



FRECKLES



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Arthur of
"A Girl of The
Limberlost," Etc.
Flashes of Wit, Humor and
Pathos

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REAL ORIGIN OF THE PEARL

Science Has Rudely Shattered Poetic Idea That Has Been Held For Centuries.

For many centuries, even until comparatively recent times, it was the common belief that pearls were drops of dew that gained entrance into the shell of an oyster, and were there transpired into lustrous gems. Arab and Indian divers still believe that at certain seasons oysters come to the surface and suck in the rain-drops that later become pearls. Science, however, has rudely shattered this poetic fancy, and discovered the real origin to be a worm. Dr. Hugh M. Smith gives some interesting information on this subject in the National Geographic Magazine.

We now know that almost any foreign body—a grain of sand, a bit of mud or shell, a piece of seaweed or a small animal—may by its irritation cause the mollusk to cover it with nacre and make it the nucleus of a pearl; but the largest part of the annual pearl-crop of the world is due to parasites that normally pass a part of their life-cycle within the shell of the pearl-oyster.

Minute spherical larvae of marine worms known as Cestodes become embedded in the soft tissues, as many as forty having been found in one Ceylon oyster. As the result of irritation, the oyster forms a protecting sac about the intruder, and then, if the larva dies, its body is gradually converted into carbonate of lime, and the pearly mass proceeds to grow with the shell.

If the larva lives, it may pass into the body of the strong-jawed trigger-fishes which prey on the pearl-oysters, there undergoing further development. Ultimately it reaches the body of the great rays, which in turn eat the trigger-fishes. In the rays the worms attain full development, and produce larvae that are cast into the sea and find lodgment in pearl-oysters. Thus the cycle is begun once more.

We may literally accept the saying of a celebrated French investigator, that "the most beautiful pearl is in reality only the brilliant sarcophagus of a worm."

NO SATISFYING PASS FIEND

Comedian Relates Story That Would Seem to Be Almost the Limit Even in That Line.

Raymond Hitchcock is to be credited with this story, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. He deserves it, for of late he has milked cows from the wrong side, fussed with his wife on the deck of an ocean liner and been kicked into the water by a motor boat in his hunt for first page position and something better than a No. 4 headline. "An old friend of mine came to me last winter," said Hitchcock, "and asked me to get him tickets to the show in which I was then appearing. 'I would if I could, old chap,' I said, 'but honestly, I can't get 'em for you. I have no account at the box office. The only way in which I can get you tickets would be to pay for them out of my own pocket.'"

"'Aw,' said he, 'any old place will do. I don't care where I sit. See if they won't let you have a pair for me. Explain to 'em that I'm an old friend.' Mr. Hitchcock admittedly lost his temper. He pulled a five-dollar bill out of his pocket and walked toward the box office window. They had been standing in the theater lobby. "I'll prove to you," he said, sourly, "that I have been telling the truth." And to the man behind the cash register: "Two seats at a dollar and a half each." And then he handed them to the persistent pass grafter. "Now," said he, "I hope you're satisfied." "Yep," said the other. "I am, and my wife will be tickled to death. But, gee, my sister-in-law will be disappointed because I only got two."

Size and Strength.
Increase of population is not necessarily a good thing of itself, nor is a low birth rate necessarily a bad thing. Increase of population does not even make any necessary additions to the national strength.

England would be a stronger nation than she is today if her population had not out-run her food supply. Many thoughtful observers believe the same true of Germany.

Patrons of the prize ring used to say that a man weighing 180 pounds weighed enough. A man of that weight was deemed big enough to encounter any adversary, and additional weight was thought as likely to be a hindrance as a help.

The rule may hold good with nations as with men, though to be sure no one knows where to draw the line. But the nation which is much too big to feed itself has taken on a handicap, to say the least.

Bicycles in France.

The number of bicycles in France appears to be on the increase, judging from the latest returns for 1911, which give a total of 3,009,626, as compared with 2,697,406 of the previous year. The total revenue from the tax on bicycles last year amounted to upward of nine millions of francs, or about half a million francs more than in 1910. The ten departments having the greatest number of bicycles last year were those of the Seine, with 309,759; Nord, 159,656; Seine-et-Oise, 97,271; Gironde, 75,390; Pas-de-Calais, 70,610; Seine-Inferieure, 62,997; Maine-et-Loire, 60,265; Saone-et-Loire, 58,595; Seine-et-Marne, 55,594; Loiret, 54,510. The department with the smallest number was that of Lozere, with only 2,920 cycles.



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Leave Court House	Leave Station No 55
6:45 a. m.	7:00 a. m.
7:15 a. m.	7:30 a. m.
7:45 a. m.	8:00 a. m.
8:15 a. m.	8:30 a. m.
8:45 a. m.	9:00 a. m.
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10:45 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
11:15 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	11:55 a. m.
12:05 p. m.	12:20 p. m.
1:15 p. m.	1:30 p. m.
1:45 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
2:15 p. m.	2:30 p. m.
2:45 p. m.	3:00 p. m.
3:15 p. m.	3:30 p. m.
3:45 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
4:15 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
4:45 p. m.	5:00 p. m.
5:15 p. m.	5:30 p. m.
6:00 p. m.	6:15 p. m.

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African Ants.
These insects sometimes set forward in such multitudes that the whole earth seems to be in motion. A corps of them once was seen to attack and cover an elephant quietly feeding in a pasture. In eight hours nothing was to be seen but the skeleton of that enormous animal completely picked. The business was done, and the enemy marched on after fresh prey. Such power have the smallest creatures acting in concert.

True View of Life.
I am more and more impressed with the duty of finding happiness.—George Eliot.

Eastern "Mining Promoters."
Seven natives at Dacca, India, were recently convicted of swindling women by pretending that they had the supernatural power of causing money deposited with them to be doubled in value in three days' time.

Slow Suicide.
"The entirely self-centered man is always a man slowly killing himself. Bachelors do not usually live as long as married men; yet no observer of the world would maintain that bachelors really take less care of themselves. No, they are always taking care of themselves, and it is the care that shortens their lives."—"In Cotton Wool," by W. B. Maxwell.

Speak in Love.
The only way to speak the truth is to speak lovingly. Only the lover's words are heard. The intellect should never speak. It does not utter a natural sound.—Thoreau.

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