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THE COMING JAPS.

They Are Taking the Place of Chinamen in California.

The Japanese Question the Problem of the Future.

There are over 5000 Japanese in San Francisco at the present time, and probably there are 5000 more scattered through the State.

"The Japanese question is going to be the great problem of the future," said Lyman L. Mowry the other day.

"The Chinese are going home all the time and very few are returning. There are, therefore, none for hire in the vineyards and orchards of the State.

"It is not, however, in the matter of farm work alone that the Japanese will enter into competition with the American.

"When I was in Japan the so-called cholera was raging. It was not cholera; it was starvation. The poor people were living on raw fish and rotten cabbage.

"There are over 5000 Japanese in San Francisco, and, judging from the manner in which they are flocking to Hawaii, there will be at least 20,000 here in five years.

"I consider the Japanese question a serious problem," said Collector Phelps. The Japanese are coming in ever increasing numbers, and just how to stop them I don't know.

"A Sculptor's Rare Subject. Focardi was a poor Italian sculptor. He happened one day to be in Preston, a grimy, smoky Lancashire town, casting about for work.

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THE merchant may know nothing of the pugilist, but he has daily struggles with the prize-fighter.

Wilderness and at Spotsylvania, and in the series of engagements in front of Petersburg.

He was a Corporal of the Color Guards at Cold Harbor. When the breastworks were charged, all the others detailed to hold up the flag fell, but the plucky Chinaman waved the Stars and Stripes defiantly and survived.

Tom early became a Christian. For nearly twenty years he had been living at Indiana and was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In real military organization and strategy monkeys are far ahead of all other animals, and notably the different kinds of baboon. Mansfield Parkins gives an excellent account of the tactics of the dog-faced Hamadryads that lived in large colonies in the cracks in the cliffs of the Abyssinian Mountains.

When they reached the corn fields the main body plundered while the old males watched on all sides, but took nothing for themselves. The others stowed the corn in their cheek pouches and under their armpits.

Butter is made in a peculiar way in California, but it is sold in a still more eccentric fashion. The buttermaker always turns it out in round rolls about a half-foot in length, supposed to weigh two pounds.

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One of the bridesmaids was softly crying during the ceremony, and her escort, nudging her, whispered: "What are you crying for? It isn't your wedding."

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS

London was slow to accept the electric light, but is now making up for lost time.

Photographs of the sun are said to show that the great luminary makes a complete revolution in eleven years.

The great Kansas salt bed is 370 feet below the surface, 800 miles long, 25 feet wide and 400 feet thick.

Several Hungarian men of science and letters are planning an expedition into the interior of Asia in quest of the original home of the Magyars.

The deleterious influence of excessive heat is most manifest in the fevers, dysentery, diarrhoea and exhaustion incurred on the tented field.

A seal in the Paris Jardin d'Acclimatation has given birth to a cub. Both animals are doing well. This is the first time such an event is known to have taken place among seals in captivity.

A swamp earth is used by natives of the New Hebrides for smearing the points of their arrows. Dr. Ledanin finds the poisonous agent to be the organism that develops tetanus, and that this is devitalized by keeping, so that old arrows lose their virulence.

An investigator of the effect of perfumes on animals in the Zoological Garden, London, discovered that most of the lions and leopards were very fond of lavender. They took a piece of cotton saturated with it and held it between their paws with great delight.

Strictly speaking, the only precious stones are the diamond, ruby, sapphire and emerald, though the term is often extended to the opal, notwithstanding its lack of hardness, and to the pearl, which is not a mineral, but strictly an animal product.

Hysteria is clearly a product of civilization. Nothing that in the least resembles it has ever been discovered among heathen peoples. It is a disease of the imagination and is developed with it.

The Edinburgh Observatory Circular states that A. Stanley Williams of Burgess Hill, Sussex, has discovered three delicate but distinct markings in the equatorial regions of Saturn.

Dr. S. P. Langly, Secretary, announces that there has been established as a department of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington a Physical Observatory, which has been furnished with specially designed apparatus for the prosecution of investigations in radiance energy and other departments of telluric and astrophysics.

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Overlooking it from a slight eminence is a ruined castle built by McCarthy, "Prince of Desmond," in the early part of the fifteenth century.

No one seems to know the exact origin of the Blarney stone, or how it derived its marvellous power, writes John Codman in the Chautauquan. It may have been in the ark—ballast bequeathed to the prince by his great ancestor.

Absurd as is the practice, the ceremony is almost invariably performed by all visitors. Sir Walter Scott did not find himself degraded by following the general example.

A Novel Glove Mender. Among the novel inventions which have lately passed through the Patent Office is a glove mender made of nickel and consisting of two parts, which press against each other by means of a spring.

Hair-Dressing in France

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He Broke Criminals on the Wheel. It may seem incredible, but it is true, nevertheless, that a retired executioner is living in Belgrade to-day who, as late as 1875, broke criminals on the wheel.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company is to replace its antiquated depot in Chicago with a new and handsome structure at a cost of some \$400,000 dollars.

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