

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL.

MONEY AND THE VARIOUS TERMS USED TO DESIGNATE IT.

Medallions of Exchange Among Many Nations—Bulls' Heads Articles That Were of Greater Value—The Names of the Various Coins of the Great World.

In Great Britain at the time of the Norman conquest were two kinds of money—"living money," i. e., slaves and cattle, and "dead money," that of metal. In the 13th century Nicolo and Matteo Polo found a money in use in China which was made of the inner bark of the mulberry tree, and which it was death by torture to counterfeit or to refuse to take in any part of the country.

In India cakes of tea and in China pieces of silk pass as money, while at the annual fair at Nishnee-Novgorod in Russia the price of tea has to be known before the prices of other commodities are fixed, it being the standard by which all exchange of merchandise is regulated.

The Jews, in addition to their ordinary money of shokels, talents and drams of silver, had "jewel money." To this people we are also indebted to the use of paper money in lieu of that of metal. And among the curious facts in connection with this subject may be noted that the sum paid Judas for the betrayal of his master would be, according to the relative value of money in our day, a little more than 40 cents, a small price with which to purchase eternal infamy.

An interesting study is found in tracing out the origin of the names of coins familiar to us now. The American dollar has quite a little history of its own. In northern Bohemia is a little valley called Joachimstal, or Joachim's valley, and in the 14th century the reigning duke of this region authorized this little mining city or district to coin a silver piece, which was called Joachimstaler.

In France the Mexican dollar is generally called the "piastre," and the name is also applied to the American coin, but in either case the appellation is incorrect, for the name piastre, or piaster, has for the past 50 years been applied correctly only to a small silver coin used in Turkey and Egypt, and which is worth from about 5 to 8 cents in American coinage.

The word shilling is of Saxon origin and was introduced into England by that people. Penny, formerly "penning," was also brought into England by the Saxons and was first coined in silver and originally derived from the word "pand," to pawn, with the diminutive suffix "ing." The cognomen, "crown," of the English piece, worth about \$1.20 in American coinage, was first issued by Edward III and named in consequence of the image placed upon it. The great was first coined by the same monarch and is a corruption of the word "grosses," in contradistinction to the small coins or pennies. Its value was equal to about four of the latter coins.

The Russian "ruble" comes from the verb "to cut" and was so called from the ornamental edge the piece formerly had. The kopeck is equal in value to two-pence, as is also the kreutzer in Austria, cent in Holland, Italy, France and Spain. In the last country the 5-peta piece, called the escudo, corresponds to the American dollar, the peta being the small coin representing the monetary standard and meaning simply "little piece." For several hundred years and until a recent date money was coined in from 20 to 30 places in France, but all is now issued from the mint at Paris.

Few French gold coins are now in circulation, except those stamped with the head of Napoleon III, and silver pieces of the same issue are almost as common. French silver coins were the best in the world, and coins are often met with bearing the stamp of Charles X, Louis XVIII and Napoleon I. The franc, in value in American money of 20 cents, was so designated by King John, who first coined these pieces in 1200. They bore the motto "Le Roi Frank" (King of the Franks, the ancient name of the French), and were of two kinds, one representing the king on horseback and the other on foot. It was formerly called the "livre" (pound) as well, though the connection with any specified weight is not evident.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Learning From Englishmen. It is true that the English have cultivated sporting, hunting and the various field events somewhat less success fully than we, but for all distances above the quarter mile the English records (to use our American standard of comparison) are the world's records. This means that the prevailing interest abroad is less in the close gymnasium and on the dreary cinder track than in cross-country runs and paper chases, which lead the athlete through woods and fields, blow his lungs full of fresh air and steep his senses in sunlight. Likewise the Englishman's yacht is, as it were, his summer home, while his horses are the companions of the hunt and his travels. If yacht or horse wins races for him, so much the better.

But he draws the line when it comes to sacrificing their sounder merits for the passing glory of sweepstakes. Thus sport with him is pleasant and less intensely exciting. It is fruitful in mental relaxation and rest as well as in bodily health. In short, Americans lack the strength that comes through moderation and repose, through wholeness of mind and body. We have yet to learn that the work of life is too serious for us to set our hearts and stake our health on the pastimes of idle hours; that our years are too few to be shortened by devoting workdays and playdays alike to the wasting passion of achievement.—John Corbin in Outing.

Living With a Broken Heart. A remarkable case of survival for a week with rupture of the heart is reported. The man, who was 52 years old, short and plump, was playing football, when he suddenly fell down in a sort of faint, but recovered in a few moments and continued his play. Soon after the game was over, however, he had another and more severe attack, accompanied by pain in the cardiac region, and a few minutes later he was in a state of partial collapse, with shallow breathing, almost imperceptible pulse, and very severe pain over the heart. He gradually improved and was able to sit up, but seven days later he had another fainting fit and died.

At the autopsy the heart was found to be fatty, degenerated and very friable, and in the wall of the left ventricle was a break or rupture half an inch in diameter. It seemed most probable that the rupture was at first very minute or partial, not allowing the escape of blood into the pericardium, and that a week later some extra exertion caused a completion or enlargement of the rupture, resulting in the escape of blood and death.—London Lancet.

Untimely Criticism. Untimely criticism is a barrier, shutting out affection from us and spontaneity. "Don't wriggle your feet so, my son," says the critical father to a boy vibrant with enthusiasm. The correction could have waited, and the boy, with dampened ardor, turns away, telling his next story elsewhere, while the father some day wonders why boys are so-called books to their elders. "Where did you buy that dreadful cravat?" Mary says to John in the midst of his cheerful salutation, when he is just about to tell her of a bit of good fortune. "Such silly sentimentality!" says John, with a shrug of indifference, to Mary at some new thought springing out of her heart, dewy in freshness as a newly plucked rose. And John and Mary each grow to mourn the fact that the best of the other sheds its fragrance elsewhere.

There are a hundred other barriers—the dwelling on material cares, the wanton disregard of social amenities, the sensitiveness to personal peculiarities.—Harper's Bazar.

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A Bogus Bear's Ham. The late Sir Richard Owen, the eminent anatomist, often had his skill in identifying bones tested. On one occasion his friend and neighbor, Lord John Russell, sent him a specimen for this purpose, and the professor quickly pronounced it the thigh bone of a pig. This explanation of the query was subsequently offered by Lord John: "President Buchanan had sent from America to the English statesman the present of a 'chance bear's ham,' and the family had breakfasted off it several times with much enjoyment. Somehow or other, however, suspicion was aroused, and the bone was sent to their scientific neighbor. With the result stated."—Cor. Pall Mall Gazette.

Ancient Forms of Life In Australia. Australia seems to have been a place of refuge for many ancient forms of life, and every now and then some supposed to have become extinct are found still existing there. The latest in this respect is a discovery by Mr. Ogilby, a naturalist, in certain rivers of New South Wales of fresh water herrings, identical in every way to those before not found later than the latter part of the cretaceous and early part of the tertiary period.

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