

AN "HONORARY FATHER."

The "son" of Major Sweet, the Sulu Governor, is a Mahometan Prince.

An army officer possesses the unique honor of having been appointed the "father" of a Mahometan prince.

This letter comes from your sister, the Sultana Incha Pamela, to my brother, Maj. Sweet, the governor of Piange.

"This is to inform you that I am going to Limana to follow up your son Attick, to enable him to see his fiancée. It is necessary that I should be there before he is allowed to see her.

"Don't listen to any ill reports that you may hear, but first inquire of me or the sultan whether they be true or not. People nowadays delight in making mischief and in creating enmity between the higher people as well as the lower classes; therefore it is always best to make inquiries on both sides as to the truth of these reports.

"Eleventh day of Rajab, 1318."

There is a situation back of this letter which should not be lost in the war department archives. The writer of the letter is the sultana mother and a great friend of Maj. Sweet, to whom she is of material assistance in the administration of Mahometan affairs.

The son, Attick, is 20 years of age, and the second heir to the sultanate. "Attick" is a nickname which is not related by its bearer, whose real name is Datto Mahamad Aurul Um-rak.

The young prince soon grew to respect the American governor and to appreciate the interest which was taken in him.

Recently Maj. Sweet had occasion to visit a neighboring province on the government steamer, and he invited with him on that occasion his protegee.

In the course of the trip the prince took Maj. Sweet aside and expressed a wish to confide a secret to him.

He said he had a sweetheart in Limana, and that he would be grateful for permission to visit her.

Fashions in Horns.

If the question were asked: Why do the rhinoceros grow their horns upon the nose, instead of on the head, like other animals?

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Rare Astronomical Event.

The sudden blazing into view of a star previously invisible ranks among the very rarest of astronomical events.

SOME SMALL HELPS.

Odd Items of Domestic Lore That May Come in Handy to the Housekeeper.

A simple and delightful way of preparing oysters and celery for luncheon or supper is in this wise: Cut a cup of white celery in small pieces, and adding it to three tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, allow it to simmer for a quarter of an hour.

In buying sponges, give the street vendors their chemically bleached wares a wide berth. Much of their stock in trade has been rescued from hospitals, dispensaries and the junkmen, and then prepared for market.

While the same old question, "How much does the baby weigh," still continues of abiding interest, the kitchen steelyards and grandpa's bandana handkerchief or cook's scales are no longer considered de rigueur for determining that momentous query.

And yet—all hail, baby of the steelyards!

A new method of treatment for diphtheria which is said to be remarkably successful is the swabbing out of the throat with common petroleum.

In a recent volume on the cause and prevention of decay in teeth the writer attributes the increasing prevalence of dental caries among civilized nations to the modern methods of manufacture of food stuffs.

Firstly, owing to the absence of mechanically detergent constituents of food, more of the fermentable, acid-producing and germ-sustaining parts of the latter remain in contact with the teeth for some time after meals.

HAVING NO TIME.

The Woman Who is Always Too Busy to Take Care of Her Own Health.

The woman who has "no time for relaxation and systematic exercise" is precisely the woman who most needs to take it.

"I get all the exercise I need in going about my household," many women assert, but that is the greatest mistake possible.

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Another hindrance to health, and consequently beauty is the wearing of unnecessary clothing.

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MONASTERIES OF METEORA.

Aerial Structures Form Extraordinary Scenes at the Frontier of Macedonia Territory.

Between the curve of the Macedonian frontier of the mountains of Khasasia and the open town of Kalabaka, which terminates the long western plain of Thessaly, lie the monasteries of Meteora.

From its beautiful position, its size and the fair preservation of its buildings the monastery of Hagios Barlaam is a very good specimen of these fifteenth century monasteries.

The monastery of Hagios Nikolaos appeared to be in a totally dilapidated condition and entirely deserted when we visited Meteora.

The monks of St. Anthony.

CHARMING NEW PLAYTHINGS.

Bits of Dried Wood That are Transformed into Wonderful Figures and Animals.

Our modern toys are as ingenious as they are varied and pretty, but the young people of Europe and America have no monopoly in this regard.

They come in small wooden boxes similar to the little paint boxes that are so well known.

The wood has been kiln-dried, and as soon as it touches the water it begins to absorb the same and to expand almost indefinitely.

As it increases in size it separates, and suddenly opens and becomes a very pretty toy.

How they are made and compressed is one of those trade secrets which are kept inviolate by the guild which makes a livelihood by their manufacture.

On rare occasions it is possible to get larger and more artistic figures, historical characters and portraits of great monarchs, poets and teachers.

The ordinary kind cost a mere song, but the finer qualities are often very expensive.

Signing of the Sulu Treaty.

The sultan of Sulu was persuaded to sign the treaty with this country by means of a phonograph.

The sultan who does this, then sleeps in a properly ventilated room, takes a warm sponge bath and a cold splash every morning, and eats sensible food does not need to worry about her complexion, unless something is radically wrong, demanding a physician's care.

A Simple Salad.

A salad made of roast pork, combined with celery, olives, lettuce and mayonnaise dressing, is delicious and is sometimes mistaken for chicken salad.

A LESSON IN COOKING.

The Vigorous Instruction of Hop Sing in Baking Beans Broke Him In.

It happened down in southern Arizona. "Tom" Preston had the contract for the boarding house at the Copper Matte mine.

"That's the way I want you to cook beans," Preston commanded.

That day the beans were excellent, and Preston was delighted with the result of his efforts.

Then he kicked him under the table, and as the unfortunate creature crawled to the door to escape his wrath.

FRESH FEMININE FINERY.

Tasty Trifles That are Now in Favor with Followers of the Fashions.

Soft chips and crinoline straws which can be manipulated easily into any shape are promised as a feature of spring millinery.

Empire ribbons of varying tints are woven with either silver or gold laurel wreaths, and effectively used for chemise tops and stocks.

Squares of cluny lace, alternating with squares of jet galleon, are used for trimming silk petticoats.

Evening gloves, hand painted, with a spray of flowers from the shoulder down nearly to the wrist, are one of the fads of fashion across the water.

Perhaps the latest eruption of Napoleonic emblems is seen in the empire wreaths cut out of cloth edged with gold thread.

The remains of a cold fowl, a little white sauce, one quart of chicken stock, three ounces of butter, egg wash and bread crumbs.

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QUEEN VICTORIA'S PREMIERS.

Her Majesty's Manner of Treating with Them and Their Ways with Her.

The stories told of Queen Victoria and all classes of her subjects with whom she came in contact are innumerable. Many, of course, are quite apocryphal.

A story once very widely circulated was that Mr. Gladstone habitually treated her majesty with rudeness.

Lord Beaconsfield's method was different. In early days he was disliked and distrusted.

That Lord Palmerston was no servile courtier we know from his opposition to court influence with politics.

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Crops in Porto Rico.

Oranges and bananas reach a delicious perfection in Porto Rico, and frosts are unknown.

The Real Thing.

Hotel Guest—Can you get me an unabridged dictionary anywhere in the house?

Sweetbreads with Parmesan Cheese.

Two tablespoonfuls butter, one pair sweetbreads, cooked and chopped, three tablespoonfuls Parmesan cheese, three egg yolks, salt, cayenne, one tablespoonful butter.

PIRATES WERE IN CLOVER.

Days When the Government Officials Protected Them from Justice.

Two hundred years ago at this season of the year the citizens of New York were scandalized by the rumored corruption of the men in high places.

Dominic Selyns had solemnly declared (before Trinity church had been chartered) that the condition of public morals was deplorable, and had eloquently urged reform.

As a matter of course, the city was deeply stirred, for it is to be presumed that the "pious and excellent man" was as free with the expression of his opinions in the pulp as in his letters to the classics of Amsterdam.

Fletcher, however, had been succeeded by Bellomont, who, himself, was not free from suspicion of granting "protection" for a consideration.

Under Fletcher's administration Tew had thrived. The governor said at one time to the house (with all the seriousness of the Croker of the present):

"Where's the man?" asked the old chap, in a flash.—Detroit Free Press.

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Bell Boy—I'm afraid not, sir, but there's a lady from Boston on the second floor.—Sommerville Journal.

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