QUNPOWDER-FIRST USED. Course Employed by the Mohammedans

in the Fifteenth Century. From St. Nicholas. People outside of military life who have no connection with the making of gunpowder know it only as a coarse, black powder like sand, which will flash off with a loud report if shut up in a case of any kind and set on fire.

It is a very queer mixture, made up of three eimple and well-known subotances, no one of which will explode, although two will burn. No one knows when or how it was discovered, for as far back into the dark ages as records or tradition will carry us we find that gunpowder, though not used for guns, was known. It was, no doubt, looked upon with awe and fear by the ancleats on account of its flame, its noise and its rending force, but their limited mechanical satil could suggest very little use for it.

Possibly it was used in warfare long before the beginning of history, but the first man in historical times to form an idea of the terrible destruction which this awful, bursting, flery substance might produce was an English monk named Roger Bacon. Monks in his day were the chemists, scholars and writers of the world, and this Roger Bacon traveled and studied much and made continual experiments in his laboratory to prove for himself and to develop what he learned from others. He probably saw gunpowder among the Moors in Spain and tried for himself its explosive effect. Then he wrote of its composition in the year 1267, and in his writing suggested that it could be used in engines of war to deal death and destruction to armies of men.

Soon after Roger Bacon's time his suggestions were taken up and guns were constructed first by binding iron bars together with hoops to form a tube, then by casting a tube out of brass, with one end closed. Stones of suitable size were selected as shot and the powder had to be carried around in chests or barrels and shoveled into the muzzles of the guns. In spite of these drawbacks very large guns were built, for there was one used by Mohammed II. against the Greeks at the siege of Constantinople in 1453 which threw a stone weighing 600 pounds a distance of one mile.

Lunching on Egg Phosphate.

myself ignoring luncheon hour, and either, at the meats or wine. then in the middle of the afternoon am exhausted in consequence. One needs knife be not greasy; when it is necesnourishing food through such strain of weather, but not heating food. If I neatly with the napkin or a little bread, cannot eat at noon I at least go out but never with the entire loaf. Smell and get an egg phosphate. There is both nourishment and a little stimulant thou dost put them not back afterward 57 who won the \$200 premium, and 76 in this drink. I take care to go to a before another. place where I can see the fresh egg "It is a very indecent thing to wipe broken into the glass, which I find the sweat from thy face with thy napmore appetizing and nourishing than kin or with the same to blow thy nose the extract used at some soda fountain or clean the plate or platter." counters. About 5 o'clock I get a second one, and in this way I get through a brolling day with comfort. Two raw eggs, I find, are sufficient nourishment politeness, very apt to be adulterated. from breakfast to dinner, both of which meals I force myself, if the inclination is lacking, to partake of. Phy- ish points of a poor book. sicians say that systems weakened by fasting succumb easily to the effects to the nouveaux riches and the one of heat, but, on the other hand, hot most desired by them. meals in the middle of the day for one Aristocrat-One who washes who must go on working through the hands oftener than others. Hence the heat of the afternoon are not to be recommended. It seems to me the egg phosphate diet solves the problem."

Few Sunstrokes in Japan

the weather," said Mr. T. K. Date, a couldn't get. bright young Japanese gentleman. "I die from excessive heat. In Tokyo we we have. have three months of very hot weather, just about the sort that you have in goes to be in the swim, especially the Washington, but it is a "are thing for summer bathing contingency. Look any of my countrymen to expire from sunstroke. I think one reason that depth and beware of sharks.—New such deaths are infrequent in Japan is that the people dress in much lighter clothing than they do in the United States. They also are more temperate in the matter of food and drink, eating no meats and drinking no very ardent spirits. The rice beer that the natives make contains some percentage of alcohol, but it isn't strong enough to do much hurt."-Washington Post.

X Rays Proved Him Sane. A Hamburg young man has just had his sanity proved by the Roentgen rays. He declared ten years ago that he had a bullet in his head, which he had fired into it in trying to commit suicide. He complained of pain, and, as he attacked his keepers and the doctors could find no trace of a wound, was locked up as a dangerous lunatic. The Roentgen rays have now shown the exact place of the bullet

Not His, of Course,

"I was unfortunate enough to leave my umbrella in a street car yesterday," remarked Manchester.

"Whose umbrella was it?" asked Birmingham. "I don't know. I borrowed it from

Snaggs."-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Just When It Happened. It was near the hour of midnight, the hour when virtue sleeps and vice stalks abroad with its nude and pol-

nd purity.-Chillicothe (Mo.) Tribune, Portuguese Widely Spoken.

At the beginning of this century the Portuguese language was in use by 7.see him walk in what should I do?"
"Sit down."—Standard.

GOOD MANNERS IN 1628.

Hints for Polite Conduct of Up-to-Date

Society Men. What is probably one of the oldest books on deportment in existence was discovered in Paris the other day, says an exchange. It was published in that city in 1628 for the college of the Jesuits of La Fleche, and is entitled "Good Manners in Converse Among Men." The text is in French, with a Latin translation. Deportment in public is first touched upon. "In yawning do not groan," this ancient guide to politeness says, "and do not gape even when speaking. In blowing thy nose do it not as one would sound a trumpet, and afterward regard not fixedly thy handkerchief. Avoid wiping thy nose as the children do with the fingers or upon the sleeve. When listening to some one speaking do not wriggle about, but keep thyself in thy skin the while." It must have been hard to obey this latter injunction, judging from what is said a little further along: "Kill not fleas or excuse thyself and remove whatever torments thee." Three hundred years ago gentlemen did not wear such sadcolored costumes as they do to-day, and one cannot help feeling that a little pride and swagger was excusable in a dandy of those days when he donned for the first time a particularly fetching costume of high-colored silken doublea and hose. Yet this "guide" remarks severely: "If thou art well bedizened, if thy hose be tightly drawn and thy habit well ordered, parade not thyself, but carry thyself with becoming modesty. Demean not thyself arrogantly, neither go mincingly about. Let not thy hands hang limply to the ground and tuck not up thy hose at every turn."

"Do not embellish thyself with flowers upon thy ear," is another injunction which sounds curious to-day, but the advice, "When speaking raise not thy voice as if thou wert crying an edict." is just as pertinent now as when the budding young gentlemen of La Fleche had it drummed into them. Table manners in those days must have been rather more primitive even than those of some of the 50-cent table d' hotes in this city, for the book says: "Being seated at the table, scratch not thyself, and if thou must cough or spit or wipe thy nose, do it dexterously and without a great noise.'

"Stuff not thy mouth with food when eating and drink not too much of the "On the broiling days," says a busy wine if thou art not master of the woman, "food is very distasteful. I find house. Show not overmuch pleasure,

> "In taking salt have a care that thy sary to clean that or the fork, do it

Sentiment in Words

Amiability-The powdered sugar of Abridgement-A collection of the

Ancestors-The only luxury denied

others are the great unwashed. Austerity-The gold foil and iron

wire of the champagne of life. Beware of the cork when the seal breaks. Abstention-The sour grape virtue "This is my first visit to America, of the fox, who couldn't get what he and I am delighted with everything but wanted, and didn't vant what he

Age-When we have three ages. The am greatly astonished to read in your real bona fide one, that which others papers of the numbers of people who think we have and that which we say

> Ballroom-A place where society out that you don't get beyond your York Commercial Advertiser.

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Putting on Airs.

"What makes that hen in your back yard cackle so loud?" "Oh, they've luted form and scatters crime in all just laid a cornerstone across the its festering and fetid blight among the flowers that sleep in their innocence and purity.—Chillicothe (Mo.) Tribune Signal.

Good Advice.

"Mr. X- has threatened to kick me

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