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SOME CURIOUS MARRIAGE CUSTOMS.

Latest Information of the Natives of the New Britain Group.
For marriage purposes the people of New Britain are divided into two classes or divisions.
No man may marry a woman of his own class. To do so would bring instant destruction upon the woman, and if not immediate death to the man, his life would never be secure; in fact, marriage between a man and woman of the same class is regarded in the same light as between brother and sister in a Christian community.
As, however, children are of their mother's totem, it is possible for a man to marry his niece, although there is a great repugnance to such unions among the natives.
Preparations for marriages are various. On Duke of York Island initiation into a secret society seems a sufficient preparation (though not absolutely necessary to marriage) for the boys, and there appears to be no needful preparation for the girls. On New Ireland some girls wear a fringe across their shoulders until they are marriageable. These are the poorer classes.
Others are put into cages, into which they remain four or five years without being allowed to go outside the house in which they are confined.
These cages are conical structures about seven or eight feet in height, and about 10 or 12 feet in circumference at the bottom. They are made of the broad leaves of the pandanus tree, sewn quite close together, so that no light and very little air can enter. On one side is an opening, which is closed by a double door of plaited cocconut tree and pandanus tree leaves. About three feet from the ground there is a stage of bamboos which forms the floor.
There is only room for the girl to sit or lie down in a crouched position on the bamboo platform, and her feet are never allowed to touch the ground all the time she is confined in the cage. Great marriage feasts are provided for these girls when they are taken out of the cages.
On the island of New Britain wives are purchased with shell money, and are often married at a very early age. After the price has been decided and paid the girl may be taken away at once to her husband's house, or she may be allowed to remain with her friends for a considerable time.
On Duke of York Island there is generally a marriage feast of a superior kind when persons of influence are being married. The women of the town and surrounding district prepare a large number of puddings, and many pigs are killed. Many presents are given to the bride in public, which she is expected afterwards to return privately. A cocconut is broken over the heads of the pair and the milk is sprinkled upon them. After this there are periodical feasts for a considerable time, the friends of the bride entertaining the friends of the bridegroom, and vice versa.
When a man marries a second wife after the death of the first the female relatives of the dead wife gather together and are permitted to do as much damage to his property as they can. A man may have as many wives as he can purchase, but if he cannot afford to buy one, and his credit is low, he may have to remain single.

LIFE IN NEW ENGLAND.

Illustrating the Enterprise of Store-keepers.
Scene: Village street in front of a closely shuttered house. Old and paler man working in garden.
New York Visitor (in search of material for luncheon)—"Is there a store in this village?"
Old Man—"I guess there be."
Visitor—"Where is it?"
Old Man—"I guess it's here."
Visitor—"Who keeps it?"
Old Man—"Wa'al, I guess I do."
Visitor (eagerly)—"What do you keep?"
Old Man—"Wa'al, most anything."
Visitor (with interest)—"Got any cheese?"
Old Man—"Wa'al, I guess not."
Visitor—"Got any crackers?"
Old Man—"Lord, no."
Visitor—"Do you keep any canned goods?"
Old Man—"I guess not."
Visitor (disappointed)—"Oh (after a pause), do you sell meat?"
Old Man—"Wa'al, I reckon to occasionally."
Visitor (in a tone of renewed hope)—"Got any to day?"
Old Man—"Wa'al, I do have pork once in a while—had it yesterday, but it's out."
Visitor—"Oh!— Got any bread?"
Old Man—"Wa'al, I do reckon upon having bread most weeks, but it's out."
Visitor (peering through the shutters)—"Haven't you anything we could relish for lunch?"
Old Man (scratching his head)—"Wa'al, I guess so—what d'you want?"
Visitor—"Got any eggs?"
Old Man—"Wa'al, no."
Visitor (desperate)—"Any butter?"
Old Man—"Had some yesterday."
Visitor—"Got any berries?"
Old Man—"Lord! no, ma'am."
Visitor—"Well, I guess I'd better go home. Business keeps you pretty busy, I suppose?"
Old Man—"Wa'al, this is a busy time; but, you see my folks mostly orders and I brings their things jest so—d'ye see? So I mostly has jest what they wants and no waste to it. Got washing soda, now—er soap, or kerosene oil if you want it; but it don't pay to keep perishable articles in this here store, no way."
Visitor (with delight)—"Got pickles, then?"
Old Man (returning to his gardening, with emphasis)—"Wa'al, I ruther guess not."
The Passion for Betting.
Years ago when riding with the late Rev. Dr. Ballard he remarked to us that he "did not like cards, so much gambling was done with them."
We replied:
"Doctor, we have just left the office and almost the last paragraph which we read was in relation to two young fellows about to attend church service, the men stopping at the door and making a bet upon the length of the sermon to be delivered."
— Brunswick (Me.) Telegraph.

CURIOUS TOILET RECIPES.

Some of Them Culled from the Manuscripts of Ancient Egypt.
Curious hair recipes occur on some of the papyri, some of which are very absurd.
One to prevent the hair from turning gray directs that a salve should be made from the blood of a black calf cooked in oil; in another that of a black bull is preferred for the same object; evidently the color of the animal was to pass through the salve into the hair.
In another place we read of the tooth of a donkey dipped in honey being used for really strengthening the hair; and the ingredients for an ingenious compound are given for injuring the hair of a rival, and the counter remedy to be used by those who think their hair oil has been tampered with by a suspicious friend.
Cakes of some composition which absorbed oil were always placed on the heads of guests at feasts, and from them the oil trickled down through the hair.
A most disagreeable practice this may seem to us, but to them it appears to have given great pleasure; and with the Egyptians, as with the Hebrews, oil was symbolical of joy and gladness.
Rouge and other coloring substances were used by women of Egypt to enhance, as they thought, their beauty; the eyes had often a green line underneath them; the lashes and eyebrows were penciled in black, and, as in modern Egypt, the nails were always stained red with a preparation from the henna plant.
In our museums we can see the little pots and vases formerly filled with these unguents and colors, and the pencils they used with them, as well as various sorts of combs and hairpins.

MONEY AND MATRIMONY.

The Frankly Expressed Views of a Wife on the Connection of These Two Things.
I am certain that money, or, rather, the want of it, is at the root of most failures in marriage. We have everything to make us happy but that, and I can assure you it is an evil of no mean growth or limited influence.
My husband is a soldier, and one of the very best and truest gentlemen on God's earth. His wife, and in many ways a very good one, for I combine intense economy with really good appearances (as far as they go), and I work very hard, and yet hold my own among the "society" people to whom we belong.
But, oh! if you had any idea of the "drive" that it is to do this. The struggle, I feel, is spoiling me. I am so cantankerous at home, so full of cares, so impatient and snappish, so annoyed at the smallest waste of money, that I am, I know it, often unbearable to my good man.
He would often settle the question, I feel, and let me live alone if we didn't love each other and the child so dearly.

SOME ENTERTAINING INSTANCES OF INFELICITIES OF SPEECH.

A lecturer said, all unconscious of his awkward expression:
"I must beg you to give me your undivided attention; indeed, it is absolutely impossible that you could form a true idea of the hideous animal of which we are about to speak, unless you keep your eyes fixed on me."
A certain preacher discoursing upon Bunyan and his works caused a titter among his hearers by exclaiming:
"In these days, my brethren, we want more Bunyans."
Another clergyman pleading earnestly with his parishioners for the construction of a cemetery for their parish, asked them to consider the "deplorable condition of 30,000 Christian Englishmen living without Christian burial."
Still more curious was this clerical slip. A gentleman said to the minister:
"When do you expect to see Deacon S. again?"
"Never," said the reverend gentleman solemnly, "the Deacon is in heaven."

THE VEHICLE OF THE FUTURE.

Prognostications That Make Us Want To Be Young Again.
A recent writer suggests that we shall in the next century, have very little use for horses. He supposes airships to be not only an achievement, but to be as common as wagons are now.
The farmer has then only to hitch a load to his airboat, and lift it clear of trees, and move straight to market.
The effect of navigating the air will, however, be most marked on urban life. Cities will no longer be needed to any such extent as now. The airship, avoiding streets, can make a location in the country as desirable for a great store as one in a city.
Will not also a vast amount of land now needed for highways be given over to tillage? Go ahead and give us the airship.

THE EVERYDAY PUZZLES OF LIFE.

After a century of hot discussion we are not certain whether coffee is a wholesome stimulant or a deadly poison; whether we should have hot baths or cold or no baths at all; whether we should keep our feet dry or pay no attention to wet feet and soaked clothing; whether tobacco is a blessing or a curse; whether we over-eat or under-eat; whether we should eat at night or go to bed hungry; whether we should exercise more or should exercise less; whether we should drink much water or little.—Milwaukee Sentinel.
In the Art Gallery.
"You want to be careful of that umbrella," said an art dealer to a countryman who was indicating the fine points of a picture to his wife.
"All right, mister," responded the agriculturist, "I won't let go of that umbrella till I git back home."—Utica Observer.
Variety the Spice of Life.
To an old couple, who boasted that they had lived man and wife for fifty years, and never had a dispute, the listener replied: "What a doleful, monotonous life you must have had!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

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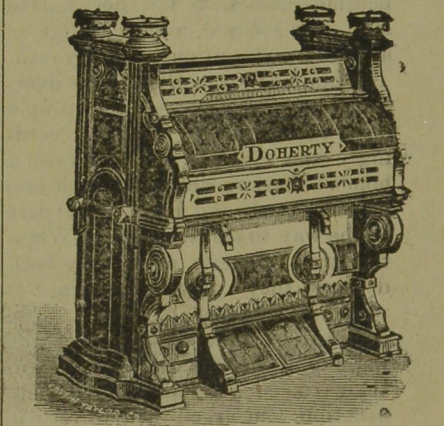
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