ROMAN HOT BATHS.

They May Have Caused the Downfall of the Imperial City.

When Rome was in her glory and men were strong and women beautiful, they set first importance upon the bath. There were 800 public baths in imperial Rome.

Before taking a bath the Roman took a little exercise. In the later history of Rome the room in which he undressed was heated, and after undressing he was anointed with oil. Then came the scratching and rubbing of the skin with the strigil. Following this perspiration was promoted by heated air or a hot bath. The bath was completed with a cold douche or cold plunge. Finally the body was anointed again.

It is believed by many writers that the introduction of the hot bath in the place of the cold bath among the Romans was the principal cause of their downfall. The luxury of the hot bath was weakening and destroyed that personal valor and hardihood for which the Romans were notorious in their earlier history.

Little by little the enervating influence of the hot bath gradually sapped away the vitality of the Roman soldier until the more hardy men of the north found them very easy foes to conquer.—Medical Talk.

Passing of the Aristocrats.

The Revolution, in giving us a separate nationality, had not destroyed time honored traditions. Our manners and customs were English, bred in the bone; our point of view that of the mother country. Freedom and equality were political terms that no one dreamed of applying to social life. What gave position at that time was inherited distinction. Its possession was free from self consciousness—simply an advantage of birth, which that Providence who had always shown an affinity to hierarchies saw fit to bestow on a favored class. The community was divided by the grace of God into gentlemen—and others; perhaps it would be more exact to say gentlemen, their servants and others. The privacy of these gentlemen concerned themselves only. There were no "social happenings" heralded in their newspapers to force notoriety upon family life. How it would have astonished those early aristocrats if they could have anticipated the fictitious importance later days would attach to their privileges!—Elizabeth Duer in Smart Set.

Oriental Jugglery.

An eyewitness of a celebrated feat of oriental jugglery tells the following story of what he thought he saw a band of Indian fakirs accomplish: "They produced a chain seventy-five feet in length and in my presence threw one end of it toward the sky, where it remained as if fastened to something in the air. A dog was then brought forward and, being placed at the lower end of the chain, immediately ran up and, reaching the other end, disappeared in the air. In the same manner a hog, a panther, a lion and a tiger were successively sent up the chain, and all disappeared at the upper end. At last they pulled down the chain and put it in a bag, no one ever discovering in what manner the different animals were made to vanish."

Spanish Brides.

There are no bridesmaids at a Spanish wedding, but instead a madrina (literally godmother) is present with the witnesses. There is no bride cake, but there is a reception and very often a feast after the ceremony. Before the wedding takes place the bride's new home is made ready for her reception, for the honeymooners do not start on their travels until the day after their marriage.

Before their departure they pay a polite visit to their respective parents. On their return dainty sweetmeats in pretty boxes are sent round to their friends. No visits are paid till little cards have been sent "offering their house."

A Lightning Change Artist.

The rapidity with which chameleons change their color is marvelous. You gather one from an outdoor shrub and it immediately becomes dark, almost black, hissing and with its mouth wide open, threatening to bite. Meanwhile it is never still, but continues to crawl upward whenever possible—up you, up your sleeve, always upward. By degrees the angry black changes into whatever color is nearest. If one's dress is of a brownish color so is the chameleon's.

Greed.

"Don't you think that people pay too much attention to money nowadays?"

"No, I don't," answered Senator Sorghum. "Time was when a five dollar bill looked as big as a farm to a member of the legislature. Now he won't pay any attention to it whatever."—Washington Star.

Expert at It.

Townley—This paper says that one of those idiotic colleges is going to make Senator Boodler a "doctor of laws."

Brownley—Well, that's appropriate enough. He doctors the laws every time he gets a chance.—Exchange.

A Money Saver.

City Guest—Why don't you have your windows washed, landlord? I can't see out.

Country Innkeeper—No, don't want 'em cleaned. If they were clean I'd have to get curtains to keep the sun out.

Men do not change much, after all. Three hundred years ago a wise man wrote this: "A man knows little who tells his wife all he knows."—Atchison Globe.

THE SOUP PLATE.

A Seventeenth Century Cookbook Tells Why It Was Invented.

A valet of Louis XIV. published a cookbook in 1655 in which he gives as follows the reason for the invention of the hollow soup plate:

The plates of the guests will be hollow in order that they may help themselves to as much soup as they may want without being obliged to take it spoonful by spoonful, because of the disgust they may have for one another on seeing the spoon go from the mouth to the tureen.

Guests, it will be seen, used their own spoons to fill their plates, the large spoon to be used for serving the soup not being invented till some time later. Yet even a hundred years after the invention of the soup plate (1749) a work on civility advised that all the dishes should be so placed on the table that every one could reach them with his spoon and that if the soup was served in a dish (tureen) every one should help himself with his own spoon without seeming to be in a hurry. A work on manners that appeared just before the French revolution deemed it best to advise its readers that it was impolite to pass the spoon back and forth between the mouth and the tureen.

A Plea For Descriptive Titles.

Setting aside the flood not to be counted as literature, the naming of a book that is worthy of a name is a matter of real moment. Two methods seem to have been followed—that of using the name of a leading character, as "Jane Eyre" and "Rob Roy;" the other that of giving some hint of the nature of the book, as in "Vanity Fair" and "The Cloister and the Hearth." The first method has no justification. What we plead for is that a title shall contain the soul or the keynote of the book. Then the author and reader start on fair terms. Jane Austen, a consummate artist, understood this well, as in "Pride and Prejudice," but forsook her advantage in "Emma"—a better book and susceptible to as telling a title. It is difficult to estimate what would have been the loss to literature if "The Scarlet Letter" had been labeled "Hester Prynne" and "The House of Seven Gables"—a title that has worked its way into architecture—had been called "The Pyncheons."—Dr. Theodore T. Munger in Booklovers' Magazine.

Weighing a Field of Turnips.

The English farmer makes use of mathematics in his work, says a London paper. Suppose, for example, that he wishes to know the weight of his turnip crop while it is still in the ground, which is sometimes a matter of importance, a simple calculation will give him the information.

It is the custom in England to plant turnips in ridges twenty-eight inches apart; this makes ninety ridges to the acre. The farmer selects a row where the crop seems about the average and pulls up all the turnips in a measured yard of the row and weighs them.

Assuming that they weigh ten pounds, a simple calculation shows that the crop averages a little more than twenty-eight tons to the acre. If they weigh eleven pounds, the average will be about thirty-one tons to the acre.

A Famous Emerald.

The emerald is mentioned by St. John in his Apocalypse. An emerald of inestimable value ornamented the bezel of the ring of Polycrates, king of Samos. That monarch, having been all his life favored by fortune, determined to put his luck to a severe test. He threw the ring into the sea. The next day he went fishing.

The record of that day's sport still remains unbroken. His majesty caught a fine fish, and in the inside of the fish he found his ring. That happened in the year 230 of the foundation of Rome, and the ring, considered as a talisman, was placed among the royal treasures of the Temple of Concord.

America's Largest Snake.

The largest American serpent is the anaconda, which may attain a length of thirty feet. It inhabits tropical America and is a handsome animal, with dark round spots scattered over its whole body on a groundwork of rich brown. It is very fond of water and haunts the banks of rivers, lakes and streams, there lying in wait for any deer or peccary which may come to the margin of the water to drink.

Flowers and Scents.

Some flowers appear to change their scents at different times. The common jasmine flowers when first opened have a delicate, fresh perfume which, after a time, becomes grosser and attracts bluebottle flies. Flowers of the orchid Odontoglossum hebraicum have a cinnamon fragrance and a hawthorn scent at different periods of their bloom.

Two Evils.

"I can't imagine a worse gilly than the man who's forever indulging in small talk."

"Oh, I don't know! He's no worse than the fellow who is forever talking big."—Philadelphia Press.

For a Switch Off.

"I wish you'd send ma to one of those electricians' schools, pop."

"Why, what do you mean, my son?"

"She's altogether too careless with the switch, pop."—Yonkers Statesman.

Fully Explained.

"Yes, she has a case of 'nerves.'"

"What's that?"

"Well, to be frank, it's the name we use when a wealthy patient is just plain cranky."—Chicago Post.

People who grumble in cloudy weather usually wear veils when the sun shines.

Time For All Things

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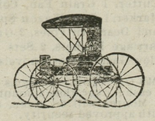

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