

WOMAN DRUGGISTS.

Many Reasons Why a Woman is Superior in the Position. There are quite a number of women engaged in the retail drug business in the United States...

OLD BLUCH.

A Bull-Dog Who Enjoyed a Bit of Sport as Well as the Boys. Years ago the boys of Frankfort, Ky., used to go swimming in the Kentucky river just above the L. and N. bridge...

Heroic Courtesy.

A recent French writer on 'The Revolution, the Empire, and the Restoration' cites an amusing incident of what he calls heroic courtesy. Percy, Lord Beverly, invited to dine with him a marquis who was one of the most valiant soldiers of the army of Condé...

The Astronomers Are Puzzled.

One of the most mysterious changes witnessed in the ever changing solar system is the variation in the brightness of the moons of Jupiter. Two of the four satellites occasionally cross the planet's disc as dark objects...

Good Exercise Cheap.

Physician—'What you need every day is a good shaking up.' Patient—'How would horseback riding do?' Physician—'That isn't quite severe enough. What you want to do is to take a ride every day in one of our hospital ambulances.'—Life.

An Inference.

'I fancy that the Yuppercrusts are real aristocrats.' 'What leads you to think so?' 'Their names never appear in the newspapers.'—New York Press.

HOW THEY FISH IN ASIA.

Queer Fishermen Who Dive Into the Water After Their Game. 'The Chinese have many very curious ways of catching fish,' said a piscicultural sharp to a writer for the Washington Star. 'In winter they dive for them. A certain species demanded in the market seeks shelter during the cold season under rocks at a considerable depth. They can not be got with hook and line, and so the fishermen go down into the water after them, plunging from a boat. Three dives are made each hour, and a fire is kept up on board the boat for the purpose of warming those at work between whiles. Not infrequently they come up bleeding from the lungs, and rheumatism and skin diseases render them disabled by the time they are 40 years old.'

'It was the Chinese who invented the well-known plan of capturing ducks and other water fowl by wading toward them with a basket over the head and dragging them under water before they knew what had caught them by the legs. There is the idea of employing cormorants to aid them in fishing. You have heard, doubtless, how the birds used for this purpose have collars around their necks to prevent them from swallowing the game they capture. At a signal given by their owner they plunge into the water after the prey. Whatever they get is taken from them, and they are rewarded for every success with a bit of fish small enough for them to eat. They are forced to work very hard all day long but great care is taken of them, and they are nursed most attentively when they are sick. A bird is usually good for service until it is 10 years old. The cormorant fishermen are organized into societies, the birds belonging to each association having a peculiar mark.'

'In India also the natives employ many methods of fishing, which seem odd to us. There is in the district of Oude a species of so-called 'walking fish' with snake-like heads, which are often seen floating on the water as if asleep. The people shoot them with cross-bows. Usually they sink when they are killed, so that they have to be dived for afterward. In the Indus, the Ganges and other streams are numerous fish-eating crocodiles which attain a length of more than twenty feet. Except when near their nests and anxious to defend their eggs they run away from human beings. Of fish they catch an enormous number, and it has been thought very strange that the fisherman should not destroy such rivals in their own business. But they regard the mere suggestion of such an idea with horror, saying that the crocodiles are brothers in trade.'

'The man-eating crocodiles of those rivers are regarded as sacred and are never harmed. Of late years they have destroyed more lives than formerly, owing to the prohibition by law of the ancient practice of consigning corpses to the streams. It was the good old way to fill the mouth of the defunct respectfully with mud and leave the cadaver to be swept away by the current. Upon such supplies of food the great saurians depended largely, and being deprived of them, they lie in wait to snap up living people and cattle. Five persons have been known to be carried off in one year at a single pool. However, the country is overpopulated, but one would not think it an agreeable trade to die.'

'The Buddhists in India have a horror of eating the flesh of animals, believing them to be incarnations of human beings' souls; but they permit themselves the luxury of fish, usually getting around the difficulty by saying that the fishermen take away the fishes' lives, and are responsible. On the walls of their temples are numerous frescoes vividly depicting the terrible tortures which fishermen will have to endure in a future state. In these paintings fires are represented stirred up by devils, who are dragging the fishermen into the flames in nets, hauling them by hooks and lines and prodding them from behind with fish spears.'

'There is a story of a Buddhist priest who lodged for some time at the house of a fisherman. The latter had recently reformed and was pursuing another occupation. After two days the guest asked why no fish were served upon the table, and, being informed that his host was withheld by conscientious scruples from catching them, he expressed his approval in high terms. At the end of the week, however, he felt a craving for fish strong upon him and inquired how far the fisherman's net stretched across the neighboring stream. He was told that it extended one-third of the way across.'

'If that is the case,' said the priest, 'the fish have their choice as to whether they will be caught or not. So, if they choose to be taken nobody else is responsible. Therefore, you will do right to try and catch some.'

'Accordingly the priest was served thereafter with fish, of which delicacy he would have been deprived had it not been for the wisdom which sacred books had taught him.'

He Spoke.

An amusing incident occurred in the circuit court at West Point, Miss. A negro boy being tried for stealing two pairs of trousers and having no lawyer, Judge Campbell asked him if he desired to speak. He promptly replied in the affirmative and spoke 'The Boy Stood on the Burnieg Deck' to the judge and jury.

They Smoke Cigarettes.

Tupkish and Persian pipes, it is said, are difficult to manage. They require the fragrant yellow tobacco, that must be soaked in water, wrung out and put in the bowl with a live coal on top. The pipe is now relegated to the elders, for the younger generation in western Asia smokes cigarettes.

MEALS BY SCHEDULE.

Close Figuring as to What Can Be Eaten While Waiting for the Train. 'I have only two minutes to get my breakfast and catch my train,' said a tall man to the waiter in a railway station. 'What can you give me in the smallest possible time? Take into consideration, too, the fact that I have left my false teeth under the pillow at my hotel.'

'We have just the thing for you, sir,' and he immediately brought a cup of coffee and a piece of lemon pie. The gentleman sat down and in less than a minute from the time he gave his order was rushing toward the office for his ticket.

'He made pretty good time,' remarked a customer who sat at the next table. 'Oh, that's nothing,' replied the waiter; 'we beat that every day. I once knew a man who came in here who had only sixty seconds in which to get his breakfast, buy his ticket and reach his train.'

'What did you give him?' 'Two soft baked apples and a glass of milk. He finished in just fifteen seconds took another fifteen for the purchase of his ticket, and when I last saw him he was walking up and down the platform smoking a cigar, impatiently waiting for the train to start.'

'I suppose most passengers who come in here are in a hurry?' the reporter for the Boston Herald asked. 'Never saw but two who were not, and one of these was a soldier who had lost both legs in the war, and the other was a tramp who was waiting for the night freight.'

'When a customer comes in and says he wants something to eat in a hurry, I ask him how much time he has or what train he wants to catch. Now I have a list of those articles that I can serve, and which can be eaten in exactly the time the passenger has to spare. To the customer having one minute for luncheon I serve baked apples and milk; if he has two minutes, lemon pie and cold coffee; three minutes, apple pie and hot coffee; four minutes, slappacks and coffee; five minutes, ready cooked sausages and mashed potatoes; six minutes, fish balls and hash; seven minutes, cold roast beef, and so on. I tell you we work on springs all the time.' And the waiter rushed off to serve another customer who appeared to be in a hurry.

CURIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

Things That Are Done Very Differently in Germany. A traveler in Germany sometimes finds little to interest him in the newspapers except advertisements, states the Saturday Evening Post, many of which are extremely curious, and unlike anything of the kind in our own newspapers. Here are a few specimens:—

Wanted.—A reliable young lady, or a widow without children, who has had experience in a first-class retail shop. The advertiser, who has lately lost his wife, wants above all, a capable and honest person to whom an active retail trade can be intrusted, and who can give security. An offer of marriage may be expected when ability to care for the business has been demonstrated.

I announce to the relatives and friends of the deceased that Carl N., to whom I was engaged to be married, was relieved by death of his severe sufferings on July 16th, in Hamburg. His deeply sorrowing bride.—Helena H.

The welcome arrival of a strong, well-developed boy is announced with joy by Wilhelm J., butcher, No. —Street, and wife.

His Royal Highness Prince William of Wurtemberg has again been most graciously moved to cause a subscription of 40 marks to be sent to us. For this renewed and munificent assistance to our cause we desire in the most obedient and respectful manner to express our most heartfelt gratitude.—The Committee for Country Excursions for Poor Sick School Children.

OFFICIAL NOTICE. Stuttgart, July 23.—Public praise is hereby given to Hans Joerg, a student in the Polytechnic School in Stuttgart, for his noble, determined, and courageous conduct in saving a person from drowning.

THE ROYAL CITY COMMISSION.

Once Every Fifty Years. The Brownia ariza is a botanical curiosity. That fact, notwithstanding, however, its scientific name would not have been used above had the plant a more common one. It is a species of palm and it is known to bloom only after intervals of exactly fifty years. There is but one specimen of Brownia in the conservatories of Europa, that in the collection at the German Imperial palace. The blossoms last but forty hours, and to get sight of a Brownia in full bloom is one of the sights of a life-time. The one in question bloomed in July, 1838. The only other instance of one blooming in Europa was that at the conservatory of the Duke of Norfolk, which bloomed in June, 1851. It died in 1858.

Discriminating Wisdom. 'My husband received a note to-day in a woman's hand writing.' 'Did you open it?' 'I did not. And what is more, I left him by himself to read it at his leisure.' 'Don't you worry over it?' 'No, but I guess he does. It was from my dressmaker.'—New York Press.

A New Policy. 'Do you know why honesty is the best policy?' was the question put to Mr. Alderman by a friend.

'No, I can't imagine.' 'Well, you see, it is used so little that it is as good as new. All the other policies are pretty well worn out.'—Texas Siftings.

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