

Redeeming Money...

Scorched, Water-Soaked Bills are Reconstructed.

There was received at the redemption division of the treasury recently an envelope containing a mass of greenish paper, dried and hard, but showing evidence of having once been water-soaked. The letter accompanying explained that the substance had once been money, and that it had been found among the debris left by the storm at Galveston, Tex. It was offered for redemption. There was undoubtedly much money destroyed in the Galveston storm, but comparatively little of it has been recovered. A half-dozen or more installments have been received, but in all it has amounted to but a few hundred dollars. Some of that sent in had been found in the pockets of clothing worn by victims of the storm. Most of it was in fair shape, and the senders received the full amount in crisp, new bills. The man who recovered the last lot received, however, was less fortunate. It was turned over to E. A. Brown, the treasury expert on mutilated money, who soaked the mass and picked it apart, discovering at once that it was composed of worthless confederate bills. Mrs. Brown and her assistant, Miss Elizabeth D. Smith, have to deal with money under many queer conditions. It comes to them burned until only fragments of charred paper are left, rotten and mildewed, gnawed by mice, eaten and discolored by acids, and in a thousand other forms. Their knowledge of money is reduced to a science. By a glance at a mere fragment of a bill they are able to tell from its "geography"—by which is meant the particular style of engraving—the year of its issue and the denomination of the note of which it is a part. A case Mrs. Brown now has in hand called forth all her ingenuity. The Moravian National bank of Moravia, N. Y., sent a package of money that had been burned until only black and shriveled paper remained. The burned bills were supposed to amount to \$125. Mrs. Brown was able to identify more than \$100, and as there remained a considerable amount of the charred paper which had been crushed until it was unrecognizable, the full amount will be paid upon an affidavit from the bank that the sum stated was destroyed. A couple of weeks ago a roll of burned money was received from a small town in Virginia. The sender explained in his letter that the money belonged to an aged woman who had been saving it to pay her funeral expenses. Her house caught fire and her little hoard was destroyed. The old lady was not quite sure of the amount that had been in the roll, but she thought it was between \$70 and

\$75. Investigation showed that there was \$130 in the package, and that amount was forwarded for the benefit of the funeral fund. Among the receipts recently was a large package of the fractional currency in circulation during the civil war. It had evidently been stored away in a vault that was not over dry, and was badly discolored, but was yet in such condition that it could be redeemed. A good deal of this fractional currency is received, much of it almost as bright and clean as on the day of issue. The best is not destroyed, but kept on hand and sold at face value to collectors. A week or so ago there was received a number of continental bills, issued by authority of the continental congress during the war of the revolution. The law does not provide for the redemption of this money, and the bills were returned. Ignorant people in the south and elsewhere, particularly negroes, frequently send in large quantities of confederate bills, believing the government will redeem them. The government formerly held that the finder of money was not entitled to have it redeemed, and when turned into the treasury it was kept there for the owner. This rule has now been changed, and the finder of money is the one who profits. A few days ago a Washington colored man took to the treasury two \$50 notes, which he said had been found on an ash heap. Although badly soiled, the notes were easily identified, and the negro got the \$100. Another Washington negro not long ago took to the treasury a large package of bills, which had been buried in the ground and were badly water-soaked. The bills were generally of small denomination, and the task of separating the pieces and patching them together was a big undertaking, as the amount of the resurrected roll was more than \$3,500. The negro explained that he had buried the money to get it away from an "extravagant family," and that when he went to the place of burial to get out a small amount he found that the entire store had been ruined. The history of the redemption division of the treasury is calculated to explode the theory that paper money is a great spreader of disease germs. An average of \$1,000,000 of paper money in its very worst forms of dirtiness is handled and counted three times every working day in the year, by a force composed mostly of young women. The only precaution the clerks take is to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, yet there has never been a case of illness among them traceable to the handling of money.—Chicago Journal.

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To the Editor: The above is the emphatic manner in which a friend in Yorkton writes to a friend near St. Paul, Minnesota, and it is pretty nearly right, too, with the advantages that Western Canada offers to those seeking homes. The Assinibola district is one of the best. The writer from whose letter we quote goes on to say:

"John, if you miss this chance you are foolish, for you can get out cheaper when there are so many coming, and I would not tell you to come if I thought you could not do well, and if you don't come in the spring you will have to go away back, for you do not want to think that there is no one living out here but us. I saw nicer buildings out here than I ever saw before, and if the country was no good what would they want them for? John, if you sold everything you have and came out here you would be worth more than ever you were before, and if you can bring your team. You can get anything you want on tick, and when they do that with strangers they are not afraid they can't make enough to pay for it. I saw as nice wheat as I ever saw in my life, and if they could not grow grain what would the flour mill be for, and it cost \$20,000."

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A Democratic Emperor

Many Little Acts of Kindness of Francis Joseph of Austria.

Like many who live in the rarified atmosphere of courts, Emperor Francis Joseph enjoys nothing better than a glimpse into the lives of his humblest subjects. So, in order to come closer in touch with the peasants, he has fallen into the habit of walking out alone every Sunday afternoon. Usually he turns his back upon the city and strolls out upon one of the country roads, where he almost invariably finds a companion going the same way, a simple tiller of the soil. When the emperor's questions regarding the details of life in the work-a-day world bring down no suspicion of his identity; when he is regarded merely as a kind, chatty stranger, then he is pleased. On one occasion an old man having listened to the sovereign's talk with a group of laborers, without knowing who he was, followed Francis Joseph as he retraced his steps to the city. Gradually the old man edged up alongside. "Hello, stranger, you going up

to town, too, looking for work?" he inquired, confidentially. His answer was a bright gold piece, slipped into his hand by the "stranger," accompanied by a few words of cheer. This unexpected liberality on the part of his affable companion so fascinated the peasant that they walked on together until they reached the palace gate. Some time later a foot passenger found the bewildered old man stumbling along the road, looking first at the gold piece in his palm and then back over his shoulder toward the emperor's palace.

Dairyman Supplies "Noiseless Milk." A dairyman in Indianapolis, Ind., supplies his patrons with what he calls "noiseless milk." His wagons have rubber tires, his milkmen wear rubber-soled shoes and he has supplied each of his customers with a little rubber mat on which the vessels are silently placed.

The Chinese Pig Tail May Go

It is stated that the statesmen of the flowery kingdom are considering the advisability of altering the Chinese law which requires Mongolians to wear cues. The Chinese, it is said, wore their hair American fashion some 300 years ago, at which time they likewise wore garments similar to those in use in this country today. With a new emperor came an alteration in the two fashions, and ever since cues and blouses have been quite the proper thing.

Now there is a great agitation for a change back to the old style. The Chinese are of a practical turn of mind and say that too much time is required to dress their long braids. There is considerable objection to the style now in vogue, and so persistent for a change has become the demand that it is likely the law establishing the style of headdress will be altered. It is stated that the Chinese will not wear their hair long, but that their heads will be kept shaven.

Will Cut Bears' Whiskers. Whiskers have been tabooed at the Zoo, and a crusade against them will shortly be started, says the Philadelphia Press. Within a few days the keepers will trim the bears' mustaches, which have grown very long and annoy the beasts. The whiskers have curled around so far as to tickle the bears every time they move their

heads. The hairs are fully eight inches in length, and caused one bear to cut himself so badly with his claws in trying to push them away that the keepers feared for a time that serious results would follow. The trimming of the bears' whiskers will require several days, and is a dangerous operation. Each bear has to be cornered and placed in a cage so small that in it he is unable to move. The objectionable whiskers are then removed with long shears. The position of zoo barber is not much sought after. The animals often struggle and fight until exhausted before they will submit to the operation, and it takes all the patience of the keepers to bring it through successfully. The day for the trimming of the whiskers has not yet been set, but it will be a lively one at the Zoo.

Some of Mr. Morgan's Gifts. Thus far J. Pierpont Morgan has given \$500,000 for a New York technical school, \$175,000 for a botanical park in New York, \$100,000 for a lying-in hospital, \$150,000 for a yacht club, \$30,000 for a church, \$25,000 for lighting St. Paul's cathedral, London, and 30,000 rare manuscripts to the New York library.

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