

LAMP CLOCKS.

They Were Quite Common in the Seventeenth Century.

Of the various examples that have been given of early specimens of the clockmaker's art not the least interesting are the several types of lamp clocks. One of these was of a kind quite common in the seventeenth century and consisted of a lamp burner placed at the base of a glass oil receptacle mounted vertically on a suitable standard. The oil reservoir had attached to it a scale facing the burner and showing the hours, beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the lamp was to be lighted in winter, and ending at 7 o'clock in the morning. The lamp being lighted, the gradually descending level of the oil as combustion proceeded marked the hours.

The other device, of later origin, dating back to the beginning of the last century, utilized the same principle. It consisted of two communicating oil chambers, superposed by a clock dial. In one of the chambers was placed a night lamp to illuminate this dial, and in the other was suspended a float from a cord which passed around a small pulley. The latter was mounted on a horizontal axis ending in the center of the dial. The float of course descended as the oil was consumed and carried the index hand along with it, thus marking the hours precisely as in the case already cited.

PURE WATER.

The One Beverage That Is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever.

Water is the king of beverages. It is the beverage to which all turn when they would cure themselves of the injurious habit of consuming other beverages. But water that is not pure may be more harmful than the most harmful of other drinks.

Water is the basis of all other beverages. All beverages of man's manufacture are water that has been adulterated by admixtures and chemical treatment.

Pure water is the one beverage which has stood the test of science and come down to us unscathed through continuous use for countless ages. It is nature's chiefest blessing to man. Other beverages undergo many changes with time. Each age brings them forth in new styles, new methods of manufacture, new processes of chemical treatment, aging and keeping. Foods change with each successive generation. We eat different kinds of foods from time to time. Each generation prepares them differently. There are different methods of compounding them, different methods of cooking them. Pure water is the same yesterday, today and forever.—What to Eat.

Scotland.

Prior to the year 258, which witnessed its invasion by the Scots, a tribe who inhabited the northern portions of the country now known as Ireland, Scotland bore the name of Caledonia, literally the hilly country of the Caels, or Gaels. The word cael, or gael, is a corruption of Gadhel, signifying in the native tongue "a hidden rover," while Scot, derived from the native scute, means practically the same thing—i. e., a wanderer. The Caledonians were the inhabitants of the highlands, the termination dun expressing the Celtic for hill, fort, stronghold. The Scots were the invaders from Scotia, who appropriated the Hebrides and western islands, whereas the lowlanders were the Picts, so called from their description by the Romans, picti, painted men.—"Names and Their Meaning."

Nero and His Voice.

In an interesting paper M. Moure and M. Bouyer relate the extraordinary care which the Emperor Nero took of his voice. At night Nero lay on his back, with a thin plate of lead on his stomach. He abstained from fruits and all dishes which could hurt his voice. In order not to damage the purity of its sound he ceased haranguing the soldiers and the senate. He attached to his service an officer specially deputed to take care of his voice. He talked only in the presence of this singular official, who warned him when he spoke too loudly or forced his voice, and if the emperor, carried away by some sudden fit of passion, did not listen to his remonstrances it was his duty to stop his mouth with a napkin.

Bananas.

"Bananas," says an authority, "are by millions of people eaten green or ripe, raw or cooked, are served in all ways in which apples, grains and potatoes are used and are palatable, healthful and nutritious in every way in which they are prepared. They make excellent bread, cakes and pies, puddings, confectionery and coffee substitutes, yield brandy, beer, vinegar, sugar, oil and fibers. They are bought as a luxury by millions who may use them as a staple food. Yet they may be grown profitably in a small area only. Therefore banana culture affords a perfectly safe and gainful use of time and money."

A Cold Turndown.

"Bridget." Mrs. Housekeep called down to her servant, "I see Mrs. Gaddis coming across the street. Run out and turn that door mat upside down." "Which one, ma'am?" asked Bridget. "The one that has 'Welcome' on it."

Prowling Dogs Visit Ops.

The Lindsay "Evening Post" of Saturday last says:

"A pack of savage, half-wild dogs has infested the farms and woods of North Oms, and are over-running the country, subsisting on the domestic animals and flocks of the farmers, and are causing the latter endless worry and trouble.

"The canines hunt in packs, and the victims of their carnivorous appetites are generally chickens, ducks, geese, small pigs, etc. Mr. John Jackson, one of the farmers who is losing considerable by these depredations, made a complaint to Chief Vincent recently. He stated that several farmers had suffered to some extent from the ravages of the dogs. Mr. W. J. Lee had twenty-four ducks killed, Mr. T. Helm had one killed, and he (Jackson) actually saw a turkey being carried off by a lean-looking hound. Pigs, calves and not even cattle are immune from the savage attacks of the marauding pack. The farmers have endeavored to shoot them, but with little success, the dogs being extremely sly and wary. They hide in the grain, poking their heads up to see if the farmers are approaching.

"One theory that has been advanced is that the dogs are the half-starved animals that infest the streets of Lindsay. It is thought that when hunger presses them they form into a pack and go hunting for prey. The nuisance is one that the farmers are determined to stamp out; because, if the town dogs once form the habit of visiting the country barn-yards and sheep-folds, the situation will be intolerable."

The Igorrote Village.

Visitors to the Canadian National Exhibition will again have an opportunity of studying at close range the barbaric Igorrotes from the Philippine Islands, whose village last year created such a sensation in Toronto. The exhibit this year will be more interesting even than it was last year, and visitors will see the world's most interesting wild people living as they do at home. Grass-thatched huts will dot the enclosure, and all around the primitive industries of these strange people will be seen in operation. All the sports and pastimes will be shown, and these merry, head-hunting dog-eaters will show Canadians how their own ancestors may have lived when the world was young. The Igorrotes are as wild as weeds, but are a likable people, differing greatly from other brown people. As was the case last year, the exhibit will be run on educational lines, with more variety to it, it is claimed, than any other traveling exhibit. Manager Orr praises it in the official bulletin of the exhibition, and the fine reputation the village made last year is a guarantee that it will be well worth a visit this year.

AN OBLIGING WAITER.

He Got the Five Dishes, and He Got Them in Record Time.

He was a stranger in town. The clerk of the hotel had neglected to call him until twenty minutes after the requested hour, and as a consequence he had but a short time for breakfast before he must leave for his train.

Going into the dining room, he waived the formality of having the chair leisurely pushed under him by the head waiter, and, accosting one of the dusky servers, he commanded hurriedly:

"Go to the kitchen and get me a breakfast—five dishes of anything that is ready—and get it quick!"

As the order was accompanied by a medium sized piece of silver the way-faring man had reason to expect a fairly good meal.

And as to speed of delivery he was not disappointed. In an incredibly short time the negro reappeared, bearing aloft a tray on which sat five dishes, remarkable only for their similarity of size and shape. When the tray was lowered sufficiently to bring the contents of the dishes into focus the traveler saw his breakfast—five dishes of steaming oatmeal, accompanied by five miniature pitchers of cream.

The negro beamed with satisfaction at the rapidity with which he had executed the order. The traveler hurriedly ate one dish of the oatmeal, and as he left the dining room the waiter was heard to remark:

"Wondah wot dat man say he want five dishes foah!"

Clever Girl.

Mother—What's that I hear? Franz actually kissed you at the railway station? And what did you do, pray? Daughter—Well, so as to make everybody think he was a relative and so prevent a scandal I kissed him too.

Fatal Politeness.

First Tramp—After all, it pays to be polite, pardner. Second Tramp—Not always. The other day I was actin' deaf and dumb when a man gave me sixpence. I says, "Thank you, sir," and he had me arrested.

Not a Spendthrift.

Anxious Mother—I hope you are not thinking of marrying young Clarkson. He spends every cent he earns. Pretty Daughter—Oh, well, he doesn't earn very much.

Pessimism and a good dinner cannot both be in one man.—Exchange.

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