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Curious Observations of the Man Who Went Around the World on a Bicycle. Gossiping Habits of the Aggressive Nations.

Taken all in all, perhaps the English residents in India spend more money for drink than any other people in the world. Plenty of people are, of course, ready to condemn this sort of thing, and say the Anglo-Indians ought to quench their thirst with non-intoxicants.

Some of the natives of India consume more or less arrack and palm toddy, but the Brahmins, the gentlest and easiest governed people in the world, drink nothing stronger than water. The only tribe of people in India who drink to excess are the Zats of the Punjab. The festive Zats get drunk on arrack and indulge in many sports like a civilized being.

In Mohammedan countries very little alcohol is consumed in proportion to the number of people. The Mohammedans are in the habit of abstaining from the seductive pleasures of its material paradise.

In the Mohammedan religion. The whole Persian nation belongs to this class. In the 10,000,000 of people are governed with the same ease as the same number of sheep might be by a few officials who care nothing for their welfare except to squeeze them like an orange whenever they feel like it. The 10,000,000 never touch anything intoxicating from one year's end to another.

No nation in Asia drinks so liberally and steadily as do the Japanese. The average Jap consumes about half a pint of sake or rice beer with each meal—a pint and a half being reserved for the evening.

Both men and women drink sake by the pint daily, and think no harm of it, either. At meal times the sake is served up in slender, big necked earthenware bottles, holding about a pint. The favorite way is to drink it warm. It is usually warmed by setting the bottle in boiling water for a while before putting it on the table.

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Chancellor M. Depew at Homburg. "Where were you besides in London?" "Principally at Homburg. Everything is arranged in Homburg to make you stay. On your arrival the landlord looks at you sympathetically and says: 'It's well you came when you did. You had better see the doctor immediately.'"

Well, you take the waters, and you must take them just as you are told, whether you like it or not. You really don't like it at all, but you hardly dare think so to yourself. At 6 o'clock you get up, go down to the spring, and drink one glass. Then you walk a quarter of a mile and come back and drink another glass.

There are two tiers of boxes, the lower of which is provided with sliding paper doors, forming small rooms like bathing machines. The pit is divided by low wooden squares, resembling one of the cattle pens of old Smithfield, each capable of holding four persons comfortably.

A new dodge in the workingman in distress line. A lean, red-faced fellow, with a most villainous expression, halted me at 3 in the morning in Madison square and demanded, civilly enough, if I did not want to buy his coat—which garment he proceeded to strip off when I stopped him.

Minimum Army Transportation. The throwing away of superfluous conveniences began at daybreak. The old campaigner knows what to carry and what to throw away. Each group of messmates decided which hatchet, stew pan or coffee pot should be taken.

Severe Tests for Firearms. "Do the arms manufacturers have any quarrel with Gen. Benet?" "No. He tries to buy all their arms in order to turn the business into the Springfield arsenal, where they make a breech loader also. As Sandy Hook is a perfect graveyard for men who are shooting off big cannons, so Springfield is a graveyard for inventors and their assistants in small arms.

A Case of Absent Mindedness. An amusing incident illustrative of absent mindedness is narrated of the last session of the German Reichstag. Herr Wichmann was calling the roll of members, when upon reading out his own name, he naturally received no response.

LEATHER FROM HUMAN SKIN.

A Flourishing Tannery Where It is Prepared for the Shoemaker. I remember that two or three years ago I incidentally referred to a prominent physician of this city wearing shoes made from the skin of negroes.

Only last week I met him upon the street with a brand new pair of shoes. I looked at his foot wear, as I always do—his pedal coverings have an irresistible fascination for me—and said, with a smile: "Is the down trodden African still beneath your feet?"

The doctor's shoes always exhibit a peculiarly rich lustrousness in their black color. He has asserted that they never hurt his feet. The new pair he was using when I last saw him emitted no creaking sound and appeared as comfortable as though they had been worn a month.

The great golden idol of the temple holds in his right hand a sort of cornucopia filled with numbered bamboo sticks. On payment of the fee the officiating priest makes oblation to the deity and prays for income before him, which is followed by some hidden machinery making the hand rattle up the sticks and drop two or three. These are reverently picked up and the combination deciphered, written out on fancy paper and handed to the customer.

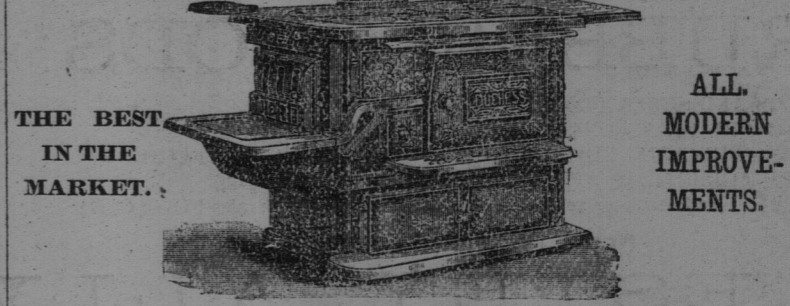
An Afghan Execution. The Pioneer newspaper gives an account of the execution of Timur Shah, the ringleader of the recent Herat mutiny. Timur was taken to a public place, and there, after his beard had been plucked out, he was stoned to death by the chief officers of the army.

Time Spent with the Barber. One of the rubbers of New York, who is a forced patron of the barbers, has computed the time he spends every year in a barber's chair. He is shaved three times a week, and says the average time spent in the shop is twenty minutes. He feels that this is a moderate estimate, but is willing to let it pass.

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