THE KITCHEN DRESSER.

It Was Originally a Bench on Which Meat Was Dressed.

Dr. Johnson tells us that the kitchen dresser was a bench in the kitchen on which meat was dressed, or prepared, for table and gives the following lines in support of his view:

'Tis burnt, and so is all the meat.
What dogs are these? Where is the rascal cook?
How durst you, villains, bring it from the dresser,
And serve thus to me that love it not?
—Shakespeare.

A maple dresser in her hall she had,
On which full many a slender meal she made.
—Dryden.

Wright, in his "Domestic Manners of the Middle Ages," says: "One of the great objects of ostentation in a rich man's house was his plate, which at dinner time he brought forth and spread on the table in sight of his guests. Afterward, to exhibit the plate to more advantage, the table was made with shelves or steps, on which the different articles could be arranged in rows, one above another. It was called in French, or Anglo-Norman, a dressoir, because on it the different articles were dresses, or arranged."

It is this to which the modern poet refers:

The pewter plates on the dresser
Caught and reflected the flame, as shields of armies the sunshine.

LIVING SILVER.

The Process by Which Mercury Is Extracted From Cinnabar.

The chief scource of mercury is its native sulphide, cinnabar. The most important mines of this mineral in Europe are those of Almaden, in Spain, and Idria, in Illyria; in America, those of New Almaden, in California.

The silvery metal is obtained by roasting the ores in specially constructed open furnaces, where, by the action of atmospheric air alone, the sulphur is converted into sulphurous acid and passes on with the volatilized mercury into condensers. These are usually masonry chambers, with water cooled pipes, from which the fumes pass on through earthenware pipes and finally through others of wood and glass.

Most of the yield is liquid mercury, combined with soot, which is removed by agitating the mixture in receptacles of perforated iron, when the mercury falls through. The quicksilver is finally purified by straining through dense linen and is then sent out into commerce in leather bags or wrought iron bottles fitted with screw plugs, each holding about seventy-five pounds avoirdupois.

THE WORD BOGUS.

There Are Several Plausible Theories as to Its Origin.

The word "bogus" is said by Dr. Ogilvie to be derived from Boghese, the name of a notorious American swindler who about the year 1835 flooded the western and southwestern states with counterfeit bills, sham mortgages and such like. Others connect the word with "bogie," a scarecrow or goblin, and so applied to anything fictitious or chimerical.

Lowell in the "Biglow Papers" says, "I more than suspect the word to be a corruption of the French bagasse." This bagasse was the sugar cane as delivered in its dry, crushed state from the mill, called also cane trash, and fit only for burning, being thus synonymous with useless rubbish.

Again, according to Brewer, there is in French argot, or thieves' slang, a word, bogue, which signifies the rind of a green chestnut or the case of a watch, and this also brings us to the idea of an outward seeming without any solid and reputable foundation.—Pearson's Weekly.

An East Prussia Custom.

Midsummer day, or St. John the Baptist's day, is a festival of much importance among the Masur peasant girls in east Prussia. On this day they each make a wreath, and each in turn tries to throw her wreath so as to lodge it on a fruit tree. A girl must keep on throwing until her wreath stays in the branches, and the number of attempts is supposed to indicate the number of years she will have to wait to get married. When the girls are thus engaged the young men of the village stand around chaffing them when they miss. The girl who lands her wreath at the first attempt is vehemently applauded. The Masurs are Poles who live in that part of Poland.

Donkeys In Egypt.

In Egypt the women still follow the ancient custom of riding on donkeys. The animals are small and well trained and carry their burdens about without remonstrance. The riding under these conditions demands no especial skill of horsemanship. The women make a great convenience of these little steeds, riding them to market or to their shopping as well as on considerable journeys.

Natural Cause.

"I have been told," remarked the visitor in Salt Lake City, "that your lake is drying up. What seems to be the cause?"

"I guess, mister," said the native, "if you had as much salt in you as that there lake's got you'd be gittin' purty dry too."—Chicago Tribune.

The Difference.

The Impecunious—It is just as easy to love a girl with money as to love one without it. The Heiress—But it isn't so easy to get her.—London Tit-Bits.

Look on the bright side. If there is a baby in the house, there are also enough safety pins for the grown folks to help themselves.—Atchison Globe.



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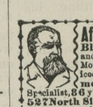


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Commonly, the first symptom of a "cold" is a chilly feeling, accompanied by sneezing, or a tickling in the throat. The most frequent of external causes are draughts, wet or cold feet, or going from hot rooms suddenly into cold ones. More frequently there is an inner cause—namely the stagnation of the blood caused by constipation or biliousness. Almost the first symptom is the feeling of cold in the feet and increased discharge from the nose.

No one ever takes cold unless constipated, or exhausted, and having what we call mal-nutrition, which is attended with impoverished blood and exhaustion of nerve force. Tonics consisting of large portions of alcohol, iron or cod liver oil do not bring the desired changes in the blood, because they do not enter the system and are not absorbed into the blood, with the exception of the alcohol, which shrivels up the red blood corpuscles when it *does* come in contact with them. We recommend the botanical extract of Dr. Pierce because it contains no alcohol, and offers a reasonable and scientific method of treating the blood, by improving the nutritive functions of the patient. The "Golden Medical Discovery" accomplishes this, by first restoring the enfeebled digestive organs, so that food, the natural tissue builder, will be digested and assimilated.

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THE MAN IN THE MOON.

Some Curious and Varied Beliefs as to His Identity.

According to Pratorius, the man in the moon is the patriarch Isaac, carrying the bundle of sticks which were to be lighted to sacrifice his own body on the mountain top. Dante believes him to be Cain, carrying a bundle of thorns, the meanest offering his lands afforded, as a present to God. In Iceland the people claim that they can see the face of Adam in the moon and that of Eve in the sun. Among the Frieburgers there is a superstition which says that the marks and spots on the moon's face are the outlines of the traitor Judas Iscariot, holding his hand over his face while sneezing just prior to hanging himself. This last belief accords with the old Frankish legend which says that there was no spot on Luna's bright face until after the time of the crucifixion of Christ. Still another story tells us that in the time of the creation God threw an offending angel against the face of the moon, while another is to the effect that the moon witnessed the creation of Adam and Eve and took an impress of their features on his surface, intending to people his own land with similar beings. When he essayed to imitate God's works, he made nothing but a slimy serpent, which since that day has continued to fold and unfold its mighty coils in full view of the descendants of the God created beings.

THE TOMB OF CAIN.

It Is Said to Be Not Far From the City of Damascus.

The early traditions concerning the city of Damascus are curious and interesting, even though untrustworthy and contradictory. By some of the ancient writers it was maintained that the city stands on or near the site of the garden of Eden, and just opposite there is a beautiful meadow of red earth from which, it is said, God took the material from which he created Adam. This field is called Ager Damascenus, and near its center there formerly stood a pillar which was said to mark the precise spot where our first parent was created. A few miles out there is an eminence called the Mountain of Abel, supposed by some to be the place where the first two brothers offered their sacrifices, also the spot where the first murder was committed. The most interesting spot pointed out, however, is about three leagues from the city, where an old ruin is shown which all the orient believes to be the tomb of Cain. The traditions respecting this famous spot are known to antedate the Christian era by several hundred years. Up to the time of Vespasian the interior of the tomb is said to have been lighted and warmed by one of the "ever burning" lamps so commonly used by the ancients.

THE FERRONNIERE.

An Ornament That Probably Dates Back to Remote Antiquity.

A ferronniere was a band or chain round the head, holding a jewel in the center of the forehead. The last instance of its being in fashionable use was furnished by America early in the nineteenth century. Mrs. Earle, the historian of transatlantic costume, vouches for this curious survival.

This ornament is known to have been popular in Europe in the sixteenth century, and in the east it could probably be traced back to remote antiquity. Biblical students know that the Jews, following a custom of the ancient Egyptians, often adopted this method of wearing their phylacteries, or frontlets, between their eyes.

The modern application of the name is, according to Mrs. Earle, obscure, but there does not appear to be much doubt about the matter. One of the pictures of Leonardo da Vinci goes by the name of "La Belle Ferronniere." It would seem to be a portrait of Lucrezia Crivelli, a favorite of Ludovico Sforza, and, as the lady is depicted wearing one of these ornaments, it is clear that the name owes its revival to this picture.—London Standard.

An Odd Swimming Contest.

Sir John Pakington, a courtier of Queen Elizabeth, was a reckless layer of wagers. He once bet £3,000 that he would swim the Thames from the bridge at Westminster to the bridge at Greenwich faster than three relays of young noblemen. Sir John won this bet. The relays of noblemen, though they swam hard, were badly beaten. The queen was present at the race, and to the losers she gave, by way of a consolation prize, a butt of sack.

Character Analysis.

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A Venus.

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