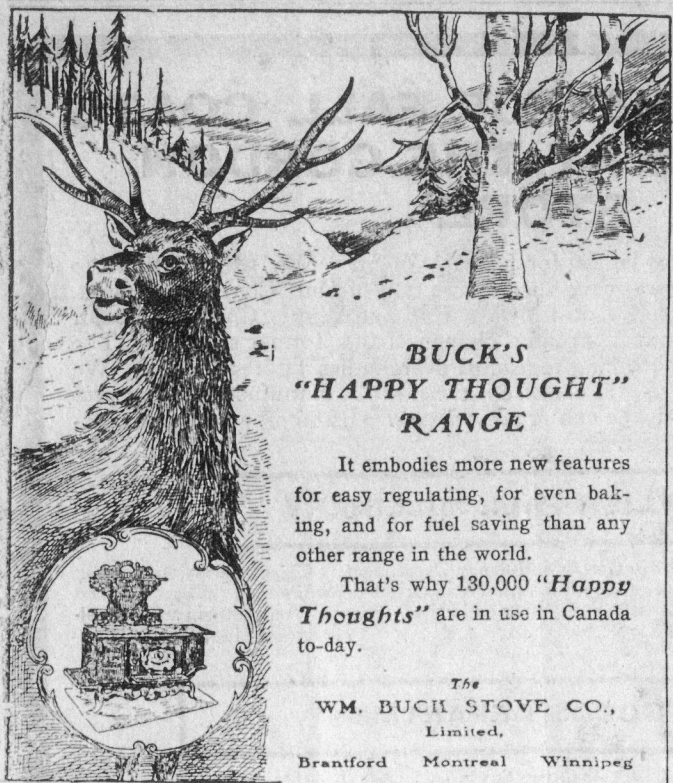




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STOLE QUEEN'S MONEY.

Count Wrangel of Sweden Exiled For Pilfering From Royalty.

A sensational scandal in the royal palace at Stockholm came to light a few days ago when Count F. U. Wrangel left Swedish soil by request, having been found guilty of robbing the Queen's own treasury.

Count Wrangel for many years had held the position of chamberlain to her Majesty, Queen Sophia. During her recent visit to southern Europe the Count is said to have taken large amounts from the Queen's purse, which had been entrusted to his care, and he squandered the money at the gambling tables.

Moreover, this was not his first offence. Once or twice before the Count's "face" and position were said to have been saved by his brother, the present Swedish Minister in London, whose immense wealth is more than ample to cover up the deficits.

Refusal of Conditions.

The latest stealings, estimated at from 150,000 to 300,000 crowns, Minister Wrangel would have made in the same manner, it is rumored, but only on conditions to which Chamberlain Wrangel refused to agree. Hence his exile.

Count Wrangel for years has figured as a knight errant, and his position in his confidential position in the royal household naturally gave him high standing among the nobility. More than that, the ex-chamberlain is a man of brains as well as of blood. His writings on heraldry and genealogical topics have won for him an honored place in literary circles. Possessed of personal charm and all the chivalric qualities of a gentleman in the social sense, he was a veritable lion in court circles, until his ardent courtship of the Goddess of Chance proved his undoing.

How Fast the West Grows.

There are a few figures in The Calgary Albertan which give one an idea, not otherwise suggested, of the rapidity of the growth in population of the new provinces. The figures deal with Alberta, but, as the growth of Saskatchewan will match it, it will be seen that the new provinces have been forging ahead at five times the rate of Manitoba between 1880 and 1890. The old days of doubt and suspicion are past, and the West is coming into its own. The Alberta says: "The increase shown by the Province of Alberta will be 177 per cent. since 1891, or 35.1-2 per cent. per year. The increase between 1880 and 1890 was only 14.1-2 per cent. per year. The increase between 1890 and 1900 was little more than 6.1-2 per cent. per year. The Province of British Columbia never averaged an increase of 9 per cent. for a decade. The average of the other provinces never averaged as much as that for any census period."

Matches.

Friction matches are a comparatively modern invention. They were first made in the United States in 1826, by L. C. Allen, of Springfield, Massachusetts. Before this time a clumsy form of match was imported from France, which had to be dipped into a bottle of sulphuric acid before it was lighted. This took a great deal of time, and trouble, and Allen, seeing the necessity of friction matches, set about to make them, and succeeded. He neglected to patent them, however, and on finally applying for a patent, found that a man named Phillips, who was a pedler, had discovered through a third person the secret of making the matches and had already obtained a patent. Allen, though the real inventor, was forced to become a mere manufacturer under another man's patent.

How Long Can Man Live.

There is an old Highland proverb that runs:—

Thrice the life of a dog is the life of a horse;
Thrice the life of a horse is the life of a man;
Thrice the life of a man is the life of a stag;
Thrice the life of a stag is the life of a crow.

One word more about longevity. I believe it can be produced, or at least protracted, by breeding, just as other qualities can. Go into a country graveyard and study the tombstones. You will find certain families gifted with remarkable longevity. And where these long-lived families have been perpetuated, you will find that the longevity has been perpetuated.

The Scrub Stallion.

Too many scrub horses are raised. The long talk of colt crop that was to flood the market fails to materialize. For several seasons past this colt crop has been threatened, but the prognosticators are unable to make good. If all the horses now seeking market were what buyers required, the crop would be worth far more money. The evil agent is the scrub stallion, and he ought to be retired.

How to Make Scrapbook Paste.

To make a paste for scrapbooks dissolve slowly in water a piece of common glue two inches square, using as much alum in powder as glue. Then work half a teaspoonful of flour into a paste with a little cold water. Stir all together and boil till dissolved. When almost cold add a teaspoonful of oil of cloves or lavender.

Many Misfortunes.

The Magistrate at the Guildhall remitted the poor rate of a resident of the ward of St. Sepulchre's. The collector reported that the man's house was falling down, and he was gone, all the members of his family were ill and his lodgers had left him.

Schoolmasters As Dealers.

Complaints have been made to the Radcliffe Education Committee that some schoolmasters have become dealers in caps, which they sell to their pupils. Not long ago it was found that haircutting was carried on in one school.

One-Legged Footballer.

One of the players in a football match at Leicester was a young man with one leg. He was able, with the aid of a crutch, to run as fast as most of the other players.

HOT WEATHER DEBILITY.

How to Protect Oneself Against Heat Fatigue, and Summer Disease.

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DRESS HINTS.

The rule for frilling is one and a quarter the length of the edge to be trimmed.

Gathers should always be set on the large pin, not never with a needle; use a large pin.

If the material just under the neckband at the back has become worn insert a tiny yoke or chemisette made of all over lace.

In sewing a seam put the stitches closely together, but lightly into the cloth, being careful not to pull the thread tight, as this causes the seam to draw.

When cutting out sleeves to avoid the disaster of cutting both for the same arm fold the material either face to face or back to back. Place the pattern on it and cut both together.

To put on the tape that holds the blouse in position around the waist sew up the shoulder and underarm seams, slip it on and tie the tape around the waist, pinning it at the right place in the center of the back.

Saving.

Do your saving at the beginning of the week, you who live upon allowances, or, what is the same, so far as this counts, upon a salary. The extra expenses which often come upon you unexpectedly in the latter part of the week may be easily met if you've been husbanding your resources a little, instead of spending up to the last cent. A good plan is to allow yourself so much for little expenses for a given length of time, and then to keep within daily bounds, saving even a bit from that, if possible. Then, if it is not called upon by some little emergency, either put it away or use it toward some definite purpose, such as subscribing to a good magazine, getting a good book or seeing a good play, all of which should be considered as mental investments.

Sabbath a Legal Holiday.

Perhaps the most striking indication of the Chinese desire for Western progress is found in the recent Imperial decree attempting to establish the Christian Sabbath. The decree makes the Sabbath day a legal holiday. It is not probable that the decree will be largely followed throughout China, as, indeed, it is not probable that Chang Chih Tung's decree in regard to the New Testament will be largely observed. These decrees, however, show the aspirations of the Chinese for Western civilization.

Some American and English officials, indeed, some of the missionaries here, are convinced that unless Western influences are swiftly and strongly reinforced, the present movement may result in a reaction which will indefinitely delay the emergence of the Chinese into modern civilization. Indeed, the recent radical decree putting two native Chinese in charge of the Imperial Customs is likely to lead to the retirement of Sir Robert Hart, the ablest English official in China, and to the demoralization of the Customs service. Only the hearty and speedy cooperation of Western nations in the present struggles of the Chinese can prevent similar radical attempts at reform by the natives followed by similar reactions. If a word, China is today where Japan was 30 years ago; and if foreigners respond to one of the greatest opportunities which ever confronted the Western nations and guide this groping Empire into modern liberty, modern education, and modern inventions, 437,000,000 human beings will emerge into Western civilization within a generation.

Vicar's Repisal.

The vicar of St. Peter's, Shaldon, Devonshire, has been annoyed recently by people who made it a rule to leave the church before the sermon, and he has had the following notice affixed to the pillars of the church: "All adults who are unbaptized or possessed by devils should leave the church before the sermon, otherwise they should remain till the conclusion of the Lord's service."

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CHINA MAKING PROGRESS.

Dutstripping the Pace Set By Japan in Adopting Western Ways—What Its Rulers Recognize.

A competent authority on the Far East, writing from Shanghai, declares that the Chinese have made more progress during the last five years than any other nation on earth, not excepting Japan. He admits that China has not made such advance in iron and coal production as has the United States, but he contends that China had made a wider and more profound change in her whole attitude toward Western civilization than has any other nation.

The latest proof that China's face is set toward progress is found in the Imperial decree, issued on a recent Sunday, promising a change of laws. While this decree does not promise a constitution, as careless readers have inferred, nevertheless it points in that direction.

A more vital indication of progress is found in the recent Imperial decree, making some mastery of Western learning a condition of future employment in the Government service. This decree does not effect existing office holders, and does not apply to candidates for office who have already completed the prescribed course of Confucian learning and have received the first and second degrees. But the significance of this decree is found in the fact that it prescribes the identical condition for future candidates for office which the young Emperor prescribed eight years ago, and which led to the Boxer uprising. It is significant that the Dowager Empress, who then retired the young Emperor for his radicalism, now issues in his name the identical decree which produced the revolution.

Five Thousand Schools Started.

A still more striking sign than this paper decree is found in the fact that Yuan Shih Kai, leading Viceroy of the empire, has already established more than five thousand primary and secondary schools in the Chihli Province in order to prepare the young people of his Province for the new Government courses. He is attempting to introduce Western learning, and indeed, the English language into these schools as rapidly as possible. This creates a strong demand for English teachers, but the pay is too low to justify young people coming from England or America to accept these minor positions. In lieu of American and English teachers, the Japanese are being employed to teach Western learning, and in some cases the English language. The "pildig" of the Chinese scholars would indeed be laughable were it not for the fact that the introduction of the English language may possibly become general, and if so may carry with it the introduction of Western civilization. As Alexander's adoption of the Greek language enabled that conquered nation to transform the civilization of Western Asia; as the adoption of Roman law and the Latin language by the Germans carried with it Latin Christianity throughout Europe, so the prevalence of English speech in China, during the next few years, will carry with it Western sciences and Western civilization.

Testament in Schools.

A more striking indication of the adoption of Western civilization, but of Christianity is found in the decree just issued by Chang Chih Tung, ordering the New Testament to be introduced into all the schools of the Hupeh and Hunan Provinces over which the Viceroy presides. The decree states that the permanence and high quality of Chinese civilization is due to the fact that the Confucian classics have been taught in China for over 2,000 years. The Viceroy admits, however, that Western nations have some power which the Chinese do not possess. He is sure that this is not due to any superiority of the Westerners over the Chinese, but to the fact that the Western nations have in their possession certain teachings which the Chinese have not yet mastered.

He thinks this superiority is due to the Bible, and in order to make the Chinese not only equal, but superior to their Western competitors, he orders the New Testament taught alongside the Confucian classics among the fifty-eight million people over whom he rules.

The Pincushion.

No pin tray, however expensive or beautiful it may be, can take the place of the pincushion either as an ornament or an article of use. The tray is easily upset, and what is upset on are the pins and so are we. The pins go in a dozen directions. The cushion is more stable. It may accidentally be turned upside down, but the pins stick and our tempers remain unruffled.

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How distressing to see a woman struggling to earn a livelihood or perform her household duties when her back and head are aching, she is so tired she can hardly drag about or stand up, and every movement causes pain, the origin of which is due to some derangement of the female organism.

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She is her son's best girl, her daughter's chum, a hostess sans reproche. She rules her home with thrift and skill. Her husband safely trusts in her, and her price is above her birth stone.

Pretense never finds a foothold in a lady's ménage. Display seems to her well poised mind not only belittling, but savage. She never confounds her ter with furnishing or junk with art.

Her house is beautiful, its atmosphere fine and clear. She is never too busy to listen to her "boy" or advise her "girl" or read to their father. Young people en masse delight in her. She is their ideal mother and friend. Laughter is never hushed in her home. Music is welcomed, and budding merit of whatever sort finds in her an earnest and sympathetic ear.

—Minna Thomas Antrim in Lippincott's.

The Fate of Captain Lee.

A Debt of Gratitude That This Country Owes to Spain.

During the summer of 1776 Captain John Lee of Marblehead, cruising under a commission from congress, having taken and sent home five valuable prizes, entered the port of Bilbao in Spain. The captains of two of his prizes and a part of their crews were on board. These officers immediately protested against their capture and had Captain Lee arrested on a charge of piracy. The local authorities sent the documents in the case to Madrid, together with the commission granted by this new and unknown power.

In the decision of the Spanish ministry depended not alone the fate of Captain Lee, but whether some of the most important ports in Europe should be opened or closed to American cruisers and privateers. The English minister in Spain brought all his influence to bear against Captain Lee. At this moment the Declaration of the Fourth of July reached Madrid. The complaint against Captain Lee was dismissed, supplies for his ship and aid in repairing it were furnished, and public declaration was made that in Spanish ports the new flag of America was as free and as welcome as was the flag of England.

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