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The Land of "Pretty Snow."

Think of a land where the streets are paved with the things which women fondle. It is called with the money it would have saved.

MARRIAGE IN RUSSIA.

When a young man in Russia finds a fancy for a maiden he sends his mother or some other matrimonial medium to the parents of the girl to negotiate for her dowry.

The girl has no voice in the matter. Her father has an offer of marriage accepted or rejected by proxy without knowing anything about it.

The dowry settlement being satisfactory the courtship begins. The youth must never go to the house of his betrothed without taking her a gift.

At the betrothal feast the girl gets off a look of her hair in the presence of witnesses, in order that it may be authentic, and gives it her betrothed, who in turn gives her a silver ring set with diamonds.

At the appointed time the bridegroom goes to claim his bride. She falls upon her knees before her parents and craves forgiveness for the follies of her youth.

Three times the bride prostrates herself before her husband, and every time she is kissed on the forehead, and the priest utters a short prayer.

This personage has also other matrimonial portents to look after. He must attend to the highest taxes and carry the piece of carpet upon which the couple are to kneel for the priest's blessing.

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Chinese Punishments.

In December, 1887, I was in Canton. One afternoon I visited the principal law court. Two prisoners in chains were introduced, one an old man, too infirm to walk, the other a youth tolerably vigorous, but abject and forlorn in demeanor.

There were marriage feasts held for nearly 100,000 in Peking and Moscow, but now only in provincial towns, where men and women resort. The rich man may take his pick.

When a woman is not married at 25 she disappears from view, goes on a pilgrimage or round of travels, and comes back posing in society as a widow.

When a woman's life in that land is not complete without the aid of a husband, or even the ghost of a husband, to give it a kind of cold respectability.

Dogs have been a great help to Evans. Many a head has been kept and many a farm has been cultivated when never would have been till years later had the owner been obliged to wait till he could build him a house of wood or brick.

Some of the straight down into the ground, while others are slung in the side of a hill. The one in which I recently spent the night was of the former kind.

Another, from like gull, small, round, and often appearing in clusters on the male pattern of oak, is known as the entrant gull. Still more remarkable, perhaps, is the antelope gull.

A Irishman who served on board a man-of-war was selected by one of the officers to haul in a few lines of considerable length that was lying over the taffrail.

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COFFEE.

Interesting Facts About the Berry and Beverage.

The coffee plantations in the department of Matanzas, on the table lands of Central Nicaragua, are year by year meeting perfection and giving great promise of profit.

The coffee trees naturally grow twenty or thirty feet high, but are usually kept trimmed down to twelve feet, so that the crop may be conveniently gathered.

The first step toward preparing coffee for market is to remove the pulp of the fruit, generally by machinery, although it can be done simply by cutting the berries in water for several hours and washing them until the seeds, the coffee beans, are free.

The sorting and grading is done by machinery able to separate the berries accurately into classes uniform in size and perfection.

One of the most remarkable facts in the history of the gull fly is, that different species nesting on the same tree produce totally different results.

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How it Happened.

When you come a climber from a daisy bed, Milly took an' kissed it, 'Till 't was in a bind.

HUMOROUS.

A stage coach, the prompter, Shaking hands, a factory lockout.

When a bill collector goes round it's never he wants to get square.

A man never knows that a woman has any old clothes until he has married her.

The wolf a man sets up when he stands on a back is one of the worst forms of hypocrisy.

Be there, such a thing as a man knowing too much? No, not if he tells it all to his wife.

After I found my husband who is only pleased, Ma'am, Don't worry, dear; that is the kind you'd get.

Better still, Ma'am, We had a new cook come to our house last week. Ma'am, That's nothing, we had two.

More than what we needed to experience, Ma'am, It is the heart-felt goodness of the dog that tells the tale.

"Do you really say everything?" Fond Mother, Oh, yes, he talks all the time, except when he is asked to.

The people who always practice what they preach seem, somehow not to preach on things disagreeable things as others do.

Ma'am, You will never be of a very sunny disposition, she is always smiling, Husband, It isn't that, it's good teeth.

Yes, You have a girl to do the heavy work in your house, I suppose? Oh, no, Ma'am, No, my wife makes all her own bread.

But she, if my fortune should all melt away, would your boy be just the same? Yes, Ma'am, I could love you for a week.

Mr. Stoddard is a wonderful man, he has such a variety of talents. I've noticed that. It seems to be a lion and a lion's heart.

Wasn't that the teacher, Tommy, did I see you when you were with that boy next door? Yes, Ma'am, No, ma'am, Your boy was married.

Really, Don't you ever have any trouble whatever in meeting your bills? My dear, I never get a bill, I don't have any bills.

Mistress and Maid, Did you tell those ladies that I was not at home? Yes, Ma'am, And what did they say? They said, "Oh, how fortunate!"

"What a reason!" asked the teacher from Boston of the school-boy in the class, "It's what my daddy never has for his wife, me," was the confident reply.

She, I mean, the one sewing machine, I've never found a word of sense there yet. By, Well, you can't expect to see sense on all folk at once.

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