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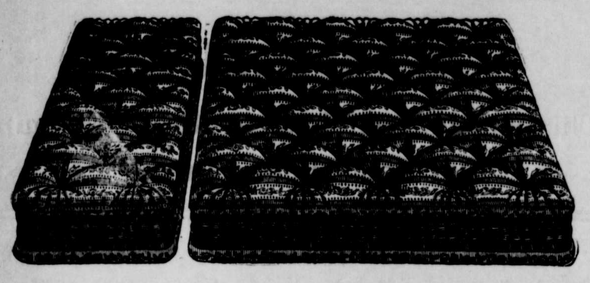

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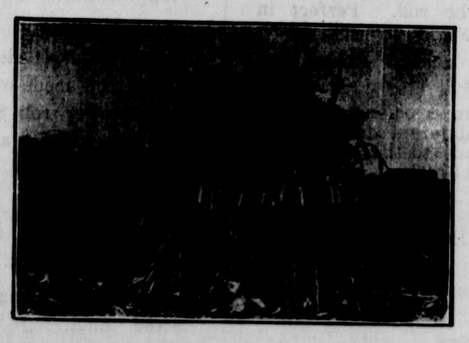

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WATER AS A BEVERAGE.

Flattest After an Apple and Coolest After a Peppermint Drop.

"Water is the finest drink in the world," said the epicure in little things, "but not every one knows how to get the most enjoyment out of drinking it.

"For instance, water should never be drunk immediately after an apple has been eaten, for as a beverage it then has a taste more flat and insipid than as if it had been taken from a cold teakettle.

"On the other hand, there is nothing to my mind that makes water taste more cool and refreshing (not counting actual thirst) than to eat a peppermint drop before taking a drink of it.

"And, while peppermint stands at the head, a drink of water is particularly and noticeably good after any wafer or lozenge. Popcorn, on the other hand, takes all the animation out of a subsequent swallow of water.

"Nor do bread and water go well together. The water takes the sweetness out of the bread, and the bread takes the liveliness out of the water and makes it flat beyond degree.

"The tyrant who first hit upon bread and water as a prison fare of punishment knew his business.

"The enjoyment of a drink of water varies, too, with what you drink it from. You would not offer to a sick person a drink of water in a cup, but rather in a glass, the thinner the better. The fact that the water itself in all its limpid clearness is present to the sense of sight stimulates an expectation that is gratified along with the sense of taste.

"I have frequently observed men about to drink some other beverage than water, and it appears to be a very common habit with them to regard the liquid steadily for some seconds before swallowing it, often holding it on a level with their eyes in order to see it as clearly as possible.

"Surely this lesson should not be lost upon the man who knows that there is no drink like water. While you are drinking it enjoy it.

"For my own part, I like water from a big tin dipper even better than from a thin tumbler, but best of all drinking dishes for me is a newly made birch bark dipper, all the better if I have made it myself.

"Dip a full dipper from the center of the bubbling spring, take a look to see how limpid it is against the clean yellow freshness of the dripping dipper, put your lips to the water itself and then take one of the sweetest gifts the gods provide."—Brooklyn Citizen.

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Nails which do not yield readily to the manicure may be driven in with a hammer.

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Falling hair may be avoided by stepping nimbly aside whenever you see it coming your way.

Hair on the lips may sometimes be avoided by requiring the young man to shave before calling.

When crow's feet will not yield to massage, fill them suddenly with cement and smooth quickly with a trowel.—Bohemian Magazine.

"Ginger" of West Point.

The man who graduated at the foot of the class that year (1860) had been six years at the Point and had just squeezed through at last—Harold S. Borland, commonly known as Ginger on account of his hair being the exact color of ground ginger. Borland had distinguished himself while reciting to Captain Benton in ordnance by a remarkable answer to the question, "Mr. Borland, how many pieces will a twelve inch shell burst into?" the average number having been determined well by experiment. Ginger threw his eyes, unexpressive, but very blue, on the floor and deliberated awhile. Then slowly lifting them to a point near the ceiling over Captain Benton's head, still deeply reflecting, he finally responded, "Not less than two."—General Morris Schaff in Atlantic.

Largest Crab.

In the American Museum of Natural History in New York is a wonder of marine life. It is a gigantic Japanese crab, measuring twelve feet across, making it the largest in the world. The specimen is a type of the spider crab, which inhabits the waters of the group of islands forming the empire of Japan. The body portion of the crab is the size of a half bushel measure, while its great arms could easily encircle the figure of a man. Its legs resemble poles and are extremely elastic, and if strung into one line they would reach to the top of a four story apartment building.—New York Herald.

And Then He Ran.

"Did any man ever tell you," asked Mr. Henpeck as he edged toward the door, "that you were the sweetest and most beautiful woman in the world?"

"No," replied his wife.

"Gee! Men are honester than I thought they were."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Not Frank.

She—Be frank with me. He—I can't. My name is James.—Harvard Lampoon.

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

The Puzzling Beeswax of the Beaches of Oregon.

Of all the secrets held by the flotsam and jetsam of many years none is stranger than that of the beeswax of the Oregon beaches. Long before the white man came to the great northwest by ship or prairie schooner vessels from the orient had skirted the coast. Bits of wreckage have told the story of Chinese junks gone to pieces on the shore, but the most curious evidence of this eastern traffic has been found on the Oregon coast south of the Columbia river. Mr. Clarke gives an account of this treasure trove in his "Pioneer Days."

When Lewis and Clark made their famous expedition they learned that the native Indians of Oregon had for many years found lumps of beeswax on the sandy shores.

Beeswax is practically indestructible in water, but these pieces had pounded in the surf until they were black and battered almost beyond recognition.

In 1814 one Henry, engaged in the fur trade, wrote an account of finding masses of this wax. The pieces were scattered over a wide stretch of coast and were now covered, now uncovered, by the blowing sand. Some of the lumps were softened into all shapes and sizes by the heat of the sun and bleached nearly white. Others were square and stamped with strange characters.

In 1895 a Mr. Howell, walking on the beach, saw something exposed in the sand. It proved to be the corner of some large squares of beeswax weighing several tons. Many smaller blocks were also found, all bearing the stamped letters "I H S." Besides the squares of wax, quantities of large candles were discovered. In looking up the matter it was learned that as far back as records ran these tapers had been found with the wax on the shore.

Of course the explanation may be that some oriental ship bearing church supplies for a mission farther south went to pieces on the Oregon coast many, many years ago, but what would a ship bound for Mexico or South America be doing so far north, and what use could any mission have for such an enormous quantity of wax?

LITERARY IMPOSTORS.

Many Clever Writers Who Have Deceived the World.

Clever literary impostors who have deceived the world are numerous. Gamelli Carrieri, a Neapolitan gentleman and scholar, while confined to his room for a long period of years by illness amused himself by writing an account of an imaginary voyage round the world. When the volume was published, it was taken as a fact even by learned people.

The detailed account of a trip to China which is credited to Du Halde is another literary hoax. The author had never seen China and had been sufficiently clever to compile the work solely from the memoirs of Chinese missionaries.

It is remarkable, though no less a fact, that "Gulliver's Travels" was thought to be a true narrative when it first appeared, and the famous story of Damberger's travels was likewise a hoax.

Varillas, the French historian, enjoyed a wide reputation as a chronicler of events, but later it was discovered that his works were purely fakes. The volumes of this writer resemble those of Gregorio Reti, who, in order to keep himself from starving, appended the most unheard of incidents to English history as it was known.

One of the most daring impostures on record is that of Joseph Vella of Sicily. He said that he discovered seventeen of the lost books of Livy in Arabic. He then set to work and wrote a translation from his fancy, which was printed. After his death the fraud was discovered. Before his death, however, he fell under suspicion and was condemned to imprisonment.

There are countless cases of authors selling their names to be put on works they have never read. Sir John Hill once contracted to translate a Dutch book. After the agreement he remembered that he did not know a word of Dutch. He then bargained with another translator to do the work for half the price he was to receive.

Uranus.

It was on the evening of March 13, 1781, that William Herschel, at Slough, England, discovered a new planet. Wishing to pay a compliment to George III., his patron, he gave it the name of Georgium sidus, or the Georgian star. Other English astronomers, wishing to compliment the discoverer himself, suggested the name of Herschel. Continental astronomers proposed that the old mythological system be followed, and the name of Uranus was accepted by the scientific world as the designation of the seventh planet.

No Need to Talk.

"Does the baby talk yet?" asked a friend of the family.

"No," replied the baby's disgusted little brother; "the baby doesn't need to talk."

"Doesn't need to talk?"

"No. All the baby has to do is to yell, and it gets everything there is in the house that's worth having."—Tit-Bits.

Not Living.

"Hello, Jinks! I hear you are living in a boarding house."

"You heard wrong. I'm boarding in a boarding house."—Washington Herald.

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