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### ANTIQUITY OF DICE.

Remote Past.

Scholars have delved in vain for the origin of dice, which, in various shapes, have been used in forms of worship and religious ceremonies since the dawn of history. Their earlier use was for the forecasting of events was f obtaining of divine guidance. Their adaptation to a game of chance was comparatively quite recent.

There is a surprising number of varieties of dice, but they may be divided into two general classes. The most familiar form is the cube. With two exceptions-the Korean and Erruscan-cubical dice have the spots so arranged that the six and one, five and two and three and four are opposite, making the sum of the opposite sides invariably seven. In all ages the number seven has been regarded with particular awe and as having much mystic import.

The dice just described are not only proper to modern Europe and America, but to classical Greece and Rome. ancient Syria, Persia, India, China, Japan and Siam. The other form is the long, square prism sometimes found amid prehistoric ruins in Europe and existing today in India.

A most interesting form is the top sides, which was twirled with the mains of Naucratis, a Greek colony of Press. 600 B. C. Two specimens of dice have been discovered at Babylon.-Harper's Weekly.

#### AN ARCTIC RESCUE.

The Feeling When the Relief Ship Came Into View.

Very often during the months of daylight we stood on the cliff straining our eyes to see the longed for relief ship. As the summer of 1905 slipped on we almost despaired, but one day in July, when hope had almost abandoned us, we saw one of the boys jumping up and down and supposed to wake, then go to bed backward. that at last his brain had given way under the strain. In fact, many of us were almost crazy with the monotony and anxiety that were upon us day after day. We watched a moment and sweetly. wondered which of us would be the next to go off his balance,

When we went to him and saw what he saw, the long looked for relief ship. I don't know whether we all jumped for joy or what we did, for we have no memory of our actions in that hour. kit, ready to rush to the boats and promotes longevity. had stared us in the face for sixteen months and where we had almost given up all hope of ever again looking upon the faces of our loved ones. In our frantic haste to be gone many

of us left behind relics and records which we prized and later regretted the loss of. At the end of sixteen months the relief ship Terra Nova had depriving him of the power of utterarrived, and we steamed to Norway, where our party divided, some going to London and others to Germany .-Captain Edwin Coffin's Account of the Ziegler Polar Expedition in National Magazine.

Has Seven Sons.

burst into tears. "I have lost seven sons!" she said.

"You had lost six of them before your son died," the artist replied.

Stealing Sea Water. "They arrested me in Italy for steal-

ing a bucket of water out of the sea." The reporter laughed. He thought that the tourist on the pier was joking, but the tourist resumed:

"It's a fact. You can't draw water out of the Italian seas without a permit. The idea is to prevent your dodging the salt tax. Sait, you know, is ent and courteous race, whose lanvery heavily taxed in Italy. It's a guage runs from Suez to Australia and government monopoly. You buy it only who, so far from dying out, are yearin the government tobacco shops-a ly becoming more numerous.-Java nickel a package, vest pocket size. And the government won't let you monkey with sea water lest you extract the salt from it."

Not Vindictive.

"There are germs lying in wait for you, no matter where you turn," said the scientist.

"I know it," replied the matter of fact person. "I dislike germs as much as anybody can, but I'm not going to quit eating, drinking and breathing just to spite 'em."-Washington Star.

The Widow's View of It. Briggins (a wily one)-No, I shall never marry. I loved a girl once and she made a fool of me. The Widow (disappointed of her prey)-What a

lasting impression she seems to have made!-Illustrated Bits.

Pleasant Rehearsal. Fair Amateur-The curtain will rise in a few minutes. Are you quite sure you know your words? Hero-Yes; all except the part where I kiss you. We'd better rehearse that again.

No man is really beaten until he himself admits it.

#### MUSICAL MISERY.

When Bagpipes Squeak Out "The Star Spangled Banner."

"I wish,' growled a man who made a tour of the British isles, "that the British bandmasters would take a course of instruction in what coustitutes the American national airs. Band concerts are the rage all over England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, During the summer season, probably as a compliment to the hordes of Americans who are flinging away gold for their benefit, they present daily what is generally dubbed 'American nation-

"The majority of these bandmasters think 'Dixie' is the national air, be cause they sagety observe it is the only one which Americans appland. 'The Star Spangled Banner' is dismat and lugubrious enough under the best of circumstances, but to hear the Scotch bagpipes have a fling at it is indescribable misery. The man who wrote the 'Columbia' hymn would not later on is to chain him. Then the know his own work as performed in Great Britain, and even the 'Kentucky Home' and other negro ballads get a touch between an Irish jig and a Scotch wail which robs the American visitor of any pleasure which he might experience in hearing songs from home. It may be that British, Scotch and Irish guests on this side of the or spinning dice, with four or six water get as much discomfort in hearing 'Annie Laurie.' I hope they do. proved; farm 8 miles from McCook; 140 thumb and second finger, of which p for it would establish a sort of interspecimen was discovered in the re- national musical balance."-New York

#### SLEEP SUPERSTITIONS.

How to Awaken at Any Hour You May Designate. Sleep is the best cure for waking

trouble. Hours for sleep: Nature gives five, Custom seven, Weariness takes nine, Laziness eleven.

If you wish to arise at a certain hour, before going to bed make with your right foot as many marks on the floor as the hour on which you wish

To insure happy dreams burn some hazelnuts and do the ashes up in a package, which you must place beneath your pillow. You will then dream

If you wish ever to marry, never look under the bed. If a person talks in his sleep, put his

hand in a bowl of water and he will tell you all his secrets. The Hindoos say it is bad luck to

sleep with your head to the north, but Quickly each man gathered his little sleeping with your head to the south leave forever that island where death | It is considered by some nations dan-

gerous to sleep while thirsty, for the soul leaves the body in search of water, and if the body awakened too quickly the soul might not have time to return to it, so the body would die. In Germany the nightmare is believed to be a spectral being which places

itself upon the breast of the sleeper, ance or motion.-Philadelphia Press.

### Parks of Australian Cities.

Australians, with a fine climate, believe in enjoying themselves, and there are plenty of facilities. Thus in Sydney there are parks and squares and public gardens with a total area of A mother who had only one child, a 4,335 acres. Sixteen miles from the son, lost him through an accident by city-a shilling excursion train faredrowning when he was seventeen. His is the picturesque national park, conbody was washed out to sea and never taining 36,810 acres preserved in their recovered. She very much wanted a natural state. A similar reserve callportrait of him, and she called a fa- ed Kurin-gal Chase, comprising 35,300 mous artist who was a friend of the acres of land, chiefly of densely woodfamily. He asked for every photo- ed hills skirting for many miles around graph she had of her son from baby- numerous tidal arms of Broken bay, is hood onward. When the painting ar- also held for the enjoyment of the rived it represented a glade in a wood. public forever. Melbourne has no Playing about were five little children fewer than 5,400 acres of recreation of various ages, but all the same boy grounds in or near the city. Adelaide as his mother had known him. Com- is surrounded by a belt of park lands ing down the center, joyous, gay, was and has about 2,300 acres set apart for the seventeen-year-old lad leading his the public benefit. Nor are Perth and baby self of one year by the hand. Hobart and Brisbane and some of the The mother looked at the picture and | fine inland towns less well provided for.-Westminster Gazette,

Malay Race Not Dying Out.

There is a very common idea that the Malay is a race that is dying out. killed in its own country by the enterprise of Chinese, Tamils, Javanese (who, however, are kinsmen of the Malays) and Europeans. To those who come out east expecting to find a few miserable remains of a once powerful race, whose probable fate is that of the Australian aborigines, it comes as a revelation to find a sturdy, independ-

A Bad Start.

"Ever try this keep a-smiling proposition?"

"Tried it once, but with poor success. Unfortunately I started the experiment on a day that the boss felt grouchy."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

What Made Him Sick.

Teacher-Your little brother was all right when he left the house with you, and yet you say he's sick and won't be in school. The Kid-Sure! Didn't 1 give him the seegar wid me own hands?-Puck.

Stationary Youth.

Rich Father-My daughter is too young to get married. She is only eighteen. Impecuaious Lover-1 know, sir, but I have waited patiently for years, and she doesn't seem to get any

Early Intelligence.

Sunday School Teacher (finishing the narration)-And that is the story of Jonah and the whale. Johnny-Isn't it Tommy's Papa-Yes, my son. Tommy strange they knew what a Jonah was that long ago?

#### CANINE JUSTICE.

Eskimo Dogs Serm to Have Laws of Their Own.

In his voyage of polar exploration Commander Fiala observed among his dogs a sort of government quite independent of that of their keepers. They were of the Eskimo variety and were trained to work in teams. In their general conduct, however, they acted as a community, and their rules had reference to the common good. There was no penalty less than that of death.

During the period of darkness we lost eight dogs. Three of them, spiendid large animals, were killed by their companions. The other five either wandered off on the young ice and were blown away or were killed by the pack at a distance from camp. Every dog was known by name.

It is a curious fact that when one dog has antagonized the others the only way to save him from destruction other dogs let him alone. Unfortunately for us, the dogs that seemed to incur the enmity of their fellows were the large, strong animals, the builles and fighters.

There seemed to be a degree of justice in their judgments. From close observation I found that the dogs generally forgave a bite on the head or body, but that an attack on the legs seemed to be considered foul play and must be paid for by the life of the offending canine. The whole pack united in his execution .- Youth's Compan-

#### VIRTUE IN SMOKING.

One Man Who Now Has an Argument Handy For His Wife.

The wife of a Topeka man objects strenuously because her husband is a confirmed smoker. He is never happy without a cigar or a pipe. The other morning she gave him a ten dollar bill and told him to buy several things for her. He pushed the bill into his coat pocket and rushed out of the house to catch a car.

He found that he had to wait a few minutes at the corner, for the cars were off schedule that morning, and then he proceeded to light a cigar. But he found no matches-all of his pockets were bare of them. Suddenly be happened to think that he also missed the ten dollar bill. A hurried search disclosed that it was gone,

He turned right about and retraced his steps. Just as be got in front of his home he happened to look into the street, and there was that "ten" tumbling around in the wind. His wife saw him go and pick it up, and she demanded an explanation. He promptly told her how looking for a match had caused him to discover that he had lost the bill.

"Now tell me there isn't any virtue in smoking!" he snorted as he puffed out his chest.-Kansas City Journal.

Where Women Do All the Work. The smallest dependency of France is the He d'Hoedie, situated at the east of Belle Isle. Its population is 200. They do not speak French, except the cure and the schoolmaster, but Celtic, and they are provided with food at an inn managed by the women. Fishing is the principal industry. The profits are shared out each year among the inhabitants. The men live on soup and fish and smoke pipes with lobster claws for stems. The women do all the hard work-get in the harvest, look out for wreckage and gather seaweed, from which they extract soda. The town has no streets. The houses are of mud. The islanders have a yearly feast in the early part of October. The island possesses a good water supply. The governing body is composed of the ten ancients of the place under

The Villain's Teeth.

the direction of the cure.

The two sets of false teeth looked just alike, but one set cost \$10 more than the other. "There is a lot of extra work on those expensive teeth," said the dentist. "They are made for an actor who always plays the part of beavy villain in melodrama, and he has to have teeth that he can hiss with. I experimented on three different sets of teeth before I got the combination. Somehow the nice, even teeth that I usually turn out wouldn't permit the sibilant 'ss-sses' that he deals in to escape with sufficient venom. You wouldn't believe how much tinkering it takes to lick teeth into shape for the 's'deaths' and 'od's bloods' to sound just right. Of all the people I ever made teeth for the heavy stage villain is hardest to fit."-New York Press. 9

What Is a Gentleman?

I'll have to give you the real definition of a real gentleman: "A man hat's clean inside and out; who neither ooks up to the rich nor down on the poor; who can lose without someting and who can win without bragging; who is considerate of women, emidren and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to closit and who takes his share of the conditional ters other people have theus. - New York

He Was Wise. "It seems oneer that she ever took

a fancy to have. He asn't at all the kind of man one would expect her to

"I know, but he always had a way of noticing it when she happened t have on a new hat or a gown that had just come from the dressmaker's."-Chicago Record-Heraid.

Tommy's Question.

Tommy-Papa, when a thing is bought it goes to the buyer, doesn't it? -Then how is it that when you buy coal it goes to the cellar?

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