

WHY LOUISIANA WAS SOLD

Why Was Napoleon's Mind What It Would Be Wrought from Him by the British.

In 1802, when the sale of Louisiana occurred, Napoleon had reason to be...

In connection with the subject of Jefferson's great purchase, it is not...

A project of that kind was, in fact, attempted after Louisiana came into our...

The great democrat expressed his wish for a pessimistic view of the probability...

Fortunately, Mr. Jefferson's fear that Louisiana would be lost to the United States...

Marvels of Corn Culture

Thousands of practical instances could be given to show the value of improved varieties of corn...

Why She Failed

Emily—You don't mean to say you failed to pass your exams again this year?

Maud—Yes, failed again.

—What was the trouble this time?

—Why they asked the same questions they did last year.—Columbia Jester.

DRAGA'S LOVE FOR DRESS

Queen Might Have Enraged Unhappy Fair Had She Not Analyzed New Travelling Dress.

If King Peter of Serbia is at all superstitious there is one evening walk in Belgrade he will not take alone.

When the conspirators broke into the old konak, by way of its garden gates, says the New York Tribune, they were unable to find either king or queen...

The bedroom and boudoir awoke their special hatred. Here they found evidence of the sensual, fastidious life which the weak Alexander and the willful Draga led.

It is said that Queen Draga's love of dress not only caused her downfall, but her death.

With rude jests the conspirators scattered these dainty things around the room. They tore up the king's novels and made their search sure, they rid the bed and draperies with bullets.

The wardrobe room is a small apartment, seven by 15 feet, with a high ceiling.

SIBERIANS AND ALASKANS

Chukchees of Asiatic Coast Much Like Their Neighbors on This Side of the Straits.

Morris K. Jesup has, through his northeast Asian expedition, added materially to the debt of gratitude which the American public owes him.

The most interesting, perhaps, of the northeast Siberian tribes at least to us Americans, is that of the Chukchees.

A Mistaken Way

A boy was looking at a picture of a man in the papers. He thought he was a man.

THE INTERIOR OF THE EARTH

Scientists Suggest Subterranean Observatories as Way to Learn More About It.

A proposal to install several hundred subterranean observatories at depths of anywhere from a few hundred yards to a mile or so, may appear sufficiently startling.

While astronomical instruments involve considerable expense on account of their high precision, the apparatus in use for meteorological observations cost much less, and this would also be true for those that would be employed in subterranean observation.

As to the locations of the borings and their number, here, too, the geologists can furnish the necessary indications.

JULY FOURTH IN AFRICA

How That Glorious Day Was Spent by American Workmen Near Lake Victoria Nyanza.

The Fourth of July found the American road builders within 75 miles of Victoria Nyanza, the work about half way to completion and seven finished viaducts behind them.

The railroad terminus was a cluster of corrugated iron huts and tents, in which dwelt a few English and German traders and the railway staff.

Her Vacation

"You say you don't think you will be any more comfortable at a summer resort than you were at home?"

"I never could see much difference."

—And the little woman with the patient smile.

"When will you do you insist on going?"

"So that my husband will have to make his complaints to strangers about the way the house is run."

—Washington Star.

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—Philadelphia Press.

JAPANESE DOCTORS' SIGNS

Curious Wooden Swords More Priced in the Advent of Western Ideas and Ways.

The June number of Man contains an article on two Japanese bokuto, or emblems of the medical profession.

The objects were wooden swords worn by medical practitioners in Japan before the revolution of the last century which displaced so many of the old customs of the country.

The other bokuto is more interesting. It is a rough piece of willow, 18 inches long and broader at the bottom than the top.

NEW SPORT FOR BRITONS

Man-Hunting with Bloodhounds Not to Be Called a Game as Its Name Implies.

Man-hunting with bloodhounds, the new "sport" which has been enjoying such extraordinary favor in England of late, is not so fierce as it sounds.

The object of this rather novel form of amusement is simply to test the scenting capacities of blooded dogs, and of late it has grown so popular that in the neighborhood of Salisbury a "Bloodhound Hunt Club" has been formed.

The men who are hunted are hired for the purpose, and they are generally overpaid by the day's value. However, they do not make any attempt to molest their quarry.

Of late some of the hounds have done especially clever work. One of the packs was laid at daybreak on the scent of a gamekeeper who had some his rounds at midnight.

Buttons are Not Needed

An Eastern Girl Finds Advantages in Mithras as Fasteners for Her Skirtwater.

Buttons are without a place in the economy of the fair sex. No one who wears a hundred bows what to do with them, except as ornaments for a garment.

Nightingales in Thunderstorms

Birds, as a rule, do not seem to enjoy stormy weather, are nightingales an exception? A correspondent mentions a curious circumstance during the thunderstorm of May 29.

Australian Tools

The tools used by natives of northwest Australia in making spear heads from glass has been an interesting British anthropologist.

Optimist and Pessimist

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STORRS' ARGUMENT

Keenest Light of the Illinois Bar Made an Epigram and Won His Case.

A lawyer up at the Tilden club the other night, says the New York Sun, was discussing recent utterances of Mr. Watterson as to the nomination of Mr. Cleveland.

"I don't know whether Mr. Watterson put his remark in quotation marks or not, but if he didn't be plagiarized or came very near it."

FIELD PLANTS

How to Make Staple Green Things of Wood and Roadside Flourish in Your Garden.

Women who live in the country or suburbs have no idea what a pretty prospect their might make for the table from the simple green things that grow in the woods and by the roadside.

LOSING ARRANGEMENT

Neighbor Napper Was Released About Compromising with the Man from Whom He Stole.

Farmer Goodwin suffered repeated losses from his neighbor, and after a 200-doll of patient watching, he decided that his neighbor, Mr. Napper, was the thief.

Being an exceedingly good-natured man, says the Boston Globe, Mr. Goodwin made no complaint and said to Napper:

"Now, Mr. Napper, I have positive proof that you have stolen my chickens. My proof is so convincing that I have been made a compromise with you, and will not be responsible for going to law. Will you give me 250 pounds of pork every year, if you will please, and I'll let that be the end of the matter."

Mr. Napper declined to make any such arrangement, in fact he proceeded to be offended by Mr. Goodwin's allegations. Conditions became even worse, and good Mr. Goodwin was driven to a local magistrate. He had his neighbor, Mr. Napper, indicted for hog stealing.

"I am willing to renew it right now. If the judge will give his consent to the arrangement and the prisoner will agree not to make my hog any more, I'll give him 500 pounds of pork every year, and let this case be dismissed."

"Well, prisoner, what have you to say to that?" asked the judge.

After some moments of reflection, with eyes forward, the prisoner raised his head and made reply:

"Well, judge, I reckon I'll have to accept the proposition, and stop hog stealing. I'm satisfied I shall have a right smack of money for my part."

Snow Jamble

From Washington comes word of a new recreation in the line of refreshment for the summer given by "Snow Jamble" is the name given by one of the winter men and the sport is given by another. It is a full glass of hot water and a pinch of salt.

Cherry Salad

Remove the stones from two quarts of ripe cherry, and fill with sugar. Add to that an equal quantity of French walnut, and serve them with a French dressing. Refreshing and nutritious. Household Leader.

Pickled cherries

Fill cans with ripe cherries on the stem, shake them down gently, then fill to the brim with very sweet cold vinegar and seal.—Country Gentleman.