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Some Record Meals Eaten on Wagers or Just for Fun.

Not long ago a Berlin market porter undertook, for a wager, to put away, at one sitting, six mutton chops, twelve eggs, a goose, a duck, 6 pounds of potatoes, and 22 pounds of hay. Difficulties were anticipated with the last course, and large sums were laid against the accomplishment of the feat. The ingenious porter solved the difficulty by calling for a cigarette after he had finished the duck. He then set light to the hay, pounded the ashes up with the potatoes, and swallowed the lot. After a heated discussion the referee declared him the winner.

A certain Mr. Jerry Eke, of Norfolk, England, on one festive occasion had a small calf prepared and cooked for his special delectation, and deliberately consumed it, all but the bones, during the space of seven hours; and so little did this interfere with his excellent digestive powers that he joined his boon companions in a hearty repast the same night, and appeared to be none the worse for it.

Perhaps the smartest gastronomic feat on record was that performed by Vicomte de Villet Castel, who to decide a wager, disposed of the following items in 2 hours 40 minutes: Twenty-four dozen of oysters, a soup, a beefsteak, a pheasant stuffed with truffles, a salmisi of orolans, a dish of asparagus, another of peas, a pineapple, a dish of strawberries, five bottles of wine, ending with coffee and liqueurs. The meal was valued at \$125.

A Siberian soldier, notorious for the insatiable appetite he possessed, once disposed of a meal, in the presence of an English officer, consisting of 10 pounds of bread and butter, 10 pounds of beef, and a bundle of tallow candles as dessert. A young Russian soldier at seven years of age, named Tarane, ate 24 pounds of beef in twenty-four hours, and on another occasion disposed of a repast prepared for fifteen people.

In the Bodleian Library at Oxford may be seen a bill of fare that gives a very good idea of the enormous appetites possessed by Peter the Great and his suite. It refers to a visit paid by that monarch to Godalming, in Surrey. At breakfast Peter and his dozen courtiers made short work of half a sheep, a quarter of lamb, fifteen chickens and ducks, and four dozen eggs. For dinner the same day they ate a sheep, five ribs of beef, three quarters of lamb, fourteen pullets and as many rabbits, and a good supply of brandy and wine.

**The Changing Map of the World.**

We are inclined to think that the world is changing very slowly. But the maps tell a different story. The 1912 world maps will look materially different from those of 1911, and when one comes to compare the one of 1910 with that which will mark the close of 1915 it will probably be found that the changes are marvelous. This year we see the Moslem, as a ruler, expelled from north Africa as the Italian map tint covers Tripoli. France and Spain now control Morocco, Egypt has finally, after the long struggle, become as thoroughly British "red" on the maps as Algiers has been French "blue." Now the indications are that the German "yellow" will extend into central equatorial Africa from Kamerun to the Belgian Congo. The political map of Africa has completely changed in the last two years. The south is now one great nation, United South Africa, and in all the continent there is left only one great African state—Abyssinia.

**Locating the Sound.**

A good story is told of Signor Foll, the famous basso. Once upon a time he was singing "The Raft" when a childish voice in the audience suddenly piped in and attempted to organize an improvement on the piece. Foll gave it some difficulty until he came to the line: "Hark! What sound is that which breaks upon my ear?" This so tickled the fancy of the vocalist that he interrupted himself with a hearty laugh and left the platform, followed by the audience. The voice came back and he emptied his pipe but finally they had to give it up in despair, much to the amusement of the audience.

**Thrill.**

Miss K. was visiting in a small village and planned to leave on a certain day for her home in a nearby town. Wishing to postpone her departure, she wrote a message and gave it to Uncle Silas, a village celebrity, to send by telegraph, and handed him 25 cents for costs.

On his return he brought twenty-four cents to her.

"Why, what is this?" she asked. "Wasn't I, dear, and I'm really surprised," said Jarley. "Bumpus is so fond of lobster, as a rule."

"Half Better Than None. At a dinner party the other night a handsome young physician had been particularly brilliant and entertaining. As the ladies were leaving the table cigars were passed around and accepted by all the male guests with the exception of the doctor. His host looked at him in amazement.

"What—don't you smoke, doctor?" he asked. "Why, my dear man, you lose half your dinner by refusing to smoke," replied the abstemious scientist, "but if I did smoke I'd lose all of it. Please excuse me."

**The Inuit.** "I'll get even with Bumpus," said Harry. "I hear that he called me a lobster the other day."

"How very insulting!" ejaculated Jarley.

"Wasn't it?" said Harry, his face red with wrath.

"It certainly was, and I'm really surprised," said Jarley. "Bumpus is so fond of lobsters, as a rule."

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**THE MAYAN BAT GOD.**

Strange Relics Found in Sacred Cave of Mountain Wilderness.

Situated far within the Honduran mountains of Central America, upon an arroyo on the headwaters of a small stream flowing into the Rio Chamelican and 25 miles from the ruins of the ancient city of Naco, there has been discovered a cave in which many relics of a prehistoric people were found. Thick growths of tropical vegetation, rushing streams, steep mountains and beds of quicksand make the approach to this wonder-spot extremely difficult, yet it has been visited by explorers and the strange contents of the cave brought forth for inspection. The entrance is 40 feet wide and its depth is 56 feet.

Hundreds of copper bells, the largest nearly three inches in diameter, not only surprising in design but wonderful in workmanship, are among the chief features of the discovery. There seems to be no doubt that many were cast in moulds while others were beaten, or at least finished in that manner. Some were built tier upon tier out of fine spun wire, recurring scrolls and other running designs being superimposed in delicately shaped coils of copper. There is a boldness of conception in the work and a mastery of treatment in its finish that places it in a class distinct from all other aboriginal work of which the world has any knowledge.

While the bells undoubtedly are the chief objects of interest, the other finds were notable. They include a number of well shaped spear-points, 10 inches long, to one of which a portion of a petrified wooden shaft was attached. There were also some beads of polished stone and a few shells from the sort of snails that live in a nearby stream. Several objects of religious and ceremonial nature were found. One of these is a large, life-size mask of white cedar, covered with mosaics of turquoise. The different settings for the eyes, nose and crown evidently dropped out years before the discovery.

The explorers found one idol eight inches high, carved out of ebony and containing two faces, one above the other. A tiger head was carved on its back. Another face they found is carved out of hard, white stone. It is evident that this cave was used solely for religious purposes by a people well versed in the working of metals and the cutting of stone, accomplishments which are developed by a nation only when the primal wants of man have been satisfied.

Its proximity to the site of ancient Naco, the richness of its culture symbols and the apparent absence of any nearby ruins suggest that these people were either connected with the city of Naco or with the nation of which Naco was the capital. The Mayan influence in the feature and treatment of these designs, and the presence of native copper in the cave, indicate that the bells were made there, and it is extremely probable that we have here come into contact with the worship of the Mayan bat god, deity of mountain caverns. It seems likely that the rites celebrated in this cave were in honor of the Zothiba Chimalcan, the god of the bat people.

**K. of K. as Stage Director.**

An interesting incident in the life of Lord Kitchener was recorded some years ago by Mr. Hermann Klein in The Century Magazine. Referring to the rehearsals of "Human Nature" in Drury Lane, in the days of the late Sir Augustus Harris, Mr. Klein says: "Actively assisting in arranging an African fight was a gentleman in a frock-coat and tall hat, of undeniable military appearance, who impressed me both by his quiet, masterful manner and the imperturbable patience with which he directed manoeuvres to be repeated over and over again until they were satisfactorily executed. After the rehearsal was concluded I went upon the stage. Augustus Harris was talking to his military adviser. He beckoned me to approach, 'Klein, I want to introduce you to my friend, Major Kitchener, who has been kind enough to come and help me with this "soldering" work. What do you think of it? Did you ever see such fighting and marching on the stage before?'"

**Suicide by Smoking.**

One of the most extraordinary suicides on record was enacted in Pesh. Baron Reza Oly, a wealthy citizen, deliberately poisoned himself by smoking cigars and tobacco to excess. The baron had lost a large fortune in speculation. Having a wife and six children he insured himself very heavily in their behalf in five companies and then proceeded to put into operation his unique plan for self destruction. He hired a small room in a mean portion of the city and in ten months died of what the doctors called "galloping consumption." He had consumed 3,500 cigars and about a hundred pounds of tobacco.

**Lighting a Cigar.**

A Spanish cigar maker came to town with some fine cigars and some notions of his own about smoking them. He produced one that was rolled to a beautiful point and made the barest puncture in its smoking end. Then he struck a match and held the flame eight inches under the tip. He began to draw, and presently the tobacco was burning.

"It's a sacrilege," said he, "to compound the burning of wood with the burning of tobacco."

It can be done. Get a cigar, not necessarily Spanish, try it in secret at a closer range and win a few small bets from your friends.

**Chapel in a Bell.**

The largest bell in the world is the great bell of Moscow, being nineteen feet high, measures sixty feet around the rim and weighs 198 tons. Cast in 1853, it was cracked before it left the foundry and consequently was never hung. It was mounted upon a granite base in 1857 and converted into a little chapel, the broken part forming the doorway. The bell is composed of gold, silver and copper and is valued at \$150,000.

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