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THE SHIP IN PROCESSIONS:

It is an Old Custom and Still Popular, Setting Back a Century or More.

A pretty feature in Washington processions, says the Star, political and national, for many years, has been the "ship of state," or "constitution," as a float, often complete in its appointments, armed with miniature cannon, and manned by sailors. Sometimes the intervals between the appearance of such floats have been of such length that the ship is hailed as an entirely new figure.

NO MAP OF UNITED STATES.

A Possible Explanation of a Bermuda Boy's Ignorance of American History.

"The school children of the Bermudas know nothing of American history," says a New York woman who has just returned from Hamilton, according to the Sun. "One day I stopped and talked with a bright little colored boy on the street. The Bermuda negro, you know, is superior in intelligence to the southern negro of this country. He has neither the thick lips nor the flat nose of our American negro. His superiority is accounted for by the fact that he has in his veins the blood of the Indians captured in King Philip's war and taken as slaves to the Bermudas."

DOCTOR AND A MAN.

The Aged Discoverer of Colloidin Recently Passed Away in Massachusetts.

The discoverer of colloidin died in Dedham lately, notes the Boston Herald. He was Dr. John Parker Maynard, who had been the leading physician there for many years. His discovery was made while Dr. Maynard was still a medical student. He had the conception in his mind at that time, and engaged in a series of experiments in a little building which he erected outside Dedham village, and finally brought them to a success. His object was the application of colloidin to operations in surgery, and he demonstrated his usefulness here by applying it in 1847. He was thought to aid surgery in this way rather than to achieve pecuniary advantage, and hence gave colloidin without price to the medical profession.

Civilization and Nature.

Civilization is transforming nature in surprising ways, says an exchange. The dehorning of cattle is an example, as this practice is gaining favor so rapidly that hornless cattle may be expected soon to become the rule rather than the exception. The first objections were that it is cruel and unnatural. The early method of dehorning with a saw was undoubtedly slow and painful, but specially constructed clippers are now used that often remove a horn in a single second, and with so little suffering that feeding is continued as usual and the operation is really humane, the frequent injuries in herds from goring being prevented.

A NEW COUP IN DUELING.

The Wounded Honor of a Sicilian Deputy Satisfied After an Unprecedented Fashion.

It was Mark Twain who said that one of the chief dangers of French duellists would be removed if they were compelled to fight in glass cages, which would prevent any possibility of their taking cold. Another danger to duellists appeared not long ago when two Italian politicians attempted to satisfy their wounded honor at a dueling place in Rome that is frequented by the most exclusive fighters. This is a little clump of trees situated in the heart of the Roman Campagna. The trees are thickly branched and grow so close together that the coupe is practically impenetrable except by a narrow path that runs through the trees, says the New York Sun.

AN IMPERIAL INVENTOR.

It is Said Emperor William Will Give the World a New Electrical Car.

The career of American electric street railway apparatus in Germany may be destined to be a short and a merry one, for the news has come very circumstantially of late that the emperor himself proposes to invent a new electrical car for Berlin, and if for Berlin, then for Germany. A few years back Prince Henry, the emperor's brother, repeated all the sensational Tesla experiments with currents of high voltage and high frequency, and not many months ago we noted the fact in these columns that the emperor, the prince and some high army officers were taking a special electrical course of study. This all goes to confirm the rumor, says the Electrical Engineer.

GREAT MEN AND POLITICS.

All of the Foremost Statesmen of America Were Pronounced Partisans.

Somebody says that Lincoln was a partisan. Of course he was a partisan. He was a republican from the party's foundation until his death, and he was a whig previously. Every statesman who accomplishes anything is necessarily a partisan. Popular opinion cannot be ascertained from the medium of parties, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat. Ever since the foundation of the government, save for a few years in the so-called "era of good feeling," during Monroe's presidency, there were two great parties in the country, and everybody who counted for anything in politics belonged to one or other of these parties. Every president has been a partisan. Washington was one, though many writers pretend he was not—that he held himself outside and above each of the parties of his day.

What Cloves Are.

Cloves are the unopened flower buds of a small evergreen shrub resembling the bay or laurel, which is indigenous in Malacca, but is not much cultivated in tropical regions of America. The buds are gathered while still green and smoked by a wood fire, and are then dried in the sun. The four petals, stems and other parts of the flower, but has the curiously to soak a dried clove for a little while in hot water and to then examine it.

Finders Are Not Keepers.

In the case of an individual who had claimed a reward for the restitution of a diamond ring which he had found, Judge Finletter, of Philadelphia, rendered a decision to the effect that the mere fact of finding the ring gave the finder no lien upon the property. The article had been lost; its loss was advertised, and to keep it was practically larceny.

WINE FROM LEAVES.

Curious Results Obtained by a French Druggist in His Experiments.

Wine growers are much interested in, but somewhat dubious of, a story of a new process of wine manufacture. It seems that a French druggist has conceived the idea that the flavor of the fruit of shrubs and trees is generated in the leaves of these plants, and passes from them into the fruits. The fragrance which the leaves of the black currant bush give off, especially after a little rubbing, and which is so very similar to the taste of the berry, appears to favor this view. The Frenchman, however, goes further, and says that the pleasant taste of the apple, pear or grape is prepared in the leaves of the respective plants, although it may be noticeable in these cases in a less degree than with the black currant. After crushing the leaves he adds a fermenting agent such as yeast to them, whereupon the odorless and tasteless glycoside principle becomes free, which is to impart to the fruit proper its aroma and pleasant taste. What was formerly sought to be accomplished with grapes and other fruits is now claimed to be done in a superior manner with the leaves of the plants in a fermenting vat. Apple tree leaves, for instance, are placed in water containing 15 per cent. of sugar, and yeast is added. As the process advances there is an odor of apples, and when the fermentation is finished and the yeast has settled, a straw yellow liquid is obtained, which possesses the fine "bouquet" of the fruit of the respective trees from which the leaves were taken. The public is assured that "with wine leaves the results are still more prolific. A beverage is obtained and smelling strongly of wine is distilled from it which is similar to the best cognac."

THIS YEAR WORTH WATCHING.

Not Since 1661 Has There Been So Peculiar a Numerical Combination.

A German statistical scientist, in an article in the Magdeburg Zeitung, calls attention to the remarkable attributes of the year 1898. No man in the present generation has lived or will live under such peculiar circumstances, a condition that has not appeared since the year 1661 and will not appear again until the year 2119. People imbued with a superstitious belief and members of 13 clubs ought to watch closely the events of this remarkable year.

WHY YOU "SEE STARS."

Cause of the Singular Sensation Experienced by Receiving a Blow on the Head.

If a man falls so as to strike his head violently on the ice or on the pavement, or if he gets a blow over the eye he is said to "see stars." The cause of this curious phenomenon is found in a peculiarity of the optic nerve. The function of that nerve is to convey to the brain the impression of light. It recognizes nothing in the world but light. It is susceptible to no other impression, or, if acted upon by any other agent, it communicates to the brain the intelligence of the presence of that agent by sending along its fiber flashes of light only. Irritate this nerve with a probe or other instrument and it conveys no sensation of pain, but simply that of luminous sparks. The pain of the blow on the eye or the fall on the head is realized through the nerves of general sensation; but, insusceptible to pain or other feeling, the optic nerve sends to the brain its report of the shock by flashes, sparks and "stars."

They Wouldn't Draw.

Planted before a big case of Chinese ceramics in the Metropolitan museum, New York, the other day, stood three elderly women of the homespun brand. The ceramics were teapots of the most non-utilitarian design, and, if you will believe it, the three women were "choosing" which they would take if they were purchased to them to take any—just as children do before the shop windows in dead earnest. After each had picked out the one she would rather have above all others, they proceeded to select those "next to" the original choice. Their speech waxed warm and loud in the interested and important discussion, and much to the entertainment of the stray bystanders. "Well, there's one thing," cried one of the three, at last, "not one of 'em looks as though 't would draw."

A Tab on Millionaires.

British millionaires die at the rate of three in a year. During the ten years 1887-1896 32 millionaire estates were approved for death duty. The estates involved an aggregate personality of \$51,670,000, so they averaged in value over \$1,500,000.

Surveying by Photography.

Surveying by photography is gaining ground. Over 80,000 square miles have been photographically planned and surveyed by the surveyor-general of Canada.

Lunatics as Inventors.

It is a curious circumstance that some of the most important inventions have been discovered by lunatics.

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