

CHINESE AS COLONISTS.

What They Have Accomplished in the Philippines and the East Indies.

In the middle of the seventeenth century one Krusing, of Koxinga, a Chinese chief that had refused to surrender to the Tartars, invaded Formosa...

SHIPPING WILD ANIMALS.

How They Are Confined and Cared for in Transit Across the Ocean.

Mr. W. B. Robertson tells in Caspell's Magazine that, compared with giraffes and elephants, lions, panthers and tigers are small; they are always so aggressively ferocious, however, that care must be exercised in packing them up for shipment.

SMITH'S FLIRTATION.

He Succeeded in Our Respect But the Outcome Was Not Entirely Gratifying.

The other night Smith was going home on the cable car. It was about 5:30 and the summer car was crowded with business men returning from their offices and women coming from the downtown stores.

"How do you do," he said, raising his hat again. "Charming weather, isn't it?"

"Yes," she answered rather timidly. "I've just been down to buy some things for John."

"Happy John," thought Smith. "I wonder who he may be anyway."

"At Twenty-second street the car stopped and two elderly ladies got on. Smith recognized one of them as Mrs. Blank, who lived in the gray stone front across the street from him."

ALL A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

He Was Taking No More Chances on the Thick Heads of Reckless Bicyclists.

On the top of a very steep and dangerous hill in Yorkshire a reckless cyclist was about to mount his machine the other evening when he was arrested by an aged native of the locality, says Stray Stories.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

More doctors, it is claimed, are kept busy in Australia than in any other country.

A Spanish bull fighter's fee for a special performance is about 15,000 pesetas (\$400).

The coast line of the Chinese empire exceeds 2,000 miles, and the land frontier is 4,400 miles.

While repairing a temple the Chinese cover up the eyes of the idols, in order that the deities may not be offended at the sight of the disorder.

Laborers are so scarce in Switzerland that they have to be imported, not only from Italy, but from Bohemia and Silesia.

The royal Prussian family is the largest owner of forest tracts in Germany. The property consists of not less than 186,200 acres.

VACANT PEERAGES.

Many Holdings Awaiting Owners Among the Titled Families of the British Isles.

The earldom of Wiltshire awaits an owner. It is true the title is claimed by the Scrope family, but as they have never petitioned the house of lords we apprehend, says Pearson's Weekly, there must be a flaw in the claim.

Where are the descendants of the Setons, earls of Dunfermline, who were also Lords Fyne and earls of Wincham? Think of it, ye noble representative of that ilk—a couple of historic earldoms and a barony to be had for the asking—and, of course, the proving.

One descendant of this family lives in Rome. He is probably poor, but there are several Setons in this country with the means to fight a claim.

It was not until he was on his deathbed that a person who has been all his life gardener to a family living in Tunbridge Wells learned that he was the long lost Gordon, wanted for the barony of Beauville, the last holder of which died in 1853.

Some years ago a net-of-ink agent spent a lot of money in searching for a Mr. John Long to fill the barony of Fernborough, then vacant. He was unearthed at last in the workhouse, and so comfortably housed was he that he flatly refused, greatly to the disgust of his discoverer, to engage in the exertions of peerage claiming.

Should the claims to "peerages to let" ever assume the proportions of a boom, there will be a goggly crop of applicants for the title of Viscount Ranleigh. Plenty of us remember the last viscount, who, in his time, was the soul of the volunteer movement.

The family name is Jones. It is possible that one of the number may be entitled to call himself Viscount Ranleigh, but we advise him not to try. If one started, all the other Joneses might follow suit. The last viscount died in 1805 and his estate was sold.

Nothing is too big or too small to escape the maw of our hungry globe. Quicksands are the traps she spreads for smaller fry. Probably the worst and most dangerous in the world are the "Shottas" of the Sahara. These are perhaps the dregs of some historic sea.

IN FASHION'S MIRROR.

What Is Seen in the Way of Ladies' Costumes for the Current Season.

Silk and wool mixtures will be favored this fall, and silk will drop into the background, say Paris authorities.

The earliest importations of autumn dress goods showed smooth finished surfaces, but now there is an incoming wave of zeline-line goods with very rough hairy surfaces.

Quite the newest thing is the delicate lingerie neckwear for the shirt waists of fine flannel now being shown for early fall.

With thankfulness it is noted that the hideous and vulgar green veiling is rapidly disappearing; brilliant blue of the shade called "royal" is taking its place.

An easily made and smart trimming for an open bodice for house wear is this, according to Vogue: Take white mouseline de soie, and lay it in three box plaits over an inch wide, well folded, so that no space appears between them. Cut off each plait, so that one will be nearly two inches shorter than the other.

TO REMOVE UGLY STAINS.

By Following These Instructions the Thing May Be Easily Accomplished.

Keep grass stains wet with alcohol for half an hour by pouring on a very little at a time before attempting to wash them out. They are harder to get rid of than ink stains, and once through the wash, or half cleaned, are indelible.

When wine or ink is spilled, never try to sop it up with a dry cloth; use one wrung out hard instead. A dry cloth will smear and spread it, the wet one soaks it up.

Light party frocks, as tartane, organdie, silk mull, may have their youth renewed by careful brushing, particularly in the frills and puckers, spraying with dissolved gum and pressing with moderate hot irons.

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One of the prettiest of half-mourning gowns is made of finest black face cloth. The skirt has two bias bands two inches deep of black glace silk, piped with white round the hem.

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KWANG HSU A SPOILED CHILD.

Just How Far He Is Interested in Christianity—His Fits of Childish Rage.

When Kwang Hsu was a young man I was deputy of the North China Tract society and librarian of the Peking university.

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

Must Not Interfere with Mental and Moral Attainments of Students.

Report of Committee Appointed to Investigate Subject Believes Sports Should Be Regulated, Not Prohibited—Existing Evils.

The report of the subcommittee, appointed at a conference of the leading university athletic committees to investigate the entire matter of intercollegiate competitions, has just been made public.

The report states that athletic sports occupy a disproportionate amount of attention in many of our universities, colleges and schools, and the main end of all rules must be to prevent outdoor sports and physical exercises from interfering with the mental and moral attainments.

It is obvious that all colleges and universities should have requirements as to the scholarship of their teams. Every member should be in good standing. No student should be permitted to make athletics the principal occupation of his college life.

Another practice which the committee considers objectionable is the interference with boys who have developed a taste for athletics in the preparatory schools.

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