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## MISTAKEN TIPPING.

Americans Abroad Frequently Pay Too Much for Services.

An American recently arrived in London from a southern city, and being in haste to continue his journey to Paris, hired a cabman to take him on one of his errands. Handing the man a two shilling piece, he directed him to a certain number in New Bond street. After seating himself in the cab, the passenger waited for several minutes, expecting the horse to start. At last he left the cab and found the driver on the box inspecting the coin, which was double the usual fare. "What is the matter?" asked the indignant traveler. "This seems to be a very small coin for so long a distance," was the surly response. The American smiled grimly and remarked that the cabman could drive him at once to Scotland Yard. As this is the headquarters of the police, the driver perceived that the American was not a man to be swindled. "I'll drive you to New Bond street," he remarked promptly. "If you will get in, sir." "Wait a moment," said the American. "I want you to look me over carefully. Now tell me," he continued, "what it was in my appearance that led you to think me an idiot. Was it my hat or my collar, or the cut of my overcoat? I have already paid you double fare for the distance I have asked you to go, but I'll give you as much more if you will tell me what there is in my general make-up that encouraged you to believe that I could be fool enough to allow you to cheat me." The cabman by this time looked sheepish and uncomfortable. "I took you for an American, sir," he said, "and thought I could work another shilling out of you. Here is one of the shillings you gave me and I am ready to drive you to New Bond street." The American had made two mistakes. He ought not to have paid double fare, and he ought not to have paid in advance. By violating the ordinary rules observed by people who hire London cabs, he encouraged the cabman to swindle him. The most judicious course for a traveler in a foreign country is to learn the customs of the people in it, and not throw away money by overpaying cabmen and tipping servants too generously.—Youth's Companion.

## Y. M. C. A.'S IN CHINA.

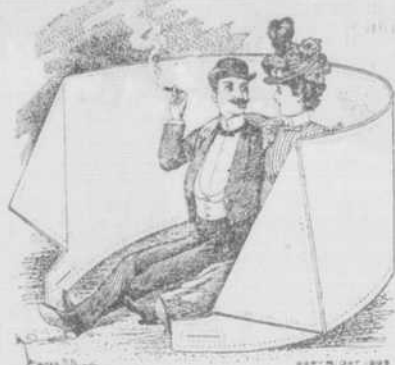
Lots of Serious Celestials Join in the Work.

Amid the discouragements which the recent revolution in Peking has occasioned to those concerned in China's welfare—for the movement in question is manifestly anti-reform, anti-foreign, and consequently anti-Christian—there are many signs that such opposition can not radically hinder this country's enlightenment. Such a sign is the progress of the Y. M. C. A. movement among Chinese youths, which is assuming considerable importance, especially in connection with mission schools. It was found desirable to invite from America an experienced worker in this department; and though it will be some time before this gentleman can speak Chinese, there is no difficulty in the matter of interpreters, native or foreign.

Yesterday in our large Shanghai mission church, says a correspondent, there were gathered 200 Chinese boy scholars from various mission schools in and near Shanghai, all of whom were either members of the local Y. M. C. A. or willing to join it. Earnest addresses were given and prayers offered both in English and Chinese, the English addresses being admirably translated by a Christian Chinaman; while the bright hymn singing of those strong young voices was a delightful sound. At the close of the morning meeting prayers were distributed to the boys containing questions to be answered in writing and a form of Christian engagement to be signed. At the afternoon service many of these were returned most satisfactorily and intelligently filled in. Such assemblies have recently been held with much interest and zeal, and apparently solid results, at Nanking and other centers of missionary work.—The Quiver.

## Island Is a Magnet.

In the Baltic the Danish island Bornholm, which is situated about twenty-four miles east by south, from the nearest point of Sweden, may be regarded as a huge magnet. Although the power of this magnetic island is not so great that it can draw the nails out of ships, as was told of the legendary magnetic hills, the magnetism of the rocks on the island of Bornholm can and does cause a good deal of trouble to ships in quite another way, for the island exerts such an influence on the magnetic needle that it causes a vessel to turn perceptible aside from its course. The effect of the island magnetism is felt at a distance of about nine and a half miles. On the island of Capri (one of the Argylshire Hebrides), situated about three miles northwest of Rum, there is a hill which has magnetic power sufficiently strong to affect the compasses of vessels passing near it. The island is a mile in breadth by four and a half miles in length.



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## Cotton Belt Bulletin.

## PINE BLUFF TO CHICAGO

Leave Pine Bluff 11:00 a. m., arrive Chicago 11:45 next day. Only one change; through sleepers.

Meeting of District Grand Lodge No. 11 G. U. O. of O. F. E. Texarkana, Ark., August 1st to 7th, 1899, rate, one and one-third fares for the round trip; date of sale, July 28th to August 4th, 1899; return limit, August 10, 1899.

Summer Tourist Rates to Searcy Springs and Ravenden Springs, from May 15th to September 15th, good until October 31, 1899. Rate: Searcy, Ark., \$4.25; Ravenden, Ark., \$7.75.

Fishing Season 1899. Spirit Lake, Ark., Rate: Pine Bluff \$2.00 per capita, for three or more on one ticket. Dates of sale: Daily until further notice. Return limit: Two days from date of sale.

Summer Assembly International Christian Workers Association and Bible School, Black Mountain, N. C., August 15 to 24. Rate—Round trip at rate of one standard fare. Dates of sale—August 13 to 21, inclusive. Return limit August 28.

Teachers' Convention, Monticello, Tenn., August 1 to 8. Rate, Round trip ticket at rate of one standard fare. Dates of sale, July 31, August 1 and 2. Return limit August 10.

Laying Cornerstone A. M. E. Church south, Thornton, Ark., July 30. Rate, Open rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip. Dates of sale, July 29 and 30. Return limit, July 31.

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## ROCK MAPLE PLANKED SHAD.

Maine Recipe That Is Far Ahead of the Chesapeake Idea.

The man who discovered that a green rock maple slab was far ahead of the green ash plank used along Chesapeake bay for cooking planked shad is State Senator Henry P. Sharp of Monticello. The secret was revealed by accident. Years ago, when he was a woods foreman, he had great trouble in finding cant dog handles that would not bend. Ash and oak made excellent handles, but as soon as they became wet the men who piled the logs bent them into fantastic shapes. After ten years of trial with all kinds of wood Mr. Sharp learned that rock maple was the only material that would remain stiff after it was water-soaked. As a result of this every cant dog now has a rock maple handle. Two years ago this spring Senator Sharp went down the river and bought a dozen shad fresh from the weirs. On his way home he stopped at Orono to visit the cant dog factory and have a planked shad for dinner. As no green ash could be had for the planking, a fresh and sappy slab was sawed off from the cant dog stock at the mill, and to this the shad was pegged, after which it was upholstered with thin strips of fat salt pork and placed upon the coals to cook. The heat of the fire started the maple sap in the slab and made it sizzle about the shad, and by the time the fish was cooked it was surrounded with a crystal wall of maple sugar. Men who helped eat the first shad ever cooked in maple syrup say it was something to remember for a lifetime. They finished the entire fish in short order, and then cooked another and another, using a fresh slab every time. Then they went and told their friends about the wonderful dish. At present no one thinks about using white ash when green rock maple can be procured for cooking shad. The men who are fond of planked shad cooked by the Sharp process are about to give the senator a dinner at a Bangor hotel in order to convince him how thoroughly they appreciate his discovery.—New York Sun.

## Fond of Tobacco.

"I have been an inveterate user of tobacco in some form for the past 40 years, and during that time have had much to do with all sorts of wild beasts, which I have found are nearly all, more or less, partial to the smell or taste of the weed," observed an old and experienced animal trainer to a Star reporter. "For instance, the common brown bear is so fond of the fumes of tobacco that if you blow smoke through the bars of its cage it will, with evident delight, push forward and rub its back and head against the iron bars over which the smoke passes. This is invariable. Not long ago I blew through a hollow stick a pinch of snuff into the nose of a sleeping lion. The brute shortly after awoke, sat up straight, sneezed violently and then lay down to sleep very contentedly again. All goats, deer, llamas and so on will chew and eat tobacco and snuff with great eagerness. Monkeys and big baboons also breathe with great satisfaction the smoke from cigars. I once made a very vicious llama, belonging to a circus, my friend by feeding it daily with a small quantity of snuff. One day when the show was in Brooklyn, N. Y., several men-of-war-men came to see our exhibit of tame and wild animals. When the men got to the inclosure where the llama was kept, one of the company commenced teasing the beast. By way of protest the llama suddenly spat at the offending sailor, and the latter, with a very astonished look, exclaimed, 'Holy Moses, how his breath smells of snuff, boys!'"

## SUMMER COLORS.

Violet Retired in Favor of Blues and Yellow.

Within the last month some modifications have been made in the order assigned to colors, says the Millinery Trade Review. Violet has retired quite into the background, with the exception of a reddish violet, one of the clematis shades. And deep blue has come forward, new tints bordering on lavender, but more especially bluet, but not the most brilliant dye. But the most important change is the great favor shown for beige, almond, brown, maize, blue and golden yellow, evidenced chiefly in the choice of straws and tulles of these shades. Light blues and hydrangea tints maintain their old position, and the same may be said of rose pinks and reds, showing particularly in floral trimmings, though pink and red straws are still in fair demand. A deal of green appears in the decoration, mostly in the shape of leaves, and green straws are looking up. Light gray is still in favor, both for morning and dressy hats, trimming and straw being often of the same shade. If a color is chosen for the decoration, blue is considered most applicable. There is certainly a larger demand for black straws than there was earlier in the season, and black enters into the ornamentation of much of the very newest millinery—black lace, black velvet bows, and also flowers with black velvet or black gauze petals and natural-colored stamens.

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## Cultivation of the Roman Campaign.

Last spring disorders took place at Castel Gandolfo, a village on the Alban hills, provoked by peasants agitating for bread or for land on which to cultivate grain. Prince Barberini, proprietor of much land in the neighborhood, portioned out a part of it, which had for the last 100 years been set for pasture, between 144 peasants. The terms offered to the peasants were ample. They were given a three years' lease of the land on condition that they should cultivate it with maize or wheat, and that one-third of the crops should belong to Prince Barberini and the other two-thirds to the peasants. The first harvest of maize has now been reaped, and the results are most encouraging. The value of the crop is calculated at 6,300 lire, and a third, equal to about 80 pounds, goes into the pockets of Prince Barberini. The wheat has just been sown, and it is expected that it will produce 12,600 lire, of which 4,200 lire, or 160 pounds, will belong to Prince Barberini, who will thus have 240 pounds a year out of and which has yielded him less than 60 pounds a year. In addition, he has secured a good livelihood to 144 starving families.—London Post.

## New Napoleon Letter.

The historic chateau of Malmaison is being restored by M. Osiris, a wealthy Napoleon worshiper. It is his intention, says the London Chronicle, to turn it into a Napoleonic museum, and to present it to the state in time for it to form one of the attractions of the great exhibition in 1900. In repairing the library a very interesting find was made in the shape of a letter from Napoleon to Josephine, dated from the Trianon, August 15, 1813, reproaching her with not saving money. He advises her to put her affairs in order, not to spend more than £60,000 a year and to save the other £60,000. Thus in ten years she would have accumulated a fortune for her grandchildren. Instead of doing this, however, I am told," he continues, "that you are in debt. If you wish to please me take care to fill a fat stocking. What do you suppose would be my opinion of you if I knew you to be in debt with an income of 3,000,000 francs a year?"

## The Whistling Tree.

The "whistling tree" is so called from the wind in its branches making a sound like a flute. It is the "tsotar" of South Nubia, and yields the gum of Senaar. Dr. Schweinfurth has shown that the sound is caused by holes bored in the spines of the branches by an insect in order to suck the gum. The spines, in fact, become little flutes.