

Acid Test of Warrior.
Among the Mundurucus, a tribe of upper Amazon, no youth is considered to have attained the dignity of manhood until he has endured the ordeal of the gloves. In that country there is a kind of ant, as big as a wasp and quite as venomous; likewise another species, known as the "fire ant," whose bite feels like a red-hot needle piercing the flesh, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Two bamboo tubes are closed at one end and into each of them a number of these poisonous ants are put. Then the tubes, called "gloves" by courtesy, are tied upon the arms of the young man whose fortitude is to be tested, and, wearing them, he goes about the village dancing and singing. If he shows the slightest sign of distress he is pronounced a failure and becomes an object of derision to the girls; but, if he endures the agony without wincing, his promotion to the rank of warrior is accomplished.

Oregon Opposed to Treaty.
Mexico City. — The signing of a treaty with the United States is contrary to Mexican constitutional precepts in that it creates special privileges for America, according to Oregon's message to congress.

Weeks Studying Ford's Offer.
Washington.—Reports by experts as to the operation of the Muscle Shoals Alabama, nitrate plant and dams under the proposal submitted by Henry Ford were placed before Secretary Weeks for study.

Resolved.
That peace will find us backing Uncle Sam as strongly as we backed him in war.
That between now and April we will lay every possible stone of the groundwork for the Fifth Liberty Loan and leave no act undone which will tend to keep alive and quicken the consciousness of the nation that savings and thrift are peace essentials.
That we will exert our efforts to stop trafficking in bonds of the first four loans and will keep our War Savings Stamps.
That we will carry out our War Savings pledge if that is unfulfilled, and make and keep new Savings pledges this year.
That we will work tooth and nail from now till the last day of the April drive to oversubscribe that Liberty Loan.
That we will finish our job.

Asheville. — W. Joseph Moore, 71, was the first victim to be claimed by the snowstorm which visited Asheville and the surrounding territory. Moore slipped on the ice and sustained a dislocated neck, death resulting instantly.

Shakespeare "Overrated."
Mr. Justice Darling has admitted that he knows "a bit about racing." He certainly knows more about literature, however, and therein differs from one of his predecessors on the bench, Baron Martin. Mr. Adolphus Liddell, who acted as the baron's marshal in 1872, states that he "had a prodigious acquaintance with racing history, and knew the winners of all the chief events for many years back."
"In history, literature and art he seemed to take no interest whatever, and if ever he had any education in these he had discarded it. Many stories were current illustrative of this peculiar condition of his mind, such as his remark that 'Shakespeare is an enormously overrated man.'"—London Chronicle.

Havana's High-Sounding Name.
The full name of the capital of Cuba is San Christobal de la Habana. In 1834 a royal decree conferred upon the city the sounding title, "Llave del Nuevo Mundo y Antemural de las Indias Occidentales," which signifies "Key of the New World and Bulwark of the West Indies." In emphasis, the coat-of-arms of the municipality bears a symbolic key and representations of the fortresses of Morro, Punta and Fuerza.
In 1650 the city rose to be the commercial center of the Spanish-American possessions, and the principal rendezvous of the royal fleets that carried on the trade monopoly between Spain and America.

BOOSTING HOME INDUSTRIES
Following the awakening which has come as a result of the Made-in-Carolina Exposition, held at Charlotte recently, together with the wide publicity which attended that event, the business men of this section have greeted with much satisfaction the Carolina Shopping List, published and distributed by the Observer Printing House of Charlotte.
The first edition of this shopping list comprises 10,000 copies and has been distributed through the Chambers of Commerce, merchants' associations, libraries, civic clubs and commercial and manufacturing organizations. The reception of the first edition and the ready apparent value of the publication have resulted in the decision upon the part of the publishers to issue a second edition of 30,000 copies in the near future which will be more comprehensive than the first.
The new shopping list enables the North Carolina consumer, retailer and jobber to purchase at home those articles which are manufactured within the two states. In its classifications like the recent exposition, it is a revelation of the present state of development of the manufactures in the two states, and of the variety and quality of their products.
It is invaluable to the Carolina merchants in their new determination to keep Carolina money at home for the development of Carolina industry and the increasing wealth and prosperity of Carolina people.

Mental Atmosphere.
Take time to study your own tastes, your own desires, and find out what you really react to pleasurably, and why; then by the simple process of selection and elimination you can gradually evolve the right atmosphere for your present condition. It will change as your mental life changes. But do not try to impose the results of your experiments on someone else, for what might rest and inspire you with your individual interests and ambitions, might irritate someone else beyond endurance. Because of the large part that previous association plays in the interpretation of any sense stimulus, in any attempt to create a "mental atmosphere" with natural objects, each individual becomes a law unto himself. "Know thyself."—Exchange.

All That Was Worth Seeing.
Whistler's amusing personal conceit is illustrated in the following story: Meeting a friend entering a private view at the Grosvenor gallery, the artist took him up to a full-length portrait he was exhibiting of Lady Archibald Campbell. After the friend had expressed his appreciation of the beautiful work, he asked Whistler if there were any other pictures he would advise him to look at.
"Other pictures?" said the artist in a tone of horror, "other pictures! There are no other pictures. You are through!"

Chinese Dislike Foreigners.
It is not very flattering but it is certainly true that whatever respect is shown a foreigner in the Orient is a tribute to his generosity or his heavy hand, until he has acquired such an intimate knowledge of the Chinese language and the Chinese mind that he is no longer a foreigner. The coolie has much less respect for the "man from the ocean" than the mandarin has because he has less appreciation of foreign achievements and foreign culture. He judges us by our appearances and our conduct, and in the light of Chinese tradition and Chinese standards we are ignorant, brutal barbarians, inflicted for some strange reason upon the land.

Popular Malay Sport.
The Malay is a sportsman, and any kind of a fight draws a great crowd. One of his queerest sports is fish fighting. The combatants are two very small fish about one and one-half inches long. Before the fight commences the fish are kept in separate bottles and exhibited by their respective owners to the onlookers, who bet on their favorite. Frequently the fish are heroes of many battles. When the bets are made, the fish are placed together in the same bottle and the battle commences. The little fish fight and dart at one another until one succumbs and sinks to the bottom of the bottle.

Dental Hygiene in Africa.
The manufacturer of a popular dental powder advertises that "Savages lead a different kind of life from us and therefore nature takes care of their teeth without artificial help." Wellerburn, the wanderer in remote places, saw this and laughed. "I know of at least three African tribes," he said, "that brush their teeth regularly. Each person carries a twig of a certain fibrous tree. They chew the end of it into a good bunch of bristles and spend a quarter-hour every morning cleaning their teeth thoroughly. They tie a string to the twig and dangle it from the waist cord. If they have no other clothes to fasten it on, it is as important a thing to them."

Yperite, New Poison Gas.
J. Bandaline and J. de Pöllakoff (Bulletin de l'Academie de Medicine) call the reader's attention to the efficiency of hot air in the treatment of burns caused by yperite, a gas used by the Germans in their offensive of March, 1918. These burns, even when very small, cause extremely sharp pain and sleeplessness. A number of cases were rapidly healed by hot air after various treatments had failed.

PLANE FOR BUDDING AVIATOR
Well Called the Penguin, Since it Moves Fast on Ground, but is Unable to Fly.
Do you know what a penguin is? You may have read of it, but probably never have seen one. The penguin is an aquatic bird found in the polar regions. It is remarkable for its peculiar structure. It has only stumps in place of wings and, for that reason, is unable to fly. But it is a good walker and an expert swimmer and diver. The name of "penguin" has also been given to the training apparatus employed to teach prospective aviators the control of the airplane or seaplane. The name is well chosen. The penguin used for training is as unable to fly as its arctic namesake. It consists of an airplane with wings so very small that the power of the motor is unable to lift the airplane off the ground or water. It is supplied with ailerons, elevator, rudder and wheels exceptionally strong for running on the ground. The apprentice is encouraged to run this "penguin" to his heart's content; there is no danger that it will take to the air. In a short time he graduates to a real airplane that can and does fly, and then he can give all his attention to the flying part without having to worry over the handling of the various controls. The sense of safety he enjoys while learning is a great nerve sedative to the inexperienced aviator.

Fierce Sea Creatures.
The dangerous marine creatures are in general not the largest. The killer whale, which is 20 feet or so in length, will attack and devour almost anything that swims in the sea. Sometimes they join in schools and hunt the big whalebone whales like a pack of hungry wolves. The man-eater shark, seldom more than 20 feet long, is one of the fiercest sea creatures. He is as rare as he is dangerous. The big sperm whale seems to feed largely on large specimens of octopus, for which it dives in deep water. Some observers assert that they have seen spectacular contests between such a sperm whale and an octopus which it had brought to the surface.

The Reason.
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If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.
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