

Misuse of Flowers.
One well established, but awkward, custom in connection with the inauguration of public officials is the incumbering of desks with flowers, often put together in the form of horseshoes, wreaths or other designs. To the thoughtful person this seems a silly practice. The average man is as much out of place with a bouquet as a woman with a cigar. Watch the next man you see in a parade who has flowers in his hands, especially if he is mounted, and observe how utterly ill at ease the floral handicap makes him appear. In many instances the flowers sent to public officers come from men or companies that expect to ask and receive favors, to establish the idea of being generous and thoughtful with the hope that the senator, alderman or whoever the recipient is, may be approached when his help is needed without "breaking the ice." At least one Providence official received flowers at the City Hall yesterday from a citizen whose requests for special attentions have made office-holding burdensome to the recipient for many months. Verily, men in political office should fear the Greeks who bear gifts.—Providence Journal.

Don't Starve the Mind.
How many there are who have been very successful in saving money, but whose minds are as barren of anything beautiful as is the hot sand of the Sahara Desert! These people are always ready to invest in land, stocks, or houses, but are never able to buy books or collect a library.

We know men who started out as bright, cheerful boys, with broad, generous minds, who have become so wedded to money-making, so absorbed in their business, that they cannot find time for anything else. They never travel or visit their friends. They consider it foolish or extravagant to go to the opera or a good play; the daily paper limits the extent of their reading; recreation of any kind is relegated to a far-away future, and yet these men are surprised, when they retire from business late in life, to find that they have nothing to retire to, that they have destroyed the capacity for appreciating the things they thought they would enjoy.—Success.

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A New Variety of a Giant Size Grows in Texas.

There are reports of a wonderful new kind of peanut, called the Japanese white mammoth, grown in Matagorda County, Texas. It is of giant size, and is said to yield eighty-seven barrels to the acre. One reason for being interested in this news is the fact that the peanut crop of the old-time peanut growing region of the South has been diminishing alarmingly of late years, large areas that formerly produced from fifty to 100 bushels an acre now yielding not more than twenty bushels. The cause of the trouble is careless farming—neglect to fertilize the soil, and lack of rotation of crops. Virginia, however, still has an annual output of something like 3,000,000 bushels; Tennessee and North Carolina come next.

The finest peanuts in the world come from Virginia, and in that State is the greatest peanut market, at Norfolk, where a number of large "factories," in which the newly gathered "gobers" as they come in from the rural districts, are winnowed and screened to clean them, and sorted and shipped to jobbers in other cities. It is now believed that the peanut was originally a native of Brazil, and that it should properly make a fifth in the list of plants of great commercial importance credited to America, the others being the potato, tobacco, maize and cotton. As far back as the seventeenth century it was extensively cultivated in the old world, and had become such an important article of food in Africa that the slave dealers loaded their vessels with it, using it as provender for their cargoes of captives.

African peanuts, which are small and nearly round, and contain a single kernel, used to be imported largely into this country, but they have been driven out by our superior variety. However, the African nuts contain a greater percentage of oil, for the sake of which immense quantities of them, mostly raised in Senegambia and along the east coast, are shipped to Marseilles for conversion into pure "olive oil." The poorer peanuts are employed for soap; the residue, after pressing, is known as "cake," and brings \$30 a ton as cattle fodder, and the shells are utilized as material for paper. Recent experiments by dietetic experts have shown that one pound of peanut meal contains nearly as much nutriment as three pounds of lean beef. The meal, which is obtained by grinding the "cake," costs four cents a pound in bulk, and the Germans have prepared from it several agreeable articles of diet—such as "peanut grits" and "peanut flour," this latter being ground and bolted like ordinary flour. Palatable crackers have also been made from this crude byproduct of the oil mill.—Philadelphia Post.

The Care of Fish.
Fish should be allowed a gallon of water each, that is, for every fish of medium size, say three inches long. The bottom of the aquarium should be covered one-half inch deep with sand; there should be water-plant enough to furnish the fish with oxygen and absorb the carbonic acid, and also a few tadpoles and snails to act as scavengers. These conditions are for a self-sustaining aquarium, where no change of water is necessary. If, on the contrary, the fish are kept in a globe, say of half gallon to two gallons capacity, with four or five full grown fish, at least half of the water must be changed daily. If the fish are but half an inch or two inches long, and each one has a half gallon of water, water need be added only to replace the loss by evaporation. Whenever the fish come to the surface it indicates that the water, or part of it at least, should be freshened. They should be fed each day only as much as they eat up clean.—Indianapolis News.

"Beef, Lemons and Cheese."
Ceil Rhodes was greatly amused some time ago when he was coming home from the Cape on a Castle liner. While passing Cherbourg several vessels of the French channel squadron were drawn up in line to salute the ex-Empress Eugenie's yacht. The Frenchmen, who were spread out on the yards of their vessels, shouted "Vive l'Impératrice." The Castle liner's captain, wishing to show his respect to the Empress, got his men ready to salute, but in the short time at his disposal he could not school his crew to repeat the French words. Tell them to say "Beef, lemons and cheese," said Rhodes, playfully, and to his utter amazement the yacht was greeted with a deafening yell of "Beef, lemons and cheese!" which entirely drowned the voices of the French sailors. The ex-Empress is stated to have expressed great pleasure at the compliment afterward.

Literary Underwriting.
One well known firm of publishers runs a good deal of its business on the following lines: It secures a popular novelist, offers him so much for his next book, and then forms a little syndicate in the city to share the expense. A new book by a popular author is a considerably safer investment than any newly discovered gold mines.—Literature.

How They Pop the Question.
In this favored land of the free every love-lorn swain has his own way of making love and popping the question, but in some foreign countries the peasantry have peculiar and traditional ways of performing those pleasing functions. Among Hungarian gypsies cakes are used as love letters. Inside the cake is a coin, which is baked in it. The cake is flung to the favored object of one's affections. The retention of the cake signifies "acceptance," but if it is flung back with force, it signifies "rejection."

The Japanese lover, wishing to make known the state of his feelings throws a bunch of pale plum-flower buds into his loved one's litter as she enters it to go to a friend's wedding. If she tosses the blossoms lightly out the suitor knows that he is rejected; but if she fastens them to her girdle, it is "Oh happiness!" with him.

In some parts of Spain the young peasant looks unutterable things, but never tries to speak until he has been accepted. The girl neither looks nor speaks, but she sees. Late in the cool of the evening the youth knocks at her father's door and asks for a gourd of water. It is, of course, given to him. Then comes the crisis. If he is invited to take a chair within the porch or a seat in the garden he is an accepted suitor; but if this civility is not extended to him, he goes away knowing that he is rejected. If he is accepted, there is a general celebration by the family of the bride-to-be in honor of her betrothal.

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