

Supplement to

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Origin of the Turban.

The origin of the turban must be sought for not, as commonly believed, among Moslems, but as sign of authority and honor dating back to the earliest periods of Jewish history. The term used in the Hebrew Bible for putting on the bonnet of the high priest is from a root meaning "to bind round." The words miter, hood, diadem, as used in the Old Testament, are only variations of the word turban.

Jerome tells us that the turban has a place in the most ancient records of history. The variations as adopted by Mohammedans are many. Their own authorities hint at a thousand methods of arranging the turban, which shows not only the tribe and religious distinction, but even the personal peculiarities of the wearer.

An old legend traces the turban to act of desperate courage recorded of the ancient Levantines. A brave band of warriors are said to have wrapped their winding sheets round their heads as they devoted themselves to certain death to save their comrades on the battlefield.

The Gopher Snake.

It has long been a question in our minds as to how the gopher snake caught the gophers on which he lives, until H. C. Helzer tells how it was done, having witnessed a catch. Mr. Snake rolled his tail over the gopher hole, setting a snare for him. When the gopher had crawled out of the hole sufficiently to permit the snake's tail to be drawn about the body of the gopher the coil was fastened about Mr. Gopher as quick as a flash.

It was gradually drawn tighter and tighter until the gopher fell over dead, the life having been completely squeezed out of him. After the gopher is dead the snake swallows him whole, and it is not an unusual thing to find one of these snakes with a number of gophers in him. The gopher is a great fighter, and if he was not caught in a snare as the one mentioned he would doubtless make a hard fight for life even with a snake.—Tulare Advance.

The Lowest Form of Bird.

There is a peculiar bird commonly known as the "kiwi." Its scientific name being Apteryx mantelli. It is the lowest form of bird which exists, but so scarce that scientists are happy to get a specimen in any condition. It is absolutely without wings or tail. Its legs are short, stubby, but very strong, and are used by this bird for digging. The body covering is a cross between hair and feathers, a material which is very coarse. They can develop great speed and make a desperate flight when attacked. Breeding them in captivity has utterly failed, and only a few museums can boast of a specimen. They are now very rarely found in the forests and swamps in the north of New Zealand.

Holding Down a Speech.

An old newspaper man in Washington tells this story of Mr. Blaine: "My first experience with Mr. Blaine was when as correspondent for a western paper I endeavored to get him to withdraw from the official reporters of the house a speech which he had made in order that I might make an abstract of it."

"How much of this do you want to use?" Mr. Blaine asked.

"I replied that I thought I would send about half of it."

"Then I will make an abstract myself," said he, "reducing it one-half. I do not doubt your skill, but I want this speech boiled down by its friends."

Life's Little Duties.

It may be doubted if it is within the power of any one man, however great and powerful and gifted, to change the current of the world's affairs, but there scarcely any one who will contend that civilization would not advance, the world become better and life for all more beautiful if each citizen could perform the simple and apparent duty which he can easily do.

There is one sure way of reforming the world, and that is for each person to contribute his mite.—Kansas City City World.

The Phrenologist and the Grocer.

Phrenologist—Here is a man out of proper sphere. His head betokens intellectual and spiritual qualities, he is spending his time behind a grocer's counter. Sir (to the grocer), I ask you a question. Have you aspirations—

Clerk (calling to clerk)—John, have my aspirations?—

John—All out, sir; have some in the of the week.—Kansas City Journal.

Conclusive.

Griggs—It's too bad about Winkle the girl he engaged to. Neither them is good enough for the other.

Griggs—What makes you think that?

"Well, I've been talking the matter over with both families."—Life.

Getting Rid of the Proofs.

"Mrs. Fluterby doesn't show her age, does she?"

"Well, no, not so much as she did before she sent those grown up children of hers abroad."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Financed.

We say that he has paid every cent off."

Are did he get the money?"

I rowed it."—Brooklyn Life.

Of Two Evils.

You're getting your hat rashed. Well, it's an old hat, and I do to wet my new umbrella.—Detroit Press.

There are animals purporting to be seals—swim in the ocean of Fame whom Posterior will easily pack a dozen at a time into a sardine box.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

So many people try to begin at the top instead of the bottom.

Delinquent Tax List

On the first Monday of November last, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., I shall offer and sell at public sale at the treasurer's office in the court house following delinquent taxes for all the taxes remaining due and unpaid in said county for the delinquent taxes of the year 1902, and all previous years that may be due.

Sale will be adjourned and continued from day to day until all such lands, lots and blocks have been offered.

Co. Treas. Saline Co., Neb.

(When remitting for the year 1902 from before present, add 20 cents on each sum for advertising together with interest from May 1st, 1903, at ten per cent. Interest and advertising included in amount of tax for backs.)

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