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DEITIES OF THE ANCIENTS.

How the Vestal Virgins Were Honored by the Romans.

The principal wind deities were Boreas, the north wind; Zephyrus, the west; Auster, the south, and Eurus, the east wind. The first was remembered chiefly on account of a love scrape. He fell in love with a nymph, but could not speak softly and found himself unable to sigh at all. Knowing that it was impossible to make love without soft speeches and sighs, he was about to give up lovemaking as a bad job and go back to his regular business of blowing, but took advice of an expert, who recommended him to carry off the girl. He did so. She soon got used to his blowing, and they lived happily ever afterward.

Vesta was the goddess of life and of home. Her altar stood on every hearthstone; her fire burned on the floor of every public building. Emigrants when leaving their country always carried with them fire from the public hearth. The Vestal virgins spent thirty years in service—ten in learning their duties, ten in practicing them, ten in teaching novices. After this term had expired they might, if they chose, leave the service of their divine mistress or marry, but few did so. Honors were showered upon them. They rode in chariots, a privilege in Rome accorded only to royalty. The best seats in the amphitheater were reserved for them. They pardoned or condemned the gladiators. If a criminal led to execution met a Vestal he was instantly released, no matter what his crime.

CORPULENCE AND SANITY.

The Gospel of Fat as Applied to the Mentally Afflicted.

Are the majority of folk of weak intellect? Is insanity on the increase? Are we all preparing ourselves for lunatic asylums? These startling questions have occurred to me after reading an article in a medical journal on the "gospel of fat as applied to the treatment of mental disease." It seems that the more you fatten up the mentally afflicted the saner they become, but of course the difficulty lies in providing the lunatic with adipose tissue, as there is nothing like brain disease to cause too, too solid flesh to melt.

The aim of most of us nowadays is to keep down what our transatlantic friends, with their genius for using the ugliest word for everything, uncompromisingly call "flesh." We bathe, we massage, we diet, we fly to these and those waters, we try all manner of cures and put ourselves into various kinds of straps and pastes and take violent exercise with the aim of filing ourselves down and keeping stoutness at bay.

Does this decided disposition on the part of men and women to avoid corpulence and the successful "thinning down" that we notice on all sides portend increase of lunacy? If so, dieting and the taking of waters and massage ought to be forbidden by act of parliament. By the way, Hamlet was fat and scant of breath, but he was certainly far from sane.—London World.

Some Wonderful Figures.

Figures on the light and heat of the sun are the most startling that can possibly be presented. The astronomers measure the amount of heat and light emitted by the sun by estimating that the earth intercepts about the two billion three hundred millionth part of it. Thus it is found that in every second of time the sun emits as much heat as would result from the sudden combustion of 11,600,000,000,000 tons of pure coal. It may be interesting to the reader to know that each portion of the sun's surface as large as this earth emits as much heat per second as would result from the combustion of 1,000,000,000 tons of the best anthracite fuel.

The Laundryman.

There is one branch of trade which runs on in an even tenor regardless of prices and crashes. That is the laundry business. People who patronize laundries never economize on their linen. A man will average about so many shirts, collars and cuffs a week when he is cutting down on his drinks and cigars and his theater tickets. And this observation recalls the fact that the laundryman never has any innovation in his business. He will ruin about so many shirts and collars and cuffs every three months and never say a word about it or make any deduction—if you keep quiet.—Chicago Tribune.

The Festival of Minerva.

The most notable festival at Athens was in honor of Minerva. All classes of citizens on this day marched in procession. The oldest went first, then the young men, the children, the young women, the matrons and the people of the lower orders. The most prominent object in the parade was a ship propelled by hidden machinery and bearing at its masthead the sacred banner of the goddess.

A Crazy Idea.

"Haven't you ever thought of going to work?" asked the farmer's wife of Sauntering Sam.

"Yes'm," replied the veteran tramp. "I thought of it once, but I was deeleeryus at de time."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Schiller's Liking For Apples.

One habit of Schiller's was a passion for the smell of an apple. He used to cut an apple into quarters and keep them in the drawer of his writing table.—T. P.'s Weekly.

Another Victim of His Curiosity.

He—At what age do you think a girl ought to marry? She—Well, I couldn't think of setting the day before next October, George, when I shall be just twenty-nine.—Somerville Journal.

RULES FOR CYCLISTS.

Quaint Regulations That Are Enforced in Foreign Lands.

In some foreign countries and cities there are rules and regulations for women cyclists which are decidedly quaint, according to the American way of thinking.

Russian women are not allowed to own cycles except by royal permission, and it is sparingly given. In fact, until comparatively lately, there have been but few Russian wheelwomen, and the majority of these belonged to the royal family.

In France women cyclists are plentiful, but a curious law exists which prevents a married woman joining a touring club unless she can present a signed declaration from her husband that he is willing that she should do so.

In Germany women cyclists are obliged to pass an examination before the city police showing that they have perfect control of their bicycles before they can obtain permission to ride in the streets, and they must carry with them their license on their cycles.

In Vienna no wheelwoman is allowed to take her hands from the handle bars while riding in the streets, and in Florence the fair cyclist is compelled to carry two bells on her machine to warn pedestrians of her vicinity.

These rules are all for the special benefit of women and do not apply to men, who doubtless are considered more capable of controlling the vagaries of the giddy wheel.—New York American.

AN OLD WELSH HOME.

Description of an Interior, With Its Sanded Slate Flags.

Robert Fowler in his book, "Beautiful Wales," makes this pretty description of an old Welsh home: "The floor was of sanded slate flags and on them a long, many legged table, an oak settle, a table piano and some Chippendale chairs. There were also two tall clocks, and they were the most human clocks I ever met, for they ticked with effort and uneasiness. They found the hours troublesome and did not twitter mechanically over them, and at midnight the twelve strokes always nearly ruined them, so great was the effort.

"On the wall were a large portrait of Spurgeon, several sets of verses, printed and framed, in memory of dead members of the family, an allegorical tree watered by the devil and photographs of a bard. There were about fifty well used books near the fire and two or three men smoking and one man reading some serious book aloud by the only lamp, and a girl was carrying out the week's baking of large loaves, flat fruit tarts of blackberry, apple and whinberry, plain golden cakes, large, soft currant biscuits and curled oat cakes.

"And, outside, the noises of a west wind and a flooded stream, the whimper of an otter and the long, slow laugh of an owl, and always silent, but never forgotten, the restless, towering outline of a mountain."

PARCHMENT.

It Was Invented by the Greeks When Papyrus Was Scarce.

There is no evidence that papyrus was grown for commercial purposes outside of Egypt during the whole Roman period, and the industry of its growth and manufacture must have been a large and profitable one. In the time of Tiberius a sedition was nearly caused by a scarcity of paper, and a rebellious paper maker, in the days of Aurelian, boasted that he could equip an army from the profits of his business—and did it too.

Parchment was invented by the Greeks when papyrus was scarce, and the middle ages reinvented it. There is evidence that linen rags were used in paper making as early as the eighth and ninth centuries. In paper of that period the fiber was chiefly linen, with traces of cotton, hemp and other fibers. The known specimens are of oriental origin and appear to have been clayed, like modern papers, the material used being a starch paste manufactured from wheat.

The oldest manuscript written on cotton paper in England is in the British museum and dates from 1049 A. D., and the oldest on the same material in the Paris National library is dated 1050. In 1085 the Christian successors of the Spanish Saracens made paper of rags instead of raw cotton, which had been formerly employed.

A Little Mixed.

After a meeting of the parish council in a New England town the chairman rose to sum up.

"You keep us here," he said, "till 10 o'clock at night, and then you cast the town drains in our teeth. You keep us here plowing the sands, and then when all decent people are asleep you go into the public drains, causing unnecessary friction. It won't do—it's too barefaced to hold water."—Harper's Weekly.

A Sharp Seat.

Tommy's Pop (explaining the mysteries of country life)—Yes, a hen will sit on an egg and hatch it. Tommy—Gracious! I should think it would hurt to sit on a hatchet.—Philadelphia Record.

Improving Times.

"Darling, it seems to me that you are more beautiful every time I see you."

"You must come and see me oftener, Jack."—Brooklyn Life.

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"Are you Hungary?"

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"Well, come along, I'll Fiji."—National Geographic Magazine.

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