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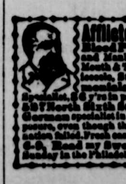

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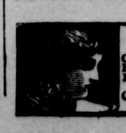

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**Their Use In Warfare Dates Back to Prehistoric Ages.**

The use of poisoned arrows in primitive warfare is undoubtedly of very ancient origin. The custom is mentioned by Strabo, Pliny and Aristotle, all of whom agree that it was well known in both prehistoric Europe and Asia. In later times the Celts and Gauls envenomed their arrow and spear shafts with the juices of the hellebore, and the American and Australian savages with serpent venom and virus from decaying flesh.

The very earliest mention of the Scythians refers to them as "a people who prepare arrow poison by mixing serpent venom with the virus of putrid blood serum." At the time of the discovery of America the Indians were as well skilled in the science of preparing arrow poison as the Scythians or any other early tribe of European or Asiatic people. The favorite mode as practiced by the American aborigines was to kill some wild animal, a deer or buffalo preferred, remove its liver and cause a heavily envenomed reptile to strike its fangs into it until the meat turned green with poison. If one serpent did not supply enough, others were obtained, and the work of enraging the creatures and causing them to strike the liver was kept up until the desired results were obtained. One large liver thus prepared would furnish poison enough to coat the shafts of 10,000 arrows. The Smithsonian institute has hundreds of these poisoned arrows, the microscope showing that most of them have been poisoned with rattlesnake venom.

## A CITY OF MUD.

**Peculiarities of Yezd, Its People and Its Houses.**

"One of the most extraordinary cities in the world is Yezd, in central Persia," writes a traveler. "It is situated in the midst of a vast salt desert which stretches for hundreds of miles in all directions. The nearest inhabited place of any size is Ispahan, and that is 200 miles away. The inhabitants of Yezd who have been away from Yezd during their lives number perhaps two or three score, and the bulk of these have not extended their travels farther than to Shiraz or Kirman in the one direction or to Ispahan in the other. Yet between 50,000 and 60,000 people make the place their home. For ninety-nine out of every hundred of these the great outside world has absolutely no existence at all.

"Yezd is a city made almost entirely of mud. Not only are the houses built of this material, but the very furniture, the fire pans, the barrels for grain, the children's toys, the bread receptacles, even the beds, are simply mud molded into a rough form and dried in the sun.

"In the Yezd shops the goods, mostly mud, are displayed on tiers of mud ledges, and there is a mud room behind. The bakers' ovens are of mud, down to the very doors. Many of the Yezdis even eat mud and develop an unwholesome muddy complexion in consequence."

**Curious, but True.**

Although difficult to believe, it is nevertheless true that the death of two half sisters, the daughters of the same father, occurred 170 years apart. The grandfather of the British minister, Charles James Fox, Sir Stephen Fox, married in 1654 and had a daughter born to him in 1655 who died in the course of the same year. He had several other children who grew up and married, but all of them died before the father and without issue. Sir Stephen, not wishing his large fortune to fall into the hands of distant relatives, married again at a very advanced age, and his youngest daughter was born in 1727. She reached the age of ninety-eight years and died in 1825—that is, 170 years after the death of her oldest sister.

**A Trivial Matter.**

The first slice of goose had been cut, and the minister of the Zion church looked at it with as keen anticipation as was displayed in the faces around him.

"Dat's as fine a goose as I ever saw," Brudder Williams," he said to his host. "Where did you get such a fine one?"

"Well, now, Mistah Rawley," said the carver of the goose, with a sudden access of dignity, "when you preach a special good sermon I never axes you where you got it. Seems to me dat's a triv'al matter, anyway."

**Getting Posted.**

William (a five-year-old)—Mamma, is it the divorcee that always gets the alimony? His Mother—Yes, dear, as a rule. William—Well, which is the divorcee, the man or the lady? His Mamma—Why, what questions to ask! What do you want to know for? William—'Cause me and Sadie are playing divorce, and I am trying to make her give me the alimony.—Brooklyn Life.

**An Impossible Imitation.**

The irritable employer turned to his typewriter with a sudden snarl.

"Why don't you write it just as I say it?" he demanded.

"Because my typewriter hasn't the catarrh," she quietly responded.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Your Mission.**

Set yourself earnestly to see what you were made to do, and then set yourself earnestly to do it, and the loftier your purpose is the more sure you will be to make the world richer with every enrichment of yourself.

A rich man without charity is a rogue, and perhaps it would be no difficult matter to prove that he is also a fool.—Fielding.

## THE FLYING FROG.

**A Four Winged Reptile That Inhabits Tropical Africa.**

The curiosity of tropical Africa is the wonderful flying frog, first described by Bishoff of the equatorial African expedition, which returned to Europe in the fall of 1904. This oddity of the reptile family is about the size of a common bullfrog and resembles other members of the order of batrachians in everything but its feet, each of which is webbed and enormously enlarged, so much so as to form splendid substitutes for true wings. The creature has five toes on each of the other two, which makes four separate membranes on each of his hind feet and three on each fore foot, or fourteen in all. In his description of it Bishoff says, "Each leg terminates in a sort of fan, and with these the little reptile paddles the air like a locust or like a partially fledged bird testing its pinions for the first time."

Although somewhat awkward in its flight, the winged frog can dart through the air at a speed of about ten yards per second and can keep itself going forward at that rate for from ten to fifteen seconds. The average distance covered by these spurts of grasshopper-like flight is from 75 to 125 yards, but Bishoff mentions instances where the flying frog cleared sandy stretches 200 yards in width.

## A PAIR OF RUBBERS.

**Wear Them During Thunderstorms if You Fear Lightning.**

The one thing which a woman most dreads—barring, of course, a mouse and being out of style—is a thunder shower. Many most estimable women of character and force who can lead great crusades and revolutionize society go all to pieces at a clap of thunder, and a good many men, too, for that matter.

It is not agreeable to be struck by lightning. Nor is it at all necessary. There is a sure preventive—as sure as it is simple, inexpensive and always accessible—a pair of rubbers. If a woman will simply put on a pair of rubbers when the lightning begins to flash and the thunder to roar and will stand on the floor so that she touches nothing else she will be as safe as if she were sealed in a glass cage.

Rubber is a nonconductor of electricity, and if the lightning has to go through a sheet of rubber to get at you it will leave you alone and take something else. In other words, when you have on a pair of rubbers and are not in contact with anything you are perfectly insulated.

This is not a theory merely. It is a fact proved by innumerable experiences. A pair of rubbers has saved many a life in a thunderstorm.

## THE HOMER OF PORTUGAL.

**Camoens, the Gifted and Unfortunate Author of "The Lusiad."**

"The Lusiad" is one of the noblest records ever written of national glory and success. Camoens, its gifted author, determined to do for Portugal what Homer had done for Greece. The great poem was written in the sixteenth century, which has been called the heroic age of Portugal, and its main feature is the rounding of the Cape of Good Hope by Vasco da Gama, while a most interesting episode is the crowning after death of Inez de Castro as queen of Portugal. "The Lusiad" took its name from Lusius, who was said to have founded Lisbon.

Its author was born about 1520, and his career, which began brilliantly, was blighted by the death of a broken heart of the lady of his love, for whose sake he was banished from the land. He wrote "The Lusiad" in his banishment and was recalled in 1571, losing on the way all his property except his poem. Pensioned at first by the king, this great epic poet of Portugal died in great poverty in 1570, when his patron was also dead.

**Dr. Syntax.**

On the English coast, at Land's End, there stands a curiously formed bowlder with a profile resembling that of a human face. It is supposed that once the rocky head was held proudly erect and could look out over the blue sea, but during some period of disturbance the huge bowlder was thrown forward, so that now the forehead of the man rests against a neighboring rock. All these rugged and massive pieces bordering the coast are fine granite. Locally the curious bowlder is known as Dr. Syntax.

**A Little Exaggerated.**

The witty George Canning, illustrating the Hibernian tendency when excited to hurry beyond the limits of good sense, tells this anecdote:

An Irish divine, preaching against the vice of swearing and denouncing its prevalence in a certain town, said in the height of declamation:

"Even the little children that can neither speak nor walk run about the streets blaspheming."

**Her Coarse Laugh.**

George—You are not calling on Miss Rosebud any more, eh? Jack—No; I got disgusted. She has such a coarse laugh. George—I never noticed that. Jack—You would if you'd been within hearing when I proposed to her.—New York Weekly.

**A Recommendation.**

Prospective Guest—Do you set a good table here? Hotel Clerk—Well, rather. Why, folks come here perfectly healthy and go away with the gout and dyspepsia.—Life.

**Horrible Dreams.**

"I dream my stories," said Hicks, the author.

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**St. Matthew's Flower.**

No saint has a more interesting flower dedicated to him in the floral calendar than St. Matthew. This is the passion flower. It is thought to have emblems of the crucifixion, and to these it owes the name given to it by its Spanish discoverers in America. The imaginary resemblance of the corona to the crown of thorns is the basis of the fancy. In addition to that there are the five antlers for the five wounds and the three styles for the nails, while the hammer, the lancet and the scourge are also traceable.

**Don't Hinder Others.**

Next in practical importance to the being possessed by a purpose of doing something in the world is the being possessed by the purpose of not hindering others in their doing whatever they have to do in the world.—Faith and Works.

**Before the Ceremony.**

Rural Groom—Sue an' I can't see no reason why we shouldn't get along when we're married. The Magistrate—Well, I just marry folks and don't express any opinions.—New York Press.

The truly generous is truly wise, and he who loves not others lives unblessed.—Hume.

**A Friend.**

A new definition of "friend" was given by an English schoolboy the other day in an essay: "A friend is a person who knows all about you, and likes you just the same."

**A Burmese Saying.**

Who aims at perfection will be above mediocrity; who aims at mediocrity will be far short of it.

People who claim to be blunt generally have the sharpest tongues.—Boston Transcript.

**The Single Misfortune.**

"Misfortunes never come singly, you know, Miss Priscilla."

"Alas," said the poor maiden, shaking her head, "the single misfortune is the worst of all!"—New Yorker.

**Punishment to Fit the Crime.**

Judge—It seems to me I've seen you before. Prisoner—You have, my lord. I used to give your daughter singing lessons. Judge—Twenty years. School Board Journal.


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