

RIGHTS OF THE SMOKER

Question Has Disturbed Legislative Minds in the "Mother of Parliaments"

GAS IN CITY OF LONDON

In Many Ways It Has Distinct Advantage Over Even Improved Electric Lighting

WHY THUNDER SOURS MILK

Electricity in the Air Sets Microbes Working with Wonderful Energy

HEIGHT OF ATMOSPHERE

One Hundred and Thirty-One Miles, Says Scientist, and He Has Measured It

A PERIODICAL IN HIMSELF

New York Merchant Had Claim to Fame, Though Not Altogether Literary

JOKED WITH THE BUREAU

Second-Expense Account of Special Examiner Showed He Had a Sense of Humor

PLANT KNOWS ITS FRIENDS

Beautiful Shrub of Ceylon Withers When Touched by the Hand of a Stranger

IN LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE

Prof. Thompson's Announcement of Discovery Might Puzzle Average Lay Reader

SCENIC MARVEL OF IDAHO

Why the General Public Knows So Little About the Wonderful Snake River

WOMEN ARE NOT STINGY

Writer Declares They Are More Generous Than Men in Giving "Tips" to Help

CERTAIN DEATH FOR ONE

Russian "Suicide Duel" Leaves No Hope for Participant Who May Be Unlucky

AN ERA OF PROSPERITY

Southern States Have Added Twelve Billion Dollars to Wealth in Score of Years

"Uncanny" said a globe trotter, "is the splendid and flourishing sensitive plant of Ceylon. This plant causes you to wonder if plants, like us, can't feel pain, and think and grieve."

"No wonder," said a poet, "that no one cares to read the works of Haeckel, Darwin, Spencer, Huxley, and so on. These men have much to say, but they don't know how to say it. They have never taken the time to learn to write."

The world is less familiar with the Snake river of Idaho than with any other river of importance in the United States, and yet it is our seventh largest river—more than 1,000 miles long, says the World's Work. It is one of the most wonderful and impressive waterways in the world.

"It is a lie to say that women are stingy," said a waiter. "Women, in her tips, are more generous and open-handed than men are."

It was the Russian "suicide duel" which left the participant who may be unlucky.

Wholly unimportant, one felt sharply by its recipient, nevertheless was the rebuke an old colored "mammy" administered the other day to her mistress who belonged to an amazing number of clubs.

George J. Boldt, the proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria, told at a banquet of hotel men a Welsh rabbit story.

Col. Barrett, an estimable official upon the governor's staff, died, and with unseasonable haste his would-be even while his body was awaiting burial with military honors.

There are still remote districts in Austria where the country apothecary acts as a doctor and uses the old-fashioned remedies.

"That proposition is self-evident," said Senator Beveridge in the course of an argument.

Two young men filled with mixed opinions and beverages proceeded to dust the asphalt of Surf Avenue with each other a few nights ago.

The German emperor rises at five o'clock in the morning and goes to bed at one o'clock at night.

A sieve used by millers for separating flour from the bran and other rejected substances was formerly called a "sieve."

There is good reason to believe that when we speak of "wetting the whistle," in the common sense of taking a drink, whether of strong liquors or merely water, the word used ought to be "whittle," not "whistle."

The American who means to stop in Chester for the day, which may so profitably and pleasantly extend itself to a week, cannot do better than instruct himself more particularly in the history of which I find myself so ignorant, for all my show of learning, I would have him distrust this act at every point, and correct it from better authorities.

Mr. George McCrae, M. P., amused members of the Horticultural Club, Edinburgh, the other night at their annual dinner with a few political stories.

It was the belief of the ancient Egyptians, according to a recent writer, that everything, material and immaterial, had its immortal double.

After a person, practically drowned, has been brought to a place of safety, directly on reaching shore loosen all clothing on the rescued one, no matter if the clothing amounts to no more than a bathing suit.

Now, why don't you want one?" asked Judge S. "You know they are generally made to be depended on than men."

"I suppose you've noticed," said young Cholly Kallow, "that I've stopped smoking cigarettes."

There appears to be no end to the variety of health exercises, and the latest is the most novel of them all.

John Morley, secretary of state for India, himself one of the very few men in British public life who do not go to bed before ten.

If meat is put into cold water first for boiling there will be a constant oozing of albumen from it.

"I met someone today," said May Frick, "who is very much smitten with you."