

UNIQUE WAGER.

Lead to a Re-formation of Prussian Police Methods.

The reign of Napoleon III. in France was characterized by many arbitrary arrests, made on mere suspicion, by a police which had no respect for individual rights.

A public man of the time, Grammont-Caderousse by name, took advantage of his acquaintance with the prefect of police to protest against this state of affairs.

"Certainly I will," answered the prefect.

"Very well. The wager is made."

It seemed to Grammont-Caderousse that, in the interest of public safety, he was justified in the course he was about to take.

Five minutes afterward two police agents tapped him on the shoulder, and beckoned him to come with them.

"Well," said Grammont-Caderousse, "have you not fairly lost your wager? You may ask your men whether I did anything, or said anything. I have been in prison five hours. It will cost you only two hundred francs an hour."

As the result of this extraordinary proceeding, orders were issued to the police to be somewhat more cautious in making arrests.

Across the Mountains of Corsica.

Charles H. Adams describes "A Jaunt Into Corsica" in the September number of the Century, and Andre Castaigne furnishes striking illustrations.

"How can I describe that eventful and romantic ride across the mountains of Corsica? The conductor blew his horn, the driver thrashed his horses with his merciless, lathered whip, and the boy driving the lead horse pounded his weak-looking steed, a dull heavy-laden distance moved off, leaving the gaping crowd looking after us.

An Innocent Joke.

To force a crowd of people to move fast or slow at their will was a favorite joke with two young men who had a talent for music.

The Loathsome Jugg.

A more loathsome and disgusting object it would be hard to conceive, naked from head to foot, unless the tubes with which he is smeared all over can be considered as a covering.

How Cloves Grow.

The small evergreen tree from which cloves are taken was originally a native of the Spice Islands, but is now cultivated in warm climates in all parts of the world.

Prosperous Indians.

The prosperity of the Crows is shown in the fashion and furnishing of their lodges, some of which are really luxurious.

LONGEVITY ON THE INCREASE.

New Details of Greater Age Than Formerly. Especially in America.

The number of deceased persons who had attained an exceptional old age was probably greater in the year 1893 than in any recent period, says the Washington Post.

Testimony of Finger Prints.

When a finger or a finger print is closely examined under a lens of only moderate power it is seen to abound in minute peculiarities.

Napoleon and the Letter "M."

The Rev. J. M. Buckley, in his "Astrology, Divination, and Colloquies," presents a curious array of facts relative to Napoleon I. and the letter "M."

The Rainy Day at Home.

A rainy day has attractions for a woman's soul that the sunshine in all its glory cannot dispel.

Weights of Metals.

Cast iron weighs 444 pounds to the cubic foot, and a one-inch square bar will sustain a weight of 16,500 pounds.

Wonderful Marksmanship.

A Texas military company were out on the range recently practicing at rifle shooting.

The Very First Balloonist.

The first living creature to make a balloon ascension was a sheep, a cock, and a duck which were placed in a willow basket attached to the lower part of a Montgolfier balloon.

Smoky Women.

Smoking is not one thing, as dangerous as it is supposed, and that is a well-rooted knowledge.

A BELGIAN MANDARIN.

The Romantic Career of a Chinese Custom Official.

While the young American bicyclists, Messrs. Allen and Sachtleben, were crossing the Desert of Gobi, they heard much of a mysterious and powerful official called the Ling Darin.

Dr. J. M. Rice Found a Lack of Sympathy Between Teachers and Pupils.

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The Italian Bootblack.

He was a little old Italian, tattered and torn, and had long been a familiar feature of the south side of Chambers street, near Broadway.

Last Rings.

Rings, like chickens and crows, come home to roost. Some years ago a man made a design for his own seal—a sprig of heather, with the motto, "Heather," engraved.

Lions Run from Men.

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CIGARETTES.

The Cause of the Nephth That Striketh the Nephth.

Many of our readers, says the American Analyst, have no doubt wondered what it was that made the cigarettes usually sold here have such a vile mephitic smell, so unlike tobacco or anything else but sickening cigarettes.

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