

ABOUT MONEY.

FULL OF THE SILVER OF INTEREST AND THE GOLD OF FACT.

Absolutely pure gold is said to be 24 carats fine.

The gold coins of Great Britain contain 1-12 alloy.

The Spartans had an iron coinage, no other being allowed.

The United States silver 3 cent piece was first coined in 1851.

The English mint was established by Athelstane about 928.

From 1828 to 1845 platinum coins were minted in Russia.

The first coining machine was invented by Bruchner, in 1553.

The notes used by the Bank of England cost exactly 1 cent each.

Julius Caesar was the first man to put his own image on a coin.

Aristotle says that "money exists not by nature, but by law."

The first colonial coinage was minted in Massachusetts, in 1652.

In the tenth century there were 38 mints in England.

The American cents of 1797 bore the motto, "Mind your business."

The Lydians were the first to coin money, about B. C. 1600.

Homer mentions brass money as in use B. C. 1184, among the Greeks.

Brass money was coined in Rome by Servius Tullius as early as 573 B. C.

During the reign of Henry VIII, 23 to 25 per cent. of coin metal was alloy.

The coinage of trade dollars began in 1874, and was discontinued in 1878.

The most ancient coins are of electrum, four parts of gold to one of silver.

The coinage of 20 cent pieces began in 1875, and was discontinued in 1878.

Before the days of coined money the Greeks used copper nails as currency.

In 1503 the first English shilling was minted. It bore the king's image.

The first English laws against counterfeiting were issued in 1108 by Henry I.

The United States mint was established in 1792 and at once began operations.

Over 1,000 series of Greek coins, issued by independent cities, are known to exist.

In the fifth century before Christ refined copper was deemed as precious as gold.

The trade dollar was intended for use in commerce with China, India and Japan.

The first American coins were made in England in 1612 for the Virginia company.

At the beginning of the Christian era the relative values of gold and silver were as 1 to 9.

English sovereigns were first minted in 1849. They were called by various nicknames.

HAS LOST 30 POUNDS.

A woman who has started from Galveston to foot it to Chicago, has lost twenty pounds since she started, while the "guard" who accompanies her has lost thirty pounds. At this rate, if she doesn't disappear herself before the end of the tramp, she can put the guard in her satchel and tote him in.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

A BEE HUNTER KILLED BY LIGHTNING WHILE CLIMBING A TREE.

A singularly fatal accident happened to a colored man yesterday during the storm of rain, wind and thunder and lightning that prevailed in this city and section about 10 o'clock a. m.

John Carter, the colored man referred to, an employee at the Navassa Guano Factory, a few miles above the city, on the Cape Fear river, found a bee tree a few days ago on Indian creek, a short distance from the factory, and yesterday morning started out to "rob it" of its store of sweets. While Carter was climbing the tree it was struck by lightning and he was killed instantly; his dead body falling from the tree being half buried in the mud at its foot.—Wil. Star.

FOR THE ERRING.

REV. DR. TALMAGE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT GOD'S PATIENCE.

God has a mother's patience for the erring. If one does wrong, first his associates in life cast him off; if he goes on in the wrong way, his business partner casts him off; if he goes on, his best friends cast him off—his father casts him off. But after all others have cast him off, where does he go? Who holds no grudge, and forgives the last time as well as the first? Who sits by the murderer's counsel through the long trial? Who carries the longest at the windows of a culprit's cell? Who, when all others think ill of a man, keeps on thinking well of him? It is his mother. God bless her gray hairs, if she still be alive; and bless the rocking chair in which she used to sit, and bless the cradle that she used to rock, and bless the Bible that she used to read! So God, our mother, has patience for all the erring. After everybody else has cast him off, God, our mother, comes to the rescue. God leaps to take charge of a bad case. After all the other doctors have got through, the Heavenly Physician comes in. Human sympathy at such a time does not amount to much. Even the sympathy of the church, I am sorry to say, often does not amount to much. I have seen the most harsh, bitter treatment on the part of those who professed faith in Christ toward those who were wavering and erring. They tried on the wanderer sarcasm, and billingsgate, and caricature, and they tried tittle tattle. There was one thing they did not try, and that was forgiveness. A soldier in England was brought by a Sergeant to the Colonel. 'What,' said the Colonel, bringing the man here again? 'We have tried everything with him.' 'Oh, no,' said the Sergeant, 'there's one thing you have not tried. I would like you to try that.' 'What is that?' said the Colonel. Said the man: 'Forgiveness!' The case had not gone so far but that it might take that turn, and so the Colonel said: 'Well, young man, you have done so and so. What is your excuse?' 'I have no excuse, but I am very sorry,' said the young man. 'We have made up our minds to forgive you,' said the Colonel. The tears started. He had never been accosted in that way before. His life was reformed, and that was the starting point for a positively Christian life. Oh, church of God, quit your sarcasm when a man falls! Quit your irony, quit your tittle tattle, and try forgiveness. God, your mother, tries it all the time. A man's sin may be like a continent, but God's forgiveness is like the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, bounding it on both sides.

News-Observer-Chronicle.

Mr. Andrew Broadfoot, who lives near Fayetteville, has lately dug a well on his place, 60 feet deep. Nearly all of the way down the well was in clay, but a stratum of gravel was found at the bottom, with a plenty of good water. In the gravel he found a part of a log of wood, petrified in part and partially converted into coal, of the variety known as lignite. The petrified part was thickly encrusted with crystals of iron pyrite, while the lignite had enclosures of what appeared to be pine resin. This resin will melt and blaze on the application of a match and gives the characteristic odor of turpentine when burning.

How many years it required for this pine log to become buried under 60 feet of drift is a question for geologists to speculate on. Mr. Broadfoot reports also, on the same plantation, two depressions or shallow basins, some twenty-five acres each, without any outlet for water. They have both been drained by sinking a well at the lowest part of each basin. Through these wells the surface water reaches a porous stratum of gravel and escapes, leaving the basins in good condition for crops. The outer rim of the basin is, in both cases, very sandy and poor.

The specimens referred to above have been deposited in the State museum.

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