

A Coal Queen.
Maud St. Pierre, of Tennessee, has come to be called "The Coal Queen." She bought a lot of land from a Southerner who was obliged to sell the same because he was in great need of funds, and it has been found to be full of coal and other mineral treasures. Asked by a reporter if she fancied the sort of life she was leading, away from civilization, she replied that she did, and continued: "Here are mountains, natural and commercial grandeur, pure air and the most absolute independence. Here (and the lady drew a rough chart) is the spot where I am building my mountain spring, distant from the two roads leading to the mines. The view is superb, and it will not be your typical cabin when I get it finished. The interior will be tapestried in Queen Anne style, and with my books and horses, why can't I be happy on that mountain peak among the clouds? Men are the most peculiar individuals. They seem to think all valuable rights of property and sentiment are reserved for the special amusement. Now, I have a coal black mare, a cousin of Maud S., fleet as a whirlwind, and more intelligent than most persons I meet. In the early blush of the morning I leap on Mollie's back, girth up to the knees, inspect the works, and when I start out for a long brush over the hills do you suppose that because I happen to have long hair and wear skirts, I can't feel a glow of satisfaction to traveling a whole day over my own possessions?
"Business is not an intricate thing by any means. The principles are simple enough. I have a lie and love fair dealing. When I first began operations at the mine the wisecracks down there were full of advice. It had been customary to pay day laborers at the rate of twenty-five cents, and the pay came in the shape of bacon at twenty-five cents a pound. This was all nonsense. I gave my men a dollar a day. This was supposed to be fatal, and I was sagely informed that it would lead to demoralization and that I wouldn't have a single hand left in a week. In order to offset possibilities, I established the rule of cold water to drink, and from that day to this I have not lost one hand and I am working sixty." Woman's Works.

Washing the Face.

There are some who object to washing the face often, especially with soap, thinking this an injury to the complexion. But those who have made a specialty of skin diseases say no part of the body needs soap so much; that the face, being constantly exposed to dust, collects so much, it is not enough to wash in clear water. They say if soap makes the face shiny, as so many claim, it only shows that it is the more needed, and that the work of drying after the bath has not been properly performed. The face, however, should not be wet immediately before or after going out. Its most thorough ablution should be performed at night, before going to bed, and the following method should be observed in the process: "Fill a basin with soft, warm water, lather a medium sized sponge with good soap, and wash the face carefully. Then take fresh water, without soap, and wash again with the hands, and rub thoroughly with a Turkish or crash towel until the face is dry and tingling. This will do much towards improving and preserving the complexion; and the little vexatious black spots, called "flesh worms," will usually disappear after a time, if it is persevered in.

Beautiful Allegory.

Crittenden, of Kentucky, was at one time engaged in defending a man who had been indicted for a capital offence. After an elaborate and powerful defense, he closed his effort with the following striking and beautiful allegory: "When God in his eternal council conceived the thought of man's creation, he called to him the three ministers who wait constantly upon the throne—Justice, Truth and Mercy, and thus addressed them: 'Shall we make man?' Then said Justice: 'Oh, God, make him not, for he will trample upon thy laws.' Truth made answer also: 'Oh, God, make him not, for he will pollute thy sanctuaries.' But Mercy, dropping upon her knees, looking up through her tears, exclaimed: 'Oh, God, make him—I will watch over him with my care through all the dark paths which he may have to tread!' Then God made man, and said to him: 'Oh, man, thou art the child of mercy; go and deal with thy brother.' The jury, who he had finished, were drowned in tears, and, against evidence and what must have been against their own convictions, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Died of Laughter.

Chalces, died of laughter at the thought of his having outlived the time predicted for his death. A fellow in rags had told him that he would never drink the wine of the grapes growing in his vineyard; and added: "If my words do not come true you may claim me as your slave." When the wine was made Chalces held a feast and sent for the fellow to come and see how his predictions had failed. When he appeared the southsayer laughed so immoderately at the would be prophet that it killed him. Crassus died from laughter on seeing an ass eat thistles. Marguerite, the giant in the Morgante Maggiore, died of laughter on seeing a monkey pulling up his boots. Yeuxis, the Grecian painter, died at sight of a bag he had just depicted. A peculiar death was that of Paut, who dropped dead in the act of paying a bill. There are many men to-day, however, who would probably die of surprise if they found themselves doing the same thing.

A New Sensation.

A Houston journalist recently approached one of the solid men of that city and said to him confidentially: "I wish you would lend me two dollars." "Here they are, Mac," replied the capitalist. "Thanks. Here you can have one back," handing back a dollar. "Remember, now that you owe me a dollar. I want to enjoy the feeling of having a respectable person owe me something. That is a sensation I have never experienced in my life."—Texas Sitings.

Throwing the Shoe.

The custom of throwing the slipper after a newly-married couple is well-known. A writer, Mr. G. Lansing, of Alexandria, Egypt, whose explanation of this custom we copy below, attributes the origin of it to the far East. It may well be so, and on the other hand, it may have had a far less symbolical origin.—At all events the theory is an interesting one. Says this writer: The custom of throwing a slipper at another, or striking him with it, is still practiced in the East as a sign of renunciation. A father, for instance, who would renounce his son after he has been convicted of being a wicked son, will before witnesses, take off his shoe, and if near enough, strike him with it, or, if more distant, throw it at him.

Recently we have had three cases of Moslem converts to Christianity, whose relatives and co-religionists have, in this manner, signified their renunciation and cutting off of all relations with the converts from their faith. The Oriental shoe, being usually a soft slipper, is not thrown as a missile, or weapon, for the purpose of causing bodily pain. This explains the throwing of the slipper as the bride leaves her father's house. It is saying to her in a playful way—"Be off with you! We renounce you and will have nothing more to do with you."

Mr. Lansing explains in the same way the taking off the shoe from the foot in the case of the kinsman who renounced his claim to the inheritance of Elimelech (Ruth 4:8), the losing of the shoe being merely a legal formula of renunciation which drew its meaning from popular heresy. The modern Arabs, instead of throwing the shoe, sometimes exclaim—"My shoe at you!" This is regarded as a token of contemptuous renunciation.

Washing the Air.

Those who complain of rainy weather do not realize that not only does the earth need washing but also the air which we breathe so many times a day. The effect of rain upon the air and the contents of the rain have been made a subject of examination by the Meteorological Council of London during the past two years. Three stations were used for collecting the rainfall—one at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, another at Upper Hamilton Terrace, in the northwest portion of London, and a third at Hackney. It was found the rain contained twice as much impurity as that which fell at the suburban stations, and the impurities gathered at all the stations were in the proportion.

The chief impurities were found to be sulphates and chlorides, and it was discovered that the rain caught at St. Bartholomew's was always contaminated with soot and disagreeable to the taste. The summer rain is more impure than that of winter, and in the mixture of London rain and soot a trace of arsenic is found. In summer the rain was shown to contain a larger quantity of sulphates than chlorides, which was supposed to be owing to the decomposition of animal and vegetable matter during the warm months. After the rain had been falling for some time the impurities are found to diminish, and the satisfaction with which we breathe in the washed air after a good rain fall is an evidence that our senses bear spontaneous testimony to its purification.

How to Tell a Woman's Age.

The New York Graphic gives the following direction: "How to tell a woman's age?" Ask one of her women. Few grandmothers are less than 26 off the stage. Brunettes as a rule look older than blondes of the same age. Slenderness is supposed to be girlish unless it produces wrinkles. An unmarried woman is a girl until she is 40. After that she is an old maid. If a woman has false teeth and plumpers it is safe to put her down as over 20. Ask how old she is and multiply the answer by two. If she is an actress multiply it by four. Fat increases the apparent age of a woman under 25 years and lessens it over that age.

Salt River.

The origin of the phrase "Up Salt River" is thus explained by the Magazine of American History: "Salt river, geographically, is a tributary of the Ohio. Its source is in Kentucky, and being very crooked and difficult of navigation, it was in the early days a favorite stronghold for river pirates. These highwaymen were in the habit of preying upon the commerce of the Ohio and rowing their plunder up Salt river, whence it was never recovered. Hence it came to be said of anything that was irrevocably lost, 'It's rowed up Salt river.' By an easy transition it was applied to unsuccessful candidates. 'He has been rowed or (tried) up S. R.,' or 'We'll row him (or ride him) up S. R. next fall.'"

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