in cooperative mercantile companies. During the past three or four years the residents of many small towns and agricultural districts have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions, through the buying of stock in alleged cooperative establishments in large cities.

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PUBLIC OPINION.

Power of the Country Press and its Influence Upon the Community.

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Starlings Egg-Stealers.

A correspondent, writing from Leth, England, expresses a strong opinion that the starlings rob small birds' nests.

Some years ago there was a large tree opposite my dwelling-house. There was a hole in the trunk of the tree about ten feet from the ground, and sparrows built their nests in the cavity.

Queer Ways of Men.

Many a man who permits his boy to fool with cannon firecrackers would not for a moment think of allowing him to play with a mad dog.