

### Calro the Gambler's Paradise.

Modern Calro must be a sort of gambler's paradise, judging from some facts which I recently had from a friend who has been investigating the subject. In one of the principal streets near Mohammed Ali square a gentleman who knows the town well pointed out over twenty first floors over the shops with the names of bars upon them, every one of which he knew to be a gambling hell, and a police official admitted to the investigator that the town was full of such places. The police do not seem to be at fault. They raid the places from time to time, but the offenders, nearly all foreigners and mostly Greeks, are protected by their consuls and let off lightly and return to the business the next day. I should guess that the business is chiefly carried on for foreigners as well as by them. There is a sort of cosmopolitanism about gambling, and its votaries are drawn from all corners of the earth by the scent of the game. But this seems to be one respect in which Egypt has not improved under British influence.—London Truth.

### A Queen's Cold Cure.

"You have a cold, eh?" said the physician. "Well, suppose I give you the same prescription that Queen Elizabeth used?"

He took down an ancient folio. "Dr. William Bulleyn's prescription for a cold, which Queen Elizabeth used all her life, was this," he said.

"Takes nutmegs, the root called dormike, which the apothecaries have; setwall, gatangall, mastike, long pepper, the bark of pomeitronne, of melon, of sage, hazel, marjorum, dill, spiknard, wood of aloes, cubebe, cardamon (called graynes of paradise), lavender, penroyalls, the bone of a hart's heart grated, cut and stamped, and beat your spices grossly in a mortar. Put in ambergrise and musk, of each half a dram. Distill this in a simple aqua vitae, made with strong ale, in a serpentine. To tell the virtue of this water against cold, phlegme, dropsy, heaviness of mind, coming of melancholy, I cannot well at the present, for it is too great."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### The Exchequer.

In past times it was the custom for the king's justiciar and his subordinates to make up the royal accounts twice a year, at Easter and Michaelmas, on a table which was the most striking object in the chamber in which they assembled. This table was covered with dark russet cloth divided into squares, which gave it a checkered, chessboard-like appearance, and in the columns and spaces the accounts rendered by the sheriffs and great landowners who attended for that purpose, were entered and reckoned up. It was the checkered cloth, so conspicuous throughout the proceedings, that gave rise to the name exchequer, just as the stars painted on the ceiling of another historic room originated the name "star chamber."—London Globe.

### The Doctor in the Duel.

A medical man in France was asked to be present at a duel in his professional capacity. He got up early, traveled some miles, "flamed" the swords and ministered to his client, who was slightly wounded. When both honor and wound were healed he looked for his fees and sent in a bill for \$10. The patient replied through his wife, who wrote: "I am told that between men there is a question of delicacy which forbids even the slightest appearance of trade in such a matter. Neither the doctor nor the seconds are brought on doctors for money. If you persist in your claim, I shall, to my great regret, be obliged to leave to others the duty of settling with you."

### When Women Smoke.

In a copy of the Old Farmer's Almanac, printed about 1800, we find the following article on "the prevention and extinction of fires": "Never read in bed by candlelight, especially if your bed be surrounded by curtains. Strictly forbid the use of cigars in your family at all times, but especially after night. There is good reason to suppose a house was lately set on fire by a half consumed cigar, which a woman suddenly threw away to prevent being detected in the unhealthy and offensive practice of smoking."

### Discretion the Better Part.

"I'm perfectly convinced," said the ambitious young man, "that I can write the greatest novel of the period." "Why don't you go ahead and do it then?"

"Oh, I wouldn't think of such a thing. I am happy now in my belief on the subject. Where's the good of my risking disappointment?"

### His Compliment.

First Artist—Well, old man, how is business? Second Artist—Oh, splendid! Got a commission this morning from a millionaire. Wants his wife and children painted very badly. First Artist—Well, old man, you're the very man to do that for him.

### Evidence.

First Lawyer—Think the old man was of unsound mind? Second Lawyer—Oh, yes. It runs in the family. Look at the way the relatives are spending money to break the will.—New York Press.

### Had to Wait Events.

Alice—Ethel says she really doesn't know whether he will propose or not. Jack—Just like a novel, isn't it? Alice—Yes. But in a novel you could turn to the last chapter and find out.

### Life.

A colored philosopher is reported to have said, "Life, my brethren, am mostly made up of prayin' for rain and then wishin' it would clear off."

### The Tarantula Killing Wasps.

The tarantula killer is a bustling, unquiet creature. When running on the ground its wings vibrate continuously. When it sights its prey it flies in circles around it. The tarantula trembles violently; now runs and hides; now, rising rampant, shows signs of fight. The watchful huntress finds a favorable moment, darts upon its victim with curved body and thrusts in its sting if possible into the soft abdomen. Often the spider is at once paralyzed, but a second and even a third wound is sometimes necessary. The victor seizes its motionless prey with its jaws and drags it to a hole previously dug. She thrusts it in, deposits an egg upon it and covers it up. In this case the bulk of the tarantula insures sufficient food for the offspring, and one alone is provided, as seems to be the case with the cicada storing wasps. But the mud dauber and her ilk, which select smaller prey, garner many, rarely sealing a cell ere it is quite full.—H. C. McCook in Harper's Magazine.

### How the Tibetans Dress.

Lay and cleric alike, the inhabitants of Lassa are entirely similar to those of the rest of Tibet. There is indeed but one difference even in the dress. In one province through which we passed the women use a turquoise studded halo as a headdress. In Lassa a fillet ornamented in the same way is bound close down over their hair, fluffed out on either side, and falls down over the shoulders. It is one of the most becoming ways of doing the hair that I have ever seen, and for a certain type the entire dress of a woman of Lassa would be a becoming costume for a fancy dress ball at home. The dress of the men and the women is very similar. There is a single undergarment and one heavy native cloth robe, dun or crimson in color, and usually patched, which both sexes pull in around the waist with a girdle, the men pouching it at the waist to form the only pocket that they use.—World's Work.

### Earthquakes.

Earthquakes generally do their work with great rapidity, but there are exceptions. While Caracas and Lisbon were destroyed in a few minutes, the Calabrian earthquake beginning in 1783 lasted four years. Earthquakes travel across the earth at velocities varying between several hundred and several thousand feet a second, the greater the intensity of the shock the greater being the velocity. The sea waves that frequently accompany earthquakes also travel at tremendous speeds. A submarine earthquake near the coast of Japan in 1854 gave rise to sea waves which traversed the whole breadth of the Pacific at the rate of 370 miles an hour. At Simoda, Japan, the waves from this earthquake were thirty feet high. At San Diego, Cal., they were only six inches high.

### A Persistent Fighter.

The measures of Wilberforce in the British house of commons for the abolishing of the British slave trade had a hard struggle before they finally prevailed. On Feb. 15, 1805, Wilberforce moved "without entering into any argument" for a bill to abolish the slave trade after a limited time and for a committee to consider its propriety. He had been introducing such a bill almost every year for fifteen years, although his twelve resolutions against the traffic were carried in 1789 without a division. But year after year the bill came to wreck, either in the house of lords or the commons, suffering defeat in 1796 because several of its supporters had gone to see a new comic opera. It was doomed to disaster again in 1805, but finally triumphed in 1807.

### The Mexican Bridegroom.

The bridegroom in Mexico finds marriage a very costly business. He is expected to buy the trousseau, and he is fortunate if he can satisfy the extravagance sanctioned by custom and prompted by ardent passion. Young men from the country are said to be often seen in the City of Mexico purchasing all sorts of finery for the ladies of their choice, and the spectacle they present as they consult the measurements, which they carry with them for all sorts of garments, is very amusing.

### Odd Geographical Division.

The range of the Blue Ridge mountains in Pennsylvania is divided by a river every twenty-seven miles, as follows: From the Susquehanna to the Swatara, 27 miles; from the Swatara to the Schuylkill, 27 miles; from the Schuylkill to the Lehigh, 27 miles; from the Lehigh to the Delaware, 27 miles. At the next 27 miles is a hollow of New Jersey in which nestles a lake known as Galver's pond.

### Red Read About Him.

"Now, boys," said the Sunday school teacher, addressing the juvenile class, "can any of you tell me anything about Good Friday?"

"Yes, ma'am, I can," replied the boy at the foot of the class. "He was the fellow what done the housework for Robinson Crusoe."

### Good Reason.

Miss Ascum—I've often wondered, Mr. Rymes, why you poets always speak of the moon as "silver." Mr. Rymes—Well—er—I suppose it's because of the quarters and halves.—Philadelphia Press.

### Polite.

Miss De Style—You say Goldust is an awfully polite fellow? Miss Gunbusta—Yes, indeed. Why, when he saw Miss Gotrox's stamfing in society he offered her his country seat.

There would not be so many open mouths if there were not so many open ears.—Bishop Hall.

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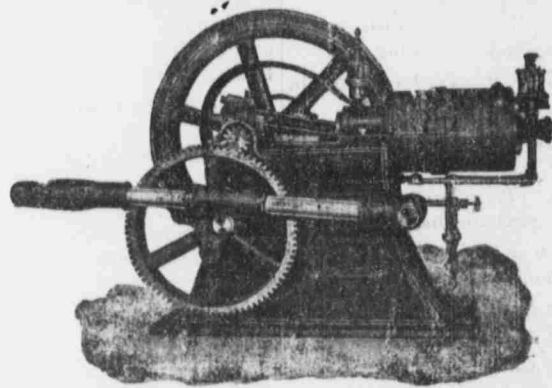
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