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Slightly Misunderstood. It is told of a Scotch clergyman that when he was a child, on going home from church, one Sunday, he was asked the text. He replied, "Except ye pay the rent, ye manna le' the jairish." He had either misunderstood the preacher, or had undertaken to revise the passage. "Except ye repeat, ye shall all likewise perish."—Youth's Companion.

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The Largest Planting Machine. A Glasgow engineering firm have constructed what is said to be the largest planting machine in the world, especially intended and designed to be employed in connection with the preparation of steel plates for the girders of a railway bridge in New South Wales. The weight of this vast machine, it is stated to be some thirty-five tons, and it is capable of planting the edge of a plate thirty-eight feet in length by five feet wide.—Chicago Herald.

LOVE AT HIGH TIDE.

Thou, thou hast been my blood, my breath, my being; The heart to plunge for in the sea of life; The sight to strain for, past the bounds of seeing; The victory to win through longest strife.

My queen; my crown; my mistress; my spheroid bride! Take this for truth, that what I say beside Of old love—now full blown at the sight of thee— May be forgiven with a quick remission.

For, thou divine fulfillment of all hope; That all untraced completion of the vision; I gaze upon thy beauty, and my fear Passes as clouds do when the moon shines clear.

—Edwin Arnold. PRACTICE OF PUBLIC BATHING.

When It Came to an End Private Bathing Became Public. In the change of the world's habits incidental to the change of religion, and especially with the deserved condemnation of the Roman public baths by the Christian church, the practice of public bathing came to an end, and that of private bathing, unimpaired, became only too prevalent. The usage of the generations preceding the present century, in the matter of cleanliness of personal habits, are almost incredible to us. A book recently published, of which Mr. Alfred Franklin is the author, contains some facts regarding the domestic life and social usage of the period from the twelfth to the eighteenth century, which are in a sense instructive, since they show to what a condition even "elegant society" may descend when the watchful care for personal cleanliness is once abandoned.

The ladies of the seventeenth century very seldom washed their faces. They sometimes dipped a cloth in spirits and passed it over their faces, and their toilet code and directions, still extant, prove that they believed it was destructive to the complexion. As for any other sort of baths, no reference is found to them in the toilet directions, probably for a very good reason that none were ever taken. That the same ladies seldom washed even their hands seems to be established also. In an old romance a princess says to a young lord of the court: "You see, sir, that my hands are whiter than yours, although it is four days since I washed them." This seems to have been a commonplace remark, and taken of a condition of things which was taken quite as a matter of course.

Richelieu was known among the men of the seventeenth century as a man who was not in his person. That he is mentioned as a "man who bathed" seems to prove that it was not common for men to "bathe" at that time. The women of the courts of Louis XIV and XV of France powdered their faces incessantly instead of washing them, and built enormous headdresses upon heads that were never combed. The accounts which are given of some results of this practice are almost beyond belief. It seems to have taken the people of Europe many centuries to learn what they now know of the need of personal cleanliness, a knowledge which they lost after the destruction of the Roman baths. The people of the European continent of the present day are far from being scrupulous in this respect as are the English and Americans.—The Argonaut.

Health of Army Horses. Statistics of the losses of the French cavalry show a horse by death of nearly 3,000 horses a year, entailing an annual money loss of \$1,000,000. One cause, and one quite unexpected until lately, of the ill health of the army horses has been discovered, and has been treated of in a pamphlet by Lieut. Col. Henebriert, of the French army.

He says that the horses generally showed an aversion to their stables, and a marked unwillingness to enter them, when they had been wearied by work or drill. What could have caused the horses to have such a revulsion for their stables?

The cause was found at last, Col. Henebriert says, in the fact that the stalls, which are made to slant backward, give pain and distress, and often, as a consequence, disease to the horses. Often this incline backward is made quite sharp. Now, a position upon an inclined plane keeps certain muscles of the horse's back and legs drawn constantly in a strained position.

The animal endeavors to find a level place to stand upon to relieve this strain, and goes back as far as he can. This habit the holder regards as a "vice," and often strikes the horse to cure him of it. Ropes and chains are stretched across the back of the stall to keep the animal from backing out, and he is left there to an ever increasing misery.

In England experiments have been made which prove that the horse is better able to bear fatigue if he is kept in a stall with a perfectly level floor, and sloping stalls are going out of use.—Youth's Companion.

An Old Indian Legend. The great contest between the Creek and Cherokee Indians, which was finally settled by the grand council of the "Seven Stumps," in old Tallapoosa, was over the possession of this immediate section, which was then known to be rich in gold and gave to the river its name, "Tallapoosa," meaning "yellow sand." It is said that a famous "medicine man" of the Cherokees discovered a wonderfully rich mine within four miles of the "Seven Stumps," and after the territory was decided by the council to belong to the Creeks, he persistently refused to make known its exact location. Old men who were here when the Indians were gathered up and carried away said that the other Indians vaguely hinted at wealth beneath the earth's surface, but carefully kept the secret of its location—the "medicine men," or prophets, claiming to have it from the Great Spirit that to their descendants would finally return to possess this land again, and the earth would keep her great treasure house locked until their return.—Tallapoosa (Ga.) Journal.

The Derby's Itinerant Photographer. The wandering photographer is also a feature of the Derby. All of those happy hunting parties welcome the photographer. Those who are on the excursions are generally people to whom the Derby is a novelty, and as a necessary consequence they are delighted to take home with them some permanent souvenir of their new experience. The photographer, therefore, does a thriving business. The style of picture taken by him is what is called with us tin type, which is taken in any one of the galleries for 15 or 25 cents. At the Derby each picture costs half a crown, or about 62 1/2 cents of our money.—T. C. Crawford in New York World.

Fashion Notes from Far Islands. The island of Johanna, Comoro Islands, has some very peculiar customs. The natives are jet black, but neat and clean. Girls after marriage are not allowed out on the streets at all and can see no one but their husbands. Rich men are allowed four wives, poor men one. When a poor man gets poorer he can sell a half share in his wife for so much money, formulated by law. A native belle before her marriage makes a display on the fashionable streets of Johanna in this: A red calico Mother Hubbard gown, printed with a pattern of banana leaves, reaching to her knees; no shoes nor stockings, and for headdress a wide ruffled, blue chin tippet, worn with the middle on one side for convenience in taking off.—Boston Journal.

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