

LOCUSTS IN CHINA.

They Are Regarded as a Calamity from Heaven.

The Singular Methods Adopted by the Celestials to Exterminating the Pests - A Queer Description for Soldiers.

The great province of Kiang-Soo, China, is being devastated by locusts. Consul Jones at Chin-Kiang sends the various reports made by the afflicted sections to dispel the scourge, says a Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

There is a curious and widespread belief among the Chinese in the existence of a "king" locust - "wang" he is called - of colossal size and quasi-supernatural character, who hovers invisibly in the upper regions of the air, directing and controlling the migrations of the different swarms.

"I know of few sights," writes the consul, "more extraordinary than a swarm engaged in pairing. The air is filled with clouds of locusts drifting, circling, crossing and recrossing, with a faint, whirling noise, and settling on the ground in thousands of couples.

The eggs are deposited in holes drilled by the female an inch or more deep in the ground. The time required for hatching depends entirely on the temperature. In very hot weather the new brood begins to make its appearance at the end of a week.

The destruction, by suitable measures, of this formidable pest, involving, as it does, the prevention of famines, fever epidemics and riots, is a matter of grave public concern.

Consul Jones says the Chinese consider that the visitation of the locusts is a "calamity from Heaven, and that there is no help for it." Chinese records chronicle many instances of the appearance and the calamities inflicted by locusts in former times, but they have no peculiarly effective methods of destroying them.

The soldiers, with their officers at their head, are used against the locusts as against an adverse army in the field. Instead of a gun or a lance, however, each soldier is armed with a coarse hempen bag attached to a bamboo pole, which, with wide-open mouth, is waved back and forth among the swarms until filled, when they are killed and the action renewed.

Sailors' Superstitions.

The superstitious of actors would fill a book, and so also would those of sailors. But this, says the Boston Home Journal, has affected the amateur theatricals, who are men of education and who might be expected to laugh at it.

Magnificent Temple.

The temple of the sun at Pahngra, square of twenty-two yards. It was approached by a ramp one-half a mile long, and was surrounded by a wall of masonry and a ditch of masonry.

A MUSICAL BEAR.

The Novel Experience of a California Girl.

Her Piano Playing Attracts the Attention of Bruin, and He Falls in Love with the Young Lady and the Instrument.

Mary Carter was practicing her music and was all alone in the house. But for some reason she was always alone when she did so. As soon as she struck the first note of her exercises everybody went outdoors and staid there regardless of the style with which she went over the scales.

She saw the bear come nearer, and she trembled like a leaf. Oh, how she wished she could faint. But she was a strong girl and couldn't, and the bear kept coming closer, and soon had his paws around her.

He held her gently but firmly in his paws, and was actually licking her face, like a pet dog. She opened her eyes, and the world was the same as usual. She could not tell whether she was frightened or not, but somehow she did not try to scream.

The bear was still at it, and by this time had become so enthused that he was performing a sort of can-can to his own accompaniment. He was in the height of his glory and had found out where the bass keys were, and with these he was particularly delighted.

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Thawing Out a Field.

So much trouble has rarely been taken to prepare athletic grounds for a match as at Cardiff not long ago. The occasion was a football match for the championship of England and Wales.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S HOME.

Arrangement of the Apartments at Windsor Castle.

Rooms into Which None But Members of the Royal Family Are Permitted to Enter - Rich and Costly Decorations.

The state dining-room at Windsor castle is, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, a very fine apartment in the Prince of Wales' tower. It was redecorated shortly before the jubilee in gold and white, after a very tasteful design chosen by Princess Beatrice.

The three drawing-rooms are connected with the dining-room, with the corridor, and with each other by folding doors, and all the doors are decorated with the same unique Chippendale work.

The crimson drawing-room opens into the green, which is similarly decorated, and furnished in the richest satin brocade, but the prevailing color, as might be expected, is green, by which it does not by any means reason cause Nil, but green of a somewhat crude shade.

The white drawing-room is furnished in crimson and gold damask with white walls decorated in an essentially French style. The walls of this room are hung with numerous portraits of the royal family, while a number of exquisitely worked cabinets and a table beautifully inlaid with Florentine mosaic in the form of flowers and fruit are among the principal ornaments.

The drawing-rooms were cleaned not long ago and the furniture rearranged, but otherwise they have been left untouched. The hangings and stuffs with which the chairs and sofas are covered might with advantage be altered, for though they are very rich the style is old-fashioned, belonging to the early period of her majesty's reign, and shows only too clearly and somewhat plainly to the eye the advances that art has made since then.

Reverend Jokers. In a certain western town, according to Texas Sittings, the clergy of the various religious sects were very tolerant toward each other. On the occasion of the Jewish rabbi's sabbath, he invited the Protestant ministers, and also the Catholic priest, to attend a grand dinner at his house.

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INDIAN FREEMASONRY.

A Secret Society Existing in the Cherokee Nation.

An Ancient Order That Has for Its Object the Preservation of Tribal Legends and Traditions.

Not many persons are aware that there exists among the Cherokees a secret society that is hundreds of years old, as old, in fact, as the tribe itself, and is today stronger than it ever was, at least in numbers.

The society is called the Ketoowah, which, literally translated, means elder brother. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says it is a sort of Indian freemasonry and has its laws and rules of order as well as its officers and secret signs.

No Cherokee whose blood has been tainted can become a member, and it is said that the penalty for disclosing the simplest secret is death. The chief aim of the Ketoowah at the present day is to perpetuate the legends, customs and language of the Cherokees.

There is no way for a candidate to approach the society to secure its support, for he does not know who its members are. They select their ticket and vote for it and there are no buttons. The members have a sign language by which they can converse intelligently among themselves wholly unobserved and employ this means of communication when others are near.

Through the medium of their national paper, one-half of which is printed in Cherokee and is sent free to all citizens who do not read English, the full-blood is thoroughly posted upon all public matters and in fact much more conversant with affairs of state than his half-blood brother.

SAVINGS BANKS FOR STAMPS.

To Be Introduced into the Boston Public Schools Very Shortly.

It is proposed to introduce "stamp savings banks" in the Boston public schools. From various offices colored stamps of six denominations and stamp cards will be obtained. To each person wishing to become a depositor the local treasurer gives him a stamp card and sells him as many stamps as he has money for.

As soon as the child has stamps for that sum the money is taken and deposited for him in some savings bank that he may designate. The five dollars once deposited he begins again, and the small sum grows to a larger one under his hands.

WHALING IN NEW SEAS.

A Prospecting Cruise in the Antarctic Ocean.

New Grounds to Be Sought on Account of the Growing Scarcity of Whales in Our Markets.

The bark Gayhead, of this city, is on her way to the southern seas on an expedition the like of which has not been undertaken since 1871, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

In that year the British man-of-war Challenger was sent on an expedition to the Antarctic to ascertain whether or not there was a field there for the catch of whales, and she returned with an adverse report.

By reason of these reports the whalers of England and America have felt obliged to doubt the accuracy of the Challenger's report, but in the twenty-two years which have elapsed since then no one has had the daring or enterprise to undertake a personal survey of the waters until the present time.

The route call her to pass St. Helena and skirt Graham's land, from where she will sail for Australian waters and then go north, taking in the Japanese waters, Behring sea and the Arctic ocean. San Francisco will be reached about October, 1894.

The fact of the matter, and the one point that has caused this extended exploration trip of the Gayhead, is that the hunting grounds in the north are giving out very rapidly, and the whalers have virtually ceased fishing in Baffin's bay, Davis strait and in the Spitzbergen whaling ground.

It is a fact that whalebone and ivory are two animal products which art or science have not been able to reproduce. In the good days of plenty whalebone sold at one dollar and a half a pound; its price today is six dollars. That gives a fair idea of how the supply has diminished in the last ten years.

Little is known of the waters south of seventy degrees south as compared to the knowledge had of the waters north of latitude seventy degrees north. Next to nothing is known regarding the Antarctic ocean, and the hope is entertained that the present expedition will develop a new field to replace the old one that is dying out.

At the present time an English and Scotch company is building three vessels at Dundee for the purpose of sending them into the Antarctic for whales. It is not unlikely, therefore, that in a few years the whaling fleet that sails out of this port will steer south after leaving the Hawaiian grounds, instead of going north, as they do at present.

Country Gentleman's Surprise.

A story is told of a gentleman in the King's county, England, who died only the other day full of years and honors. When Mr. Mooney of "The Doon" paid his first visit to London very long ago - perhaps in the forties - he found himself with a checkbook, but no cash; and to put an end to the situation he turned into a well known bank, filled up a check, and presented it to the cashier, who told him that he would be delighted to pay it if properly indorsed, or if he were vouchered for by one of their clients.

Out of His Element.

A rather vulgar personage, who had been created a marquis a few months previous to this story, managed to get himself invited to a court ball in Italy. The new-fledged marquis could not contain himself for joy, and exhaled proud satisfaction at every pore. Casting an Olympian glance around the room, he chanced to spy among the ladies the tall, angular figure of an elderly matron, with compressed lips, as though afraid of wasting her breath, and as lean as a lath.

There is a good deal of profit in the prophet business in Java. A prophet of that island has been paid four hundred dollars a year for the last fifteen years "for not predicting a tidal wave which will sweep clear over the island." But, after all, he can't be sure.

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