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FACTS ABOUT MUSK.

How the Strong Perfume Is Obtained and Its Various Uses.

Although pure musk is not usually relished by the delicate olfactories of persons with cultivated sensibilities, there is no odor so extensively used in the compounding of perfumes. It is obtained from the musk deer, which inhabits the mountain ranges of Tibet.

This animal is smaller than the deer of this country, being about the size of a calf. It is of a dark gray color and has no horns. The odor for which it is valuable is a fluid secretion in a sac on the underside of its body.

This is exposed to the air and when dry is sent to the market. When first obtained it is about the consistency of honey and has a bitter, pungent taste. It is used as a medicine, but has more value as a perfume. On account of the persistency with which musk retains its odor it is used as the groundwork for other perfumes which are more volatile. It is said that a single grain of musk will perfume a room for twenty years.

So strong is it that it has been estimated that 3,000 parts of a substance in itself devoid of odor will become permeated with the scent with one part of musk. It is in consequence very valuable, and as it is difficult to procure on account of the almost inaccessible haunts of the musk deer it is quite expensive. Chemists have long endeavored to procure an artificial musk, but they have not as yet been successful.

THE HANDKERCHIEF.

It Had Its Origin in Venice in the Sixteenth Century.

About the year 1540 an unknown Venetian lady first conceived the happy idea of carrying a "fazzoletto," and it was not long before her example was widely followed throughout Italy. The handkerchief then crossed the Alps into France, where its use was immediately adopted by the lords and ladies of Henry II.'s court.

The handkerchief of that period was an article of the greatest luxury. It was made of the most costly fabrics and was ornamented with the rarest embroideries. In the reign of Henry III. it began to be perfumed and received the name of "mouchoir de Venus." It was not until 1580 that the handkerchief made its way into Germany, and then its use was long confined to princes and persons of great wealth. It was made the object of sumptuary laws, and an edict published at Dresden in 1595 forbade its use by the people at large.

Slowly, but surely, however, the vulgarization of the pocket handkerchief has been accomplished, and today even the humblest is superior in one important respect to Petrarch and Laura, Dante and Beatrice, who, it is somewhat painful to think, lived in a pre-handkerchief age.—London Standard.

Some North German Superstitions.

If you are superstitious there are many things you must not do. In north Germany you must not spin during the twelve nights of Christmas, lest you should walk after your death, nor after sunset on Saturday, for then mice will eat your work. Speaking of eating, if you want to have money and luck all the year round you must not fail to eat herrings on New Year's day, nor, if you wish to be lucky, must you rock an empty cradle, or spill salt wantonly, or cross knives, or point at the stars. If you leave a dirty cloth on the table overnight you will make the angels weep; if you point upward to the rainbow you will make the angels' feet bleed, and if you talk of cabbages while looking at the moon you will hurt the feelings of the man in it, who was a cabbage stealer in his salad days.

Leprosy.

From reliable statistics we draw the conclusions that leprosy is generally contracted between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five or that in a very large number of patients the disease shows itself at about eighteen; that it develops very slowly, so that the patient does not require much medical aid before the disease has run four years; that the majority of lepers die within five years of their admission to the hospital, and that the average length of life of a patient after he has developed leprosy is nine years.—Pearson's Weekly.

Odd Marriage Belief.

An unmarried man or woman of marriageable age is something that is rarely seen in the Fiji islands. The reason of this is not far to seek. The natives believe that if a person dies while in an unmarried state his or her soul is doomed to wander about through endless ages of eternity in an intermediate region between heaven and hades. At the end of each moon they are allowed to look into heaven, but are never permitted to enter.

Sensible Advice.

A writer who had made a good bit of money at a single shake of the bag went to Charles Reade for advice as to investments. "Well," said Reade, "I should say put it in the best gilt edged securities. Divide it among the first class bonds of the first class nations. It's better to sleep on 3 per cent than to lie awake on 6."

Be Cheerful.

Let your aim be to keep cheerful always. You may fall short of the "always," but you will acheve more by taking this highest standard than by trying to be cheerful merely "most of the time." Learn to make an atmosphere of joy for yourself not only for your own sake, but for the good of the people you meet.

Pity is best taught by fellowship in woe.—Coleridge.

FIRST STRIKE ON RECORD.

It Occurred In Rome and Took Place In the Year 300 B. C.

Livy in his famous book, "The Annals," 9, 30, relates in the following suggestive words the story of a singular strike which occurred in Rome in the year 300 B. C. and was probably the first strike ever known:

That year occurred an event little worthy of being related and which I would pass in silence had it not appeared as involving religion. The flute players, dissatisfied because the latest censors had forbidden them to take part in the banquet in Jupiter's temple, according to the ancient custom, withdrew, every one of them, to Tibur, so that nobody was left at Rome to play during the sacrifices. This incident shocked the religious sentiment of the senate, and the senators sent messengers to invite the inhabitants of Tibur to make every effort in order that the players should be restored to the Romans. The Tiburtines, having promised not to neglect anything necessary for that purpose, caused the flute players to come to the place where the senate met and exhorted them to go back to Rome. Seeing that they could not prevail upon them to do so, they employed a stratagem in keeping with their character.

On a day of festival under pretext that music would increase the joy of the feast every citizen invited the flute players individually to his house, and wine, of which people of that profession are usually fond, was given to them in such quantities that they fell into a deep sleep. They were then thrown into wagons and transported to Rome. They only became aware of what had happened on the day after, when dawn surprised them lying on the carts, which had been left in the forum. A large crowd had assembled, and they were induced to promise that they would remain at Rome. The right of attending the banquets was restored to these flute players.

ANCIENT LIGHTHOUSES.

Beacon Lights For Mariners Coeval With the Earliest Commerce.

Beacon lights to guide the wave tossed mariner to a safe harbor must have been almost coeval with the earliest commerce. There is positive record that lighthouses were built in ancient times, though few evidences now remain to us from old writers or in crumbled ruins. This is not strange, for light towers, never the most stable architectural form, were exposed to the storms of sea and war.

The Greeks attributed the first lighthouses to Hercules, and he was considered the protector of voyagers. It is claimed by some that Homer refers to lighthouses in the nineteenth book of the "Iliad."

Virgil mentions a light on a temple to Apollo which, visible far out at sea, warned and guided mariners. The Colossus at Rhodes, erected about 300 B. C., is said to have shown a signal light from its uplifted hand.

The oldest towers known were built by the Libyans in lower Egypt. They were temples also, and the lightkeeper priests taught pilotage, hydrography and navigation. The famous tower on the isle of Pharos at Alexandria, built about 285 B. C., is the first lighthouse of undoubted record. This tower, constructed by Sostratus, the architect, was square in plan, of great height and built in offsets. An open brazier at the top of the tower contained the fuel for the light. At Dover and Boulogne, on either side of the English channel, were ancient lighthouses built by the Romans. But the lighthouse at Coruna, Spain, built in the reign of Trajan and reconstructed in 1634, is believed to be the oldest existing lighthouse.

The Humming Bird Flower.

Alletedo avasisis, the wonderful so called "humming bird flower" of the plains of eastern Turkey, stands unique and alone among the many specimens of floral mimicry that have been classified by modern botanists. It is a beautiful blossom of variegated hues, the total length of the entire flower being about one and three-quarter inches. As one might imagine from its name, it is an exact image of a miniature humming bird. The breast is green, the wings deep rose color, the throat yellow and the head and beak almost pure black. The only particular in which it is not a perfect bird is that the stem gives it the appearance of having but a single leg and foot.

Incongruous.

A clerical correspondent of one of the London church papers relates that a certain prelate had great difficulty in suppressing his laughter at the consecration of a church the other day owing to the device on one of the school banners which were carried in the procession before the service. This banner was adorned with a very fierce looking lion, with terrible claws and teeth, while underneath him was the legend, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

An Afghan Custom.

An Afghan is bound by custom to grant a stranger who crosses his threshold and claims protection any favor he may ask, even at the risk of his own life. Yet apart from this he is cruel and revengeful, never forgiving a wrong and retaliating at the first opportunity.

The One to Brag.

"He's bragging that he doesn't owe a cent to any man in the world."

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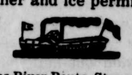

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