MEN'S COSTUMES.

The Change That Came When Powder and Snuff Went Out.

The French revolution had its effect upon the fashions of 1800 as well as upon matters of more weighty import, the tendency being greatly to simplify costumes. Young men in England adopted the short coat, light waistcoat and pantaloons inaugurated in Paris by a certain set who affected to despise the old court fashion.

The use of powder, made more expensive by taxation, quite died out, and short hair became universal.

Trousers and Wellington boots, at first worn only by the military, were adopted by civilians about 1814, and the dandy of the early Victorian era wore his tightly strapped down. He also prided himself on his starched collar, which had gone out of favor under George IV., who preferred a black silk kerchief or stock.

The snuffbox vanished, and the characteristic ornament of the age was the bunch of seals hanging from the watch chain. Various modifications took place from time to time during Queen Victoria's long reign, but the form of men's dress practically remained unaltered.

The knickerbockers and tweed suit of the country gentleman are of comparatively modern date, as well as the wide awake, the soft felt hat.—English Illustrated Magazine.

THE HYPNOTIC EYE.

And the Man Who Likes to Test It on the Circus Animals.

The man who wants to test the power of the human eye on savage beasts is legion, and he affords no end of amusement for the attendants at the circus, who are always on the lookout for him. Often he may be detected standing before the cage of a lion, gazing intently straight into the eyes of the dignified old beast, who gazes back with indifference and finally shifts his eyes, not because he feels any mystic influence, but because something else has attracted his attention.

A story is told of a man who tried the hypnotic trick on an ostrich. At first the bird crouched down and fluttered his wings nervously, but made no other manifestitation for some time. A few hours later the body of the man was found, with the huge bird alternately stamping and sitting on it. Another is told of a man who tried to outgaze a leopard, with the result that the animal made a fierce charge against the bars of his cage and at the man, and the two created a disturbance that brought the attendants hurrying to investigate the trouble.—Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly.

Hard Lines For Bachelors.

"Korea's the wrong place for bachelors," said a traveler. "Bachelors in Korea are considered as children and have only children's privileges. You, a Korean bachelor, get thirsty. You enter a rest house and call for palm wine. The pretty little amber colored waitress says:

"'Married?'

"'No,' says you.

"'Heraus then,' says she, and out you go, unslaked.

"You want to vote, but they won't let you if you are not married.

"You apply for a job somewhere. 'How many children have you?' is the first question you're asked. And as soon as you say you're unmarried they laugh in your face to think that you should presume to apply for work anywhere."—New York Press.

The Ita Palm.

In the moonlit garden overlooking the sea no sound was to be heard save the petulant plaint of the mosquitoes, angry at being disturbed at their food.

"Come," said the host, "let us go and sit under the ita palm. They won't bother us there."

In comfort under the ita, he went on:

"This tree is from the Orinoca delta, the home of the Warau tribe. The Orinoca delta is infested with mosquitoes to an incredible degree. The Waraus, to escape them, live in a palm whose odor the mosquito can't put up with.

"This is the palm—the ita—which makes the naked Warau's mosquito proof bed. A handy thing it is among these salt marshes to have in a garden too."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

So There Is.

"I didn't know you intended to move."

"We don't."

"But your wife told me she was out looking at houses all day yesterday."

"Well, that's true enough, but don't you know there is a vast difference between looking 'at' houses and looking 'for' houses?"

Not Very Consoling.

Humorist—The editor makes fun of my jokes. Spacer—Well, I don't see that you have any kick coming. That's more than you are able to do.—Chicago News.

He that blows upon dust fills his eyes with it.—Danish Proverb.

BERLIN BEER HALLS.

Where One Must Display Great Formality and Preciseness.

Berlin is organized for eating and drinking, and so are the Berliners organized for it. Scattered all over the city are enormous places where food is served, wine halls where only wines are served and beer halls which deal in beer alone, some of them most respectable and some not so impeccable. It is the rule that it is perfectly proper to take your mother or your wife or your sister to a beer hall or a wine hall that is frequented by the officers of the army. They go only to the proper ones—publicly.

The etiquette of these places is most formal. If the hall is crowded and tables are scarce, before you sit down you draw your heels together and make a military bow to everybody sitting at the table you select; then also you raise your glass or stein to those at the table when your refreshment is served.

On leaving you bow all around again, or the other people at the table bow if they leave before you do. The American way of asking the others at the table for permission to sit down is not ceremonious enough for the Germans, who are the most formally polite people in the world.—Samuel G. Blythe in Everybody's Magazine.

A FAMILY MIX.

The Story as It Is Recorded on the Tombstones.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who, in the course of his pilgrimage through this vale of tears, was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot. In his old age it became necessary to remove the bodies to a new cemetery. This melancholy task the much bereaved widower undertook himself, but in the process the bones of the lamented quartet became hopelessly mixed. Priding himself on possession of a New England conscience, Mr. Church would not, under the painful circumstances, permit the use of the original headstones, but procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription: "Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily." Another: "Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda." Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear,
For Emily Church lies buried here,
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Star Arcturus.

It is probable that the star Arcturus is one of the six greatest of all the stars in the sky. Notwithstanding its brightness, it is so far away from us that it is not displaced in position in the slightest measurable degree, as we change our position 186,000,000 miles in our annual journey around the sun. Could we be placed midway between Arcturus and our sun we would receive thousands of times more light and heat from the star than from our sun, and this notwithstanding that the star's radiation is smothered by a dense blanket of metallic vapors. In spite of its immense distance the star is drifting slowly in a southwestward direction over the face of the sky, its motion changing its apparent position by an amount equal to the diameter of the moon in the course of about 1,000 years. So great an apparent motion must indicate an enormous velocity in space.—New York Press.

Peppermint and Tobacco.

If you have a boy who has begun smoking too early and whom you wish to cure of the habit, feed him peppermints. Dr. O. Clayton Jones of Silverton, England, writing in the London Lancet, is authority for this simple cure. Dr. Jones writes: "To break the smoking habit in a youth there is nothing better than peppermint drops. He cannot smoke with a 'bullseye' in his mouth, and even for some time after it is dissolved tobacco will not blend kindly with the taste that remains. Socially the cure may seem worse than the disease, but from a medical point of view the sucking of peppermints is far less hurtful. A common 'bullseye' will prevent smoking for nearly an hour, so the amount of sweets used need not be great."

His Discharge.

A touching instance of the humor which never deserts a true Irishman even in his worst troubles is recorded.

A soldier was seen in the trenches holding his hands above the earthworks. His captain asked:

"What are you doing that for, Pat?"

He replied, with a grin, as he worked his fingers:

"I'm feeling for a furlough, sir."

Just then a rifle ball struck his arm just below the wrist. Then a queer expression of pain and humor passed over his face as he exclaimed:

"And faith it's a discharge."—London Answers.

The man who saves when he has little is called stingy. He that saves when he has much is said to be judicious.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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