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## FOCUS AND COMMENTS

### It is a fact that no married subject in Austria can procure a passport to go beyond the frontier unless he can produce a written consent from his wife.

PULQUE, the national Mexican drink, is a dangerous intoxicant, and Mexico may pass a law making it punishable by death to raise cactus, from which pulque is made.

It is proposed to prohibit the sale of glass lamps for burning kerosene in England, on account of the danger of their exploding. They killed twenty-five people in London last year.

There is nothing new under the sun—not even bloomers. A party of tourists happened on a bunch of Digger Indians, the very lowest of the red remnants, and found the women attired in veritable bloomers. What will the new woman say now?

From official statistics collected in Baltimore it appears that only one person of every ten who die leaves property, and that two-thirds of the property owners hold only 6 per cent. of the property. In the same connection the Boston Herald notes the fact that in Massachusetts savings banks four-fifths of the depositors have only a quarter of the deposits.

MR. CORTLAND, of London, in the course of a paper read before the Scientists' Convention at Springfield, Mass., predicted that in 1920 the population of the big cities of the world would approximate these figures: London, 8,344,000; Paris, 3,308,586; New York, 6,387,500; Berlin, 3,422,221; Chicago, 7,797,640; Philadelphia, 1,856,100; St. Petersburg, 1,470,833.

A RECENT paper gave an account of an arrangement of electric wires, by which in India a man hoped that a snake intending to enter his house would receive a fatal shock; and we can see what a blessing such an arrangement would be, when we learn that in 1893, 21,218 human beings and 5,122 cattle were killed in India by snake bites, notwithstanding 117,120 snakes were killed in the course of the year.

THE English Society for the Protection of Birds appears to have made a total failure of its crusade against the cruelty of feathers in the female hat. The British plume is composed of bird-of-paradise feathers and osprey tips, and one firm in London has decorated 720,000 British females with these evidences of cruelty. The fashion, however, will not last, as the supply of birds is almost exhausted.

HERE is a modest allusion to Chicago in the News of that city: "She has been burned out of existence in a day and fattened on the ashes; she has builded a dreamland for the world to play in and thought little of the achievement; she has essayed a drainage canal, and before the people barely know of it the bulk of the gigantic enterprise is completed and the glorification exercises are over. This is not boasting; it is a modest recording of a glittering, sparkling, radiating fact. It is a mealy testimonial of the grand, whoop-erup, ripsporting vastness of the greatest aggregation of human souls ever brought together under one municipal canvas."

THE Toledo Blade gives the testimony of a druggist that calisaya drunkards are rapidly increasing in number. He says: "The unfortunate victims of the calisaya habit ignorantly think that in Calisaya they have found a drink which has the stimulating effects of whiskey without any of its physical penalties, when the fact is that they are practically only adding the spur of quinine to their whiskey, which is thinly disguised by calisaya. A man with a calisaya jag is sincerely to be pitied. He is just a little short of being a raving maniac. His ears ring like an anvil from the effects of the quinine, while his blood riots through his brain like a mill race at the bidding of the alcohol."

COMMANDER MCGIFFEN, of the Chinese battle ship Chen-Yuen, at the fight of the Yalu, agrees with Captain Mahan, historian of the fighting ship in all ages "that the result of the conflict shows that armor was a better protection than is always indicated by the experiments on the testing ground, and that it holds its own against the heaviest projectiles which up to this time it is possible to hurl against it. But with this success for thick armor comes the failure of minor steel protection. The gun shields and conning tower of one and two inches of steel were simply man traps." On board the Tsi-Yuen, the consort of Commander McGiffen's flagship, the Taen-Yuen, the conning tower, pierced by a comparatively light projectile, did not protect one of its inmates, and was itself torn to shreds.

THE North Atlantic Pilot Chart, issued by the Hydrographic Bureau at Washington in July, 1891, published the following: "The especially dangerous West India hurricane months are indicated by the following easily remembered lines: June, too soon; July, stand by; August, look out you must; September, remember; October, all over." The Bureau admits that the collection of further data than it had on hand at that time indicates a necessity for a modification of the 1891 statement, and publishes the further statement that the especially dangerous months for the class of storms referred to are August, September and October. A graphic diagram is given on the Pilot Chart, showing the frequency of West India hurricanes in the years from 1850 to 1891, inclusive. The totals for the several years show that six occurred in June, four in July, sixteen in August, twenty-one in September and twenty-two in October.

A RECENT protest against world's fairs has been begun in France, and some of the reasons advanced will appeal to the people of other countries. The first protest against the Paris Exhibition of 1900 comes from the municipal council of Nancy. All the arguments against the scheme have been admirably summed up in a resolution. The people of Nancy are against the exhibition because it does not appear to answer to any important national want. Statistics show that the former exhibitions have caused the most serious damage to trade in the provinces, that even if it does bring money into Paris, it will also bring in a lot of unemployed, and will permanently raise the cost of living. Paris is itself a great, permanent exhibition, and French industry has no interest in offering hospitality to foreign competitors at her own cost. It is inconsistent to hold a universal exhibition with a system of high tariffs. The preparation of the great exhibition must have an influence on home and foreign politics. A nation that devotes five years to organize a gigantic fete has its hands tied. Under the present financial circumstances the exhibition will cripple the future budgets.

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#### His Heart Is In the Grave.

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