

ULLOA'S CIRCLES.

The White Rainbow and One Occasion When It Was Observed.
A wonderful atmospheric phenomenon, described by both Ulloa and Bonger, was first observed by the first named gentleman during the stay of himself and party in the Pincelucha. One morning at daybreak the whole mountain top was covered with a dense fog. After a short while the atmosphere became tolerably clear with the exception of a few vaporous clouds. While the travelers were watching the gradual disappearance of the fog one of them turned quickly and perceived an image of himself distinctly mirrored on that quarter of the sky opposite the rising sun. The figure appeared to stand in the center of three concentric rings which were shaded with different colors, while around was a fourth and much larger ring tinted with but a single hue. The outermost edge of each of the interior rings was crimson, the next orange, with a shade of pale yellow, the innermost tint being of a brilliant green. When first seen these rings were hardly circular in form, but they soon became perfect. But as they did so, which depended on the rising of the sun toward the zenith, the colors gradually disappeared until finally the whole apparition faded like a mirage from the gaze of the astonished scientists.

THE QUEER MANDINGOES.

In This African Tribe the Wives Wear the Trousers.
The Mandingoes, who inhabit a tract of country in Africa, are strict Mohammedans in religion; but, curiously enough, they still retain many of the superstitions of the negro races from which they sprang. Consequently their marriage ceremony is a mixture of the two, and, although it is performed by a marabout or holy man in the mosque, it contains one very ridiculous element. Next in importance to the marabout is the bridegroom's sister, and when the marriage ceremony reaches the point where the visible bond, usually typified in civilization by the ring, this sister steps forward and in place of the ring presents the lady with a pair of trousers, which are immediately donned. The ceremony is concluded by a very mournful song sung by the companions of the bride, who then conduct her again to the home of her parents, as, owing to the extreme probability of one or the other retracting at any moment by reason of an unfavorable omen, no house is built until the ceremony is completed. Polygamy is the rule, but each wife has her own house. They are the most tyrannical wives in Africa and, hating each other, band together against their husband and rule him with a rod of iron.

MOSAIC WORK.

How Paintings Are Reproduced in the Little Colored Squares.
In order to reproduce a painting in mosaic the artists or artisans take a flat sheet of iron of the same size as the painting surrounded by a border about an inch high. This receptacle is then filled with plaster so as to obtain a perfectly flat surface. On this the outlines of the figures are drawn. The plaster is then cut up into small squares, which are to be removed and gradually replaced by as many small squares of mosaic of the same size. In the holes left empty when the plaster is taken away a new plaster made of travertine dust, lime and linseed oil is poured. After three days this new plaster acquires the necessary consistency, and in this the artist sticks the little colored squares. When all the surface of the plaster is covered with these colored pieces of mosaic the whole is washed with sand and water until it becomes quite smooth. The colored pieces are made of mixtures of different minerals, like arsenic, lead, glass, etc. These minerals are placed in an oven, and the different colors are obtained by the different degrees of heat, and as many as 28,000 various colors can be obtained.

How Wood Lasts in a Dry Place.
In situations so free from moisture that we may practically call them dry the durability of timber is almost unlimited. The roof of Westminster hall is more than 450 years old. In Sterling castle are carvings in oak well preserved over 300 years of age. Scotch fir has been found in good condition after a known use of 300 years, and the trusses of the roof of the basilica of St. Paul's, Rome, were sound and good after a thousand years of service.

A Chinese Secret.
When a Chinaman wants to have a tooth drawn he feels no nervous apprehension of pain, for the excellent reason that he knows his dentist will not inflict any, it is said. The latter simply rubs a secret powder over the aching tooth. After about five minutes the patient sneezes, and the tooth falls out. Many attempts have been made by Europeans to get some of this mysterious powder, but no one has yet succeeded.

Pinches All Round.
She—My new gown is just lovely. It's a perfect fit. He—Satisfied on that point, eh? She—Yes. I know it's a good fit because it pinches me so. He—Well, it doesn't pinch you half as much as it does my pocketbook.—Philadelphia Press.

Before and After.
Friend—Why do you call your work a trade instead of an art? Artist—Oh, I did call it an art before I began to make a living at it.—Illustrated Bits.

Never meddle with a hornet or a man who is minding his own business.

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STRIKING A BARGAIN.

A Case Where Mere Money Did Not Cut Much of a Figure.
"Several years ago there was a boom in certain lands in Florida because of rich phosphate deposits," said a southern man. "A speculator asked one of those simple Florida folk what would be the lowest price he would take for some land which before the boom he had been unable to sell for \$500. The owner really didn't know. The speculator agreed to deposit in bank \$16,000 to the owner's credit for the land. But this amount of money in bank didn't mean very much to the native.
"He said he wanted a farm of sixty acres with a house on it, the whole to cost a few hundred.
"What else?" asked the speculator.
"Can I have a horse and saddle and bridle?"
"Certainly."
"And a ride?"
"Yes."
"And some provisions?"
"Yes."
"The eyes of the native began to bulge. There was a pause.
"What else do you want?" asked the speculator.
"Oh, give me \$50 for the old woman to buy things for herself and children."
"He then started to walk away.
"What else?" asked the speculator.
"Is there more yet?"
"Yes."
"Well, give me a plug of tobacco and set me down where the fish will bite all day, and you can have the rest."—Baltimore Sun.

POE AND POVERTY.

The Poet Was Born to Need and Left It as a Legacy.
According to Charles Marshall Graves, writing in the Century, the poet Poe was two years old when his mother, a gifted actress, was living in Richmond in the direst want. Mrs. Poe's last stage appearance was in the Richmond theater in October, 1811. The theater burned on Dec. 26, and seventy-eight people perished with it. Poe's father had died in the spring, and Mrs. Poe and the baby poet and his younger sister went to live on Main street, in the Bird In Hand region, in a tenement cellar perpetually wet by the Shockoe creek, which then flowed through the middle of the street. Here the wretched woman contracted pneumonia and died. And from the cellar the future poet, described as a "baby skeleton," was rescued by Mr. Allan.

Sixty years and more later Rosalie Poe, the poet's younger sister, appeared on Richmond streets in poverty as bitter as her mother's had been to get a few coins by selling photographs of her brother. The man who was perhaps America's greatest poet and certainly one of the few poets who have vitally influenced the literary art both in prose and verse was born into the most wretched poverty and left need as keen behind him.

Forgot His Own Tongue.
A traveler in arctic Siberia, Mr. Vanderlip, a gold hunter, told the following of his return to civilization: "I found that half a dozen of the officers and men of the steamer which my employers had sent for me had come to hunt me up. The captain dismounted, and I tried to address him in Russian, but he said, 'You forget that I speak English.' Now, it may seem scarcely credible, and yet it is true, that for a few moments I was totally unable to converse with him in my native tongue. I had not used a word of it in conversation for months, and my low physical condition acting on my nerves confused my mind, and I spoke a jumble of English, Russian and Komik. It was a week before I could talk good, straight English again."

Hard to Move in Russia.
An American wished to move from the Hotel Europe, the principal hotel in St. Petersburg, to a smaller hotel around the corner. He came down with his bag packed ready to go. "Sorry," said the manager, "but you cannot leave this hotel or register at another hotel until we get your passport from the police, and that will take a day and a night. You must go through exactly the same procedure as if you were leaving the country."—World's Work.

Mending Amber.
To mend amber requires a certain amount of care, though the process is a simple one. Apply some linseed oil to the broken edges, and then hold the oiled parts over a gas jet, covering the rest of the amber meanwhile with a cloth. As soon as the oiled parts become sticky with the heat press the edges which are to be united together and hold them very carefully till cold.

Looking For a Clutch.
Tommy—Are you and Sister Ethel going to get married? Mr. Steddy—Why—er—what put such a question in your' head, Tommy? Tommy—Oh, nothin', only Billy Dady wanted to bet me a nickel against a cent that the match 'd never come off, and I'd like a little inside information.—Puck.

Amending the Notice.
The mistress of a very dirty lodging house posted at the entrance this notice: "Visitors will please wipe their feet." After inspecting the apartment one visitor added to the notice "on going out."—Farm Journal.

His Field.
"Why do you always speak ill of your friends?"
"What would you have? I don't know any other persons."

Some men are no bigger than their bluff, and when that's called they are nothing.—Schoolmaster.

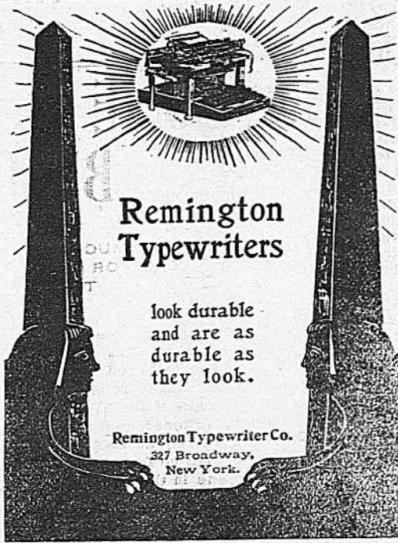
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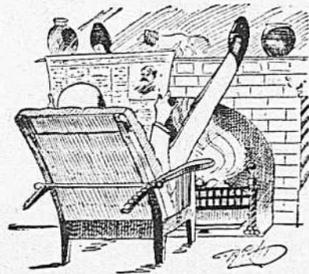
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