

### WHEN WOMEN ARE FISHING

How Piscatorial Love of Fair Sex Is Regulated by Absolutely Unfounded Superstition.

That the modern woman is exceedingly successful in the sport of fishing there is small doubt. Indeed, her brother fishermen might seriously dread her as a rival were it not for the blighting effects of her superstitions. They, it would seem, take a hold upon her in this sport far outreaching the power they have had over men from time immemorial. It has been said that fishermen were susceptible to all sorts of spookery because they lived habitually without conventional doctrine. Women, on the contrary, are religious by temperament, and yet it fails to act with them as a hindrance to the connection of trivial details with either success or failure in the killing of fish.

To meet another woman on the way to the boat or fishing grounds is a certain sign of ill luck, while should the merest glimpse of the black habit of the Roman church be had one might as well turn back and put by rod and tackle for the day.

To slip or stumble on the way is also indicative of misfortune, but of a sort that may be overcome; to get one's lines accidentally tangled, however, banishes hope from the heart of a woman fisher. To cut the finger while arranging the lines is a sign so indicative of poor luck that it cannot be overlooked. It is said also that women particularly dread to have as their first catch a few star fish. This is held to be belittling and a sign that their luck will never pass the mediocre.

A woman of great natural wit and cleverness who has the love of fishing strongly related recently that she invariably turned back from pursuing a day's sport if early in the morning she accosted a horse, ass, or other animal eating the leaves of a plant called spleen-wort. They seek it, she explained, only when overcome with melancholy, a complaint which is reputed to assuage. No luck was in a day for her, she said, when the animals were sadly affected.

### THERE IS HISTORY IN ART

Customs and Ideas of Ancient Nations Are Invariably Shown in Their Buildings.

Almost as much can be learned about ancient nations from looking at what they made or built as by reading their writings and inscriptions. For the kind of buildings that any nation erected depended on several different things—climate, geography, building materials, religion and government, says Lucia Ames Mead, in *St. Nicholas*.

People in snowy Scotland, for instance, needed very different buildings from those who lived in sunny Italy. Some other countries had forests and built many wooden houses, others had great quarries and so made use of massive stone, and other countries that had little stone or wood, but had great beds of clay, like ancient Syria, built their palaces and temples of burnt clay made into bricks. People who lived among the mountains or by the sea, as did the people of Greece and Italy, built differently from those who lived on the ancient plains of Asia or Africa. Some nations had many gods and built temples for the kind of worship that their particular religion required. Christian nations lavished their skill and money on grand cathedrals, convents and cloisters.

In countries where the ruler was a despot, great palaces were built by slaves, but where there was no great monarch, as in ancient Greece, there were no grand private buildings, but the finest work was put into great public buildings for the people.

Yet if all the books and records in the world were burned we should still be able to trace the customs and ideas of ancient nations by the structures and works of art they have left.

### Swell Piggeries.

On the Highland estate of the late Sir W. Cunliffe Brooks, Glen Tana, which was recently sold for £155,000, the roof of the magnificent ballroom is covered with hundreds of stars' heads, while the

piggeries have stained glass windows.

### Proposed in Record Time.

"Blinks has a perfect maria for condensing everything. Did you hear how he proposed?"

"No."

"He held up an engagement ring before the girl's eyes and said: 'Eh?'"

"And what did she say?"

"She just nodded."—Tit-Bits.

### Break in Monotony.

Capt. Swigwell—Anything new in army circles?

Maj. Boozly—Yes; Capt. Swallow has invented a new drink. Will you join us?—Chicago Tribune.

### STAMPS FOR DECORATING.

Different Ideas Hatched Out from This Fad Are Many—Monks Construct Landscape.

Between nine and ten million stamps are employed in the decoration of the walls of the refectory of the Hospice of St. Jean de Dieu, at Ghent.

For years the monks have utilized their leisure time in the formation of landscapes from bits of stamps, and at a distance one would never believe that only stamps have been used in their making, so rich are the colorings and so perfect the drawing.

The idea originated with one of the brothers who made a small picture of the patron saint of the hospice on the walls of his cell.

Appreciating the beauty of his work, the prior suggested that he devote his unique talent to the decoration of the walls of the refectory, and with the assistance of others among the brotherhood the monk has devoted years to the work, which stands unique among art productions.

Seen close at hand the work resembles mosaic, but from across the room the bits blend so well together as to suggest oils. Only three sides of the room are yet completed and contributions of stamps are constantly being received from visitors who have seen the work and have become interested.

### His Preference.

"What sort of breakfast food do you like, Mr. Newcome?" asked Mrs. Starven on his first morning in her house. "Well, ma'am," replied the new boarder, "I wouldn't mind some tenderloin steak, a couple of poached eggs on toast, lamb chops, hot muffins, coffee and canteloupe."—Philadelphia Press.

### For Themselves.

People who stir up strife generally tumble into it when it is fairly boiling over.—Chicago Tribune.

### Consoling.

She—You know my fiancé is years older than I am!

He—Oh, well, what do you care? Nobody would suspect it!—Detroit Free Press.

### Live on Water.

Sea anemones are able to exist for three or four years without nourishment beyond that which they extract from the water.

### The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. I kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poison in the blood will attack the vital organs or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

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### SHIRT OF AVERAGE MAN.

Don't Buy Cheap Wearing Apparel Is Motto Gleaned from Recital of Experts on Subject.

The average man who buys cheap shirts wonders why the sleeves are always in wrung.

"That's the fault of cheapness," said Mr. Duncan C. Coale, of Newark, to the Baltimore News. "In making up big lots of cheap shirts the bodies, bands and sleeves are made in separate batches. One machine, for instance, will do nothing but turn out sleeves. They are cut and sewed independent of everything else, and afterward put on the shirt just as they happen to come out. And that's the reason your button always comes around to the inside instead of where it ought to be. A man who buys such a shirt ought to take it right back to the seller as soon as he discovers the fact. I'll warrant you that nine out of ten shirts of that class have the sleeves in wrung."

"In shirts it doesn't pay to look for cheapness. You can't get quality for a song, and a few dollars more the dozen will be economy in the long run, for you've got the material and finish in the first place, and in the second place the goods will stand laundering better, and will always have a nice, fresh appearance. There is a great run this season on very flimsy goods—in this respect following the woman's shirtwaist—and in designs delicacy is the point aimed at by the makers of the best brands. A misfortune for the wearer is that the attached cuff is very much in vogue. I have to wear two shirts a day in my ordinary course of business, because with the utmost care the cuff will get soiled, and you cannot change the cuff without changing the whole shirt. In the course of a year the laundry bill is considerable—inconvenience of the thing aside.

"What is the most expensive shirt I have ever seen? Well, a couple of years ago I saw a fancy shirt made for a fellow in Wyoming that must have been worth several hundred dollars. It was of the finest leather, elaborately decorated, and the buttons were 85 gold pieces, while over the left pocket was a medallion made of a \$20 gold piece with a diamond set in the center. It was a fad of a wealthy cattle owner of that state, where showy trappings are as highly prized as monkey dinners at Newport. I don't know that he wore it, but if he did, all right. It was his shirt, not mine."

### THE TREE THAT LI PLANTED

Inscription on Grant's Tomb Looked Upon in Humorous Manner by Thousands of Visitors.

Many of the thousands who visit Grant's tomb are at first a little puzzled, and then are inclined to laugh, when they read the following inscription on the bronze tablet that stands a few hundred feet north of the monument:

"This tree was planted to commemorate the greatness of Ex-President Ulysses S. Grant by Li Hung Chang, A. D. 1897."

There would be nothing amusing about the tablet were it not for the fact that there are two trees, standing like sentinels, one on each side of it, relates the Philadelphia Ledger.

"Which tree is it?" the visitor wonders, feeling sure that he has a joke on the park department. Not a few take the trouble to look up the custodian of the monument for an explanation of the mystery. When they leave him they look wiser, and often quite sheepish, for he intimates that, after all, it is not so remarkable for a well-informed man to know that when a great man is to be commemorated in this way it would be unwise to plant only one tree. If two are planted, one is likely to live. Here both are living, and there is no harm done.

### TOD SLOAN AND THE KING

Monarch of Belgium Eats Potatoes Which Famous Jockey Had Discarded—His Object.

King Leopold of Belgium told a good story on himself and Tod Sloan some time ago which has found its way into the Paris newspapers.

"I was dining in a Paris restaurant," said the most dramatic of

kings, "and on looking around saw Tod Sloan, the American jockey, whom I had seen often riding at Longchamps, dining in solitary splendor at the next table. While waiting for my dinner to be brought I watched the little American and saw him, after tasting some fried potatoes that had been brought to him, summon the waiter angrily and bid him take the dish away. Now I had ordered fried potatoes also, and I had no difficulty in discovering, when mine arrived with suspicious promptness, that the very same dish Tod Sloan had disdained had been brought to me."

"I suppose," said a listener, "Your majesty summoned the restaurant man and had the waiter discharged?"

"Oh, no," replied the king, smiling. "I tasted the potatoes, and I discovered that Mr. Sloan was quite right. They had been cooked with rancid butter and were very bad. But I knew that if I sent them away it would seriously injure the business of the place, so I went on eating them. You see, therefore, that nowadays a jockey can afford to be more particular than a king."

### \$600 GIVEN AWAY.

Christmas Presents for Subscribers to the Weekly Courier-Journal

The Weekly Courier-Journal (Henry Watterson's paper) wants to share the profits of this prosperous year with its subscribers. It proposes to give away twenty Christmas presents ranging from \$100 to \$20, amounting to \$600 in all. There will be four general presents of \$100, \$50, \$20 and \$10, and sixteen presents of \$20 and \$10 to be given in the states of Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, Missouri, Virginia and Alabama. The plan is fair and simple. Write for the Courier-Journal, giving full details. It will be sent free.

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### Pearls Die When Not Worn.

That pearls "die" in obscurity and retain their luster and value when worn frequently, is a fact that has always to be borne in mind by the owners of jewels.

The statement that an historical pearl necklace in the Loure, originally worth \$20,000, is rapidly depreciating, did not in the least surprise the manager of a well known firm of jewelers.

"Pearls," he said, "must be worn frequently to preserve them. If you take a pearl necklace and lock it up you will find that in the course of a year the pearls become dull and lose the sheen that makes them so valuable. Heirlooms which have been carefully treasured will sometimes be found to have deteriorated in this way. They lose their glow, and, in some instances become almost black. Pearl necklaces never keep so well as when they are constantly on the necks of their owners.

"It has been suggested that personal influences have something to do with the matter, but I think it is

more likely that the effect is due to light and air. You can wear pearls practically as long as you like certainly for 50 years, and they would give no indication of change and you might lock pearls up, and perhaps in 20 years they would show signs of 'dying.' There are, however, ways of resuscitating pearls, but the fact that they 'die' is quite clear."

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