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Strange Foods.

Certain Indians consider earth worms a dainty. They are dried and rolled together into a peculiar flour in Bahama and some of the Florida keys the conch is eaten—by far the toughest food known; more like India rubber than anything else, having to be beaten and pounded before it can be masticated or even cooked.

Spectacles Needed in Alaska.

An Alaskan missionary asks for a "peck of spectacles and eyeglasses." A few years ago he made a similar request, and in response received a large quantity. That supply is running short. There are frequent applications for glasses from people to whom they would be a great boon.

Car vs. Auto.

A rather amusing thing occurred at Bridgeport recently, which shows the power of automobiles. An auto struck a trolley car and the front wheels of the latter were thrown off the track. The machine lost a guard, but aside from that suffered no damage.

Irishman's Shrewd Arrangement.

Abraham Gruber tells a story of two Irishmen who were making an agreement for a meeting. One of them said: "If you get there first make a chalk mark on the sidewalk; if I get there first I will rub it out."—New York Times.

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WAGNER WAS TOO STRENUOUS.

Threatened to Ruin the Only Piano in Faraway Nome.

One of the characters in Nome, Alaska, was Dick Dawson, who had a saloon, dance hall and gambling hall combined, and had brought his outfit, including an automatic piano, down from Dawson City over an almost impassable route.

One day when things were rather quiet in the place, Oscar, the chief and only musician on the staff, got to work with the automatic piano and pumped at the pedals in ambitious style.

He had ground out a lot of old-fashioned home and mother songs, when suddenly, without the least warning, he struck into the "Ride of the Valkyries."

When the crashing opening chords first sounded, Dawson, who was standing at the end of the bar, started and looked around, to see what was the matter. Then the music took on a lighter tone, and as a delightful thrilling run sounded out in the treble he settled back to enjoy it.

Again came a crash and thump, thump, thump, as the bass chords got to work again. Dawson started over toward the piano on the run.

"Don't bother yourself, Dick," said a bystander. "That's all right, that music. That's Wagner."

"Who the—'s Wagner?" was the answer. "I'll kill that Oscar for letting him spoil the piano!"—New York Sun.

How He Meant to Reform.

When Dick Wintersmith was Congressman at Washington," said Phil Thompson, "it happened that a friend of ours fell ill. His name was John Wires.

"He drank considerably, John did, and that last night of his life he had split whisky all over his beard.

"He wanted it dark in the room; so when the nurse went out he reached for the candle and attempted to extinguish it.

"His long beard, full of alcohol, caught fire instantly and burned him up.

"There was a great deal of grief among us and consternation.

"This ought to be a lesson to us," decided Dick, "to stop drinking a while."

"So it ought," assented Joe Blackburn. "What are you going to do about it, for instance?"

"Me?" said Dick. "Well, it's come to this pass with me that I have firmly resolved never to blow out another candle."—New York Times.

Take Your Pillow Along.

Many people when away from home find it difficult to sleep well in a strange bed, and arise in the morning with a sense of having passed a decidedly unsatisfactory night. Vice-President Knowlton of the Raymond & Whitcomb company, who ought to know, says the trouble is all in the pillow. It's the pillow first, last and always. He has slept in many lands and under all imaginable conditions, and years ago came to the conclusion that with one's own pillow at hand it mattered little about the bed. On an extended tour he always takes his pillow with him, stowing it carefully at the bottom of the trunk for future reference. "If I could start life over again," he says, "I would learn to sleep without a pillow (the only proper way), but the art must be acquired during childhood. The next best thing is your own pillow wherever possible. Try it and be convinced."

Good Explanation.

The Rev. James T. Dougherty, rector of St. Mary's church at Canandaigua, tells this story of his recent visit to the St. Louis exposition: "In one of the buildings I met a voluble Irishman in charge of an exhibition of Irish relics. My attention was especially called to the stump of a tree in which was imbedded so firmly as to be irremovable, the points of a fine set of deer antlers. I was interested. 'How do you suppose the deer had come to get his horns so firmly fastened?' I asked.

"Surely I don't know, your reverence," was the reply, "but I think he must have been 'buttin' in.'"—New York Times.

Knew How Freshman Felt.

The inauguration of Dr. Luther to the presidency of Trinity college, Hartford, which took place recently, suggested an incident of a rainy day some years ago. A freshman was walking along in front of Northam hall, when the strap that held his books suddenly parted and they were scattered over the wet pavement. He was just about to punctuate his thoughts with a few well-chosen words, when he heard some one just behind him. Catching himself, he glanced over his shoulder and saw Prof. Luther, who smilingly said: "Say it; go on and say it—I never can, you know."—New York Times.

Knew What Was Proper.

Dr. William H. Tolman, Director of the American Institute of Social Science, tells a story of a "fresh air" youngster who was received at the country house of a friend of his for a two weeks' stay. "He was from the slums," said the narrator, "and supposed to be ignorant of the comforts of life, let alone the amenities. At the dinner table the first day they handed him for dessert a triangle of apple pie fresh, hot and delicious. The New Yorker inspected it and remarked: 'Apple pie and no cheese. Hell.'"—New York Times.

The Azure.

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Taught Carp Meaning of Words.

A Spanish naturalist, Dr. Ribera, has proved that fish can hear and distinguish sounds and words. Concealing himself behind a bush he taught the carp in a pond to come to the surface for food every time he spoke a certain sentence. To other words, not associated with feeding, they paid no attention.

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