

...ence of a long series of rulers whose tributary provinces extended from the Indus to the Hellespont, was burned, with all its palaces and temples; Babylon and Carthage were so utterly destroyed that their very location has become a matter of doubt. Rome was burned eight times, Jerusalem four times, and though they rose from their ashes.

The second temple is not like the first. Athens, Syracuse, Bagdad, Alexandria and Antioch now exhibit only a shadow of their former grandeur. The Phoenicians, like the Spartans and Assyrians, disappeared with the ruin of their capitals, but the most fateful conflagration recorded in the history of the world is perhaps that of Moscow.

"They talk as if the fate of Europe had been decided at Waterloo," says De Bourienne in his memoirs of the first empire. "If Napoleon had beaten Wellington and Blucher a dozen times, it could not have retrieved the reverses of the three preceding years. The truth is that the French Caesar and his fortune were ruined by the burning of Moscow. That city was the funeral pile of the great nation."

Man More Liquid Than Solid.
Every fiber and every cell that enters into the formation of a living body is bathed in moisture, by which means alone these ultimate elements are kept alive and are enabled to carry out their duties. Even the bones, which appear to be the most solid of all, owe more than half their weight to the presence of fluid.

That our bodies contain a large amount of fluid is proved in a striking manner by the blisters which rise after the infliction of a burn.

Water, in fact, plays a very important part in the human anatomy, for it is through its agency that the vital processes of digestion, absorption and the excretion of waste products are carried out.

To reduce the whole matter to figures and taking 154 pounds to be the total weight of an average full grown man, it is said that water alone accounts for 100 pounds of the whole.

Wanted a Chinese Song.
Most of the policemen in Australia are Irishmen, whose genius for humorous blundering loses nothing of its quality under the Southern Cross. Here is an instance: Many Chinese names are reminiscent of a burlesque and are probably merely barbarian caricatures of the originals. Of these Fong Fat Ah Su and Ah Foo are the most common.

A newly appointed crier in a county court was ordered by the judge in a case in which a Chinese was witness to call for Ah Song. The son of Erin looked puzzled and darted a look at the bench to try to discover if this was a colonial joke; but, seeing the judge as grave as an undertaker, he turned to the audience and blandly inquired, "Gentlemen, will any of you favor his honor with a song?"

Why Grass Grows Hollow.
The stems of grass and oats are usually hollow, and the knots of nodes which occur at intervals and which have a peculiar degree of firmness, derived from the interlacing of fibers, give them a firmness and strength which they would otherwise lack. If the material of wheat straw were in a solid form, it would make but a thin wry stem, which would snap with great ease, but in the hollow form, with the intervening knots, the necessary support is afforded.

Blessed With a Wife.
A former vicar of a country parish not far from Sheffield was a gentleman distinguished for his learning and for the position he took at Cambridge. One day a visitor to the village got into conversation with one of the parishioners, and the talk turned to the vicar. "Your clergyman," said the visitor, "is a very able man. Why, he is a wrangler." "I never heard that," was the reply of the villager, "but his missis is."—London Tit-Bits.

The Law of Falling Bodies.
All falling bodies, whether they be crystal raindrops or meteorites, fall with what philosophers term "a uniform accelerated motion"—in other words, if a body be moving at a certain velocity at the expiration of one second from the beginning of its fall it will be moving with twice that velocity at the expiration of two seconds, gaining in speed at a uniform rate throughout the course of its fall.

Unappreciated.
"He's not what you would call strictly handsome," said the major, beaming through his glasses at a baby as he lay howling in his mother's arms, "but it's the kind of face that grows on you." "It's not the kind of face that grew on you," was the indignant and unexpected reply of the fond mother. "You'd be better looking if it had!"

A Full Hand.
"John," said Mrs. Norton as she seated herself at the hotel breakfast table, "did you call a waiter?" "Yes," said Norton, looking up from this paper. "I called him, and he had a tray full."

Feminine Conversation.
Robbs—Women talk about nothing but their dress.
Slobs—Oh, I don't know. It seems to me I've heard some of them talk about their hats.

If He Only Could.
Mrs. Noorich—Isn't it grand to ride in your own carriage?
Mr. Noorich—Yes, but I'd enjoy it more if I could stand on the sidewalk and see myself ride by.—Brooklyn Life.

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Eyeless Fish In Boiling Water.

One of the most remarkable discoveries in the shape of a peculiar species of fish ever made on this continent was that made at Carson City, Nev., in 1876. At that time both the Hale and Norcross and the Savage mines were down to what is known as the "2,200 foot level." When at that depth, a subterranean lake of boiling water was tapped. This accident flooded both mines to a depth of 400 feet. After this water had all been pumped out except that which had gathered in basins and in the inaccessible portions of the works, and when the water still had a temperature of 128 degrees—nearly scalding hot—many queer looking little blood red fish were taken out. In appearance they somewhat resembled the goldfish.

They seemed lively and sportive enough when they were in their native element—boiling water—notwithstanding the fact that they did not even have rudimentary eyes. When the fish were taken out of the hot water and put into buckets of cold water for the purpose of being transported to the surface, they died as quickly as a perch or a bass would if plunged into a kettle of water that was scalding hot; not only this, but the skin peeled off exactly as if it had been boiled.

Eyeless fish are common enough in all subterranean lakes and rivers, but this is the only case on record of living fish being found in boiling water.

Depressing.
"Were there laughter and cheers during your speech?"
"Well," answered the youthful statesman, "there weren't many cheers, but now and then people in the audience looked at one another and laughed."

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The perpendicular in frocks and tailor makes has grown into an accepted



VELVETEN BLOUSE.
In general it will be observed the lines of the waist are continued upon the skirt, giving a long and almost princess effect which is very becoming; only around the bottom are horizontal lines used in the shape of ruffles, and these are often not broken up in the form of festoons, etc.

Buttons are playing an important part in dress in quaint enamel and old silver and gold, while queer danglers abound on smart tailor made coats and bodices. When not too heavy, these form an effective mode of trimming. The cut shows a velvet blouse which may be made up in any shade with a front of white tucking.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Short Lengths of Lace and Brocade and How They May Be Used.

In trimming laces, insertions and passementerie odd lengths are often useless, but from four to six yards will trim a blouse fully, or six yards of deep lace will border a coffee coat and make frills to the elbow sleeves, or four and a half yards if the lace is of a heavy type will do for the same purpose.

Coffee coats with the skirt matching are very smart, but all the pale colors can be worn with a white cloth skirt or a lace one.

These dainty little affairs may be made quite inexpensively from rem-



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nants of lace and brocade, not to speak of the fine already tucked materials.

Odd lengths of tulle silk sometimes are quite useful; nine yards are quite sufficient for a trained foundation slip with bodice and plain sleeves or eleven yards with a plaiting at the edge or with two narrow gathered frills.

The illustration shows a coffee jacket of cream lace over pink liberty satin.

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A Card Trick.

Take twenty cards from the pack and deal them out in three packs. The novice is requested to single out a particular card (silently, of course). The player then inquires in which pack the selected card lies and is careful to place the pack indicated between the other two. The cards are laid out in the same manner, three lines in all, carefully observing the order described as to putting the pack with the selected card in the middle, the same card to be chosen each time. The exponent then takes all cards used in his hand and makes a feint of striving to pick out the correct card with difficulty, being careful not to disarrange their order. He knows or will know when he has tried the trick that it is invariably the eleventh card that represents the choice of the person engaged in the matter.—New York Telegram.

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