

Shark Fins in Nicaragua.
Consul A. L. M. Gottschalk, writing from San Juan Del Norte in regard to the use of shark fins for industrial purposes in the United States, says: "Sharks exist in large numbers on this coast. The Nicaraguan fishery laws seem to permit of their being caught as vermin, and there appears to be no export duty on any industrial product derived from them. A number of persons here believe that they could deal with the United States in shark fins, or in shark backbones, and skins. The former are used extensively in some countries in the making of walking canes; the latter are made into leather employed for sword grips and fancy articles. Large quantities of these products could be sent to the United States, were there a market for them. I should be glad to communicate with parties interested, if these articles are marketable in the United States."—N. Y. World.

Rice Souffle Pudding.
Put one cupful of milk in a saucepan with a level teaspoonful of butter and place over the fire. Mix a cupful of rice flour with a little cold milk and when the milk in saucepan is scalded pour it over the rice flour. Stir and cook until it thickens into a smooth paste and loosens from the bottom of the saucepan, then transfer to a dish to cool. Beat two ounces of butter to a cream, then add alternately the beaten yolks of five eggs and five tablespoonfuls of sugar; add this to the paste; then the grated rind of a lemon or orange and beat thoroughly to mix. Last of all fold in the whites of eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Have a souffle or pudding dish well buttered and pour in the mixture and bake for 30 minutes in a moderate oven. When done, dust with the powdered sugar before taking from the oven and serve at once in dish in which it is baked. Serve with raspberry cream sauce.—Washington Star.

Gladstone's Statue.
A statue to Gladstone has recently been placed in Westminster Abbey on the spot marked for it years ago by Dean Stanley. It occupies the last vacant space for a standing figure in the north transept. It was made by Mr. Brock, of the Royal Academy, and is a marble figure on a marble pedestal, which at present contains no inscription. On one side is the statue of Lord Beaconsfield. The aisle is called the "Statesmen's Aisle," and is near the pulpit. Gladstone stands in the robes of a doctor of civil law of Oxford, with his face turned slightly to the left. The likeness is good. There is no ceremony of unveiling monuments which, like this, are erected by the authority of parliament. No display is necessary to call attention to the honor which the nation pays its great man.—London Times.

Bee Culture an Industry.
Fruit culture and bee culture have both been recommended to the distressed British agriculturist; and perhaps the advice has sometimes been supererogatory. It is permissible, however, to draw attention to the way in which the honey industry has advanced in France during the last few years. In ten years the output of honey has increased from 7,000,000 each grammes to 8,500,000 kilograms. The increase is due less to an increase in the number of hives than to the greater yield of each hive, which has now risen to about 500 grammes, or eleven pounds a hive. What is more gratifying (to the French producer) is that, owing to the scientific methods of bee farming, the yield each year has become more constant and less affected by vicissitudes.—Illustrated Scientific News.

According to Doyle.
"I was disappointed in that last story of yours," observed Nagus. "You killed off the strongest and most interesting character in it."
"Do you really think he was the best character in the story?" asked E. Will Borus, the struggling author.
"Beyond all comparison."
"Well, then I didn't kill him. I only caused the villain to throw him over a high precipice. In my next story I'll explain how he escaped, and I'll use him again."—Chicago Tribune.

All Kinds of People.
In one New York city court the other day was a longshoreman who had whipped seven policemen. In another court was a woman who had been arrested for beating her husband, another longshoreman. These two incidents go to show that there are different kinds of longshoremen, different kinds of policemen and different kinds of women in this world.—N. Y. Press.

C. C. C. C.
"Here's Mrs. Cadleigh's name in the society column. It says: 'Mrs. Charles C. C. Cadleigh will summer at—'
"For goodness' sake! Where did she get the two middle initials?"
"Oh! haven't you heard? She just stuck them in so that her monogram would represent the 'Four Hundred!'"
—Philadelphia Ledger.

Should Be Satisfied.
The fiancee—Sam feels mighty happy over his engagement to me. He says he done hab drew de prize in de lottery ob life.
Her friend—Wel, in dat case, he oughter be willin' to stop gamblin'.—Puck.

Told the Truth.
Edyth—Aunt Margaret used to say she wouldn't marry the best man on earth.
Mayme—And did she keep her word?
"Yes; but she got married just the same."—Chicago Daily News.

English Density.
Teacher—Johnny, what country has the densest population?
Johnny—England unless the inability of the Englishman to see a joke has been greatly exaggerated.—Baltimore American.

This Was Six Centuries Ago.
Some of the ancient agreements between the little Swiss states were very noteworthy. In 1243 Bern and Fribourg made a covenant which lasted for more than 200 years, by which they agreed that even a war between them should not destroy their agreement, that no war between them should be entered on without a previous attempt at conciliation, and that within 14 days of the end of any feud all territory conquered and spoils of war must be returned to their owners. Cities which 650 years ago could agree to such terms deserve to live in history! Basle Schaffhausen and Appenzell a few years later were wise and far-sighted enough to agree "to sit still and seek conciliation" in case of differences between them. Just over 600 years ago the Swiss confederation was founded by the three tiny mountain states, Uri, Schwyz and Nidwalden, which, remaining small and unimportant themselves, have, by the force of the idea of union, drawn to themselves from time to time larger states and powerful cities, till to-day the Swiss nation can, in proportion to its size and population, boast of a prouder history and greater benefits to mankind than any other nation in Europe.

Gold Found in Tunisia.
A strange piece of news comes from Tunisia. It is stated that gold deposits have been discovered in the regions of Soussa and Bizerta. Samples are said to have yielded from two to three ounces per ton, with a minimum of 16 pennyweights. A writer in the *Matin* goes so far as to declare that some specimens obtained near Kairouan have produced in the laboratory the fabulous yield of three and four pounds to the ton. The mining department in the Regency is reported by the same authority, to have at first refused to issue permits until it was proved that the gold existed, but is now granting them at the rate of 100 a day. A specialist in Paris, however, refuses to believe in the authenticity of the discovery, on the ground that the geological formation of Tunisia does not admit of the existence of the conglomerate that is said to extend for a distance of over 30 miles, being too "recent," as until modern times it was partly covered with water.—London Economist.

Repertee in Church.
The friendly and familiar atmosphere of the average small rural western church sometimes gives rise to embarrassments. Dr. David is a prominent man in a little far western church, and he generally takes a quiet little dose during the sermon. Sister Sarah is an elderly, longwinded woman, who likes to "exhort" after the preacher has concluded his remarks. Not long ago, at a night service, Sister Sarah arose and discoursed at great length. The listeners became visibly restive. Dr. David also arose and said, bluntly:
"Sister Sarah, it would be an imposition to detain this congregation any longer."
With flashing eyes Sister Sarah retorted:
"Tain't no imposition on you, doctor; you've took your nap."
Then the clergyman, with uplifted hands, said benignly: "Let us be dismissed."—Indianapolis Journal.

English Girls in Business.
According to the statistics, 102 girls under 14 years are actresses in England. Also it is disclosed that a girl of ten is acting as a general shopkeeper, while another only a year older is returned as a pawnbroker. Ten little maids, just ten summers old, are entered as engaged in the laundry and washing service. The cares of business life have begun at the same age for at least one girl commercial clerk, and there are two girls of 11 for whom school would seem a fitter place than the public-house bar, in which they serve. Another girl has entered before her teens into the ranks of Scripture readers and itinerant preachers.

In a Quandary.
Parker—What's wrong? You seem worried.
Streeter—I am. I wrote two notes—one to my brother asking him if he took me for a fool, and the other to Miss Gliding asking her if she would be mine. While I was out somebody telephoned: "Yes," and I don't know which of 'em it was."—London Tit-Bits.

At the Dinner Party.
Gunner—What a cold and reserved beauty Miss Beacon is! She prefers to walk into the dining room unescorted.
Guyer—Yes, she reminds us of time and tide.
"How is that?"
"She waits for no man."—Chicago Daily News.

Lacked Her Assurance.
Mrs. Wildman—I can tell you this, Mr. Wildman; if you continue in your present life of extravagance you'll surely pay for it some day.
Mr. Wildman—I wish, my dear, that my creditors had the same faith in my good intentions.—Stray Stories.

Hemorrhage.
To stop hemorrhage of the lungs wrap the thighs and arms above the elbows with small strong cords tightly drawn and tied. This will stop the flow of blood almost instantly.—House-keeper.

Given Valuable Library.
The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths has presented to the University of London the whole of the valuable library of economic literature which it purchased some ten years ago from Prof. Foxwell.

Measured by the Work.
Burton—Your garden is pretty small, isn't it?
Barton—It seemed so to me before I began to take care of it.—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

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Moderation in Exercise.
Exercise which is well within the powers of the body is salutary for all and probably necessary for some, but exercise by which these powers are overstrained is too often not only the precursor, but quite unmistakably the cause of serious illness or of bodily or mental failure. "Why," inquired Saladin, "should the weak display his inferiority in the presence of the strong?" The question is as pertinent in our day as it was in that in which it was uttered.—London Hospital.

Bird Feathers.
Bird News and Notes says that the total number of packages of osprey feathers sold in London last year was 1,608. A package of osprey feathers varies in amount from two or three to about 100 ounces, but the average is about 30 ounces to the package. This gives a total of 48,240 ounces, and on the received estimate that four birds are required to yield one ounce of plumes, we have a total of 192,960 birds killed in the breeding season to furnish one year's feather sales.

Scientific Explanation.
A scientist has recently published a brochure on the subject of right and left handedness. The explanation for the phenomenon in any person is traced to the pressure of his blood in the two halves of his brain. He concludes that for right-handed subjects there is an excess of pressure in the left half of the brain, accompanied by an excess of excitability and of vitality in all those parts of the body dependent on the left brain. For left-handed people the reverse is true.

Extraordinary Suicide.
One of the most extraordinary suicides on record is reported from Pesth. Baron Reia Oluyi, a wealthy citizen, deliberately poisoned himself by smoking cigars and tobacco to excess. The baron had lost a large fortune in speculation. Having a wife and six children, he insured heavily on their behalf in five companies, and then proceeded to put into operation his unique plan for self-destruction.

Womanly Accomplishment.
No girl should be ashamed to do household work; it is a most womanly accomplishment. One can never be a really good housekeeper unless one has a practical knowledge of even the humblest work in the house. It is a fallacy, for no one can command well who has not served. Learn to do and know how to direct.

Sparrows Eat Grain.
The London board of agriculture advocates diminishing the number of house sparrows. It has been found by hundreds of examinations that from 75 to 80 per cent. of the food of the adult birds throughout the year consists of cultivated grain. The aggregate total taken when the sparrows are unchecked is very large.

Grape Juice and Germs.
Many physicians recommend grape juice wherever there is any danger of typhoid germs. It has long been claimed that lemon juice added to drinking water was efficacious in destroying typhoid bacilli, but many weak stomachs cannot stand the continued use of it on account of its strong acidity.

Temples to Li Hung Chang.
Several Chinese cities have erected temples in honor of Li Hung Chang. His tomb also has the form of a temple. Two of its inscriptions are: "All countries in the world mourn him" and "He changed Heaven and reinvigorated the earth."

The Fishes of the Nile.
A painstaking survey of the fishes of the Nile extended far up both Blue and White Niles, has just been completed. It adds 14 new species to about 90 known before, and gives much other valuable information.

Minerals in Manchuria.
The mineral resources of Manchuria, as shown even by the surface scratching that has been done, are simply stupendous. As a wealth-giver, it may send more to St. Petersburg for the next half century than India will to London.

They Do Not Practice It.
"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "say dat honesty is de bes' policy, an' den seems peckilly willin' to give deir neighbors a monopoly of its advantages."—Washington Star.

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