

MARRIED MEN FOR USHERS.

How They May Make Themselves Valuable to the Bridegroom.

The married men are beginning to come brilliantly to the front as ushers at weddings and the bachelors are reserved for duty as best men, says the Boston Herald.

It is here that the married men who are glittering successes can as ushers, guides, philosophers and friends get in their finest work by their advice, example and precept.

WEIRD FUNERALS.

Living Persians Carrying Their Dead to Kerbela.

Saving an occasional "Yah Khak!" from the throat of one of the tangle-headed and wild eyed dervishes stalking along barefoot in the sand not a sound broke the stillness of the morning as our caravan, says a writer in the London Standard, moves toward the bridge over the Holman river that leads to the town of Khanekin.

His Fitting Abode. Dr. Barrow and the profligate Lord Rochester meeting one day at court while Barrow was king's chaplain in ordinary, Rochester, thinking to banter him, accosted him with a flippant air and a low, formal bow, saying, "Doctor, I am yours to my shoe-tie."

He Could Be Trusted. A small colored boy who stole some zinc from in front of a new building was arrested and taken before a magistrate for a hearing.

TENACITY OF GERMS.

How an Old Lady and Her Little Shawl Carried Death With Them.

The tenacity and virility of smallpox germs are to the medical fraternity one of the wonders of contagion, and were never made apparent so startlingly as a few years ago in the little village of Hector, this state, says the New York Sun.

Dr. Purdy learned that one day in the winter preceding the breaking out of smallpox in Hector a passenger on an Erie railway train was taken violently ill just after leaving Salamanca, and a physician who was on board the train discovered that the passenger had the smallpox.

Among the passengers who left the car when the case was made known was an old lady who had a ticket for Elmira. Her seat had been the one behind the one where the man with the smallpox sat.

A few days after the son returned home to Hector he became violently ill. Before it was known what his ailment was he was visited by various neighbors. Then his disease was pronounced smallpox, and it was such a malignant case that he died within a few days.

The Kangaroo at Bay. When pursued, the kangaroo, if possible, directs his flight toward the river. If he reaches it he enters, and, thanks to his great height, is able to go on foot to a depth where the dogs are obliged to swim.

Division of Labor. "When it comes to traveling," exclaimed the head of the family, "a man has to do all the real work. My wife has only packed the trunks, dressed the children, spread cloths over the furniture, and a few things like that, while every bit of information that has been got from the time table I had to attend to myself."

Punishments. In Borneo the left hand of a thief or other petty criminal is sliced off. But it is not thrown away or buried or destroyed in any fashion.

A Give-Away All Around. "I think," she said as she came into the room, "that I will give that poll parrot away."

Coon Hunting. A new departure in coon hunting has been tried by some citizens of Allegheny, Pa. When the coon had been trod Roman candles were used to ascertain his exact position.

RAISINS AS FOOD.

They Contain Four Times as Much Nutrition as Does Meat.

It has been the custom until very recently to consider raisins as an article of luxury, and to deem them only suited to the tables of those who are able to indulge themselves in such things as serve merely to please the palate.

It is asserted by those who have studied the question from a scientific and hygienic standpoint that the nutritive power of raisins as compared to meat is as four to one. This, we imagine, may be taken with some grains of allowance, but, nevertheless, it is susceptible of demonstration that raisins, like other dried fruits, are genuine food, contain elements which are fully as necessary to good health as fibrine, dextrine and all the rest of the things which analytical chemists have discovered in fleshmaking and strengthmaking foods.

Those who have studied the question of raisins as food profess to have something like 100 receipts for the preparation of the raisin, and each of these, it is asserted, has an economic value. Whether this estimate be excessive or not, one thing is very certain, and that is that the world would be better off, from a hygienic point of view, if we were to eat more fruit and less meat.

The raisin, which is only the grape dried in the sun, should be a natural food, if there be any such thing. Sugar, which the dried grape contains in its natural state, has long been recognized as a genuine food, so much so that manufactured sugar—

Long Philadelphia Streets. Philadelphia has some long streets. Second street, fifteen miles; Germantown and Ridge avenue, ten miles; Broad street, nine and three-quarter miles; Frankfort avenue, eight miles; Fifth street, six and one-half miles; Market street, five and one-half miles.

A Cow's Trial.

An Albany paper says that a little son of John Rathune was leading a cow to pasture, and when he reached the wooden mill he tied the cow to the coupling pin of a freight car while he went inside to speak to his father, unfortunately for the cow, the Lebanon engine backed upon the switch while the boy was inside, and, not seeing the cow, coupled on to the car and started up the track.

Afternoon Tea.

They were at an afternoon tea, and each held in her delicately gloved hand a cup of amber fluid, which she sipped daintily with a souvenir spoon. But their technical knowledge of tea would have made a tea expert's hair stand on end.

In Canada.

There are three things that attract the notice of a traveler from the states when he has got into Canada, to say nothing of the general dullness that pervades that province. One is the disappearance of window blinds and bareness of the house fronts. The other is the presence of militiamen and policemen, who are as nearly copies as may be of the English militia and London "bobbies."

Precaution.

After a row with his wife, who violently expressed a wish that he was dead, an Irishman said: "Oh, it's a widow you're wantin' to be, is it? Bead, I'll take good care you're no widow as long as I live."—London Tit-Bits.

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Volcanic Ashes.

The scientists of a European expedition now in Ecuador have been making analyses of ashes which fell 150 miles away from Cotopaxi at the time of its last eruption. They have found them to consist mainly of feldspar, quartz, maquette and spectacular iron ore.

Diamond Cut Diamond.

A New York rogue caught a Chinaman asleep in a hallway and stole his outer garments. These he donned and perambulated Mott street, the Chinese quarter. One of the celestials pretended to be deceived and led the sham Chinaman to an opium joint, where he was despoiled of all he possessed and badly beaten.

A Brave Defender.

Mrs. Watts—It seems to me that you paid a good deal more attention to that hateful Mrs. Fins last night than was necessary. Every one in the room noticed it.

Mr. Watts—My dear, I saw that there were at least a dozen unmarried men in the assemblage, and I wanted to protect them.

How She Knew.

Maiden of blushing fifteen—You have changed a great deal of late, Charlie.

Callow Youth—To my own advantage, I hope.

Maiden—Certainly to your own advantage. Formerly you brought me a box of candy every day.—Truth.

Kindly Consolation.

"I sometimes fear," said the worrying woman, "that my poor, dear husband was buried alive."

"You shouldn't let that bother you," said the well-meaning friend, with the best intent. "He is dead enough by this time."

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