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CHINESE PHILOSOPHY.

Some of the Clever Epigrams of the Flowery Kingdom.

Their proverbial philosophy shows that the Chinese are very thoughtful. Here are a few specimens: "The best and strongest man in the world finds that he cannot escape the two words 'No continuance.'" "Happiness consists in a medium station." "When you are sitting quietly and alone, think of your faults; when conversing with others, do not talk of the faults of others." "Correct yourself on the same principle that you correct others, and excuse others on the same principle that you excuse yourself." "He who requires much from himself and little from others will keep himself from being the object of resentment." "He who pursues a stag regards not hares." "A gem cannot be polished without friction or a man perfected without adversity." "The gods cannot help a man who loses opportunities."

The Chinese call a harmless blusterer "a paper tiger," and compare a man overestimating himself to a rat falling into a scale and weighing itself. Overdoing a thing is a hunchback making a bow.

You have only to watch their story and fortune tellers in the streets to see that the Chinese are natural orators. You can see that by their gestures, even if you do not understand what they say. They use very apt illustrations.—From "John Chinaman at Home," by E. J. Hardy.

MEMORY OF TURTLES.

Lay Their Eggs Almost In the Same Place Year After Year.

During the summer months from May to August the big sea turtles lay their eggs on the beach. They come possibly hundreds of miles, and if undisturbed will land within a few yards of the same place year after year. They crawl up the beach in the night and make their nest in the sand just above high water mark. I have watched them from behind a sandhill but a few feet away.

They dig the hole with their hind flippers, and after covering it over, first filling it with eggs, they will go a few feet and make another place, I always thought as a blind, for one looks just like the other. They lay each month, usually during the high tides of that month, beginning in May and ending in August, from 90 to 185 eggs.

During the summer I found and brought into camp 2,755 eggs. I put some in the sand near our camp, and in twenty-seven days the top eggs hatched, the rest in three days more. The little turtles would dig out, raise their little heads and sniff the air a moment, then start for the river, 100 yards away. It was always a mystery to me how a turtle could find the same place on the shore when a short distance out at sea it all looks alike—just sandy ridges, with scrub palmetto and coarse grass.—Forest and Stream.

OUTWITTED THE BOERS.

Rhodes' Clever Scheme to Avoid Giving the Enemy Information.

Lord Harris tells an interesting story of how Colonel Frank Rhodes outwitted the Boers. It concerns the relief of Mafeking. As Colonel Mahon approached Mafeking from the south Colonel Plumer was approaching it from the north, and Colonel Mahon received the following questions from Colonel Plumer by heliograph: First—What is your strength? Second—How many guns have you? Third—How are you off for stores and provisions?

Colonel Mahon would not allow any answer to be sent for fear of the Boers trapping it on the way, until Colonel Frank Rhodes suggested the following replies, which were approved. The key is attached in brackets: Naval and military multiplied by ten. [The number of the Navy and Military club in Piccadilly is 94, multiplied by ten approximated their strength of 1,000.] As many as there are boys in the Ward family. [Lord Dudley and his brothers.]

Colonel Mahon protested as regards this that there would be no one who would know, but Colonel Rhodes assured him that Colonel Weston Jarvis, who was with Colonel Plumer, would be sure to. Officer commanding Ninth lancers. [Colonel Little, known as "Small" Little.]

The answers were received and correctly decoded.

Where It Belonged.

An amateur authoress who had submitted a story to a magazine waited for several weeks without hearing from the editor concerning it. Finally she sent him a note requesting an early decision, because, as she said, she "had other irons in the fire."

Shortly after came the editor's reply: "Dear Madam—I have read your story, and I should advise you to put it with the other irons."—Harper's Weekly.

Merely a Trifle.

"I suppose your late uncle didn't fail to remember you in his will?" said the sympathetic friend.

"You could hardly call it a remembrance," replied the poor relation. "It was more like a faint recollection."—Chicago News.

True to the Say[illegible]

"All the world's a stage," quoted one misanthrope.

"Yes," [illegible] "and it's the [illegible] fellers that's [illegible] ter star."

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[illegible]e beyond the [illegible]d."—Life.

[illegible] English opera.

WINGLESS BIRDS.

New Zealand Swarmed With Them Before Its Occupation by Man.

For ages before its occupation by man New Zealand swarmed with great wingless birds, which found there no carnivorous enemies, but an abundance of vegetable food. The moas not only existed in vast numbers and for thousands of years, but had such diversity of form as to embrace no less than seven genera containing twenty-five species, a remarkable fact which is unparalleled in any other part of the world. The commonest kinds in the North island were only from two and one-half to four feet high. Those of the South island were mostly from four to six feet tall, while the giant forms, reaching twelve and thirteen feet, were always rare.

Immense deposits of moa bones have been found in localities to which they appear to have been washed from the hills in tertiary times. Skeletons on the surface of the ground, with skin and ligaments still attached, have given the impression that these birds have been exterminated in very recent years, but other facts point to a different conclusion. Tradition seems to show, according to F. M. Hutton, that the moa became extinct in the North island soon after the arrival of Maoris in New Zealand—that is, not less than 400 to 500 years ago, and in the South island about 100 years later.

The fresh appearing skin and ligaments are supposed to have been preserved by unusually favorable conditions.

CAT SUPERSTITIONS.

Queer Beliefs of People of Ancient Egypt Regarding Puss.

The inhabitants of ancient Egypt are believed to have been the first people to attempt to domesticate the wild species of felinae now represented by the common house cat. This belief is based upon the fact that sculptured representations of such animals are found upon their monuments of the year 2000 B. C., more than 1,200 years before they appear on European monuments. An Egyptian tomb of the year 1300 B. C. is the first to show a sculptured representation of the cat as a domesticated animal, those of the greater age first mentioned probably representing the creature in its wild state. In the relief sketch of the date last mentioned, 1300 B. C., it is unmistakably a pet, being shown as seated beneath a chair. The Egyptians of that age mummified dead cats just as they did human beings and in many instances entombed hundreds of thousands of them in a single pyramid or pit. Bubastis was the Egyptian cat goddess and was always represented as having a cat's head. Among that queer people puss was regarded as an emblem of the sun, its eyes being supposed to vary in color and in the size of their pupils with the progress of that luminary across the heavens.

Herodotus tells us that when an Egyptian cat died a natural death its owner went into mourning and shaved off his eyebrows.

Irving and Thinness.

Sir Henry Irving was the first actor to make slenderness acceptable or tolerable on the English stage. He was very thin in his earlier middle age, and theater goers of that day wondered whether they could endure to see a long figure and legs, both unpadded. Until then fatness had been obligatory. It is difficult to realize now the full convention of chest and shoulders and calves. Comparatively lately a man of stage experience was urgent with a company of English amateurs that all the thin women and all the lean men should be made plump. "Nothing," he said, "is so impossible on the stage as thinness." Irving changed all this because his genius was wedded to uncompromising thinness.

Denmark Claims Nelson.

The Danes maintain that Admiral Nelson was one of their race, despite the fact that he was born in England. They point out that the name is Danish and that many Danes were settlers in East Anglia. They consoled themselves over their defeat at the battle of Copenhagen with the thought that the victor was one of their own race. At least one Scandinavian historian refers to his family as "one of the most brilliant examples of noble English families descended from the Northmen."

Discouraging.

At the close of an address during an electioneering campaign in Ireland questions were invited. A man was making for the platform when he received a whack over the head with a stick. He was stunned and had to be carried out amid an uproar. When order was restored the chairman rose and blandly asked:

"Is there any other gentleman who would like to ask a question?"

Needless to say, there was not.

Curiosity.

Irate Parent (who has been trying to satisfy John's curiosity on every known subject under the sun)—Now, Johnnie, if you ask me another question I'll whip you on the spot. Johnnie (whose undying curiosity overcomes even the dread of punishment)—Wh-wh-what spot, papa?

His Advantage.

First Man—How do you do? Second Man—Beg pardon, but you have the advantage of me. First Man—Yes, I guess I have. We were engaged to the same girl, but you married her.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

All affectations of knowledge are more odious than any lack of knowledge can be.—Sarat.

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