

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

A German lawyer has left \$50,000 for the foundation of a school of cookery.

Pain due to a wrongly adjusted glass eye has been alleged as the cause which led a Kilkenny woman to steal.

Dr. Hoyt, of Detroit, after a careful investigation of statistics of existing conditions, declares that in 200 years everybody in the United States will be insane.

Napoleon believed that a certain red and fiery star governed his destiny. When this star was brilliant and large Napoleon pushed forward his enterprises resolutely, confident of success. When it waned and paled Napoleon despaired.

James Window, a barber at Lynn, Mass., bought an old violin at a Boston pawnshop the other day for four dollars. This instrument proved to be a Stradivarius made in 1715, and he was offered \$500 for it by a connoisseur. The offer was rejected, however, Window preferring the fiddle to the cash.

It is not generally known that about 20 years ago Lord Milner, Schreiner and Steyn were embryo lawyers in London, struggling to obtain a footing in the law.

WE LACK TRANQUILLITY.

Mr. Ting Pang Says That Americans Are Too Much Exercised Over Money-Making.

In the direction of material progress America easily leads the world.

I had an American friend in China, who died only a short time ago.

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—CUPID'S PHILOSOPHY.

Some Reasons Presented by Women for Fattening to Love with Their Husbands.

"If there is one question more than another to which it is difficult to get or give a satisfactory answer, it is surely this: Why did you fall in love with your husband?"

In the rare cases where a lady condescends to declare her reason the answers are both interesting and instructive, says the Denver Republican.

"Whatever made you marry the prisoner?" a London magistrate asked a woman, whose face bore "striking" evidence of her husband's affection.

Another good lady confessed that she fell in love with her husband because he was the "only man who ever dared to stum her."

"I fell in love with my husband," one lady recently declared, "because he was the only man about whom no one was ever heard to say an unkind word."

Not long ago a Yorkshire lady of wealth and beauty shocked her friends by marrying a poor cripple.

Another lady whose marriage resulted from a similar impulse gives this explanation of it.

One day she said: "Why have you never married, Mr. —?"

In spite of her surprise and misgivings, the girl loyally kept her promise, and she has never had reason to regret her "moment's indiscretion."

BACHELOR WOMEN CHUMS.

Carious Relationship Which Fills Up the Life of Lonely Women in the City.

A chief characteristic of the bachelor business woman is to have a chum, a confirmed bachelor woman like herself, upon whom she can lavish all the familiar friendly attention she has time for.

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Fresh air tablets are a preparation discovered by a French scientist.

Where "Tariff" Came From.

Tariff was originally the name of a Moorish chief, who, having a port in Spain, near Gibraltar, was accustomed to levy toll on passing vessels.

At the power station it is proposed to install 20 500-horsepower turbines, and to employ each one to drive a dynamo of the same capacity.

Gold-Dusted Sidewalk.

BRUIN AND THE PRUNES.

Odd Exhibition of Bear Nature Witnessed by a New York Man in Yellowstone National Park.

Henry Altenbrand, of this city, saw a surprising exhibition of bear nature on a recent visit to Yellowstone National park.

Late one night the guests at the hotel where Mr. Altenbrand was stopping were waked by a great hubbub on the premises and learned that a big bear had battered in the door and was then in possession of the kitchen.

"At any rate, the cook had heard a great banging at the kitchen door in the night and had hurried down, kerosene lamp in hand, just in time to see the door tumble to pieces and a big bear force his way through the breach.

"There were windows in the kitchen so that from a porch on the outside any one could see what was going on inside.

"The bear had been at this odd feast perhaps a minute, when we saw the head of another bear poked in at the kitchen door.

"They got into the kitchen before the big bear at the table paid any attention to them.

"The outside bears hung around awhile, whining and growling and making one or two feints at rushing in and making it warm for the lucky one at the feast and then slouched away and disappeared in the darkness.

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"The fight was short. The big bear sent one of the smaller ones sprawling ten feet away with one mighty cuff, and that bear never rose again.

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WONDERFUL POWER PLANT.

Town in Switzerland to Have the Highest Head of Water in the World Utilized.

A large amount of power can be obtained from falling water in two different ways.

Vouvry is in the extreme western part of Switzerland, a little south of the lake of Geneva.

"The nearest thing to a capture at that anchorage was an enormous sturgeon, a near relative of the sharks.

"There is in Australian fiction a favorite national shark known as the blue pointer.

"This ingenious fish, of which Australians are justly proud, grows to a length of 20 feet or so, and is alleged to leap high in the air and to fall with unerring judgment into small open boats, devouring at its leisure the floundering occupants.

"I have no ambition to disprove such a statement, if only on account of its simple picture-queeness; the story deserves to survive.

"What I am more inclined to believe of the blue pointer is a story that I heard from a Portuguese half-breed and a very skillful fisherman.

"His version was that, when very ravenous, the blue pointer will occasionally follow up the baits or hooked fish with such terrific impetus that it overshoots the mark and strikes its hard and pointed snout through the ribs of the boat.

"There is a touching story about another Australian shark called the gray nurse.

"It is to the effect that when one is hooked its companions proceed to rescue it from danger.

"The fact is that these gray nurses are so inordinately greedy that half a dozen of them will sometimes make a rush at the baits as the line is running out in coils, the result of this impetuosity being that one or two sometimes get entangled, their combined struggles breaking the tackle.

"The largest shark that I ever saw outside of the museums in Sydney and Brisbane, was when my ship lay off Cairns.

"This was a tiger shark, a handsome marbled monster about 20 feet long, and it lay motionless alongside the vessel and a fathom or so below the surface.

"The captain, whose cargo consisted almost entirely of gold and pearl shell, and who hated a mess on his decks, grimly gave his unreserved permission for us to haul the brute on board and, if we pleased, dissect it on the saloon table.

"Gold-Dusted Sidewalk.

Gold is to be found in most things, as we know now—even in sea water—but some experiments recently made in Sydney under the auspices of the local Royal society yielded curious results in this connection.

"The observatory was found to contain gold, nickel and silver, while at the university buildings, a couple of miles further away from the sea, gold was also discovered in the dust.

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"Twice more we went through the same pantomime. Then the shark either objecting to the roof of its mouth being scratched, or feeling that the utmost demands of colonial hospitality had been exhausted in the entertainment of strangers, finally put an end to this fooling and sank slowly out of sight.

"We never saw it again."

GIANT SHARKS OF AUSTRALIA.

Tigers of the Deep Are Veritable Monsters, But Their Ferocity is Sometimes Overdrawn.

The sharks of Australia grow to a wonderful size.

A writer who knows all about these monsters of antipodean seas says that the waters around Australia teem with sharks of giant size and appalling appetites, but that stories of their ferocity are greatly overdone in the telling.

The same writer relates that he saw a small yacht, containing three people capsized in Sydney harbor where he was sailing.

In the interim, however, he saw an immense shark—nearly 15 feet long—plow its way through the clear water not a hundred yards from the wreck and head straight for it.

They knew the sharks better and they made commotion enough to keep this one at a respectful distance.

Continuing his narrative, this writer says, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer: "My first acquaintance with Australian sharks was made within half an hour of the port of western Australia.

"They removed the single, large hook, baited with salt pork from a stout conger line with so little difficulty that it was discouraging.

"We never saw the sharks, but they took everything we had hold upon.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A Case of Heredity.—Cholly—"D'you know, Miss Sharp, I believe some people inherit their stupidity?"

She—"It was fortunate that you were such a fine French scholar. I suppose when you were in Paris you had no difficulty in making yourself understood?"

"I wouldn't give two cents for a cigar like that!" he exclaimed, as he tried for the fourth time to light one. "But I didn't, George," protested his tearful little wife. "I only gave 99 cents for 50 of them."

No Chance for Him.—The savage regarded the first white man thoughtfully. "If I try to fight him," he said, "he will exterminate me, and if I try to live in peace with him he will cheat me out of everything and I will starve to death. What chance have I got?"

Backed a Horse and Lost. Pat—"Did you ever back a horse in your life, Mike?" Mike—"Yes, once, and only once. 'Did you win anything?'"

A Matter of Position.—Jaggaby—"Yes, my dear, you must be mistaken. The man you saw in the saloon with his back toward the door, as you went by, may have resembled me closely, but you cannot be sure of a man under such circumstances."

Mrs. Jaggaby—"John Henry, I would know you standing a mile away; I would know you sitting; I would know you—yes, John Henry, I would even know you lying!"

ALLIGATORS AS BOATMATES.

An Unpleasant Experience with One That Had Been Apparently Killed Several Times.

Alligators move rapidly under water, are hard to see, harder to hit, and the harpoon will penetrate only the least accessible portion of the body.

One afternoon in the Chesapeake river I harpooned a large alligator which towed me up and down the stream for an hour or two and then snaked in its deepest part.

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