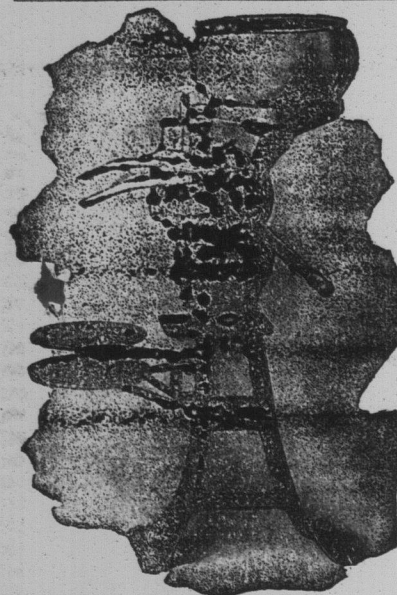


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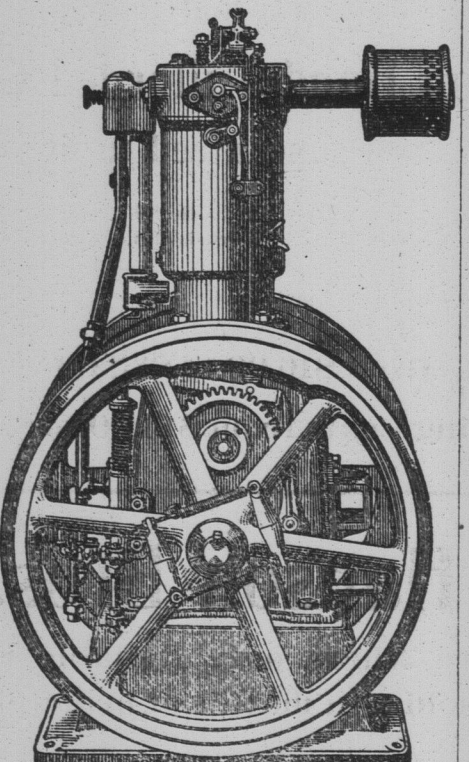
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ABOARD A MAN-OF-WAR.

Life Largely Made Up of Scrubbings, Regulations and Inspections. The day's programme aboard a man-of-war is calculated to make the boy who wants to run away to sea sit up and think twice. It varies somewhat according as the ship is in port or at sea and under different commands, but in any case, from 5 o'clock in the morning till 7:30 at night, it is a strenuous round of scrubbing and drills. The recruit realizes very soon that the expression "shipshape" means a good deal.

Saturday morning is a tremendous cleaning time, called "field day," which is followed by a half holiday in the afternoon, and on Sunday morning the captain himself inspects his ship from keel to truck. The marine band is stationed just below on the hurricane deck, and the blackjackets stand on the port side of the quarter deck and the marines on the starboard, all ready for inspection.

But life isn't all scrubbing, regulations and inspections. On the larger ships the government furnishes athletic supplies, and each man-of-war has her champion boxer and baseball and football teams. These teams are managed or supervised, at least, by officers, and many an ensign or lieutenant who has won his "N" at the Naval academy plays shoulder to shoulder with his blackjackets. Such familiarity would have scandalized old Commodore Porter beyond words.—St. Nicholas.

A PARASITE CREEPER.

New Zealand's Vegetable Caterpillar is a Most Peculiar Plant. The most extraordinary object I have ever seen is the New Zealand vegetable caterpillar. The rata is a parasite creeper which first destroys its forest host and then crawls to death and, instead of a chrysalis, the germinating pupa, becomes a tree itself. If the rata seedling is dug up it is found to be springing not from a seed, but from the head of a perfectly formed caterpillar.

It is supposed by some that the caterpillar, which on dissection proves to be internally the exact counterpart of its living insect relative, swallows the tiny rata seed while living and, burrowing into the ground, becomes, instead of a chrysalis, the germinating home of the seed, which by some agency turns its unfortunate foster mother into wood.

Others, however, contend the caterpillar itself is produced by the rata, urging in support of their theory that if springing from a seed the shoot would grow out of different parts of the caterpillar instead of invariably growing out of the head.

The insect vegetable is yellowish, about four inches long and is fully extended. I have seen them freshly dug up and others that have been kept for years, and all had the appearance of a perfect insect carved in wood.

The Elevator Eyes. One of the greatest hardships suffered by men who run elevators in the tall office buildings downtown is the bad effect it has on their eyes. The cars are run at a high rate of speed, and as the men have to look straight ahead of them most of the time, their eyes soon feel the strain of the constant motion.

"I've worked in the subway," remarked one of these elevator men, "and if you ever run across an elevator man who seems unusually bad tempered toward the close of the business day, just look at his eyes and you will be apt to forgive him. They generally show the strain that has been put on them for eight or ten hours."

As Exemplified. A learned professor was dining with the Diltzes and the table was set with the best ware that Mrs. Diltz's china closet afforded. The guest was particularly interested in the display and admitted it greatly. Picking up the plate in front of him and potting the stamp of the manufacturer on the bottom of it, he remarked:

"I presume you know that china, or the art of making it, was discovered by accident?"

Just then there was heard in the kitchen, where the maid was busily at work, a loud crash.

"Yes," answered Mrs. Diltz, with a pained smile, "and most of it is broken in the same way."

HELPED PRISONERS' WIVES.

Duchess of Marlborough Takes Care of the Unfortunates. The Daily Mirror publishes a story of the beneficence of the Duchess of Marlborough in behalf of the wives and children of convicts.

The duchess, it says, has taken two houses in London, which are being comfortably and tastefully furnished. One will be for the wives of prisoners serving sentences and the duchess



hopes to find room for about twenty women, who will be taught laundry work and plain sewing. The Bishop of London is to dedicate the two houses, probably in September.

Another charity which the duchess already has in progress is a home where mothers whose husbands are serving sentences may take their babies and leave them from eight in the morning until six o'clock in the evening.

The duchess goes there every day, and it is stated to complete her work she is giving up her visit to America this year.

UNCOVERING EGYPT.

Temple of Goddess of Love is 4,600 Years Old.

At the King's College, England, recently, under the auspices of the Egypt Exploration Fund, C. T. Curry gave an account of the excavations at Deir-el-Bahari, and described the progress of the year's work in connection with the discovery of an eleventh dynasty temple in the vicinity of Deir-el-Bahari. Mr. Curry said the original temple had been erected and dedicated to the Goddess of Love. The shrine was built, it was calculated, about 2,700 B. C. and it differed entirely from the Greek idea of worshipping temples.

It was erected for man and for man's glorification, and it was put up during a reign of tyranny in Egypt. The Egyptian had always been a man who had been dominated by a governing influence. To-day if the English influence were withdrawn the Egyptian would soon revert to his original inactive condition. They would still find evidence of the primitive man there. As long as the Egyptian could be driven he seemed to be capable of almost anything, but when the pressure was withdrawn he fell back to the primitive ways.

Mr. Curry observed that the year's work had been one of great importance to antiquarians and scientists. Inscriptions and columns symbolic of the early life of Egypt were continually being discovered, and which went a long way to clear up the myths of Egypt's early history.

Fish Out of Water. A fish with very singular habits exists in New Zealand, called by the Maoris the kakawai. It is generally discovered when a man is digging on rabbits in the summer-time, and it lies at a depth of a foot or two feet under the soil. The character of the soil, whether sandy or loamy, does not seem to matter. The fish is from two to three inches long, silvery, shaped like a minnow, but rather more slender and tapering. It appears quite torpid when exhumed, and if dug up in summer and put into water it dies at once.

If, however, it is brought to daylight in May or early June (the end of autumn), when the rains are beginning to make the soil thoroughly wet, and put into a tub of water, a curious thing happens. After a day or two it casts its skin, which sinks to the bottom, and the fish plays about bright and lively. Of course, in winter there must be marshy spots or pools in which the fish can swim, but often all evidence of such nature disappears, summer, and the hot, dry, waterless plain seems the last place on earth in which to find a fish.

Jewish Marriage Customs. "The Jews have a number of interesting marriage customs," says a writer in Cassell's Saturday Journal. "One usually takes place before the ceremony, and consists of a declaration on the part of the bride that, should her husband die before her, she will not call on his brother to marry her. This is required of her because by the law of Moses—which is still in force—a widow has the right to make such a claim on her late husband's brother, and because, though in a monogamous country like ours she could not insist on his espousing her in the event of his being already married, she might make his position decidedly awkward. On the one hand, the poor fellow would be bound by the ties of religion to fulfill his obligation; on the other, he would be liable to imprisonment for bigamy."

He Was Superstitious. "This ain't Friday," said the farmer who had just asked the hobo to a handout, "I reckon you wouldn't start 't' work."

"Not me," replied the unlauded traveler. "I ain't goin' 't' quese me luck by scartin' 't' work on Friday, ner Saturday, ner Sunday, ner Monday, ner Tuesday, ner Wednesday, ner Thursday. See?"

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