

WORDS WITHOUT RHYMES.

A Little Lesson That the Banker Learned From the Poet. "This minor poetry seems futile to me," the banker said, sneering. "Anybody can turn it out. A lunatic can write minor poetry. It's only a question of rhymes."

THE GIRLDE.

It Was a Much Used Arrangement in the Middle Ages. In the middle ages at the girde were hung the thousand and one odds and ends needed and utilized in everyday affairs.

A GREAT TIMBER BELT.

The World's Greatest Forest is to be Found in Siberia. Siberia from the plain of the Obi river on the west to the valley of the Indighirka on the east is one great timber belt, averaging more than 1,000 miles in breadth from north to south.

A LONG, WILD RIDE.

Over Eight Hundred Miles on Horseback in Less Than Eleven Days. When General Kearny was ordered from Santa Fe across to California with the dragoons, he was anxious to get his report back to Washington as soon as it could be done.

THE LADY IN BLACK.

She Came For Queen Theresa, and Her Call Was Honored. In 1850 an extraordinary thing occurred a few days before the death of Queen Theresa of Bavaria. King Louis and Queen Theresa were passing the summer in the castle of Arohaufenberg, where their son-in-law, the Grand Duke Louis III. of Hesse-Darmstadt, came to see them.

A QUEER CHANDELIER.

It Is Made of Human Bones and Hangs in a Church. In the center of the arched roof of All Saints' church, Seditz, in Bohemia, hangs a chandelier constructed entirely of human bones.

CHEERFULNESS.

It Is a Tonic That Does More Good Than Most Medicines. There is a great restorative force in cheerfulness. It is a sovereign remedy. The physician who can inspire expectancy of something better to come, who can give you confidence in your power to overcome disease and can make you feel that it is a shame for a man made to do a great work in the world to be ailing, has very little use for drugs.

Last Hope Vanished.

When leading physicians said that W. M. Smithart, of Pekin, Ia., had incurable consumption, his last hope vanished; but Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, kept him out of his grave.

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COLUMNS OF ST. MARK.

They Were Taken From the Holy Land to Venice in 1120. Two memorable granite columns, known as the columns of St. Mark, brought from the Holy Land in 1120 and standing in front of the quay and landing steps of the Piazzetta, have been associated with the fortunes of Venice for many years.

The Arching Yucca Tree.

In the antelope valley of California grows the strangest yucca tree of all the western desert. The yucca is a tree not given to whims. It has been described by Van Dyke as having "a tall stalk rising like a shaft from a bowl and capped at the top by nodding-creamy flowers."

Reynolds and Two Pictures.

Sir Joshua Reynolds having become a great man, it was but natural that the town council of Plympton, near Plymouth, where he was born, should elect him mayor. In acknowledgment of the honor he painted a fine portrait of himself and presented it to the corporation.

The Hopelessness of Gout.

A quaint old cure for the gout—a cure, from a seventeenth century medical work, that was designed to show gout's hopelessness. "First pick," said this odd cure, "a handkerchief from the pocket of a splinter who never wished to wed; second, wash the handkerchief in an honest miller's pond; third, dry it on the hedge of a person who never was covetous; fourth, send it to the shop of a physician who never killed a patient; fifth, mark it with a lawyer's ink who never cheated a client, and, sixth, apply it, hot, to the gout tormented part. A speedy cure must follow."

One Toed Women.

Everybody has heard of the small feet of the ladies of China. But it is not so generally known that they commonly have but one toe. This is, however, the fact. The great toe of the females of the first rank, and of some of the inferior classes also, is the only one left to act with any freedom.

Afghan Justice.

In a native irregular force raised by an Afghan chieftain the following amusing incident took place: A man was brought before the chief for stealing a shirt, and this is how the case proceeded: Chief (to prisoner)—You are charged with stealing a shirt. First Witness—Your honor, it was my shirt. Second Witness—I saw him steal the shirt, your honor. Result—Prisoner ten days for stealing the shirt, first witness ten days for not looking after the shirt better and second witness ten days for not minding his own business.

Lost Treasure of the Ancients.

What treasures of the ancient world may still lie hidden among the debris of the past? Where are the riches of Babylon and Nineveh? Where are the secret treasure chambers of Egypt? Where is the gold of the Phoenicians? Where is the tomb of Alaric, the Goth, that was crammed with all the richest spoils of Rome? Who has discovered the secret places of Mexico and Peru, where the untold wealth of mighty dynasties was stored?

His Way of Showing His Love.

"You wrong him, papa. He does not love me for my money. He scoffs at the world's sordid eagerness for wealth." "What proof have you, child?" "Why, only last night he told me he didn't care if he never was able to make a penny in his life if he only had me!"

An Oversight.

Regular Customer (to waiter)—As an old customer I generally have two slices of beef, and today you have brought me only one. Waiter (with a look of surprise)—By the powers, but you're right. The cook must have forgotten to cut it in two.

Attack is the reaction.

I never think I have hit hard unless it rebounds.

A Stitch of Pain.

A stitch is a sharp, spasmodic pain in the muscles of the side like the piercing of a needle and is very apt to be produced if exercise is taken immediately after a hearty meal. This arises because the nervous energy necessary for the proper working of the muscles in exercise is engaged in another direction—namely, in assisting the digestion of the food. Anything that interferes with the proper supply of nervous energy required for exercise, whether it be debility or the process of digestion or exhaustion arising from overexertion, is apt to cause this spasmodic pain.

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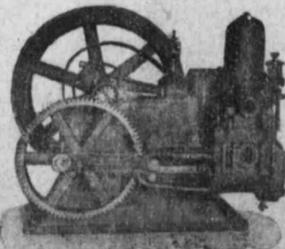
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