

The Chief

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RED CLOUD . . . NEBRASKA

What is so useless as a pair of tight kid gloves in zero weather?

A Minnesota man fasted for 105 days, this being just 104 3/4 days too long for us.

A Chicago jurist says that a motor-cycle is a dangerous weapon. He must ride one.

The spring fashions will be devoid of curves. Again, the thin woman comes into her own.

A new Japanese battleship is called Heye! Sounds more like a battle cry than a battleship.

The women of France are not good cooks, according to expert evidence. But, ah, the styles they wear!

A Paris doctor has discovered a means of fattening one by electricity. It must be a shocking operation.

A Chicago woman says she can't live on \$10,000 a year. She might try starving to death on that allowance.

A New York woman, under a vow of silence, hasn't spoken to her husband for eleven years. Lucky man!

Rats are causing much trouble in Washington by devouring postage stamps. Why not poison the stamps?

Kansas City complains that it is overrun with fakery. Is Kansas City easy, or are the fakery hard put to it?

Mexicans are abandoning bull fighting for automobile racing. Hard to say whether it's progress or retrogression.

Baltimore has a store with displays of rubber shoes for dogs. Another step in their anti-noise crusade, perhaps.

The Chinese have taken to wearing derby hats. Just wait till the hobbler strikes the land of cherry blossoms.

Spain has set about building a new navy. Doubtless it will take better care of the new navy than it did of the old.

Albatross eggs are esteemed a great delicacy in Hawaii. Hen's eggs are esteemed a great delicacy in America.

A scientist comes to the front now with the agile suggestion that poverty causes bow legs. Is that why jockeys have them?

A Missouri woman lost two husbands by lightning. And yet they lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

A Washington bride wore a pair of \$50 silk stockings, says an exchange, and displayed only about \$2.25 worth of 'em at that.

Another pleasant thing about cold snaps is that they are never complicated with damage by lightning and excessive rain.

A Detroit man wants a divorce because his wife talks too much. Like a man suing a city for allowing him to commit suicide.

San Francisco authorities detained a woman who had sixteen trunks, and, although that was not the cause, it was cause enough.

Nine people were killed during the twenty-day rabbit hunting season in Ohio. Strange how easy it is to mistake a man for a rabbit.

A Tacoma man, acquitted by a jury, kissed three of them. They were women. We see right now where feminine juries become mighty popular.

Navy officers imprisoned chickens in the turret of the ram Katahdin and then shot at it with guns. This is the poorest way to kill a chicken we ever heard of.

The man with a cold in his head is a menace to society, say the doctors. Another menace to society is the man who habitually suffers from "cold feet" as a crisis.

Three college men out on a celebration smashed an automobile and were promptly thrashed by the owner, who proved a football star. It always pays to investigate in such cases before taking action.

Half way down from the top flight of stairs at an elevated railway station one morning not long ago a man stopped to read the conspicuous sign. "Look where you step!"—and fell down the rest of the way.

One of those college savants proposes to teach wives how to spend money. Only one guess is permitted as to whether he is married or not.

A New York divine despairs because ministers are paid less than laborers. But laborers are in greater demand in New York city than are ministers.

A one-legged man walked from Jacksonville, Fla., to New York. We should think that a man who has only one leg would take better care of it than that.

SOURCE OF WATER

Artesian Variety Comes From Molten Streams.

Australian Chemist Gives Reason for His Belief—He Makes Discoveries That Prove of Value to Cultivators of Land.

Sydney, N. S. W.—One of the most remarkable features of Australian geography is the presence of vast underground seas which cover enormous areas in Queensland and New South Wales, the smaller ones in Victoria, and along the extreme western coast. The problems connected with their origin, constitution and distribution are among the most interesting known to science, while there seems some ground for the claim that our great artesian system, with all its mineral contents, promises to be of more value to Australia than all her other mineral resources combined.

R. Symmonds, a chemist attached to the public works department of New South Wales, who has made this subject his own, has just had a book published by the department which is full of original research and startling conclusions and in which he deals exhaustively with the whole question from every point of view. He differs entirely from the recent interstate conference on artesian waters, which unhesitatingly pronounced in favor of the meteoric origin of the water, i. e., that is, that the rainfall has percolated the porous beds under the influence of hydraulic conditions. The diminished flow in many of the wells, which has been so frequently noted of late, was attributed by the conference to the continual draining of the supply by the wells, which have been put down in much greater number of late years, and, therefore, they recommended that some of them should be closed down.

On the other hand, Mr. Symmonds holds that the supply is plutonic, or, in other words, that it comes from the molten lavas in the interior of the earth. It appears that when a crystalline rock like granite is heated to redness in vacuo enormous volumes of gas and vapor are given off, which accounts for a great deal of volcanic action, for the presence of the large amount of gas found in artesian water, and apparently for much of the water itself. The fact that there is very little common salt and other chlorine compounds in the artesian waters at the lower levels, the amount diminishing with the depth, is regarded as strongly supporting the plutonic origin, as, if it were meteoric, the water would absorb more instead of less salt in its passage through the soil.

Several other facts are adduced in support of the conclusion that the artesian waters have been expelled in a state of vapor from molten masses of rock in the interior of the earth, such as the high temperatures of much of the deeper water, the large quantities of gas imprisoned therein, the ascent of the water, which is so noticeable a feature in connection with the bores, being attributed by Mr. Symmonds to the presence of the gas and its expansive force.

The complete absence of chlorine from the hot water encountered dur-

MISS HELEN GOULD AND HER FIANCE



Miss Helen Gould, the philanthropic daughter of the late Jay Gould, is to wed Finley J. Shepard, assistant to the president of the Missouri Pacific railroad.

ing the excavation of the Simpton tunnel is now accepted, says Prof. Gregory, as proof that such water came from a plutonic, and could not have come from a meteoric source.

Several most interesting discoveries have been made in connection with the artesian waters of recent years. One was that the constituent elements in some of the higher and lower levels in the same well differ very considerably, the former being generally injurious and the latter beneficial to vegetable growth. The injurious effects of the higher level waters are attributed to an alkali which combines with clay to form a substance known as a diffusible colloid, which expands in soil treated with these waters, blocks the pores and renders the soil unfit for agriculture. Hence the bad reputation of artesian waters as an irrigant for agricultural purposes. But this difficulty can be overcome by constructing the wells in such a way as to enable the beneficial waters at the lower depth to be tapped to the exclusion of the injurious ones at the upper level.

PAYS \$150,000 FOR PORTRAIT

Henry E. Huntington Buys Romney's Picture of Mrs. Siddons of England.

New York.—Henry E. Huntington, who has figured extensively in the last year as a purchaser of rare books and paintings, has just bought the famous portrait of Mrs. Siddons, by Romney, which has been one of the art treasures of England many years. The price paid is given as \$150,000. The painting will go to the Huntington country place near Los Angeles.

HAS HORRIBLE TALE

Consumptive, White-Haired at 28, Is Admitted to U. S.

Still dying of consumption, he sailed for the United States, in hope of finding a specialist who might cure him.

REGIMENT IS PENSIONLESS

Extraordinary Discovery is Made as to Ninth Kansas Cavalry—One Trooper Makes Application.

Topeka, Kan.—Not one member of the 9th Kansas cavalry, one of the state's most active regiments in the Civil war, is drawing a pension. This fact developed recently upon receipt of a letter by state officials from H. B. Lapham of Lorton, Va., a member of the 9th Kansas.

Lapham says that when he applied for a pension recently he was notified by the pension officials that he had never drawn a pension, that he was the first to make application and that he would have to induce five other members to apply, making six in all, before the consideration of granting pensions could be taken up. Information regarding surviving members of the regiment is being sought by Lapham.

GIRL ESTABLISHES RECORD

In One Day Fills 114 Boxes of Oranges With an Average of 150 Each.

Palermo, Cal.—Miss Laura Cowden holds the record for packing oranges, while she established by packing 114 boxes in one day. Considering the fact that between 80 and 90 boxes a day is considered good work for a man, Miss Cowden's showing in packing oranges is remarkable. She earned \$3.99 for her day's work.

The former record of 109 boxes, as made by a man in the Drescher packing house three years ago. Fruit men consider that if a packer reaches more than 90 boxes there has not been a minute of lost time.

As a box contains on an average of 150 oranges it will be seen that Miss Cowden handled over 17,000 oranges. The packers are paid 3 1/2 cents a box.

Social Forms and Entertainments



Reply to W. A.

On which hand and which finger is the engagement ring placed? How does the man get the ring so the girl will be surprised? Is it customary to use the ring ceremony, and if so, who places the ring on finger, the bridegroom or the minister? Is it required that the girl go to the courthouse to get the license with the man? Is the little finger called the first finger?—W. A.

The engagement ring is placed upon the finger next to the little finger on the left hand; it is called the "fourth finger," or wedding-ring finger. If a girl is to be engaged, and they generally are asked the momentous question before the ring is purchased, she should give her measure, and it would be better to ask her what kind of a token she preferred, as most girls have their own ideas as to the kind of ring they like. The ring ceremony is usually customary, and the clergyman who performs the ceremony will give full instructions as to how it is done. I do not think it is necessary that the bride-elect should go to the courthouse, but by a few questions at the license window you can find out accurately, as laws vary in different states, and what information I might give might not apply to your case. The first finger is next to the thumb, although in use the thumb is called the first finger, according to modern teaching.

Concerning a Wedding.

I have been reading your entertainments for some time past and have found some very entertaining things, so I am going to ask you to help me by offering some suggestions for a wedding to take place the last of January. Is it necessary to have ushers at a church wedding and must the bride wear a veil?—Rena.

Ushers are necessary, for guests must be shown to seats and relatives will wish to be seated in the places reserved for them. I should say have four or six, according to the size of church and number invited. I always say wear the veil, for it is the last time in all her life that a girl may wear this distinctive article, which is so charming and typically bride-like.

To Entertain the Boys.

We are a girls' club composed of twelve members and live in a small town. Last year our "special boy friends" entertained us by giving a progressive party. This year we want to entertain them. Most of the boys and girls are college students. Now we want your very best idea of a plan to entertain without having anything as formal as a dinner party. —Grateful Reader.

Get busy the minute you read this and have a leap year party, for it will be your very last chance. I think you can telephone each special boy that he will be called for, then dance or play cards and serve them nice refreshments.

Garments for Wedding.

What constitutes the proper costume for a bride and groom at a noon wedding? May a veil be worn at that hour?—Betty.

The bride may wear a veil with perfect propriety providing the gown is white. Personally, I am in favor of a bride always wearing a veil, for never again in her lifetime may she enjoy this privilege. A street costume is equally proper at this hour. For the bridegroom there is this choice, a frock coat or one of the long-tailed cutaways, rather light trousers with a frock coat, four-hand tie, white, gray or a fancy waistcoat. If there are any new wrinkles, a first-class haberdasher will give pointers on the requisites.

Sleeping Car Garb.

Will you kindly tell me if one should remove all her clothing when in a sleeping car?—Inexperienced.

Remove corsets and shoes and petticoat and put on a dark silk kimono or what the shops call a Pullman robe, with a cap of silk to match. Then with soft slippers of kid, which come in a case, or ones of silk you are ready for a comfortable night and will also be presentable in case of sickness or accident.

Toast "To My Father."

Some time ago the toast was asked for and a correspondent kindly sends it. Thank you.

"Here's to the dear one whose sleep I disturbed as a baby, whose spankings I deserved as a child, whose purse I have always helped to empty, whose beautiful and unselfish love is ever mine.

"Here's to my best and truest friend—My father."

MADAME MERRI.

BRING OUT THE BEST

Nature Equips Every Face with Points of Beauty.

Though Specialist May Do Much, It Remains With Ourselves to Overcome the Real or Imaginary Defects.

Mother Nature has been good to each one of us, and if we would only realize this fact we would save ourselves much unhappiness. To each one she has given some degree of beauty which should offset many defects and cause us to accept them without making ourselves unhappy.

We are not always thankful for our blessings. Indeed, we frequently lose sight of them entirely because we are so busy grumbling over the things which do not happen to suit our fancy that our vision is obscured. We fall to make the best of our good points because we spend all our time fretting over our real or imaginary defects.

If we are in earnest in our determination to make the most of the beauty with which Mother Nature has endowed us, our first effort should be to acquire a well-poised mind—a mind which is not disturbed by the small irritations of every day life; a mind which is open to the harmonious things and closed to all that would cause inharmonious.

Nothing detracts from the face more than a fretful look. Impatience and worry stamp their marks upon the countenance and wrinkle plasters and massage creams are almost powerless to eradicate them. Harmony and happiness leave their marks also, and where these marks are found there is seldom need for long-continued use of beautifying treatments.

There is need for the work of the beauty specialist in many, many cases. Creams and lotions have their uses and we should not slight any of the reasonable means for improving our looks. It is a duty we owe ourselves and our families to make the most of our good features and improve in every way possible those which are not up to our standard of beauty. These are plain duties, but lack of them all is a duty which should have our first and most serious consideration. That duty is to get rid of the mental qualities which only serve to obstruct our efforts toward improvement.

How shall we go about making this change in our mental stage? It is impossible to give definite rules in such a matter. A few suggestions will be helpful, however. One of them is, stop worrying over things which you cannot help. Do all you can to improve matters but do not allow yourself to worry. It is the most useless habit you can get into and also one of the most harmful in effect on both mind and body.

Another suggestion would be, avoid nagging and fretting as you would avoid a pestilence. These are two of the worst of all mental indulgences as far as their effect on the face is concerned. Make your face a beautiful one because it reflects the beauty of a harmonious, well-poised mind, and such insignificant things as an ill-shaped nose or a large mouth will not detract in the slightest measure from the real beauty of your countenance.

Mental peace can be yours with a little daily effort and it is worth working for. It means happiness and health and beauty. Happiness for the home and the family and the friends as well as health and beauty for yourself.

Tourist Reader.—You will not need so long a list of toilet preparations for use on that trip. I would certainly suggest a good cleansing cream and a tonic or lotion as well. A massage cream which will also answer for a foundation for powder. A bottle of rosewater for use instead of plain water, which is often an irritant to a sensitive skin. A bottle of eye-tonic, and a few other things, all of which can be neatly packed in a small toilet case and which will be a great comfort to you, as well as keep your complexion in fine condition. No charge is made for any advice from this department, and you are welcome to ask as many questions as you wish.

Busy Body.—For very grimy hands use cleansing cream generously and thoroughly before scrubbing with soap and water. This will soften the dirt, and it can be more readily removed. If you will dissolve a little baking soda in a bowl of quite warm water and soak the hands in this for five minutes after using the cream you will soon be able to get the hands white. Use a mild soap, as very strong soaps make the skin rough and the dirt is much harder to get out. Remember to rinse the hands always in clear water. Apply a little cold cream immediately after washing the hands and before they are entirely dry, rubbing it well into the skin.

Doubtful.—Baldness is not incurable. It does not always yield to treatment, but with proper cleansing preparations, massage of the scalp given sensibly and a good, stimulating tonic there is no reason why nature should not do her duty and start a growth of hair. As long as there are hair bulbs they are capable of being stimulated and nourished and coaxed to sprout new hair. Since you have appealed to me for help, I will advise you to the best of my knowledge, but I will need the envelope you suggest sending in your next letter.

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