

PLATONIC FRIENDSHIP.

Something which, in its modern sense, Plato never understood. The name "platonic" is not very accurately used when it is employed to describe the friendship of a man and a woman into which there enters no trace of amatory sentiment. Plato in various treatises, especially the "Timaeus" and the "Symposium," speaks indeed of a love which is free from sensuousness, being the love of soul for soul, but Plato, whose spirit was tinged with asceticism, was not treating of woman at all, and in general what he says upon this theme refers wholly to the affection of man for man, of the binding force of high character and honor. He goes so far as to say that the true lover is to be compared with the true philosopher, rising from the contemplation of the many who are beautiful to the contemplation and love of the beauty that is abstract and absolute. In fact, when he discusses "beauty" he uses the word almost as the equivalent of "goodness"—that is, in an ethical rather than in a physical sense. Therefore "platonic friendship" in its modern conventional meaning is something which never entered Plato's mind.—"Platonic Friendship," in Cosmopolitan.

Making an Impression.
A Virginia senator was talking of negroes and their love of making impressions. He called attention to the well known fact that negroes, as a rule, when paying for a ten cent purchase, will deliberately fumble through a large number of bills though they have the ten cent piece in another pocket. The senator then told the story of a negro who saw an advertisement which read, "Trunk exactly like cut, \$6.75." On the trunk appeared in large figures "\$6.75." As the negro contemplated a ship through the north he forwarded the money for a trunk. When the trunk arrived the colored man was very indignant. The figures were missing from its side. He returned the trunk, demanding his money back because of the important omission. The trunk firm saw the point, admitted its error and by way of making amends agreed to paint an additional figure. When the trunk arrived the second time the negro was satisfied. On its side, in glaring colors, were the figures "\$16.75."

The Puritan Fathers and Smoking.
The Puritan fathers were greatly addicted to smoking—indeed, the practice became so common that even the strictest observers of times and seasons actually smoked in church. This custom soon caused very considerable annoyance, as the religious exercises were greatly disturbed by the clinking of flints and steels to light their pipes and the clouds of smoke in church. Hence in the year 1689 the colony passed this law: "It is enacted that any person or persons that shall be found smoking of tobacco on the Lord's day, going to or coming from the meetings, within two miles of meeting house, shall pay 12 pence for every such default." Under this law several persons were actually fined, but the punishment failed to secure the carrying out of the arbitrary second portion of the enactment.

The First Porterhouse Steak.
The first porterhouse steak was so named in New York city, in the famous old tavern of Martin Morrison, at 127 Pearl street. This was a favorite resort of seafaring men. A steak being called for by an old pilot one night, Morrison said that he had no steaks, but would cut and broil for him a thick slice from the sirloin which had just been prepared for roasting the next day. Morrison's place was known as the Porter House in the neighborhood, and its frequenters soon got to talking about the Porter House steaks. Morrison finally told Gibbons, his butcher in the Fly market, to cut up sirloins for him thereafter.

The Tail of a Wolf.
The wolf carries its tail hanging down because in that position it is less conspicuous and better eludes detection. A family of wolves playing together undisturbed occasionally carry their tails curled upward. By degrees the tail acquires naturally the upright position as a result of coincident evolution of the mind of the wolf by domestication and of the slow adaptation of the appendage as an organ of expression. The cessation of natural selection in the domestic dog would give the tail greater freedom of motion without detriment to life, and artificial selection modifies it into various shapes.

Hypocrisy.
"Can you sincerely say that you never descended to hypocrisy?" asked the man of severe standards.
"Well," answered Mr. Bliggins, "I must confess that I once sat and listened to my daughter's commencement essay and pretended to be as much entertained as if I were at a baseball game."

Kept Him Waiting.
Haydon, the English artist, in his diary, relates how he once went late to a sitting given him by the Duke of Wellington and the old duke tore his white hair and cried that he had "sat so 400 confounded painters and sculptors, and none of them was ever punctual."

Notable Exceptions.
Mrs. Bloobumper—Yes, everybody is always ready to give advice.
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"Are there?"
"Yes; doctors and lawyers."

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Evidence That They Were Used Long Before the Christian Era.
There is abundant evidence that the origin of gunpowder and artillery goes far back in the dim ages of the past. The Hindoo code, compiled long before the Christian era, prohibited the making of war with cannons and guns or any kind of firearms. Quintus Curtius informs us that Alexander the Great met with fire weapons in Asia, and Philostratus says that Alexander's conquests were arrested by the use of gunpowder. It is also written that those wise men who lived in the cities of the Ganges "overthrew their enemies with tempests and thunderbolts shot from the walls." Julius Africanus mentions shooting powder in the year 275. It was used in the siege of Constantinople in 688, by the Arabs in 690, at Thessalonica in 904, at the siege of Belgrade in 1073, by the Greeks in naval battle in 1008, by the Arabs against the Iberians in 1147 and at Toulouse in 1218.

It appears to have been generally known throughout civilized Europe as early as 1300, and soon thereafter it made its way into England, where it was manufactured during the reign of Elizabeth, and we learn that a few arms were possessed by the English in 1310 and that they were used at the battle of Crecy in 1346.

"It."
Joseph Chamberlain, the English statesman, was once indebted to a nursery rhyme for a great oratorical bit. In one of his speeches he was criticizing Lord Beaconsfield and Lord Salisbury on their return from Berlin, where they had been carrying on negotiations with Bismarck.

Both had made speeches explaining their actions, and one of them in the course of his oratory used the word "it" so many times as to give Mr. Chamberlain a chance in his reply to make one of those popular allusions which are remembered longer than any logic.

"What the honorable gentleman has said," he remarked, "reminds me of a rhyme I learned from my nurse:
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The Way the Great Emperor Charles V. Ate His Meals.

The diary of a German gentleman, Bartholomew Sastrow, who lived in the times of the Emperor Charles V., gives us a good idea of the gastronomic customs of those times. Sastrow's description of the table habits of the greatest ruler in his day is very interesting.

Young princes and counts served the repast. There were invariably four courses of six dishes. The emperor had no one to carve for him. He began by cutting his bread in pieces large enough for one mouthful, then attacked his plate. He often used his fingers while he held the plate under his chin with the other hand.

When he felt thirsty he made a sign to the "doctor" standing by the table; then they went to the sideboard for two silver flagons and filled a goblet which held about a measure and a half. The emperor drained it to the last drop, practically at one draft.

During the meal he never uttered a syllable, scarcely smiled at the most amusing sallies of the jesters behind his chair, finally picked his teeth with quills and, after washing his hands, retired to a window recess, where anybody could approach him with a petition.

When and Where to Rest.
Rest does not mean absolute inaction, but a change to mental occupation if muscular work has been indulged in, and vice versa if mental work has been indulged in. We should endeavor to sleep eight hours out of twenty-four under the most favorable condition.

As to where: In a comfortable bed on a firm hair mattress and pillows or cotton mattress and pillows, as both answer the same hygienic purpose; among our books three hours a day if our work is muscular, or an out of door active life if mental the same amount of time—to some complete change of locality, to others a change of climate and to still others of environment, and so on and so on.

As to when: (1) As nearly as possible one day in seven. (2) An annual vacation. (3) After excessive mental or physical exercise.

But always remember that too much work means waste, wreck, and too much rest means rust, death.

Miracle of Emerson's Style.
Emerson's highest artistic quality has in it always a suggestion of miracle. One "cannot see how it was done," and imitation is disaster. The sentence, the phrase, creates in the mind a sense of luminousness, so keen is the vibration. This may be said of all works of high artistic genius, but in the case of Emerson the miraculously luminous effect is peculiarly felt. On a building at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo the visitor who read the following words, even if he could not remember having read them before, might not long doubt as to their origin: "O rich and various man, thou palace of sight and sound, carrying in thy senses the morning and the night and the unfathomable galaxy; in thy brain the geometry of the city of God, in thy heart the bower of love and the realms of right and wrong."—Century.

The Unfortunate Clam.
The first man who used the expression "Don't be a clam" should be credited with a bit of advice chock full of wisdom. Somebody is after the clam in season and out of season, day and night. It is devoured in soft shelled infancy by fishes, sea fowl and crows, is sealed in cans, made into stews and chowders, baked in big pies on the seashore and dug for fishermen's bait.

The clam furnishes food for many men of many lands and also for seals, polar bears, the walrus, foxes, crows, gulls and fishes, and there never was a bait, with the exception possibly of porgy chum—i. e., ground up porgies—that equaled the clam for sea fishing.

Carthage's Great Snake.
The ancients firmly believed in monster serpents of all kinds and of both the land and marine species. During the wars with Carthage a great snake is said to have kept the Roman army from crossing the Bagradas river for several days. The monster swallowed up no less than seventy Roman soldiers during this combat and was not conquered until a hundred stones from as many different catapults were fired upon it all at one time. The monster skull and skin were preserved and afterward exhibited in one of the Roman temples. The dried skin of the creature was 120 feet in length, according to Pliny.

The English Pheasant.
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The American Father.
Ascum—Another baby, and a girl this time, eh? How does it make you feel to have a daughter?
Popley—Great! One of the first things you think about it is how a foreign nobleman will come courting her some day and how you'll turn him down good and proper.

Not by Exclusion.
He—I had a hard time getting a good wife.
She—Goodness! Have you been married several times?
"Oh, no; but I courted my present one six years."

LOSS OF APPETITE

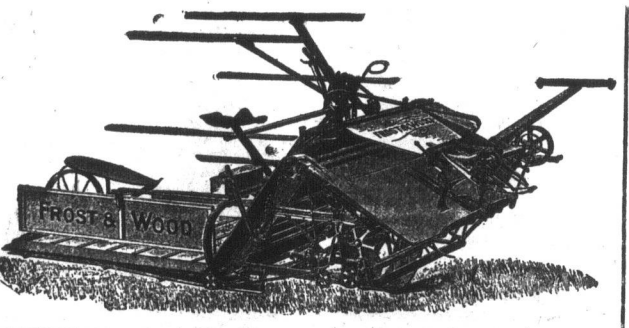
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