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## European and American Women.

The European lady is the idiot of her sex the world over. She hasn't anything at all to do but dress, to eat, and to be agreeable. But what has this led to? Read the following from the pen of Professor James Bryce, an English gentleman and scholar who visited this country to study sociology:

"The average European man has usually a slight sense of condescension when he talks to a woman on serious subjects. Even if she is his superior in intellect, in character, in social rank, he thinks that as a man he is her superior, and, consciously or unconsciously, talks down to her. She is too much accustomed to this to resent it, unless it becomes tastelessly palpable. Such a notion does not cross an American's mind. He talks to a woman just as he would to a man, of course with more deference of manner, and with a proper regard to the topics likely to interest her, but giving her his intellectual best, addressing her as a person whose opinion is understood by both to be worth as much as his own. Similarly, an American lady does not expect to have conversation made to her. It is just as much her duty or pleasure to lead it as the man's is, and more often than not she takes the burden from him, darting along with a gay vivacity which puts to shame his slower wits.

"It need hardly be said that the community at large gains by the softening and restraining influence which the reverence for womanhood diffuses. Nothing so quickly incenses the people as any insult offered to a woman. Wife beating, and indeed any kind of rough violence offered to women, is far less common among the rudest class than it is in England. Field work or work done at the pit mouth of mines is seldom or never done by women in America; and the American traveler who in some parts of Europe finds women performing severe manual labor is revolted by the sight in a way which Europeans find surprising."—Chicago Tribune.

## Suicide of Scorpions.

Bately M. Serge Noirkoff, of Constantinople, gave an instance of the sort in question. He caught half a dozen of these creatures, he says, and deliberately put the question to the test. Arranging on the floor a circle of glowing charcoal, having no break in it, a scorpion was placed in the center. Although the circle was large enough to prevent the scorpion being injured or even incommoded by the heat if it remained in the middle, the animal, finding itself surrounded by fire, began to look about for the means of escape. At first its movements were slow, but soon its movements increased, and finally it raced in a frantic fashion around the inner circumference of the charcoal. After racing for some time in this manner, it retired to the center of the ring, and, deliberately plunging its sting into its back, put an end to its life in a few seconds after a few convulsive movements. The remaining five were tried successfully in the same way, and each with a like result.—La Nature.

## A Hot Day.

The hottest day that I ever experienced was during the summer of 1859, while aboard a ship at Key West, Fla. The sun beamed down upon the deck of the vessel and seemed to be so close that it would almost raise blisters. The fires had gone out in the kitchen, and, as I was hungry, I procured several fresh eggs and put them on the deck. The deck was covered with pitch, which was boiling with the heat from the sun. In less than five minutes my eggs were cooked hard. This story may seem incredible, but it is true.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## These Happy Days.

Young Man—Don't you remember me? Old Gentleman—Can't say that I ever saw you before.

"Don't you remember little Sammy Bamby, who used to steal your peaches and break your windows, twenty years ago, right here in Australia?"

"Why, certainly, I remember you now very well; how you used to steal my peaches, and don't you remember how I caught you just as you were getting over the fence one day, and how I tanned your little hide for you?"

"You bet you did! Ah, those happy days will never come again."—Time.

## Australian Bushrangers.

The bushrangers of Australia are now extinct. They were highwaymen whom the love of adventure, quite as much as the desire for gold, allured to the life of outlaws. A writer in The Fortnightly Review describes some of them as gifted with courage and invention worthy of a better calling.

A small band of bushrangers in Victoria manufactured for themselves out of scythes and plows and old iron complete suits of armor. Each suit was so heavy that Goliath himself might have fainted under its weight, but on the Herculean frame of the bushranger it seemed light, and it served its purpose. Several of these suits are in existence, bearing marks of ineffectual pistol shots.

Two bushrangers once laid a whole town under contribution. They forced shops and banks to pay liberally for the privilege of resuming business. Some of them were as superstitious as Italian brigands, who kneel before a wayside cross and ask for much booty and little trouble.

Once a bushranger gave his victim the usual alternative of his money or his life. When the victim declined to "hand over," the robber knelt down and prayed that it might be put into the traveler's heart to give up all that he had, and so spare the bushranger the necessity of shooting him.

## Clothing a Ship in Steel.

Two or three months or less after the completion of the fairing the ship is probably in frame and looks like the skeleton of some Brobdignagian monster that has stranded on the bank of the river. The ribs have been hoisted into position at right angles with the keel, and strung together by rib bands, and already there are signs of the coming subdivision by decks and bulkheads of the hollow space within. You can still see through her, however; she is like, to make yet another comparison, a great oblong wicker basket, the supple willows being represented by the network of steel. The next step is the clothing of ribs with plates.

As they reach the yard the plates are square and flat, but they are passed through rollers of various kinds, from which they issue in any shape desired—hollowed like a spoon, curved lengthwise or breadthwise or diagonally, as the contour of the ship may call for. A steam or hydraulic plane smooths them down as though they were the softest of white wood; another machine trims the edges as easily as a woman cuts silk with a pair of scissors. Then, suspended by iron chains, they are thrust between the jaws of a punching machine, which has resemblance to a sinister human face with a flat nose, a long upper lip and a small chin. The jaws close upon them and bite out, ten at a time, the holes for the rivets by which they are to be fastened to the frame.—Scribner's.

## Western Wools.

Western wools, according to Western Rural, grow in popularity. There is not such immense profit in wool growing in Washington and Montana territories as their owners was, because the flocks require more care, but with that care comes a much better quality of wool and higher prices. Montana wool ranks very much higher than it used to, and Montana is a great sheep country. The increase of sheep in the territory has been steady right along and the number will continue to increase because the conditions of sheep raising and wool growing are so favorable. If wool growing could be conducted in the haphazard way in which it was once done in the territories more money could be made for a time, but in the long run better wool will bring the most profit. As land grows more valuable in the new sections, of course there is less profit in wool. At present in this country the greatest profits from wool growing are made in Texas and the territories; and though the profits will grow somewhat less, the territories will always be splendid sheep sections.

## The Cigarettes.

The ingenuity of the women of London and Paris in inventing new dissipation is without limit. To the morphine habit the devotees of sensationalism have now added the practice of smoking tea cigarettes. Special grades of the finest tea are used, and the effect of the cigarettes is said to be delightful for fully an hour after one has been smoked. After that comes the reaction in the form of a nervous trembling and excitability, but which is subdued, according to a woman of title, who rather goes in for all these things, by a thimbleful of frozen absinthe. Thus by industriously ringing the changes on morphine, tea, cigarettes and absinthe, with a few intrigues, some scandal and a raft of white hot French novels, the woman of society manages to worry through the day. I wonder if the American girl's great success abroad is not due to her naturalness and health.—London Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.

## A Snake Vein.

What was known as the Snake Vein mine is now only marked by a pile of broken rock; but in the days when men's brains were fired by the glittering prospects of untold wealth it seemed a bonanza and assumed corresponding proportions. Ground was broken there in winter, and the first thing that was struck by the prospectors after going down through the frost was a vein of snakes! And such snakes! There were tiny infant snakes that had just been ushered into this sinful world; there were hoary headed old grandfathers, and uncles and cousins, and aunts! There were black snakes, and green snakes, and yellow snakes, and every color of the rainbow snakes! There were thousands in the colony. It wasn't a very good paying vein; but some of the Maine gold mines didn't pan out so well as this, even.—Lewiston Journal.

## Congenial Company.

Mabel—There goes Mr. Geansy with that dissipated Jack Lashington; they seem inseparable nowadays.

Alice—Yes; they do seem like fast friends.—Harvard Lampoon.

"This butter, Mr. Spicer," said the dealer, "carried off the prize at the farmers' fair," and Seth spat out a taste of the compound and remarked: "Unless the prize was a ship's anchor and chain cable, I would think the butter could have carried it off easily."—Grocers' Advocate.

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