

PAY HOMAGE TO THE DEVILS

Curious Ceremony in China Which is Looked Upon as Insurance Against Evil Spirits.

Once every year, during the first fifteen days of the seventh Chinese month the curious ceremony of Yu-Nan-Whet is celebrated...

THEIR CONCEPTION OF DUTY

Bookkeepers Rightfully Put Welfare of Firm Before Their Personal Convenience.

"You wouldn't think that devotion to duty could be carried to a ridiculous extreme in these careless days, would you?" asked a young man...

"Well, you see, it's this way," he said. "My brother and I have kept the books for our house for a great many years...

How Filipinos Capture Monkeys.

The Filipinos catch monkeys in a very funny way. Monkeys are very fond of the meat of coconuts. They are very lazy...

Washington and Poacher.

As an example of Washington's fearlessness, Sparks, the historian, tells of an occasion when Washington was aroused to quick action upon discovering a poacher on his grounds...

Brought Home to Him.

A Cincinnati judge entered the Woot-oot yesterday morning and registered. He said he had just come from Boston. Then he put his hand in his hip pocket...

WALKED OFF WITH EVIDENCE

Counterfeiter is Acquitted Although Secret Service Had the Goods on Him.

Several lawyers were discussing the United States secret service the other day in the marshal's office in the federal building. Much that they said was directed at a quiet but capable deputy marshal...

COUNTRY OF GIANT MELONS

Succulent Fruit Grows to Enormous Size in Certain Portions of Turkish Empire.

Both the water and musk melon of Diarbekir are the largest I have ever seen. Watermelons grow in Diarbekir each as large as a flour barrel...

Warning Before Command.

In bringing up my children I found that at night when they were tired they were spared many tears by being warned before I gave them a strict command...

Teeth Brushed to Music.

An esteemed correspondent writing to the Cleveland Plain Dealer adds a testimonial to the efficacy of the brush-your-teeth-to-music idea...

Electric Pencil.

A novelty that will appeal especially to the motorist and the physician is a pencil with an electric light in it. This illuminates a sheet of paper...

Humane—My Husband.

Humane—My husband is so gentle and considerate. "In what way?" "Why, he wouldn't let me get a vacuum cleaner because it employed exhausted air." Boston Herald.

KIND HEARTED MRS. BILLY

Has Experience in Subway in Which Element of Gratitude Was Lacking.

On one of the intermittent warm days of this winter a certain Mrs. Upper-Westend, who is as kind-hearted as she is handsome...

Old Bachelor Strays Into Young Folk's Party and Turns a Naïf.

An old bachelor had somehow strayed into a young people's party, and realizing that he could not hope among so many handsome youths...

AST LAKE OF SOLID SODA

Remarkable Discovery at Lake Magadi in East Africa—Mystery is Cleared Up.

Wonderful as has been the reports of the vast soda deposit at Lake Magadi in East Africa, the tendency hitherto has been to deem the stories fantastic. Now, however, the mystery is cleared up by the report of an expedition which penetrated quite to the interior of British's remote possession...

Unnerved.

Every minute was precious, said the man who wanted his letters written in a hurry, yet he left a building that provided three public stenographers and walked four blocks up the street to another stenographer.

Sleeping Potion.

A woman who suffered much from sleeplessness was relieved by the strong odor of mint breathed each night. The remedy was one of those old wife cures that are often effective...

Market for Condensed Milk.

The United States consul feels sure that there's a promising market in Malta for condensed milk. "Fresh cow's milk is scarce in Malta," he writes, "and most Maltese use goat's milk..."

Rest is a Beautifier.

Rest is one of the greatest of beautifiers. Rest, however, is not possible unless complete relaxation is its companion. Immediately the nerves and muscles are relaxed their tension...

JOY FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER

Some of the Delights of Life in the Himalayas Described in Graphical Style.

My housekeeping was a never-ending source of amusement to me, wrote Mary Blair Beebe in Harper's Magazine. Tandook came every morning for the day's orders, saying "Verry-wellsir," to all my suggestions...

General Jackson Greatly Disappointed

When His Pugnacious Birds Refused to Do Battle.

Cock fighting had been one of General Jackson's favorite home amusements, and he had become possessor of a breed of birds called Hermitage that was invincible in Tennessee. He had some of these pugnacious birds brought to Washington and one spring morning he rode out toward Bladensburg with a select party of friends...

Sure of a Raise.

An enterprising woman who rents several apartments in a new building and sublets them, furnished, room by room, has profited at the rate of several hundred dollars a year by woman's propensity for telling everything she knows. To each applicant for a room she named an exorbitant price to start with. "Now, understand, this is a concession to you alone, and must be regarded as strictly confidential..."

What He Wanted.

He was a foreigner, and when he came down to breakfast and looked at the menu card and saw printed at the top, "All cereals 25 cents," it looked to him like a safe order. He beckoned to the waiter and pointing to the line said, "Bring me this."

The Difference.

Why is it that a girl whom a woman would describe either as "rather plain," or "nothing much to look at," may be in a man's eyes "pretty"? Just because a man judges by the general effect, and discounts such—to him—unimportant trifles as perfect regularity of feature and fashionable attire...

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Asking Too Much.

"My dear," said Mr. Clarkson, "I don't want you to think I have any desire to criticize you for the way you manage, but, really, we must try to live within our income." "Within our income? Goodness! And be regarded by everybody in our set as eccentric?"—Judge.

EVIL OF SCANT MEASURES

Lower Moral Tone of Trade, Increases Cost of Living and Adds to Hardships of Needy.

If "a fine balance is abomination to the Lord," as we are told in the Proverbs, scant measures of every sort are equally abominable to mankind, lowering the moral tone of trade, increasing the cost of living and adding to the hardships of the needy. It is rather curious, therefore, that a fact so obvious, having occupied the attention of society for as long a period as the written record runs, should at the present day have no recognition in the laws or the ordinances of the state or city...

WHERE IS CIRCUIT RIDER?

Old-Fashioned Itinerant Preacher Seems to Have Vanished From Present-Day World.

What has become of the old circuit rider? He seems to have gone, to have vanished entirely from the present-day world, although to the older generations he figured in the lives of the people to whom he ministered. In their day the circuit riders knew little of home or rest. For each had from seven to fifteen parishes, miles apart from each other. When night overtook the circuit rider and his horse—this was the minister's usual mode of travel—he stopped with some member of one of his parishes. And he it said it was great honor, indeed, to have the great fortune to entertain the minister at a meal or over night. Probably the much-sterworked man would get to spend one night in a week at home, perhaps not that. His life was uncertain and wandering, but his faith was that which "passeth understanding." By his days were numbered and are gone, probably never to be revived. He was a figure, however, that is typical of the pioneers of America—he knew his duty and was faithful in the performance of it.

A Vital Duty.

Before a girl of the more fortunate classes goes out into society, she must be protected in some way or another. If she be for instance, convent bred, or if she come from an ideal home, it may very well be and often is that she needs no instruction whatever, because she is, in fact, already made unapproachable by the tempter. Fortunately, indeed, is such a girl. But those forming this well-guarded class are few, and parents and guardians may often be deceived and assume more than they are entitled to. At any rate, for the vast majority of girls some positive instruction is necessary. It is the mother who must undertake this responsible and difficult task before she admits the girl to the perils of the world. Further, by some means or other, instruction must be afforded for the ever-increasing army of girls who go out to business. It is to me a never ceasing marvel that loving parents, devoted to their daughters' welfare, should fall in this cardinal and critical point of duty, so constantly as they do.—Dr. C. W. Saleeby, in the Forum.

Where the Billionaire Failed.

The billionaire sighed as he looked at the clouds obscuring the links, and yet no such sigh ever was born of missing a game. His trouble was deeper.

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