

TAKE MEDICINE AT TABLE.

Guests at White Mountain Hotels Have Their Bottles on the Board Before Them.

Having finished her luncheon, the fat woman rose, brushed the crumbs from the front of her skirt and hobbled out of the dining-room. No sooner was she gone, though, than she returned again, states the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Irene," she said, reproachfully, to the waitress, "you forgot my medicine."

Thereupon, blushing, Irene took a bottle filled with a thick purple fluid from the table and poured out a wineglassful for the fat woman.

This happened in the dining-room of an expensive and luxurious hotel in the White mountains. The waitress said of it afterward to a guest:

"Everybody but you, Miss Caroline, is old here—old and sickly. Consequently they all take medicine, and, since the time for their doses is before or after meals, they keep their bottles, for convenience, in the dining-room. Look about you."

The guest, looking, saw among the glass and silver in the center of nearly every table a big and ugly medicine bottle—here a bottle containing a fluid that looked like ink, there one that seemed to hold cod oil, to the right a bottle of red liquid, to the left a bottle of brown, and so on.

"Disgusting," said the guest.

"You find this, though, at all such hotels as are frequented by elderly rich people," said Irene. "Elderly rich people eat too much and exercise too little. Consequently they are always sick and always doctoring. It is as much the duty of us waitresses here to remind our patrons to take their medicine as it is our duty to fill their glasses or to hand them the menu."

She sighed. "Because I forgot Mrs. Stont's medicine just now," she said, "I'll get no tip from her this week."

THE THREE ARROW HEADS

Tale of Tecumseh's Death Accounting for Their Presence on the Silver Dollar.

Perhaps there are few who know why there are three arrow heads on a silver dollar, or, for that matter, that there are only three. There is an Indian legend as to how they came there, which is closely associated with the flag of the Quapaw nation, now attracting so much attention in the Indian territory building at the world's fair.

This flag is the property of Joseph McConse. It has been handed down from his great-great-grandfather, Superneau McConse. The flag was the one carried by Tecumseh in his long campaign and was taken from his dead body after the battle of the Thames. In this campaign there were allied with Gen. Harrison the Peorias, Kaskaskias and Piankashas, three nations that once helped rule Canada, New York and a part of Pennsylvania, the fragments of which are now gathered in the Quapaw nation and all told number fewer than 200.

The night before the great battle a council was called. A man volunteered from each of these tribes who took a solemn oath to kill Tecumseh the next day. The battle followed and Tecumseh was killed. His followers attempted to take his body down the river in a boat that night, but the three watchful enemies were too alert and surprised the party. They failed to secure the body of Tecumseh, but succeeded in getting the flag which was wrapped around his body. It was cut with many bullet and arrow holes. This flag fell to Superneau McConse, and has been handed down in his family ever since. The flag is of flannel cloth made after the design of the British flag of that day. It is hand sewed and was made by the squaws of Tecumseh's tepee. According to the Indian legend it was in honor of the three Indians who volunteered to kill Tecumseh on that day or die in the attempt that the three arrows appeared on the issues of the silver coins after that date.

Oldest Union Soldier.
Patriarch Fish, a Seminole, aged 119, is said to be the oldest union soldier. He served with the Indian home guards.

NEW INDUSTRY CHANCE.

How Large Tracts of Useless Land May Be Turned to Good Account.

The gathering of wild flowers for the city market is largely the work of Italians, who make it a regular business. A writer in the Plant World sees in the demand for wild things from the country a new industry, that of raising wild flowers on their native soil.

"With proper care, a patch of trailing arbutus might be made to yield a little annual income, and so might a patch of cardinal-flower, or fringed gentian, or columbine, or some of the many native orchids.

"Transplanting and fostering young plants, distributing the seeds and discretion in harvesting—in a word, aiding instead of thwarting nature—could not fail in valuable financial results. Just as large tracts of once useless land on the Maine coast now yield something like \$15 an acre from the yearly cutting of young fir trees for the Christmas season, and just as acres of undrained swamp in Michigan are now utilized for the growth and production of peppermint, so might the sand-barren and the peat-bog and even the stagnant pool be made to yield a wealth of flowers with an economic, an educational and an esthetic value.

"The demand of high schools alone makes a good market. Some of the larger high schools receive material literally by the barrel, unless there be some rational way of supplying this demand, the study of botany, according to present laboratory methods, will defeat its own purpose; for as now carried on in many places it is a serious cause of the devastation of some of the most interesting native plants.

"In the work of cultivating wild flowers the training and experience of the college girl would be of inestimable value. Her flower-farm might cooperate with high school work, not only by her providing material, but by her adding descriptions and photographs of the various habitats of the specimens used. When a pupil knows that his columbine was one of a group growing in the crevice of a rock in a certain photograph, it means vastly more than a columbine in the air without anchorage or environment.

"Not till the property owners realize that there is a money value in these things will the slaughter by the lawless collector cease. In France one must pay to enter certain preserves where the scarlet anemones grow, and then he may gather and carry away but a limited number. Similar conservation in America would not only save the wild flowers, but would be a source of profit."

Language Most Spoken.

There are 382,000,000 Chinese speaking the same language, making Chinese the most spoken language. There are so many dialects which are entirely different that they seem scarcely to belong to the same tongue. The inhabitants of Mongolia and Tibet can scarcely understand the dialect of the people in Peking. Putting Chinese aside, the most spoken languages are as follows in millions: English, 120; Germans, 70; Russians, 68; Spanish, 44; Portuguese, 32.—St. James' Gazette.

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Shortest Days.

If you should ask the average boy or girl what are the shortest days in the year, he would say those which precede the opening of school in September. The last two weeks of vacation seem to be only 14 hours long instead of 14 days.—Youth's Companion.

Couldn't Agree.

Tom—I understand the doctors are unable to agree as to the cause of your uncle's illness.

Jack—Yes. One of them thinks he has money and the other two think it is some plebeian disease.—Chicago Daily News.

MODERN WEAPONS KILL FEW

Long-Range Shooting of the Present Less Deadly Than with Old-Fashioned Arms.

In spite of the great improvements in weapons of late years neither the Russian nor Japanese forces will need to be particularly fearful as to the results which may accrue in engagements, even when the bullets are as thick as raindrops, for it has been calculated on the figures which have been adduced from past wars that, on an average, only one bullet in about 500 kills its man.

In this respect, says Stray Stories, modern long-range shooting is against increased mortality. In the Franco-German war it was found that one bullet in every 400 killed, in the Crimean war it was one in 740, and the figures were about the same in the recent Boer war.

But there are many millions of bullets in a big war. Yet humanitarians may derive encouragement from an examination of the soldier's varying chances of going through a long campaign and coming home alive again.

In the Crimean war such a high percentage as 31 of the French soldiers who were engaged were killed or died of disease, and the same unhappy fate befell 22½ per cent. of the Britishers engaged.

In the Franco-German war 20 per cent. of the French succumbed, and in the civil war in America 12½ per cent. of the northern troops perished; but in the Franco-Italian war the percentage came down to as low as six.

In the late South African war England had 448,435 troops engaged, and of these 22,047 perished, which gives the record low average of just about five per cent.; while on the Boer side only 4,400 of 75,000 died, making an average of about 6½ per cent. Of course, in these figures of mortality no account is taken of prisoners, or invalids who recovered.

At Waterloo the French loss was 24 per cent., and that of the allies 22. But taking the average of 15 of the biggest battles of the last century, the loss of the victors was just 15 per cent., while that of the losers 27.

In the famous battle of Sedan the opposing armies were not quite on an equality as regards numbers. The French had 124,000 men in the field and their enemy 190,000. Yet the losses were respectively 38,000 and 9,000, yielding percentages of 31 and five. The smallest victors' loss on record in a first-class battle is that of five per cent., at Sedan, which has just been quoted. Next to it comes seven per cent. by the Prussians at Sadowa, when opposed to the Austrians.

Korean Superstition.

Near the city of Seoul, the capital of Korea, is a city called Pouk Han, which was formerly covered with trees. The legend runs that so long as a tree remains on the hill so long will Korea maintain its independence, and therefore no one is allowed to cut or touch a tree. But the natural consequences of this want of forestry has been that the trees have gradually died off, until now only one is left. On this one tree it is believed that the fate of the country rests, and when it goes Korea as an independent state will go with it.

First Direction Impossible.

The old man sat alone in his cabin, where the hand of woman had never been known and dirt reigned triumphant. The conversation turned upon cooking. "Yaas," drawled the old man, "I got me one o' them there cookbooks wunst, but I never could do nothin' with it." "What was the trouble?" asked his visitor, persuasively. "Why, every one o' them blamed receipts strats off with 'take a clean dish.'"

Preaching Without Practice.

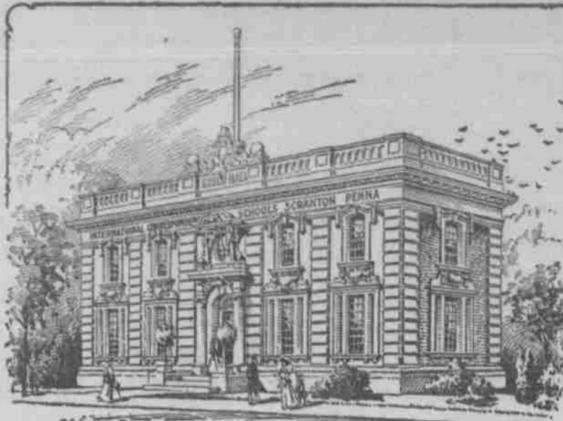
"Who is that man who has just ordered his second porterhouse steak?"

"That's the famous doctor who wrote the widely copied magazine article on 'Meat Not Necessary for the Summer Diet.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Couldn't Read Music.

"Pfat's that Moik?" asked Pat, as he picked up a Hebrew newspaper.

"B'gorry, Oi dunno wat tune it do be," replied Mike. "O'm not after knowin' wan note from another."—Cincinnati Enquirer.



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