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TROPICAL TITBITS.

Some of the Native Dishes That Are Served in Jamaica.

In Jamaica, as everywhere else, there are two ways to do things. There is the beaten track of the tourist to follow, with its hotels of varying excellence, conventional drives and all that sort of thing. To know the island and the allurements of its ingratiating tropical beauty, however, to appreciate the double interest of British resident customs, together with the quaint oddities of the negro native life "next to the earth," one must travel a different course. Courtesy to visitors to the island is everywhere manifest. There are native dishes that no hotel on the island can make to taste so good. There I learned the indescribable deliciousness of a properly deviled Jamaica black crab. There were served curries that would make a habitué of Delmonico's sit up and take notice—wattle, real turtle, prepared with a delicacy to delight an epicure, and native oysters that Jamaicans facetiously say "grow on trees." Tropical fruits in all their fragrance and juicy prime gave an intimation of the productive possibilities of the island. The green tinted Jamaica orange, thin of skin and richly juicy, grape fruit of superior quality, the avocado pear, oily in composition and nutty in flavor; pineapples—in Jamaica they cut them in half horizontally and eat them with a spoon—mangoes, akee, breadfruit, ochra, choco, yams, and more yams, were there to tempt the inexperienced palate.—Travel Magazine.

THE ARKANSAS HOG.

It Can Outrun a Greyhound and Whip a Wolf or a Bear.

An esteemed contemporary gave space to the following communication from a subscriber on "The American Hog:"

"Arkansas has a greater variety of hogs and less pork and lard than any state in the Union. An average hog in Arkansas weighs about fourteen pounds dressed with its head on and about six pounds and a half with its head off. It can outrun a greyhound, jump a rail fence, climb like a parrot and live on grass roots and rabbit tracks. It hasn't much tail or bristle, but plenty of gall. It will lick a wolf or a bear in a fair fight. It is called razorback because it is shaped like a sunfish. In hunting a razorback it is always shot at sideways, for there is not a ghost of a show to hit it otherwise, any more than to shoot at a split shingle. It can drink milk out of a quart jar on account of its long, thin head. This type of razorback is known as the stone hog because its head is so heavy and its nose so long that it balances up behind. The owner of this type of hogs usually ties a stone to its tail to keep it from overbalancing and breaking its neck while running. If the stone is too heavy, it will pull the skin over its eyes, and it will go blind."

Switzerland a Modern Babel.

Switzerland, with its mixture of races and tongues, is a sort of modern Babel, a fact which causes much trouble in particular to the military authorities. At Wallenstadt the other day at the recruiting station there was a guard composed of five men. The chief was a lieutenant who spoke German only, the second a sergeant who spoke Italian only, the third a corporal who could speak French and Spanish, the fourth a private who could speak French and German, and the fifth a private who could speak French and Italian. When the lieutenant had to transmit an order to the sergeant he had to get the last named man to interpret for him. When he wanted to communicate with the corporal he had to requisition the fourth man, and so on, great delay and confusion being thus occasioned.—London News.

Shelley as a Boy.

Here is a glimpse of Shelley offered

by Andrew Lang: "It seems almost incredible, but it is true, that I once knew a man who was at Eton with Shelley, who left in 1810. This was Mr. Hammond, a senior fellow of Mer-ton college when I was an inquiring junior. About 1870 he told me all that I could extract from him about the poet. 'Shelley was not a clever boy; he never was sent up for good,' which means, I conceive, that he never did a remarkable exercise in Latin verse. Mr. Hammond added that Shelley had a habit when he was walking alone of suddenly breaking into a sprint at a hundred yards pace. That was all."

She Didn't Do It.

The family jar waxed fiercer. "You talk about my being to blame for our marrying?" shrilly exclaimed Mrs. Vick-Fenn. "John Henry, did I hunt you out and make love to you?" "No!" he snorted. "But you could have given me the glassy eye and sent me about my business, and you didn't do it, madam—you didn't do it!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Gentleman.

"Supposing I decide to let you have the money, how do I know that I shall get it back at the time you mention?" asked Brown.

"I promise it, my boy, on the word of a gentleman," replied Moore.

"Ah! In that case I may think better of it. Come around this evening and bring him with you."

Nene Left.

"A college education," declared the enthusiastic mother, "brings out all that is good in a boy."

"Yes," retorted William's father, "and in Bill's case I wish a little of it could have stayed in."—Cleveland Press.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

And Do Not Let the Past Spoil the Days That Are to Come.

There is nothing more depressing than dwelling upon lost opportunities or a misspent life. Whatever your past has been, forget it. If it throws a shadow upon the present or causes melancholy or despondency, there is nothing in it which helps you, there is not a single reason why you should retain it in your memory, and there are a thousand reasons why you should bury it.

The future's your uncut block of marble. Beware how you smite it. Don't touch it without a programme. Don't strike a blow with your chisel without a model, lest you ruin and mar forever the angel which lives within the block. But the past marble, which you have carved into hideous images which have warped and twisted the ideals of your youth and caused you infinite pain, need not ruin or mar the uncut block before you. This is one of the merciful provisions that every day present to every human being, no matter how unfortunate his past, a new uncut block of pure marble, so that every day every human being has a new chance to retrieve the past, to improve upon it if he will.

Nothing is more foolish, more positively wicked, than to drag the skeletons of the past, the hideous images, the foolish deeds, the unfortunate experiences of the past into today's work to mar and spoil it. There are plenty of people who have been failures up to the present moment who could do wonders in the future if they could only forget the past and start anew.—Success.

A SOCIABLE COMPANION.

The Chatty Traveler Who Charmed Ralph Waldo Emerson.

It is related that Ralph Waldo Emerson was once on his way to California when he was joined by a man who was altogether so sociable and chatty that an otherwise tedious journey was rendered quite cheerful. This man's name was Sackett, and he told Mr. Emerson that he resided in San Francisco. Mr. Sackett indicated all the points of interest along the way, related a lot of amusing anecdotes and, best of all, was also an attentive listener. The consequence was that Mr. Emerson came to the conclusion that Mr. Sackett was as charming a man as he had ever met, and it was in this positive conviction that he accepted Mr. Sackett's invitation to dine with him immediately upon their arrival in San Francisco. The next morning Mr. Emerson was astonished and annoyed to find in all the local papers this startling personal notice: "Professor Ralph Waldo Emerson, the eminent philosopher, scholar and poet, is in our city as the guest of J. Sackett, the well known proprietor of the Bush Street Dime museum. Matinees every half hour. Admission only 10 cents. The double headed calf and the dog faced boy this week!"

Helping an Invalid.

A trained nurse mentions as among the little things that help make an invalid feel comfortable and rested the frequent brushing of the hair and bathing of the hands and face. "I don't know what it is, whether these actions just divert the invalid's mind or really do effect some physical change for the better, but they certainly help the sick

one to get through the day. Eau de cologne and the various toilet waters are very refreshing when added to the water or used independently. I once heard a man say that if he couldn't both wash his hands and face and comb his hair in the morning when he got up he would choose to comb his hair. It would wake him up better. He felt something of the same sense of physical comfort as the average convalescent or invalid."

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH.

A Daring Young Adventurer With a Thrilling Career.

Captain John Smith of Willoughby, Lincolnshire, was the man to whom the success of the first English permanent settlement in North America was directly due. Though only twenty-six when the expedition sailed with him on board, he had already enjoyed such a succession of thrilling experiences as was the lot of few men even in the adventurous age of Elizabeth. At the age of sixteen he had entered on a military career in France and the Low Countries. In 1600 he sought service against the Turks, who were then at the height of their power and had only lately ceased to threaten Vienna itself. On the way to the east he was thrown overboard as a Huguenot and was rescued by a pirate, from whom his inexhaustible resourcefulness enabled him to escape after a time. He then entered the Austrian service and soon signalled himself by a series of brilliant exploits. One of these, the defeat of three Turkish champions in single fight, earned him his well known coat of arms, "three Turks' heads in a shield," from Sigismund Bathori, prince of Transylvania. Later he was taken prisoner by the Turks and owed his escape to the interest with which he inspired a Turkish lady. "Whatever might happen," as Gardiner says, "he was always able to turn it to account. In the worst dangers he knew what was the right thing to be done."—London Outlook.

PRECOCIOUS JOHN DAVY.

Childhood Incident of the Author of "The Bay of Biscay."

An interesting anecdote of the youth of John Davy, who composed the famous song "The Bay of Biscay," shows how decided and precocious was this musician's aptitude for the art he ultimately practiced with artistic if not financial success. John Davy was born near Exeter in 1765. At the age of six he evinced a passion for music, which he sought every means of gratifying. He was in want of a musical instrument and determined to provide himself with one of however rough a nature. So from a neighboring smithy he purloined twenty to thirty horse-shoes. From these he selected as many as formed a complete octave and, having suspended them in an upper room, amused himself by imitating upon them the chimes of the neighboring church of Crediton.

By these and other means he obtained a knowledge of music which some thirty years later enabled him to produce many dramatic pieces and such songs as "Just Like Love," "The Death of the Smuggler" and "The Bay of Biscay," only the last of which has remained popular.

After twenty years' work in London Davy died in St. Martin's lane in 1824. He was buried in St. Martin's churchyard.—London Chronicle.

Flowerpots.

All new flowerpots require to be soaked in water and allowed to dry thoroughly before being used. The soil does not hang well to the sides of garden pots unless so treated. Dirty pots are open to the same objection. Let any one try to put a plant with fresh soil into a pot which has been used before and left unwashed, and he will find in a few days, when the soil begins to dry, that it leaves a space and does not adhere as it should to the sides of it. No plant can possibly flourish under such circumstances. The roots of a plant draw to the sides of a pot naturally in search of moisture, and growth of course is checked if a current of air is allowed to pass between them and the sides. Some plants exhibit this tendency in such a remarkable degree that few roots are to be seen, except a network on the outside of the soil next the pot.

FIRE DAMAGE ABOUT \$1,000,000

Plant of Phelps' Publishing Company at Springfield Destroyed.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 29.—The plant of the Phelps Publishing company here was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at nearly \$1,000,000. The company published Goot House-keeping, the Monthly American Agriculturist, the Orange Judd Farmer, the New England Homestead, and Farm and Home. Arrangements are being made for the publication of these journals in other cities.

Flood Conditions Improving.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 29.—The river continues to fall. A communication from Shawneetown says trains will not be able to enter that place for several days. Conditions along the Wabash river are greatly improved.

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Fannie S Dow to Henry Cook, part lots 13, 14 and 15, blk 5, Red Cloud, wd.....	\$ 1500
Henry Cook to Fannie S Dow, lots 14 to 20, blk 2, Richardson's add to Red Cloud, wd.....	1250
Lincoln Land Co to R C Chevalier, lot 1, blk 9, Bladen, wd..	60
Katie E Ross to Erick O Bergman, pt nw4 19-5-12, wd.....	80
John A Shelley to Jesse W Hodges, lots 1 to 10, part 2 to 11, blk 3, Vance's add to Guide Rock, wd.....	2500
Karl Spence to Charles Spence, lot 3, blk 3, Spence's add to Bladen, qd.....	500
Adeline Mandelbaum to Harm Hoppen, w2 ne4 and ne4 ne4 19-4-9, wd.....	4000
Louis B Osterblad to Frank W Yetter, lot 12 and pt lot 11, blk 3, Vance's add to G R, wd.....	1000
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