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San Francisco Chronicle, Dec. 13.

At the meeting of the Social Science Sisterhood on Saturday, a very interesting paper, on the subject of bees, was read by Mrs. D Page, of Oakland. The following are extracts:

In Egypt, on the river Nile, as well as in Italy, on the Po, the custom of travelling for the pasturage of bees has been continued from remote ages to the present time, as there is about seven week's difference in the vegetation in the upper and lower Nile. They have large boats made containing from sixty to one hundred hives of bees, and float slowly along as the vegetation advances. The sinking of the boat to a certain depth in the water indicates when they have filled the hive with honey. The Finn and some other tribes in Russia are almost wholly devoted to bees and honey and wax-raising The coat of wax tapers used in the churches of Russia in one year is 1,200,000 roubles, or about $1,000,000. Bees were the symbol of Ephesus, and were common on the coin. Napoleons II and III had their imperial robes embroidered with golden bees, claiming direct descent from Carlos Magnus, who is said to have worn them on his coat-of-arms. On one of the Continental notes issued in 1779, January 14th; there is a representation of bees and beehives, and the motto, "Sic Plovet Republic," indicating by industry and frugality the republic would flourish.

During a part of the year there are three kinds of bees in each swarm, for bees are sociable insects, and one alone could not live for any length of time, and it requires several thousands to constitute a useful community. The queen or mother of the swarm is the only perfect female, and is the common mother of the whole colony. She is treated by the bees as every mother ought to be, with the greatest respect and affection, a circle of bees constantly surrounding her, gently touching her with antennæ, offering her honey from time to time and politely backing out of her way when she wishes to move over the combs. If she is taken from the whole colony is thrown into the most intense agitation, all labor is abandoned, they rush wildly from the hive and run over the comb, and, not finding her, they set up a mournful hum as different from their usual happy note as the cry of a child is different from its joyous laughter. Her life is usually from three to five years, and fertility decreases after the third year. She is chiefly devoted to laying eggs and leaves the hive only at swarming time. * * *

The Abbo della Bocca relates a story of a small privateer, with forty or fifty men, having on board some hives of bees and being pursued by a Turkish galley mounted by 500 seamen and soldiers. As soon as the latter came along side the crew of the privateer mounted the rigging of their own ship, taking the hives of bees with them, and dashed them down upon the deck of their enemies. The Turks, astonished at this novel mode of warfare, and unable to defend themselves from the stings of the enraged bees, became so terrified that they thought of nothing but how to escape their fury, when the crew of the small vessel defended by masks and gloves, flew upon their their enemies, sword in hand, and captured almost without resistance.

The same Abbe tells another anecdote in regard to bees: When the Turkish Emperor Amurath, in the siege of Abba Græca, had battered down part of the walls and was about to take the town by assault, he found the breach defended by bees, many hives of which the inhabitants had established on the ruins. Although they were the bravest soldiers of the Ottoman Empire, they dared not encounter this formidable line of defense, and refused to advance.

Lesser also relates that during the confusion occasioned by a war in Thurugia in 1525 a mob of peasants attempted to pillage the house of the minister of Elende, who, having in vain employed all of his eloquence to dissuade them, ordered several hives of bees to be thrown into this mob. The effect was more satisfactory than his eloquence.

After the reading of the essay, an animated course of inquiries ensued in regard to the subject, which were answered in a manner showing that Mrs. Page was thoroughly acquainted with it.

Strange Suicide of Two Lovers.

New York Sun.

PARIS, November 30.—A remarkable duel has just taken place, which for its novelty and fearful termination has set Parisians agog.

Two brothers, Auguste and Andre Berni, the former aged 40, the latter 38, both employed in the great glass manufactory at Saint Denis, became enamored of Adele Vergeri, a cook at La Villette. Adele Vergeri is described as a young woman of plain, simple habits, who had, by dint of hard work and economy, managed to save a few hundred francs. In appearance Adele is but an humble representative of France, but she is modest and retiring, and not given to resorting to balls and theaters. She formed the acquaintance of the two brothers at a baptism. Both, it appears, from the very first, began paying her attentions.

Adele Vergeri received the visits of the brothers with much sang froid. To her it was amusing to see first one, then the other, come puffing and blowing in his desire to be the first to greet her. Neither would give in to the other, and Adele had to escort them both out, as neither would leave the other alone with her. So terrible became the jealousy between the two brothers that they would not speak with each other. It had, however, to be settled at last. Adele Vergeri threatened that unless her courtship ceased to be mixed with hatred she would have to ask the brothers to desist from calling upon her. The brothers met. They had parted with Adele Vergeri, and both confronted each other in one of the great wine shops of the Saint Denis quarter, so appropriately called by Zola "Assommoir." They glared at each other, and their friends saw at once that mischief was brewing. They finally motioned to each other to withdraw to a table. They spoke low, but excitedly, smoked quickly, and the blue smoke of their pipes was hot.

"A duel! Yes, a duel!" This was distinctly heard, and then the brothers beckoned to Jules Remi and Alfred Poulier, friends of theirs. They had decided upon fighting a duel, but not with swords or pistols. It was to be a duel to the death.

Two bottles of rum, brought from the cellars of Jacques Barbier's Assommoir de Saint Denis, were put on the table. Two tumblers were set by the side of the bottles, and then this contract was made by the brothers in the presence of witnesses.

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