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Archimedes.

As a mechanician Archimedes produced the correct theory of the lever and invented no less than forty interesting devices, including the endless screw, the pump, the organ and the "burning glass," with which latter novel weapon he is said to have set fire to the ships of an enemy's fleet from a considerable distance. The story is probably fabulous, but none the less interesting, as exhibiting the faith of the people in the man and as indicating the character of his pursuits.

As engineer Archimedes was looked upon as hardly less than a magician. He produced catapults which threw enormous stones and heavy pikes at long range into the ranks of the enemy or into his ships, and great derricks were built by him with which to lift the attacking craft out of water or to upset it, destroying all on board. His proposed use of the lever meant the production of the inconceivable inventions in machinery and engineering construction, and his own estimate of its importance was expressed by the familiar quotation, "Give me whereon to stand and I will lift the earth." Archimedes was the first and perhaps the most inventive and greatest of early engineers. His lever still moves the world, and his spirit is inherited by generations of the men who have made modern civilization possible.—Cassier's Magazine.

The Turks and Raki.

"Turks often get drunk. They cheat their religion, the dogs, to do so," said a converted Constantinopolitan.

"Mohammed forbade wine to his followers, but raki is made of mastic gum. It was unknown in Mohammed's time, or of course he'd have forbidden it, too, for you can get frightfully drunk on it. I know; oh, I know! It's a white drink, with a sweetish taste, a good deal like gin.

"A Turkish dinner is mostly a vegetarian affair, if you can call raki a vegetable. It consists of such things as hort, a curdled milk spiced and scented and bakalava cakes cooked in honey, sprayed with rosewater and coated with saffron flavored whipped cream.

"With each course you drink raki. If, getting drunk, you get miserable the thing to do is to crush your glass in your hand so as to give yourself two or three cuts. Unhappy Turks, you must know, express their wretchedness by cutting their hands. Look at these scars."—Minneapolis Journal.

Women In England.

In the seventeenth century, when Englishwomen were still recognized as possessing an economic and political status side by side with Englishmen, there was written an interesting entry in the church warden's accounts of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, proving that one Elizabeth Bartlett was intrusted with the casting of the second bell and that all the women employed thus were paid at the same rate as men for the same work. Another instance is to be found in the records of the Fleet prison, of which the first female warden, appointed in 1217 on the death of her husband Robert, received the same salary "as the said Robert had been accustomed to during his life." There was no talk then of confining the woman's sphere to work that was paid badly.

Quieting Him Down.

A farmer sued a cattle dealer for damages in the local county court.

"When I bought the bull," said the complainant, "he told me it was gentle and perfectly harmless—a child could play with it, in fact. Half an hour after I got the animal home he disabled a couple of my farm hands and then turned on me."

"Perhaps the animal was excited by his strange surroundings," suggested his honor. "Is he quiet enough now?"

"Well, yes; but you see"—

"Ah," remarked the defendant, "then my description was correct, after all. I said if he did get excited at first he would quiet down."

"Yes," responded the plaintiff grimly, "but you didn't tell me I should have to shoot the beggar to quiet him down. That's what I had to do!"—London Scraps.

Malaprops.

The pious old lady who, returning from a visit to the zoo, announced that she "always did enjoy a visit to the theological gardens" and the servant who, describing her master's last illness, explained that the "doctors held a consolation and found that it was something eternal" have found a recent equal in the lady who observed that when she was in Italy she "saw so many people in the garbage of monks with tonsils on their heads."

Veterinaries.

Hippocrates, the "father of medicine," wrote a treatise on the veterinary art, but its true founder was Vegetius, who wrote "De Arte Veterinaria," 300 A. D. But the first attempt to elevate the practice into a science was as late as 1761, when France set the example of establishing the first veterinary college at Lyons.—Exchange.

Heavily Laden.

"This play in its intensity," said the go-out-between-the-acts young man, "fairly takes my breath away."

"I only wish it would!" gloomily remarked the lady in the next seat.—Baltimore American.

Golden For Him.

Bunker—I see by the papers that Ardupp has just celebrated his golden wedding! Why, he was only married yesterday. Hunks—Yes; but he married an heiress.

Be sure that the wisest persons are the least severe.—Montague.

Heart Disease and Sudden Death.

A man rushing to catch a train the other day fell dead. In this instance it is fair to assume that the strain on a weak heart might fairly be held responsible. In view of the fierce competition in life and the undue strain to which the masses of men are subjected it is of the highest importance that people known to be affected with heart disease should exercise the greatest care as to overtaxing their physical strength in view of the danger of sudden death, instances of which are so common today. Inasmuch as few people are aware of having weak hearts, a safe rule for all men over forty is to avoid the perils of haste and undue strain, as in lifting, rushing, etc. Another important factor, many people over forty indulging in excessive eating are in danger of arterio-sclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, which results in sudden death from apoplexy, kidney or heart disease. To sum the matter up, people over forty must limit their table indulgence and avoid sudden and undue haste or strain if desirous of attaining a ripe old age.—New York Herald.

Made the Most of His Hats.

When Lord Milner held his first reception at Pretoria the officers and legislators were given to understand that frock coats and tall hats were expected of them. There was only one shop in the place in which silk hats were sold, and this had but four of them. The Transvaal legislators rushed off in a body to buy these four, but the hatter, not being mad, saw his opportunity in their extremity. He knew there was no time to get hats from anywhere else, so he resolved not to sell. He offered to let them out on hire at the rate of 10 shillings for ten minutes. His shop was close at hand. Four gentlemen could present themselves before his excellency. After ten minutes they must silently steal away and hand over their hired finery to another panting quartet. It was done, and the hatter still repeats dreamily as he recalls the moment of his life, "It would not have been fair to have sold them, not fair to my customers and not fair to myself."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Couldn't Feaze This One.

An instance of the careless, good natured philosophy of the negro may be seen in the little doggerel verse laughingly sung by a black farmer when at the end of a bad crop year nothing was coming to him after his supply bills were paid. He could neither read nor write; he had no money or chance of getting any for another twelvemonth, yet apparently there was no fretting on his part. He took the balance sheet, which was an utter mystery to him, and, pretending to inspect it and following the rows of figures with eye and finger, he gleefully chanted:

"Aught's an aught,
Figger's a figger,
Ev'ything fur de white man
An' nuffin' fur de nigger!"

Then carelessly he stuffed the bit of paper into his pocket, "cut the pigeon's wing" and finally walked away to all appearances with a whimsical enjoyment of the fact that his own penniless condition corroborated the statement of his song.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Put to Flight.

The baby in arms was screaming lustily, and the man in the gray suit could not hide his irritability.

"What on earth, madam," he spluttered, "do you mean by bringing such a howling brat into a public vehicle?"

"It isn't a brat!" retorted the mother, with natural indignation. "And if I'm any judge it doesn't howl half as much as you did at its age, going by the looks of you!"

The man in gray wriggled uneasily under the general scrutiny.

"Baby, see the ugly man?" pursued the infuriated female, pointing at him. "See the monkey-ponkey, gorilla man what might take a first prize at a beauty show for the 'orriblest face? Baby, hush, or the ugly monkey man will"—But the sentence remained unfinished, for the man in the gray suit had bolted.—London Graphic.

Surf Birds.

That birds of the family termed surf birds in the Hawaiian Islands should leave that paradise of the Pacific to go and rear their young in the tundras of Alaska would seem to many an extraordinary proceeding, yet the turnstone and the black bellied plover make the long journey of about 4,000 miles thither annually.

Two Reasons.

"You mustn't play with Mr. Borum's hat, Bobby," said a young lady who was entertaining a caller to her small brother.

"Why mustn't I?" asked the youngster.

"Because you might break it," replied his sister, "and, besides, he will want it shortly."

Her Great Memory.

The gift of memory was being discussed when Alice wisely said:

"Mother's got a good memory. She can remember things a heap further back than any of us children can."—Lippincott's.

Prehistoric.

Little Girl—I've got a father and a muvver and a grandfather. Old Gent—And how old is yer grandfather? Little Girl—I don't know, but we've had him a long time.

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