One would have said that a holiday every seventh day would have struck men everywhere as expedient, and more especially all Asiatics, who never deny, even if they are Chinese, that meditation is one of the duties as well as the privileges of man. Asiatics, at all events, are not bemused with the notion that industry is a virtue, irrespective of its motive; they, at all events, do not question that life has higher objects than living, and they, at all events, have shown their ability to convert any customs they think expedient into immutable laws. They, too, set the first example, though on the minutest scale, for the Sabbatical day began as an Asiatic and not as an European institution. One would have fancied, too, that philanthropic legislators as they arose, in whether sages like Munca exceptions. their ability to convert any customs they think expedient into immutable laws. They, too, set the first example, though on the minutest scale, for the Sabbatical day began as an Asiatic and not as an European institution. One would have tancied, too, that philanthropic legislators as they arose, whether sages like Munoo or Guatama or Confucius, or kindly sovereigns like Antonines, or defenders of the poor like many of the Roman agitators and Middle Age leaders of revolt, would have insisted in the interests of humanity that labor should have time to draw breath, that life should not, by a never-ending pursuit of gain, or even of food, be hopelessly materialized. It was not so, however. So far as we know, the little Syrian clan which held through ages so lofty a creed, yet could never be kept to it for a generation without such special promises and threats, stood alone in the ancient world in insisting that labor should stop on every seventh day.

The ancients had plenty of holidays, but they never made them weekly, and never extended, them so as to cover the entire community. In all Asia there never has been, so far as we know, a d there is not now, any frequently-recurring day of rest, the Chinese, in particular, who are a third.

**Afree Trip Around The Werld!*

The Lord's Day Observance Society has addressed a respectful letter to the queen, pleading with her majesty not to continue the Sunday bands at Windsor on the follow-ing grounds: "The unfitness of ordinary and secular amusements for the holy work traveling, shopping and to the drink traffic; the confusion and unrest which accompany the assembling of crowds of persons at any one point, and the harm and injury done to quiet-loving people and to the sick; and because the arranging of attractive amusements on the Lord's day cannot but hinder the efforts of christian persons to instruct the young and to win to holiness multitudes who are included the product of the society has addressed a respectful letter to the queen, pleading with her majesty hot to con

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A Princess Masher.

The Petite Presse tells a funny story about the young prince royal of Greece. A year ago this young man was engaged to the princess imperial of Germany and immediately set out on his sparking expedition. The young lady lived in the palace of Potsdam, and the prince used to go there frequently from Berlin. At first he made stated visits, and was taken in a carriage from the railway station to the palace. But one day he took it into his head to pay an informal visit. Dressed in plain civilian clothes he boarded a train, and on arriving at the railway station took the first vehicle he could hire. When he reached the palace as sentinel was, of course, at the gate.

"Wer da?" growled the big Prussian.

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will come up and interview him always first, and then, whinnying gently to him, leads him to the others, when a very plain process of introduction is gone through. If the stranger is not found to be a desirable acquaintance the colt will remain between it and the other horses and prevent acquaintance. Such traits as these certainly go to show that horses think and reason and act intelligently. intelligently.

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