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BEWARE THE THIN BANANA.

It Was Picked Too Soon and Will Always Prove Puckery and Sour.

When you are buying bananas never purchase the long thin ones unless you want fruit which will pucker your mouth. No matter how well ripened these thin bananas may appear to be, they will always be found sour and acrid. This is because the bunch which contained them was picked too soon. The banana grows fastest at first in length. When it has reached its full development in that direction, it suddenly begins to swell, and in a few days will double in girth. It is at the end of this time that it begins to ripen naturally, and the effort of the banana importer is to have the fruit gathered at the last possible moment, and yet before the ripening has progressed even enough to tinge the bright green of the fruit with yellow. A difference of 24 hours on the trees at this time will make a difference in the weight of the fruit of, perhaps, 25 per cent, and all the difference in its final flavor, between a puckery sour and the sweetness and smoothness which are characteristic of the ripe fruit. To get bananas to our market in good condition requires fast steamers, which must be provided with ventilation and other means of keeping the fruit from ripening too fast in the hold. Much of the finest fruit does ripen in the few days of passage, and this is sold to hucksters for street sale.

Resources of Genius.

At a suburban church social not long ago each person was required to wear conspicuously upon his or her clothing some pictorial or other device that should represent in "rebus" form the title of any well-known book, and all the others were to guess at the book intended. A prize was to be given for the most ingenious of these devices.

"Paradise Lost," represented by a card upon which five dice had been pasted, and from which two had evidently dropped or been removed, was easily guessed. "Hard Cash" was no puzzle. Neither was it hard to recognize "A Pair of Blue Eyes," "Innocents Abroad," "Vanity Fair" or "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in spite of their pictorial disguises.

One of the guests, however, had a poser. Attached to one of the buttons of his coat was a card bearing the inscription:

TON.

Everyone at last gave it up, and asked for the solution.

"Why, that's easy," he said. "It means 'A Tale of Two Cities.'"

"Explain."

"Boston and Washington. Last syllable of both. See?"

"That's not fair!" said the others. "It's the last syllable of 'Charleston,' 'Wilmington,' 'Coshocton,' 'Kingston' and 'Yankton.' We protest!"

"Well," he said, "I won't insist. Try this one."

He turned the card over. It was inscribed on the other side with these three letters:

ANS.

After a severe mental struggle, everybody gave this up, also.

"That ought not to puzzle you," he said. "It's the 'Last of the Mohicans.'"

He got the prize.

Humor in Hymn Singing.

One cannot attend a multitude of meetings in various places without being very forcibly struck with a serious defect in church music, the use of inappropriate tunes. We have an excellent hymn and tune book, in which the greatest care has been taken to join suitable hymns and tunes together, but many choirs are too indifferent to learn these tunes, and in some instances the choir leader considers his own judgment superior to that of the committee who prepared the book, and when given the hymns hastily chooses a tune that is a favorite with the choir and congregation. Sometimes the incongruity between the words and the music is positively awful.

An instance of this kind is vouched for by a minister of the Montreal conference. At a prayer-meeting in his church someone started the hymn, "Jesus, the Name High Over All," to a tune which used to be sung a few years ago to the words, "Around the Throne of God in Heaven, thousands of children stand," ending with the chorus, "Singing glory, glory, glory be to God on high."

Imagine the consternation of the people when they discovered themselves singing, "And devils fear and fly, singing glory, glory," etc. This is an extreme case, of course, but we have met with illustrations almost as ludicrous. —Christian Guardian.

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Quaint and Interesting Trifles Gathered Together and Given to the Public.

Combination of Earthquakes and Skeletons Caused Death.

The case of the poor actor who recently went mad with fright as the result of a practical joke by some of his companions recalls the death of the Dutch painter, Pentman, who was famous in the seventeenth century. He had gone into a room filled with skeletons, for the purpose of making sketches for a picture he had in mind. The weather being warm he fell asleep, only to be aroused by a great tumult, in the midst of which all the bones seemed to be dancing and jumping about him, as if animated by a new life. In his awful terror the painter threw himself from the window and died a few days afterward. Pentman's injuries from the fall were not so serious as the shock to his nervous system, notwithstanding the fact that an earthquake had caused the commotion among his ghostly surroundings.

WHAT BEER IS MADE OF.

Recent analyses of various kinds of beer indicate the presence of alum, capsicum, calamus root, carbonate of potash, caraway and coriander seeds, copperas, cocculus indicus, ginger root, quassia chips, wormwood, cream of tartar, nux vomica, strychnine, ground oyster shells, etc. What is more, new methods of making this drink are being found every day, and, as the newer ways seem to have the preference, it is possible that within a few years beer—the real, genuine article—will be something unknown to commerce.

THE LILY AND THE ANCIENTS.

Most everybody has observed the strange characteristic of the water lily bud opening its petals at sunrise and closing them again at sunset. It was for this reason mainly that the ancients held the water lily sacred to the sun. Pliny says: "It is reported that in the Euphrates the flower of the lotus plunges into the water at night, remaining there till midnight, and to such a depth that it cannot be reached with the hand. After midnight it begins gradually to rise, and as the sun rises above the horizon the flower also rises above the water, expands and raises itself some distance above the element in which it grows." It was also through this peculiarity that Hancarville proved that the Egyptians considered the lily an emblem of the world as it rose from the waters of the deep.

DECORATIONS FOR WOMEN.

Though it is generally known that Germany is a great country for medals and decorations of various kinds, its orders for women are not so familiar. Prussia has several decorations of this character, the oldest of which is the "Order of the Swan," which was founded as long ago as 1440. The "Order of Louise" was founded in 1814 by Frederick William III., in honor of his beautiful queen. There are two classes of this medal. The first is given to women for services in the hospital corps during war, and the second to women who have distinguished themselves in philanthropic work. Special medals for women were also given in 1807, 1814, 1870 and 1817, and Emperor William I. instituted what is known as the "Cross of Merit" on his 50th birthday, "as a recognition of the grand self-sacrifice which the women of Germany showed for the soldiers in the last war."

KINGS MUST HAVE NO BLEMISHES.

In the old days physical blemishes disqualified even eldest sons from succeeding to the thrones of their fathers. The loss of an eye or a hand, even in battle, was sufficient to set aside whatever claims a prince may have had to the crown. It was to disqualify Prince Arthur that Hubert designed to put his eyes out. Witiza, the Visigoth, put Theodofred out of the way by this method, while Alboquerque disposed of no less than fifteen Portuguese princes in the same way. There was a Welsh prince, Yorwerth, son of Owen Gwynedh, who was disqualified because of a broken nose. Count Oliba of Barcelona suffered the same fate because of an impediment in his speech, while the son of Henry V. was to be accepted as King of France only on the condition that he was physically perfect.

WHY WEEDS FLOURISH.

Farmers never cease wondering why it is that weeds flourish and increase in spite of their best efforts to eliminate them from the gardens. Botanists cease to be surprised immediately they know the resources of the pests. It is now known that a single wild carrot plant will produce no less than 1,200 seeds in a season, while other and better known weeds are even more prolific. A common dandelion will have 1,500 seeds; chickweed, 2,000; cockle, 3,200; campsion, 3,425; chess, 3,500; dock, 3,700; ragweed, 4,372; groundsel, 6,500; ox-eye daisy, 9,600; mallow, 16,500; motherwort, 18,000; fox-tail, 19,500; sow thistle, 19,000; mustard, 31,000; Canadian thistle, 42,000, and red poppy, 50,000. Even these are but trifling when compared to the burdock, purslam and lambs' quarters. The first-named will disseminate 400,328 seeds; the second, 500,000, and the third, 825,000 in a single season.

ANOTHER FAITHFUL DOG.

A few weeks ago we spoke of the monument on Helvellyn, England, erected to the memory of a faithful dog. A sequel may now be added. In September last Miss Agnes Gough, of Cumberland, a lineal descendant of the Charles Gough who perished on Helvellyn, drove to Moffat, a town in Scotland, accompanied by a collie. The dog was put into the stables for the night, but the following morning was missing. At about the same time that Miss Gough was searching for her pet he arrived at home, having traveled at least 50 miles in less than eleven hours. A part of the task was the swimming of the Solway.

RATS AS FOOD.

Rats have never found favor in this country as a food, notwithstanding their popularity as a table delicacy in China and some parts of Jamaica. In the last-named country they were added to the menu by the slaves, who learned that they must eat rats or go without food altogether, their masters failing to provide them with anything else. There have been Americans, however, who, on certain occasions, were glad to get rats to eat. Dr. Kane, the explorer, said that next to darkness, cold and scurvy, ship rats were the curses of his Arctic sojourn. Nevertheless, the pests came in handy when the other foods ran short. "I shall add for myself a few rats chopped up and frozen into tallow balls," says the explorer at one place in his diary.

WOMEN WEARY.

A Remarkable Movement in the United States.

If ever there were good ground for a boycott, there certainy is in the gage of battle that has been thrown down by the female members of the Methodist Church in Nebraska. This boycott was suggested by Mrs. Caroline M. Woodward, of Lincoln, who is said to be, what can readily be believed, a woman of great mental vigor and religious zeal. She is associated with the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and has long been identified with the Methodist Church in Nebraska. She has struggled for ten years to secure recognition of the rights of women of the church, but without success. At the last general conference, Mrs. Woodward made a strong plea for women, explaining in detail the work they performed in the church and the fact that two-thirds of the members of the Methodist Church were women. After briefly considering the subject, the bishops told Mrs. Woodward that she and other advocates of equal rights were wasting their energies, since the conference was opposed to them, and the constitution of the church would prohibit the plan, even though the conference favored it. But Mrs. Woodward was not discouraged. She declared that the constitution was man-made, and could be revised by man with special regard for the advancement of the church and civilization. Then she returned to Nebraska, and put herself in communication with other women who thought they ought to share in the government of the church. They decided upon a boycott, which it is intended later to extend to other states, and thus to force the conference to take steps to grant the wishes of the women. Mrs. Woodward has issued a general proclamation advising her sisters in the church to cease active co-operation in the church work of their communion until the officials of the denomination come to their sesnses. "We propose," she says, "to continue this strike until the rights of the female members to participate in the administration of the organization are conceded by a change in the constitution and book of discipline, or the removal of any other obstacle in the pathway of the conference to our end. Certainly, if even one-third of the women of the church abide by the rules of the boycott instituted, it would shake the fabric of the church to its very foundations. It is not our purpose to disrupt the church, but merely to show the conference our material strength. Why, the women constitute the great body of the members who do the real work. Take any community; what would the local church amount to if the women remained at home as the men do? Certainly the church could not remain open."

Mrs. Woodward estimates that three months will be sufficient to show the general conference the power of the women of the Methodist Church, and she says that there is no other religious denomination in existence where the membership of the women predominates so largely, and there is no denomination where the latitude permitted to women in the administration of the fundamental church government is so small. Mrs. Woodward says further: "I expect to see this movement extended to other churches until it creates a radical reform in the religious organization of the United States. It is spreading rapidly in Nebraska. Many ministers are with us in the fight. The boycott will remain until the officials of the church grant our rights. We do not care whether it is called a strike, boycott, or what not. The truth is, that it is a movement for religious emancipation, probably not so great in a sense as the one inaugurated by Martin Luther, but equally just, and as certain to win."

Here, indeed, seems an opportunity where woman can show her strength, and an opportunity, too, wherein she ought to do it. If, in refusing to take part in church work until they are given a voice in the government of the church, women should carry the boycott a step further and refuse to attend church services, what would become of the church? The women have the power to enforce their claims to recognition, and the only wonder is that they have not exercised the power long ago.—Boston Transcript.

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TREATMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.

Russians Take an Ant Bath to Cure Themselves of the Disease.

The Russian peasants, more especially those residing in the neighborhood of Moscow, have a peculiar and original method of treating themselves for that bane of mankind, rheumatism. Many cures, even in very bad cases, are, it is claimed, effected by making the patient take ant baths.

The manner of preparing these baths is as follows: An anthill is sought, and when found, a sack is filled with ants, ants' eggs, and, if it be considered necessary, a certain quantity of the earth which composes the hill. The sack is then closed hermetically and carried to the home of the sufferer. A warm bath is already prepared there, and the sack is plunged bodily into the hot water. Soon the latter begins to give off a peculiar pungent odor, characteristic of formic acid. The bath is now ready for the patient's immersion. The action of the bath on the skin is one of intense irritation, and the result seems to be a drawing out of the evil, and the consequent disappearance of the rheumatic pains.

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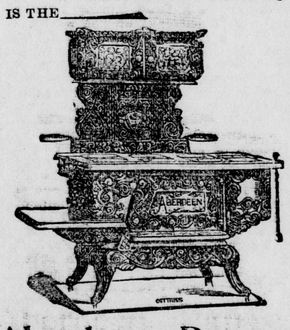

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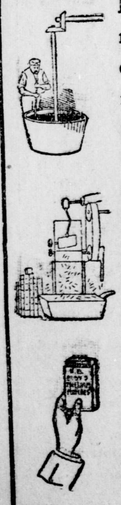

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