

GOLD IN CHINESE CASH.

The Discovery Causes a Great Demand for the Coins in This Country.

A year or two ago certain prominent investors in New York, who were largely concerned in the copper metal business, came into possession of a small consignment of Chinese copper coins...

For months China has been an enormous buyer of copper in the United States. The trade attributed this demand to requirements arising out of the eastern war...

No one except the shippers of these coins can of course form any idea of the number that has been packed up during the past year or more...

DALNY USEFUL TO JAPANESE

The City But Little Damaged by the Tide of War and in Good Shape.

The streets of Dalny are much better paved than those of Washington were before the war, and most of them not only have good sidewalks, but are bordered by rows of recently planted shade trees...

In the course of our long afternoon's walk I was surprised to find that so much of the city remained intact. The splendid piers were uninjured; the big electric light plant and the machine shops were in working order...

Town of Surprises. "Johannesburg as a town surprises and disappoints," writes a South African traveler. "It has been built up in a hurry and is mostly built of corrugated iron..."

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MARVELOUS GIFT OF BIRDS.

Homing Pigeons Are Able to Make Their Roosts in Pitchy Darkness.

Although birds are not placed near the summit line of evolution, their ability to fly gives them advantage over nearly all the mammals.

It was supposed that homing pigeons depended upon sight to find their way, but these experiments have been conducted between Ceremes and Roann in the darkness of night...

PIANO MOVING DON'T PAY.

Not So Much Money in the Work as There Was in Former Times.

"Easy money, isn't it?" said a man who had just paid six dollars to have his piano moved from one flat house to another, carried out and hoisted in the whole work occupying less than two hours.

"Far from it," said the piano mover, according to the New York Sun. "It takes a pair of horses and a truck and the services of three men to move a piano anyway, and of course, the use of blocks and tackle if you are going to hoist it..."

And the tackle costs money as well as the horses and truck, and it has to be looked after and kept safe and renewed when needed.

PREFERS THE PIPE SMOKE.

Famous English Writer Expresses His Views on Cigars and Cigarettes.

In this country cigars and cigarettes seem to be the favorite smokes with you, therefore you have my sympathy. I rarely see a pipe here, says Rider Haggard, in the New York Commercial.

Certainly it is doing a great deal of injury to their eyes. I have never seen anywhere else so many youths wearing spectacles as I do here in New York.

POWER WITHOUT WIRES.

Invention of Famous Electrician Will Send It Around the World.

Nikola Tesla, the great electrician, made the astonishing statement recently that he had almost completed inventions by which he could send electrical power to any distance without wires, reports a London exchange.

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Cheap as Possible. "Mamma, if the duke proposes, what shall I do?" "Make the best bargain you can, my dear."—Life.

FORTUNE A BILLION.

ROCKEFELLER'S WEALTH NEARLY HIGH MARK.

In a Few Years, Riches of Oil King Will Have Made Him the Only Billionaire the World Has Ever Seen.

New York.—John D. Rockefeller, billionaire? Yes, if he lives a few years and continues the exercise of business prudence combined with the audacity which has characterized his past career he will write his fortune down \$1,000,000,000 and will figure as the first billionaire the world has ever seen.

It is pretty well authenticated that for the last dozen years Mr. Rockefeller's annual income from all sources has been steadily rising from \$30,000,000 and that he is receiving practically compound interest on his investments, which must have added \$300,000,000 to his capital.

Oil, steel, railroads, banks and trust companies have not been equal to the task of providing occupation sufficient for the fast multiplying Rockefeller millions. Important items of the Rockefeller fortune are holdings of real estate and mortgages and of government and municipal bonds.

They are so vast that the chances leading to them would take one to every part of the United States and across the Atlantic. His beneficent attentions have been bestowed also on big insurance companies, steamship and telegraph and building corporations and other things too numerous to mention.

Taking into account all these widespread interests it is not difficult to figure out that John D. Rockefeller is already possessed of \$600,000,000 and that the accumulation of his yearly income will carry him to the billionaire stage without any allowance for the appreciation of the properties in which his money is invested.

A chronicler of Mr. Rockefeller's fortune, the reward of 50 years of concentrated effort, of frugality, of industry and of the employment of tactful ability, would read about as follows:

Financially Mr. Rockefeller is the world's greatest potentate. The czar of Russia enjoys an annual income of about \$120,000,000; Emperor William as king of Prussia, receives a little less than \$4,000,000; the emperor of Austria-Hungary, \$3,875,000; King Edward, \$2,225,000; and the king of Spain, \$2,000,000. King John, emperor of oil, king of steel, tanking and railroads and prince of several dominions of less importance, can buy and sell them all.

GIVES COAT FOR BOARD.

Proprietor of California Hotel Claims Clubman Owes Him \$15.00—Gets Article Back.

Oakland, Cal.—Police Judge Smith awarded into the care and custody of Col. J. Lynch of the Waldorf hotel an overcoat belonging to George E. Lawrence, capitalist, clubman and bon vivant, and thereby hangs a tale.

Lawrence, whose domestic troubles at his beautiful home in Piedmont have been aired in the press for some time, was arrested some weeks ago at the instance of his wife, Mrs. Laura Lawrence, who charged he came home overburdened with liquor and attacked her with a knife. She even claimed he had cut her on the neck, but the husband denied this, and asserted his wife had sustained her injury by falling against a telephone.

When Lawrence had spent several days in jail, and the wife, who is also suing him for a divorce for the third time, had failed to swear to a formal charge against her spouse, the prisoner was released. According to Lawrence, the colonel invited him to the Waldorf as his special guest. Lawrence remained at the hotel almost a week, and then went back to the Touraine. When he went back to the Waldorf after his overcoat, Col. Lynch refused to give up the garment, holding it as security for \$15.00 due from the owner for board.

Lawrence swore out a bench warrant, the police secured the coat, and after a partial hearing Judge Smith continued the matter. When the case was called Lawrence failed to materialize, and the court dismissed the proceedings and ordered Lawrence's overcoat turned over to Col. Lynch.

Must Be True. According to the prediction of Astrologer Flammarion, the summer of 1905 is to be a hot one. If you see it in the stars it's so.

DEMAND FOR DIAMONDS.

Nearly Everybody Nowadays Wants to Be Possessor of Glittering Gems.

One evidence of the enormous and rapid growth of wealth in private hands is the extraordinary demand for diamonds. Formerly these gems were chiefly bought up for royalty and the expression "crown jewels" were used to describe collections of diamonds, at which the plain people could gaze in wonder, but never hope to possess.

Amsterdam, in Holland, has been the world's great center for the cutting and sale of diamonds for a long time, and is so still. A writer under a recent date declares that there is an extraordinary demand for diamonds, which comes not only from the United States, but from all European countries. It was supposed that the present conflict between Russia and Japan would check the demand from European countries, but it can be safely stated that not only is Russia not being missed, but that the demand from other sources cannot be estimated.

COAXER FOR THE WAITER.

Diner Tips with One-Half of a Dollar Note, Intending to Return.

To a man giving a dinner in a Times Square restaurant the other night the waiter was not as prompt as he might have been about the initial course. Instead of reprimanding him, relates the New York Times, the host took a one-dollar bill, but it in two with a pen knife and gave one half to the astonished waiter. The other half he put back in his pocket. Not quite sure whether the remainder of the note was coming to him, the waiter was efficiently itself for the remainder of the meal. That over, the host coolly led his guests into the street.

"Pardon my curiosity," said one of them, "but what are you going to do with the half of that dollar bill? It is as useless to you as the waiter's is to him."

DOOMED BY OCCUPATION.

This Man Was a Dramatic Critic and Friends Were Unknown to Him.

Outside the theater lobby dismal by contrast with the light and laughter, within a dejected looking man stood, his strong face quivering with emotion, relates the New York Sun.

"Ah, my friend," said a cheerful Samaritan at his elbow "cheer up. Ah, such a thing is hardly possible to me," said the man with a sad smile. "I am doomed by my occupation to be a hermit in the midst of men."

"Tut, tut!" persisted the optimist. "No matter how lowly or how degraded a man may be he can still have friends; then why not you?" "Just a moment. You are a theater-goer, and presumably read the newspaper, criticisms of the performance, players and playwright. Did you ever reflect that when praise is given it is always regarded as but the just due of theatrical people, but on the other hand, when censure is administered it is looked upon by them as spite, envy and insult?"

"And you?" "I can have no friends—I am a dramatic critic."

With a stifled sob the friendless man rushed out into exterior darkness.

Queer Trades. The trade of tooth stainer, followed in eastern Asia, is as odd a calling as any. The natives prefer black teeth to the whiter kind, and the tooth stainer, with a little box of brushes and coloring matter, calls on his customers and stains their teeth. The process is not unlike that of blacking a boot, for a fine polish is given to the teeth. The pigment used is quite harmless. In Arabia the trade of "gossipier" has many followers. The "gossipier" collects all the news, tittle-tattle, jokes and stories he can get hold of and then goes from house to house retelling them. If he has a good manner and can adapt his recitals to his audience, he makes a fair income.—Chicago Tribune.

Nomadic Squirrels. The editor of the Bangor News wants to know why so few gray squirrels are to be found in the woods of Maine. A Waterville naturalist says he once referred the question to the Smithsonian Institution. The reply was that nearly all the gray squirrels are migratory. The black ones are in Maine one fall and in Tennessee the next. Why they travel about is another question. Not even the scientists of the Smithsonian Institution know the answer to that.—Lawiston (Me.) Journal.

Getting Even. The Post—How many miles of sausage do you suppose you've sold this year?

The Butcher—What a question! How many tons of poems have you written this season?—Yonkers Statesman.

NAMED BY THE SETTLERS.

Towns, Rivers and Lakes Bear Titles Bestowed by Pioneers of Respective Sections.

Most of the states of the Mississippi valley, besides countless rivers and lakes in all parts of the country, bear Indian names, but a small number only of the towns, which are the work of the whites, have adopted names borrowed from the aborigines. No one in ten of the 150 large cities has an Indian name, says Mr. R. H. Whitbeck, in the National Geographic Magazine, and among those which have, it is usually a case of adoption from some neighboring lake or stream. The explorers and early settlers also have left their racial marks. Up the Hudson and Mohawk the trail of the Dutchman is infinitely established. The French influence in northern New York and Vermont and along the line of the great lakes shows itself in many familiar names. Mississippi has no "saint" in its gazetteer, whereas across the river, Louisiana, by nine parishes and two-score towns, rivers and lakes, thus perpetuated the religious ideas of its early settlers. Kentucky and Tennessee show the vocabulary of the hunter and trapper. Montana and Idaho that of the miner. All the region acquired from Mexico, particularly southern California, keeps alive in its place names the memory of its Spanish explorers and settlers. There are relatively few Indian names on the Pacific coast. North of the Spanish belt rapids and towns often reflect the loyalty of early settlers to the older states of the union.

THESE FOXES WERE SMART

Couple of the Creatures Believed Each Other and Fooled a Pack of Hounds.

I have a near neighbor who is a close and intelligent observer of the ways of wild animals and a truthful and reliable man, says a New York Times writer. He says that on one occasion he witnessed a fox chase in Maryland, standing on one side of a very high hill while the dogs and fox were across a deep gulch about half way up the side of another high hill.

MATERIAL FOR BUTTONS.

Much of It Found in the Ivory Nut, the Product of a Peculiar Plant.

According to an official of the department of commerce and sales almost all the buttons made in the United States, whether called ivory, pearl, mother, horn or bone buttons, are manufactured from the ivory plant. The cultivation of this plant rewards its growers with no inconsiderable returns.

The best ivory nut for commercial purposes is found on the banks of the Magdalena river in Colombia, where it is called the Tagua palm. The fruit forms a globular head about twice the size of a man's cranium and weighs from 20 to 30 pounds. The head forms what might be called a cluster of bulbs, containing from 50 to 60 seeds. The seeds are allowed to dry and are harvested several times each year by the natives.

The ivory plant also grows in California, but the nut there found is of inferior quality to the one found in the form of another dish for the unprejudiced epicure. Their wholesome character is proved by the fact that wasps feed their grubs with the juices of fruits and flowers.

INSECTS THAT ARE EATEN.

Spiders, Caterpillars and Grubs Considered by Some as Dainty morsels.

An authority on dainties a Frenchman told of some insect dishes which, unappetizing as they may appear to most people, have many nourishing and even medicinal qualities.

"If we could rise above prejudices," said he, "we should find many excellent foods in the insect world. Spiders, for example, make dainty morsels, resembling nuts in flavor, although few people care to eat them."

"There are persons on the continent who enjoy caterpillars in various forms—fried, boiled and roasted. A French entomologist, who has consumed thousands, describes them as light, pleasant and easily digestible."

"Wasps and grubs, baked in the comb, form another dish for the unprejudiced epicure. Their wholesome character is proved by the fact that wasps feed their grubs with the juices of fruits and flowers."

The Dominican often wears a broad belt, into which he sticks a long knife, a big revolver and as many cartridges as it will hold. The cartridges may not fit the revolver, but that doesn't matter, the outfit is for show, not for use. He wears them as some men up north wear a big diamond stud and a heavy double watchchain. It is his dress-up costume. He has never been known to use either revolver or knife on a visiting stranger, and uses them on his fellows only when drunk or jealous. Highway robbery is unknown in city or country.—Boston Transcript.

Blush Producer. Frank Pixley, who wrote the books for "The Burgomaster," "The Prince of Pilsen" and other successful operettas, is one of the most modest of men, therefore a reply which a chorus girl made to him recently was in the nature of a catastrophe.

The girl is one of a pair of twins who dance and sing "la la" for a salary commensurate with their efforts. Mr. Pixley observed that they were so astonishingly alike that he could not possibly decide which to call Daisy and which Maude, and despaired of ever knowing which was the other.

"There is a way," replied Miss Twin. "One of us has a corn."—Boston Post.

New Word for Carriages. The French have a new word for carriages drawn by horses. They are "hip-pomobiles."

It Ran. Gunner—Yes, it was a great banquet. Some chap bet me ten dollars that a Welsh rabbit could run. I thought it was full and took the bet. Guyer—You won, of course? "I'll be hanged if I did. Just then the waiter let a Welsh rabbit run all over my dress-suit."—Chicago Daily News.