

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Feeling servants is strictly forbidden in London hotels.

A carrier pigeon let loose from "La Lorraine," 413 miles out at sea, returned safely to its cage at Brest.

A curious criminal law exists in Greece. A man who is there sentenced to death awaits two years before the execution of the sentence.

A life-size marble statue of Apollo with the head wonderfully preserved has been dug up near Athens.

Two logs of African mahogany from one tree have been sold in Liverpool for the record price of \$7,680.

A Swiss antiquarian recently discovered at Sila, in the Engadine, a roll marked "illegible papers."

It is a task to carry money in Central Africa. Some of the copper coins are ten inches long, and a coin that will hardly suffice to buy a breakfast is heavy enough to be an ordinary weapon.

All salutes from foreign ships of war to her majesty's forts or ships of war are returned gun for gun.

The "cash" is the most common circulating coin of China. It is a copper and zinc piece about the size of the American quarter of a dollar.

How the Dramatic Artist Secures His Contract for the Season.

"That's good," said the stage manager of a summer garden as he looked over the contents of a big envelope that had come to him by mail.

"The first essential," said he, "is that you know how to do the work that you want some one to pay you for doing, and that you let it be known that you know."

"Suppose you don't give satisfaction, or you don't get along with the manager of the company?"

"That is covered by the two weeks' clause in the contract. He can dismiss me for cause after giving me two weeks' notice. If he dismisses me without good and sufficient cause I can collect the amount of my salary from him."

"Suppose you quit; what recourse has the manager?"

"He can sue me for damages, or enjoin me from working for any other theatrical company. Of course, these contracts are broken, and sometimes they are, but the person who breaks one loses caste in the profession."

"I remember one case where a prima donna quit a company and the manager sued her. She employed a shrewd lawyer and he brought out that while she was employed on one occasion she had, as 'Cavalieri Rusticiana' said, 'the court held, violated the whole of the contract, and the prima donna could not be held to her engagement.' This was a victory on a technicality, and the woman was blamed for taking advantage of it. It hurt her with managers, and it was several seasons before she got another desirable engagement."

"Suppose after a man has signed a contract to go with one company, he is offered a more desirable position; what is the custom?"

"In such a case the man asks to be relieved of his first contract, and if there is time to get another man in his place he is let go. In the event that the artist is one of great drawing power the manager would not be so complacent; but we are talking about the average player."

It Sometimes Happens.

A man invariably feels like kicking himself when he discovers that he has been made to a blushing in disguise.

Chicago Daily News.

FIFTY YEARS OF CALIFORNIA.

A Drama That Could Happen Only in America—Her Farms as Rich as Her Mines.

Half a century came to an end on the 9th of September of the current year since California, taken from the lap of Mexican indolence and tossed into the arms of American adventurers, was delivered at the bosom of Columbia, an infant state, with gold nuggets in her fets and ships of commerce at her feet.

For more than ten years after the first rush of immigrants, California did almost nothing but tear the earth to pieces to find gold.

Yet, although such was the great richness and the breadth of things when considered in a lump, and although such was California's initial contribution to the world's history, the benefit to the individual was slight.

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GOT WINNING TIP ON WAITER.

Man from the Country Visits the Races and Plays in an Approved Manner.

"I had a very laughable experience during this meeting," said a book-maker's clerk at the Brighton Beach track to a party of his friends the other night on the way home in the trolley, relates the New York Sun.

"On my way down my father-in-law asked me so much about the horses that were to run and how to go about the placing of a bet that I half suspected that he had some other motive in view than a mere visit to see the races run."

"The race was run and Waiter simply played with his field and won about as he pleased. Still this fact didn't worry me much except that our book only had that one bet to pay on Waiter, and I said to myself I'll have a chance now to run up and see how the old gentleman is getting on."

"Now, I read that little book you gave me, Charley," said my father-in-law, "and knew that a horse named Waiter was going to start, and I thought that as all those colored men were kind enough to tell me about it, why, I would make a bet just once."

"I was quite anxious to learn who the kind colored men were, and when I took him back to the grand stand he pointed out several of them to me, and I near had a fit. They were waiters, and had held him up just as they would any other man with their: 'Waiter, waiter, sir.' I told him who they were and what they were there for, but it was some time before I could convince him of the truth."

Tapoca Padding with Cream.

To one pint of bread sponge add three-fourths of a cupful of sugar, one egg, one-fourth teaspoonful of lemon extract, one-fourth teaspoonful of soda. Mix up stiffly. When light roll thinly, cut into small squares, fry in boiling hot lard and roll in powdered sugar.—Ladies' World.

CORNMEAL CAKES.

Various Kinds That Are Exceedingly Palatable and Suitable for Winter Use.

Cornmeal is rich in fat and starch; therefore it is better suited to winter than to summer diet. There are two kinds of cornmeal. The white meal is raised in perfection at the south from the white flint corn.

To make Johnny cake of yellow northern meal, sift three cups of meal. If it is kiln dried, as it probably will be, let it soak over night in four cups of sour milk or buttermilk.

One of the best cornbreads made of yellow cornmeal owes its special excellence to the fact that it is baked in a well heated, buttered cast iron pan, as Graham says.

The three-cornered hat is one of the most fashionable.

THE NEW MILLINERY.

Headgear for the Ladies That Will Be Worn During the Coming Season.

Simple sailor hats show fancy scarfs in the new color, attached by a pom-pom of tulle, stiff feathers.

Many of the autumn felt hats are attached or piped.

Velvet flowers are much in vogue.

Black and white ostrich feathers will be largely used.

To Take Out a Spot.

In cleaning a spot on a fabric with ether or chloroform it often happens that after the original stain is removed a circle is still to be seen.

FUTURE OF THE WORLD.

Many Imagine the Present Trouble in China Will Change All Things.

Almost any observer who has any dreaminess at all in his composition may with little difficulty fancy sometimes that this movement in China is intended to produce some result that will modify the entire future of the world, says the Chicago Chronicle.

From the high slopes of the Himalaya the British queen has summoned the Nepalese, from the hottest delta of Asia the French are sending the Annamese, while, as if to show that no continent is unconcerned in the affray, Washington has dispatched from Manila one purely negro regiment.

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EXORBITANT TIPS.

They Prove a Severe Drain on People of Small Means—System is Altogether Wrong.

The "tipping" question is one to be carefully taken into consideration before ending a round of visits or an itinerary. From time to time discussions have arisen as to the possibility of doing away with the deceiver.

The millionaire is no longer a rarity, and if the very rich set the example of presenting devoirs of such magnitude that the aggregate sum of their tips while visiting here or staying here is duly paraphrased, how many of those of limited income ever hope to win any respect or command any attention? The result of such absolutely indiscreet generosity is to make it almost impossible for those of limited means to go about at all, says the Philadelphia Ledger.

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