

VOYAGES TAKEN BY FOOD.

Good American Articles That Go Abroad and Come Back Something Else.

Tables of exports and imports show queer movements of foodstuffs. Almost every country seems to export some food and to import the same kind.

Russia is famous for the production of caviare. Yet a good part of the United States exports to Russia consists of caviare made along the great lakes and Delaware and Chesapeake bays.

England and Germany, both of which are known for their manufacture of cheese, import lots of it from the United States and sell it again as domestic cheese.

Lyons, in France, is distinguished for the production of a hard, red, highly-spiced sausage. There is an American concern that has developed the production of this same kind of sausage to a point where it is as good as the French and cheaper.

So the American product goes over the sea to France, and in Lyons it is packed in new wrappers and boxes. Then it is shipped away again to all the countries, whose hotels are crying for sausage de Lyon.

Hamburg is noted for its fine smoked, canned and jellied eels. Where do these eels come from? From the falls of the Nile.

A company of Baltic fishermen has settled in Egypt, catching Egyptian eels in the land of the Pharaohs to be packed in cans with the three towers of the Hamburg coat of arms stamped on them.

American wines are forever traveling to Europe to come back again in a year or two with French, Italian and Spanish labels on them. But wines are not sent on sea voyages purely with the intent to deceive.

Then, again, customs duties and the provisions for keeping liquors in bond often make it profitable to ship wines and brandies to ports where they can be put in bond cheaply until they are wanted.

A person who studies the voyages of sherry, as shown in tables of exports and imports, is amazed to discover that of all unlikely places Newfoundland is one of the great points of import for sherry.

One of the great national foods of Germany is the goose. Christmas and roast goose in Germany are as inseparable as Thanksgiving and turkey in America.

But the national bird of the Teuton isn't a Teutonic bird at all. Long ago, it appears, the Germans ate up all their own geese, and now they go around begging other countries for their geese.

How big these goose herds are can be estimated by the fact that more than 7,000,000 of Russian geese were shipped into Berlin alone last year.

Insanity in Various States. In the New England states there is one insane person for every 359 of population; in New York and Pennsylvania, one to every 424; in Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky and Tennessee, the ratio is one to 610; in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, the same; in the middle west, one to 750; in the southern states, one to 535; and in the Rocky mountain division one to 1,263.

Princess Mathilde was a typical Bonaparte. Beneath the skin of a grande dame there dwelt the soul of a vivandiere. She was generous and tempestuous. Something of a butt in her prime, as a certain rather pronounced passage in Lord Malmesbury's reminiscences shows, she was universally admitted at the same time to possess taste and a knowledge of the arts.

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DOG AS GOLD DISCOVERER.

Common Mongrel Leads His Owners to Rich Claim in Nye County.

Thinking that their dog was chasing a mountain lion or some other wild beast, H. Roth and A. E. Montgomery, two miners from Nye county, Nev., seized their guns and followed until they saw the dog come to a stop on the top of a great bowlder.

Surprised by the behavior of the animal, the two men began an investigation, and soon discovered that the rock was the outcropping of a rich ledge of ore, containing gold and silver.

The ledge is situated in Nye county, 75 miles from Tonopah and 25 miles east of Downville, the famous old mining camp which employed hundreds of men in the days of the pioneers.

The animal is a common mongrel, with a pedigree, and is a cross between a collie and a half-breed bird dog. He was given to the men by a sheep herder, whom they knew, but Mr. Roth says that he is not for sale.

Roth and his partner have been prospecting together for some time, and have a small claim near Tonopah. Roth was formerly a jeweler, and it was he who paid the expenses of the two, as Montgomery was without funds.

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BIBLE STORIES ASSAILED.

German Professor Objects to Present Methods of Religious Instruction of Children.

Prof. Deltzsch, of Germany, of "Babel and Bible" fame, has again come to the front with elaborate objections to the present methods of imparting religious instruction in the schools.

"The findings in recent excavations in Mesopotamia should be put before the school boys and girls. They should not be brought up in ignorance of the results of late investigations into the history of religion.

"Children should be taught that in Genesis there are two divergent accounts of the creation, and that both are the outcome of Babylonian myths. About the flood they should be taught that the biblical narrative is also a vestige of ancient Babylonian folklore.

"These ancient ages should be dug out of the scripture books and given to scholars at school or explained. If they are not, a day will come when the grownup man will throw them all over and more besides which he should retain."

"I am opposed to having school boys and girls taught that the narrative about the world being made in seven days is true, or that there is any veracity in the statements that man was made of clay, that life was breathed into his nose, and that woman was made of a man's rib. I object to the tales about the ten patriarchs, about the summits of the highest mountains being covered deep with deluge water, and about the ark of Noah.

"One truth and the whole truth can make one free."

RADIUM A CURATIVE AGENT.

Muscular Complaints Are Found to Yield to Action of the New Rays.

Rheumatism and neuralgia are cured by the radioactive energy of radium, so Dr. Darier reports in a communication to the French Academy of Medicine.

A case of facial paralysis was cured by only two applications of the new agent in only a slightly active form.

LONDON 'PHONE SYSTEM.

New York Service Is Held to Be Vastly Better Than That of English Metropolis.

Interesting comparisons of English and American telephone systems have been made and show London to be a long way behind New York.

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EACH COLOR TO ITSELF.

How the Whites, the Reds and the Blacks Get Along in the Cherokee Nation.

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Of the 38,500 citizens of the Cherokee nation the best statistical information gives about 8,500 fullbloods, 3,200 intermarried whites, 22,800 mixed bloods and 4,000 freedmen.

PAPER CORKS.

The Problem of Getting Suitable Stoppers for Bottles—New Type of Corkscrew Needed.

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THE TIMEPIECE'S TALE.

Observations of the Clock That Hangs on the Wall of the Little Country Railway Station.

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MONARCHS AS PATIENTS.

Servian Doctor Deplets Traits of Royal Patron—William Likes to Display His Little Learning.

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THE REAL LAND OF PEANUTS.

Senegal, Africa, Raises Over 125,000 Tons of Them Every Year—What Becomes of Them.

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POLITE DISMISSAL.

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WORLD'S LONGEST CANAL.

The longest canal in the world is that which extends from the frontier of China to St. Petersburg, 4,472 miles. In India there are 14,000 miles of canal, irrigating 8,000,000 acres of land.

EARLY RAILROADING.

When Twenty-Three Miles an Hour Was Fairly Flying and Baggage of Death.

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CAT FOUGHT AN EAGLE.

Funny Was Pretty Severely Scared, But Put an End to the War-Like Bird.

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RENTS AND SUICIDES.

Rents are paid quarterly in Paris, and every quarter day is marked by a large number of suicides, the victims being poor wretches who cannot pay, and seek thus to escape eviction.

MADE THE FIRST COB PIPE.

Another Mortgage Upon Immortal Name Belonging to President Andrew Jackson.

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