

WE THOUGHT THEY WOULD

And the Mashers Very Naturally Came to the Same Conclusion.

The two young men with the swayed-backed overcoats and the nobby hats... "Did you notice it?" asked one of the young men.

STYLES IN WALL PAPER.

New Patterns Produced Every Year by the Hundreds for Season's Trade.

"In England and Germany," said an American wall paper man, "they get out new styles, to be sure, every year, and plenty of them, but they continue more styles from year to year than we do."

Reform in China.

It would have been hard to find, ten years ago, a more hopeless undertaking than that for which a little company of foreign ladies in Shanghai organized the Tien Tau Hui, or Natural Feet society.

POLITE TO THE GIRLS.

MALE STUDENTS OF YALE ON THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOR.

Manifest No Displeasure at Having to Study with Young Women—Cupid Is Not Busy at Present.

The Yale students are more polite than the Harvard students, at least that is what the 25 or so Yale co-eds say, reports the New York Sun.

RAILROADING IN JAPAN.

Ideas Borrowed from America Are Being Put Into New Operations.

The mikado has borrowed his ideas of railroading from his two greatest friends—John Bull and Uncle Sam. Japanese railroad engineers have received their education in England or America.

Attention Moves the World.

"Knowledge" it is said, "begins in wonder." But wonder is the result of attention, and by attention the world is moved, benefited, or marred.

Into a Society Pitfall.

Modern society is full of pitfalls and perils, as a certain smart young man realized to his sorrow the other day.

Dignity.

Mr. Q. Ponce—No, sir! My daughter would starve if she married you.

How, Indeed?

She—I guess you didn't know, George, that violets make the proper belt bouquet for Lent.

THE INDIAN AT SCHOOL.

Displays Surprising Timidity, Yet Sometimes Exceeds White Pupils.

A teacher in the Indian schools says that the difference between red children and white are many, but that the similarities are more.

When Ripe the Dried Spike Heads

are gathered, packed carefully in bundles and shipped in all directions to factories. The variety mostly used have the extreme end of spikes hooked or curved backward.

Branch of Philately Which Has of Late Come Into Prominence.

When a one-cent stamp which had done duty on a five-cent box of matches brought \$1 at a recent auction sale the philatelic world woke up to the fact that a new kind of stamp collecting had become active.

Laundry Work and Matrimony.

The Korean mother who is desirous of seeing her daughter happily married makes certain that the young woman is a good laundress, for ability in this direction has more weight with the Korean swain than beauty.

To Develop West Africa.

A money maker's scientific expedition is off to West Africa to explore the rubber prospects. They hope to learn how to improve the quality of West African rubber in order to bring it up to the same standard as the similar rubber from other colonies.

Natural Mistake.

"As a general rule," said Uncle Henry Butterworth, "a candidate is trimmed to the wind so durned erratic that when you go to pat him on the back for taking a right stand for once, why he's switched clean around the other way, and you swear him slap on the jaw."

Too Practical.

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NATURE FURNISHES TOOL

Description of the Tassel, That Is Used in the Finishing of Fine Cloths.

Growing by the wayside you will often see that stately, spiny-looking plant, the tassel, but I wonder how many know that it has helped to finish many a piece of cloth they wear, says St. Nicholas.

MADE ONE LAST ATTEMPT

Venerable Frenchman's Efforts Were Finally Crowned with Success.

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CHAMPION PIE EATERS.

New Yorkers Consume Immense Quantities of Pastry and Bread.

One hundred thousand pies are eaten every day in New York. Roughly speaking, that means 36,000,000 pies a year. More than twice as many apples as any other kind are eaten, says the World.

City-Bred Children.

A London scientist says that life in a metropolis makes young children sharp but not clever, that it often destroys their chance of ever being clever, for it hampers the development of the brain unhealthfully.

Oath in Isle of Man.

The judicial oath in the Isle of Man is so quaint as to deserve printing. It runs thus: "By this book and the holy contents thereof, and by the wonderful works that God hath miraculously wrought in heaven above and in the earth beneath in six days and seven nights, I do swear that I will, without respect of favor or friend, love or gain, consanguinity or affinity, envy or malice, execute the laws of this isle justly between our sovereign lord the king and his subjects within this isle, between party and party, as indifferently as the herring's backbone doth lie in the midst of the fish."

Talent in the Rough.

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"Scotch" in "Commons."

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LIBEL LAW OF AUSTRALIA.

Inhabitants Who Have Little Pride of Ancestry Are Amply Protected.

The libel law of Australia is the queerest in the world. He who is sued for libel there must not only prove that the accusations he published were true, but also that to publish them was for the public benefit. Elsewhere the truth of the accusation alone needs to be proved.

Excavating Ancient Theatres.

Venice, in Italy, is now completing the excavation of its Roman theatre, a work which was begun in 1871. It is built in a semi-circle of marble from the time of Augustus Caesar and was lavishly decorated with marble from Greece, Africa and Asia.

Physiological Facts.

A person's eyes are out of line in two cases out of five, and one eye is broader than the other in seven persons out of ten. The right is also, as a rule, higher than the left.

Slaves to Habit.

Pat is sexton of a Buffalo church, and before holding his present position he was a street car conductor. His salaries of wit are discussed and keenly enjoyed by the congregation.

Deserves Encouragement.

An English critic declares the art of singing is dying out. He thinks too many people labor under the delusion that they can sing, and in order to suppress them he proposes to organize a society for the prevention of singing, except in the strictest privacy.

Sax of the Sea.

Rivers not only carry sediment, but they also dissolve many substances, such as salt, various carbonates and sulphates. This constant transport of dissolved substances into the sea has made it salt throughout, common salt being the most readily soluble of minerals, and, therefore, the most freely transported by rivers.