

BURY MEXICAN POOR

Bones of Dead Are Treated With Little Respect by Officials.

People of Wealth and Moderate Means Are Able to Have More Attention Shown—Remains Thrown Into Pile.

Matamoros, Mexico.—The average Mexican cemetery is a gruesome spot. The one at Matamoros is no exception in this respect. The bones of the dead are treated with little respect by the municipalities or men in control of the different burial grounds. The poorer the person is in worldly goods the more ignoble will be the treatment accorded the bones when he has passed the way of all flesh. Of course, the people of wealth or even moderate means are able to have their bodies cared for in a more or less luxurious manner after death. It is the lower class whose crumbling remains are shifted about from place to place and finally fall into dust and are scattered to the four winds.

The bones of the dead are usually piled in big heaps in the cemeteries of the larger towns. The bodies are given room in regular graves at annual rentals. When the rent lapses the body is moved from its resting place to give room for some other bodies. The bones of these dispossessed tenants are cast into the refuse pile, where they remain until carted away and scattered over the land like they were so much garbage. It is rare that a body of the poorer class is kept in a grave more than two years.

Until recently the bone pile in the cemetery at Matamoros was large. It was carted away to give room for a fresh accumulation of nonpaying tenants of the graves. In one corner of the cemetery are several cheap caskets, which are used from time to time for temporary resting places of those who can afford to pay the stipulated rental.

In some of the cemeteries of Mexico are interesting catacombs that have been in use for two or three centuries. Guanajuato is widely noted for its catacombs. A large underground chamber in the cemetery in that city is filled with solemn rows of standing skeletons. Some of these bodies are mummified and are of lifelike appearance. This chamber of horrors was formerly a favorite visiting place for curious minded American tourists. The grinning skeletons occupied a variety of poses, the keeper of the cemetery deriving no little amusement in exercising his ingenuity in making the silent occupants of the cavern as terrifying as possible to the visitors. When Guanajuato became the scene of great mining activity a few years ago, caused by the advent of many Americans, the newcomers made protest to the government authorities of the horrifying spectacle in the underground chamber. In response to this protest the authorities issued an order that these skeletons must be clothed so as to hide their shimmering bones from the eyes of the visitors to the place. The effect of this order is to make the occupants of the chamber more grotesque and terrifying than when their nakedness was exposed. Each grinning skeleton now wears a full suit of clothes which hang limply upon the bones. Some wear hats that are tilted at rakish angles.

The big pile of bones that formerly occupied one end of the Guanajuato chamber of horrors has been removed and an effort is now being made to keep the place in fit condition for the reception of American and other visitors.

BEES SPARE A QUIET WOMAN

Remembered That Insect Would Not Sting if Person Held Breath—Escaped Uninjured.

Georgetown, Del.—Surrounded by a swarm of bees which covered her and her horse from head to foot, Mrs. Kendall Adams of Beausonne managed to keep quiet and escaped without a sting.

She was driving to Georgetown, when she encountered from a tree near the road and covered horse, buggy and herself. The frightened woman remembered that she had heard if a person held his breath a bee could not sting, and so for a few moments she remained with almost burning lungs until the bees flew off and returned again on the other side of the road.

The almost fainter after the experience and it was some time before she recovered. Neither the woman nor the horse received a single sting.

Pig Chews Dynamite.

Portland, Ind.—A pig weighing about 75 pounds, the property of Joseph H. Bell of Fenwick, was killed in a peculiar manner. A dynamite cartridge accidentally became mixed in the feed and was discharged by the animal while chewing. The lower jaw of the pig was broken by the explosion of the cap and its death followed instantly.

Gypsy in Court Musical.

Vienna.—Emperor Franz Josef has created a new post, the "court ball musician," and has appointed to it Bela Herkes, leader of a Hungarian gypsy orchestra.

Herkes has played before the German emperor and the late King Edward on several occasions. In fact the Kaiser has often engaged him to amuse the guests at his shooting parties.

CAPTURE A MONSTER TURTLE

Rhode Island Students Secure One of the Largest Fresh Water Reptiles Ever Caught.

Providence, R. I.—Three students of the Rhode Island Agricultural college the other day captured in Thirty Acre lake one of the largest fresh water turtles ever seen in this state.

The turtle weighs 60 pounds and measures three feet across. Its neck is four inches through and in snapping the spread of its jaws is over three inches. Four large fangs that would do credit to a bulldog grow in the jaw.

The students R. H. Cabot and I. H. Hennessey, of Bristol and A. L. Thornley of Pawtucket, were crossing the lake in a canoe. Reaching a stream which serves as an outlet to the lake they skirted down it, when a large head emerged from the reeds and attracted their attention. One of the boys seized a paddle and punched at the head. What looked like a canoe bottom came to the surface and the paddle was seized by the turtle. The jaws closed on it, there was a crunching sound and the paddle fell in two pieces.

The sudden release caused the canoe to overturn and the three students were in water and mud well over their heads. The turtle was right in their midst and was so badly frightened that it made for shore, with the boys following. When all came to shallow water the turtle was pried out of the mud and taken home to verify the extraordinary adventure.

Professor Barlow of the college zoological department saw the reptile and said it was by far the largest of its kind he has ever seen. He also said that it probably is of great age and thought that it must have seen the great swamp first in 1676.

PAVING BLOCK OUT OF SHRUB

Mariola, Indestructible Desert Plant of Texas, Found to Be of Great Commercial Value.

Austin, Tex.—Another desert plant in Texas is found to be of great commercial value. It is the mariola shrub, which grows profusely in the southwestern part of the state. It is to be used extensively in the manufacture of a new type of paving block. It will be mixed with asphalt after being reduced to a pulp, the two component parts being then subjected to hydraulic pressure. It is claimed that the plant is practically indestructible. More than 20 years ago irrigation ditches were walled with the pulp of this shrub after it had been subjected to hand pressure, and these waterways are as perfect today as when they were first constructed. It is claimed.

The manufacture of the new style of paving blocks from mariola and asphalt will be conducted by E. W. Cannon of San Antonio. He has just entered into a contract with the state of Texas for the purchase of all the mariola growing upon the public lands in Presidio and Brewster counties for \$1,000.

It has been known for some time that the mariola shrub contains a considerable per cent. of rubber. Under the old system of extracting rubber from the guaiacum shrub it was not found profitable to utilize the mariola shrub for this purpose, but a recent discovery has been made in Mexico for extracting the rubber from these shrubs by which it is claimed the mariola can be made to yield very profitable returns.

TOWED 30 MILES BY WHALE

Captain Smith Tells of Thrilling Experience When Inna Caught Lively Sea Monster.

Seattle, Wash.—A 20-mile ride in an Alaskan fishing dory told by a 75-foot whale, into whose blowhole the craft's anchor accidentally dropped, was the thrilling adventure of Capt. N. Smith, seal and whale hunter and owner of a 5,000-acre blue fox farm on Middleton island. Narrating his adventure, Captain Smith said:

"I left Middleton island in a dory on a fishing trip. Two miles off shore I dropped a 70-pound anchor over the side and when a few feet of line had sunk the anchor rested. I was about to lift it, when a whale rose beside the boat. One glance showed me that the anchor had dropped into the whale's blow hole deep enough for the flukes to hold. The sleek hie had fallen into a loop around the monster's nose and crossed on his back, holding the dory close up by his right side between the fin and tail.

"I began prodding the monster with an oar. The whale started along the surface at a speed of at least thirty miles an hour and, approaching a rocky beach, slid up like a baseball player.

"It was just high tide. The whale slid over huge bowlders until nearly his full length was out of water, shattering his lower jaw, so that he lay helpless. He was unable to move out, but rolled until he dug a deep wallow. Finally he died."

Unearth the Mammoth Tooth.

London.—Seeking a piece of ivory projecting from the floor of Flax Cliff, R. J. Stephenson the tunnel surveyor, worked at it with his walking stick and succeeded in unearthing a tooth of a mammoth in a perfect state of preservation, weighing 12 pounds 12 ounces. It stands 8 inches high and is over 4 inches thick. A thorough search is to be made of the cliff side for further remains.

REPLACES BELL BOY

Automatic Enunciator Imperils Messengers' Jobs.

Inventors of Sound Magnifier Claim It is Possible to Talk to Millions of People Thousands of Miles Away—How Worked.

Chicago.—An automatic enunciator, by which a man talking in New York can be heard in every part of a large room in Chicago, that may throw most of the bell boys in the hotels and clubs out of a job, and that may make it possible for a public speaker to address a million or more people at one time, was given its first public demonstration in Chicago the other day.

A man whose wife is somewhere in the shopping crowd of a big store can be located instantly by the new device. It is promised, and as a word spoken into the transmitter can be heard in every room with which the instrument is connected, it may be used to call trains in railway stations and to spread a fire alarm throughout a large building.

From the fifth floor of one building to the third of another was the distance in the test, but a distance of 900 miles from Pittsburgh to Columbus, Ohio, and back to Pittsburgh, has been successfully negotiated, according to Joseph Harris, president of the Automatic Electric company, who had charge of the test. Ordinary telephone wires are used by the new instrument, the receiver and transmitter being on new lines. A graphophone horn at the receiving end of the instrument sends the voice of the person at the transmitter to all parts of the room at the other end of the wire.

With every public room of a big hotel connected with an enunciator, it will no longer be necessary to send a bellboy traveling over the building calling out messages for the guests, the inventors of the instrument declare. The message spoken into the transmitter will be heard over the entire building, and will not need to be repeated. Several big Chicago hotels will have them in operation before fall, Mr. Harris declared, and big hostelry now nearing completion having already concluded arrangements for the automatic bellboy.

Theodore Roosevelt, had he postponed his visit until the work of installing the instruments had progressed a little farther, could speak to practically every person in Chicago without setting horses, the enthusiastic inventors pointed out. All that would be necessary would be to put a transmitter on the platform beside him and connect up various halls in all parts of the city, where people of the different neighborhoods could gather.

Running descriptions of baseball games or prize fights can be sent over long distances for the entertainment of sporting fans of all varieties. Cabs can be called from the theaters while waiting parties remain inside the building, and trains may be equipped with the instrument so that stations may be called in all the cars simultaneously.

Beyond stating that the enunciator is the combined work of a number of American and foreign inventors, Mr. Harris refused to reveal the discoverer of the new method of sound transmission.

FOUGHT A FIRE WITH FROGS

Artificial Shower of "Peepers" Puts Sudden End to Blaze on Connecticut Coast.

Greenwich, Conn.—When fire broke out in the farmhouse of Lawrence DeLima, the auto steamer from Mianus got to the fire in good season, but in a few minutes the firemen used up all the available water and were in a quandary. They began a hasty search for pools. Finally one of them came back and reported a small pool. "It's just a mass of 'peep frogs,'" he said to the foreman. "About five hundred gallons of 'peepers' and two hundred gallons of water."

"All right," replied the foreman, "pump the 'peepers' on, maybe they'll do."

The orders were followed, and in a few minutes it began to rain frogs. They proved to be great fire extinguishers, and in a jiffy the blaze was out.

Topless Potatoes Fool Bugs.

Lewisburg, Pa.—Parks Murtif, proprietor of the St. Charles hotel, owns a farm in the vicinity of Burnham park, and his farmer called him over and informed him that he was growing topless potatoes.

An investigation proved that two rows, supposed to have been Early Rose seed, were absolutely without sign of stalks; yet there are roots, with potatoes the size of large shell-barks in the rows.

The farmer says it's a good thing, as it will fool the bugs.

Pet Dog is Graduated.

Oakland, Cal.—For regular attendance during several months at the eighth grade class of the Durant school of this city, and after closely observing the proceedings of the class room in company with Arthur Simpson, its master and fellow pupil, the pet dog of the boy for years his closest companion and "elium," has been graduated and presented with a diploma along with the others of the class.

IN CHICAGO'S LITTLE ITALY

Glimpse of Real Bohemianism Where Real Italian Songs Are Heard—Notable Guests.

Chicago.—There is a small Italian restaurant in Chicago which has so far escaped the attention of that class which spoils Bohemia by entering its borders. When invaders led by curiosity and armed with lorgnettes and ear trumpets come in such numbers that the original inhabitants fly before their invasion then Bohemia is gone. Therefore to say that it is in the neighborhood of Sixteenth street is to be definite enough.

It is a place of good fellowship and equality. The host greets with the same gracious welcome the first faint spark of talent and the genius whose flame has lighted up the world. The unpretentious walls have sheltered diplomats artists actors and singers. Here one may often find Beduachi who created the tenor roles in most of Puccini's operas in Italy, and who is now a Chicago singing teacher. Scotti and Caruso on their travels frequent the place, although, so to say, the golden voiced one does not go there as frequently as he did before Bond discovered the place.

Here one can listen to real Italian songs sometimes sung by those voices which call the public in crowds to fashionable opera houses. Here the real Italian wines can be obtained and the proper manner in which to eat spaghetti half a yard long may be observed.

If you would find your way to this little eating place ask the Italian violinist in the lobster palace any one of whom you may happen to frequent. He knows, and, perhaps, he'll tell.

ONLY WITNESS AT WEDDING

Foreaken New Jersey Lass Takes Uninviting Station and Faints After Ordeal.

Hoboken, N. J.—One of those everyday romances which would sound improbable if presented as fiction was revealed the other day in the marriage records filed by Samuel Engler, justice of the peace, at 33 Newark street, this city. Two certificates bear the name of Margaret Korn as a witness. This is the story told by Mr. Engler.

William Longley of 48 Second street, Jersey City, and Margaret Korn of 220 East Eighty-second street, Manhattan, were warm friends. Their close acquaintances said they were engaged. Recently they disagreed and Longley went from Margaret to Sadie Katzenstein of 1685 First avenue, New York, a mutual friend and proposed. He was accepted, and they went to the office of Justice of the Peace Engler to be married. On entering the office they came face to face with Margaret Korn, who had gone there to be a witness at the wedding of two other mutual friends, Albert Rheinhardt of Jersey City, and Louis Coon, of New York.

To add to the dramatic feature of the situation, Longley stepped over to Miss Korn and asked her if she would not be a witness of his wedding to Sadie Katzenstein. She agreed and stood up with them. As they were pronounced man and wife Miss Korn fainted. She was revived by the two newly married couples and departed with them to the wedding dinner.

OREGON CAN GROW FINE TEA

But It Cannot Be Made to Pay in Competition With China Labor of China and Japan.

Marshall, Ore.—J. O. Stemmler of Myrtle Point, has demonstrated that tea can be grown successfully in Coos county. On his ranch outside that city where the climate is milder than on the coast, he has for several years grown fine crops of tea.

He secured "crop the government Japanese tea plants and had no trouble in making the crop thrive and produce well. Mr. Stemmler also is able to cure the leaves and make a fine product which is used by himself and friends.

He says that the only reason why tea cannot become a commercial crop in this country is the fact that help is needed to pick the crop and is too expensive to compete with the coolies of Japan, and Ceylon.

UNIQUE RECORDS ARE BROKEN

Champion Nutcracker, Potato Peeler, Cigar Smoker, Oyster Opener and Sandwich Maker.

Paris.—A local newspaper has been immortalizing a number of persons noted for odd records. Here are a few:

M. Dupont of Geordon, is the champion nutcracker, having broken 2,444 in 60 minutes. Without our knowing it, there is a Mr. Glocks who holds the record as a potato peeler. His achievement is preparing about 31 pounds in seven minutes.

Herr Ludwig Wolging of Berlin, has smoked 19 cigars in two hours without drinking. His antithesis is Loys Bolleat of Brussels, who can make a cigar last for two hours. Mr. Lowrey an American, is credited with opening 164 oysters in four minutes.

Mrs. Dable, the queen of sandwich makers, prepared 2,091 in 19 hours.

Plumes Worth \$200,000 Coming.

London.—Over 200 cases of ostrich feathers, valued at \$200,000 were carried by the Manzanilla, which left Liverpool on a recent trip to New York.

HOWLS ARE TERRIFIC

Seal With Awful Voice Keeps Zoo Attendants Awake at Night.

Mediterranean Monk Brought From Madeira Gives Keepers Little Chance for Rest by Dread Noise He Makes.

London.—The worst thing, according to their own estimate, that ever happened to the keepers at the Zoo is Bodger's voice.

Bodger—he is called Balfour Bodger now—is the Mediterranean monk seal brought from Madeira a month ago to the Zoological gardens.

On the voyage over he kept the whole ship awake ever night by the dreadful noise he made. This forced the passengers and crew to conclude that he was excessively seasick.

Now the keepers of the zoo know to their cost that those sounds are Bodger's natural tones. As he has begun to feed and is in excellent health, they realize that they may have to live many years with his voice, and they describe the prospect as vile.

"It may not seem a serious matter to others," his keeper said, "but it is very serious to me."

"I have grown used to the howling of wolves, and when I slept near the jackals they did not keep me awake. After a time the lions' roars were a lullaby, the eagle and the screech owl ceased to worry me."

"But Bodger's voice is the limit of my endurance. It gets on my nerves more and more. It is spoiling my appetite."

Outside Bodger's cage was found a crowd of men, women and children. Lying on the cement was Bodger, and every ten seconds or so he opened his mouth wide. From its dark depths he sent forth a dreadful sound.

As a lieutenant put it, it was exactly like the noise one would expect from an ass trying to bray whilst tormented by seasickness.

"You watch," said the keeper. "The people laugh at first, but it always drives them away in the end."

The keeper was right. The spectators' faces lost their hilarity after about three of Bodger's shouts, and they went away.

"At night," the keeper continued, "that fearful noise can be heard distinctly from one end of the gardens to the other. The attendants who live in the lodge near by complain that they cannot sleep."

One of the girls at the refreshment stall on the top of the terrace above Bodger has petitioned her employers to move her to the farthest part of the grounds. She says she cannot eat now that she has to listen to the brute's voice.

"Is he doing well? Yes, he is. We are trying now to get him to eat dead fish. So far he has only condescended to partake of live eels, and he eats \$2 worth a day."

This much tried keeper has also the pleasant task of caring for Roosevelt, the Teddy bear, and he was enthusiastic in his praise.

Roosevelt, through his trusting nature, has met with a minor disaster. Impelled by love and curiosity, he put his tongue into the striped hyena's den. The hyena immediately bit it and made the blood come.

Now Roosevelt, who has been moved to next door but one, spends his time standing against the wall nearest his enemy's cage, apparently longing to encounter him.

WASHING DISHES ITS TASK

New York Company Takes Burden Off Housekeeper by Cleaning China For Small Sum.

New York.—The servant girl problem has been solved in apartment houses.

Here is the good news for women: With a minimum charge of 20 cents a day for a small family a service company has been formed to wash the dishes of the tenants of apartment houses. Modern dish washing machines already have been installed in the basements of several large apartment houses, and the company will begin operations in a few days.

The company will provide each family with two boxes, one for china and silverware and one for pots and pans. The boxes will bear the number of the apartment and will fit the dumb waiter. Police employees in uniform will call for the dishes after each meal, send them down the dumb waiter, wash and return them in a few minutes. An interesting feature of this plan is that the company agrees to pay for all breakage. The employees are paid a bonus of \$1 a week if they do not break or lose a dish, and are docked if they do.

Men Rival of Chameleon.

Pittsfield, Mass.—Mrs. Heary Parson of Leesboro has a black Minoreen hen which she says is fifteen years old, and has changed its color four times. As a pullet the hen was black, later she became speckled black and white, then changed to black and is now pure white. The Minoreen still sings and lays.

Leaves \$17,000,000 to Kin.

Bethlehem, Pa.—Under the will of Eliza P. Wilber, financier and once president of the Lehigh Valley railroad, an estate of \$17,000,000 is bequeathed to his family. So far as is known, there was no gift to a public or charitable institution.

FOOD FOR COWS IS WASTED

Governor Brown of Georgia Tells Farmers Method of Pulling Fodder Is Costly One.

Atlanta, Ga.—Governor Brown is a strong believer in the conservation of the national resources and a foe to waste. On the simple matter of cornstalks Governor Brown figures that Georgia is throwing away enough feed to keep a million head of cattle.

It is a well-known fact that while the farmers of Georgia pull the leaves from the corn for fodder, leaving the stalk standing to support the ear of corn, through the northern and western states it is the custom to cut the stalk down, stack it up and then to shred it for cattle feed after the corn has been taken off.

Governor Brown is of the opinion that the method now in vogue in this state of pulling fodder is an exceedingly wasteful one and he would welcome the introduction of shredding machines as a saving to farmers of millions of dollars annually.

"The impression prevails among our farmers," the governor said, "that the corn would shrivel up if the stalk were cut down. Such is not the case. When the fodder is pulled the cornstalks and dies just as quickly as if the plant had been cut down.

"The leaves on the stalk are the lungs of the plant and when they are stripped off the plant dies. Heretofore cornstalks have been considered a nuisance raked up and burned. Now there are probably a ton of corn stalks to an acre. A ton and a half would be a nearer estimate. With 5,000,000 acres in Georgia planted in corn the stalk waste would be sufficient to carry through the winter a million head of cattle. Think how much this would mean to the Georgia farmer in meat value, to say nothing of the manure.

POPULAR EPITHET OF PARIS

If One Desires to Insult Cab Driver in French City, Call Him Philanthropist.

Paris.—Two cabs locked wheels outside the Saint Lazare station the other afternoon and the usual crowd gathered round to enjoy the eloquence of the drivers.

"Go, then, kind of a gherkin!" cried the first.

"Go, then, kind of a stove!" replied the other.

For some minutes epithets flew through the air, but none had that crushing force of novelty which leaves an opponent helpless without the power to reply. The cabby with the black hat had called his enemy a gherkin, a leek, a cellar candle and a man without a heart. The wearer of the white hat had retorted with stove, deputy, barefoot, gendarm and most numerous of all verbal insults, Belgian. The battle seemed drawn when White Hat, crumpling his hat lightly on his head and shaking his whip at Black Hat, yelled in a triumphant tone:

"Go, then kind of a philanthropist!"

It was a torpedo that reached the engine room. Black Hat was astonished, for since the Sister Candidate scandal and the suicide of Doctor Pettit the epithet philanthropist has become the deadliest insult in the Parisian vocabulary.

WASHINGTON'S FALSE TEETH

Set Valued at \$5,000 Placed on Exhibition in Baltimore—Carved Out of Ivory.

Baltimore, Md.—Visitors to the Oral Hygiene Exhibit in McCoy hall looked upon the only set of false teeth that George Washington wore.

Carved out of two pieces of solid ivory and fastened with springs, which held them in the mouth, the set is a most interesting curio.

The father of his country used these teeth in dispatching the dinner he ate in Baltimore with Gen. Lafayette. They never before have been put on public display.

What they cost Gen. Washington is uncertain, but they are valued at \$5,000 today.

DOG WAITS AT PRISON DOOR

Faithful Animal Waits for Master and Mistress Confined in Pennsylvania Jail.

York, Pa.—After a vain effort to save its master and mistress from prison, a big black dog served by Ed and Mrs. Anne Paul of this city, ceased to be induced to leave the vicinity of the jail where they are confined.

Detective Ficker, who went to arrest the pair, for surly of the pence, was savagely attacked by the animal as he attempted to lead his prisoners away.

When the dog had been quieted it followed at the heels of the Pauls to the county jail, and when the barred doors closed upon them sat down to await their reappearance.

No Secret for Longevity.

New York.—Joseph Zeitlin, 100 years old today, took time to tell congratulating friends that she had no secret for longevity.

"I don't let anything worry me," he said, "except an interpreter. For I makes one old. What I say to: If you want to eat, eat, and if you want to drink, drink."

Zeitlin has been in this country a quarter of a century, but has learned only two English sentences: "How do you do," and "Get out of here."