ORIGIN OF COFFEE.

Discovered Six Hundred and Seventeen Years Ago.

We wonder why it is that a kind Providence should present man with such a wonderful gift as the coffee berry and then attach a penalty for appreciating it. Perhaps the answer is that to the sound and normal stomach coffee is a harmless, or rather a beneficial, refreshment. It may be said in general, perhaps, that many of the foods and drinks that trouble the dyspeptic are both harmless and good. The fault is not with them but with the diseased stomach.

As to coffee, Success gives the following interesting story, and one pities all the people who lived before the year 1285.

"As to the history of coffee, the legend runs that it was first found growing wild in Arabia. Hadji Omar, a dervish, discovered it in 1285, six hundred and seventeen years ago. He was dying of hunger in the wilderness, when, finding some small round berries, he tried to eat them, but they were bitter. He tried roasting them, and these he finally steeped in some water held in the hollow of his hand, and found the decoction as refreshing as if he had partaken of solid food. He hurried back to Mocha, from which he had been banished, and, inviting the wise men to partake of his discovery, they were so well pleased with it that they made him a saint.

INTRODUCED INTO AMERICA.

"It is said that coffee was introduced into the West Indies in 1723, by Chirac, a French physician, who gave a Norman man by the name of De Clieux, a captain of infantry on his way to Martinique, a single plant. From Martinique coffee trees in turn were sent to Santo Domingo, Guadaloupe, and other neighboring islands.

"The coffee tree is an evergreen shrub, growing, in its natural state, to a height of fourteen to eighteen feet. It is usually kept trimmed, however, for convenience in picking the berries, which grow along the branches close to the leaves and resemble in shape and color ordinary cherries. The tree cannot be grown above the frost line, neither can it be successfully grown in the tropics. The most successful climate for production is that found at an altitude of about four thousand feet. Anything much above this is in danger of frost, which is fatal to the tree; and, when coffee is grown much below this, it requires artificial shade, which materially increases the cost of production and does not produce as marketable berries."

POSTMASTER IS MADE HAPPY

AFTER YEARS OF SICKNESS DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED HIM.

Plain Statement of a New Brunswick Postmaster Whose Kidney Pains Have Gone Never to Return.

Lower Windsor, Carleton Co., N. B., Sept. 28.—(Special)—T. H. Belyea, postmaster here, well known and widely respected, is happy in the discovery of a permanent cure for the Kidney pains that have troubled him for years.

"I have been bothered with Kidney Trouble for years," Postmaster Belyea says: "I have tried many medicines and plasters without getting any lasting benefit till hearing Dodd's Kidney Pills so highly spoken of I determined to try them. They seem to have made a complete cure in my case as I feel as well as ever I was.

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Dodd's Kidney Pills cure the Kidneys and with healthy Kidneys no one can have Bright's Disease, Lumbago, Rheumatism, Dropsy or Pain in the Back. Thousands will tell you this out of their own experience.

NATIVE INDIAN FOLLY.

As an instance of the almost incredible folly of the average native of India, the following anecdote would be hard to beat. Two Englishmen one day came upon a young man, who was one of their best workmen, writhing in agony from cholera, the result of eating an overripe melon. With great difficulty they saved him, and kept him by them for three days, sent him away cured. The next day they heard that he was dead. His first act on leaving them had been to go straight home and finish the melon. It is stories of this description that make one realize the enormous difficulties that have to be overcome by the rulers of India.

"Leave me now, my dear," he said, passing his hand nervously over his head. "I want to be alone for an hour or two." "Why, what is the matter?" his wife inquired, with anxiety. "I have to consult a railway guide," groaned the unhappy man.

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IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World.

Mrs. Rix, living with her son in St. Peter's street, Norwich, was 101 years of age last month. Her mother lived to the age of 103.

Major-General Sir Leslie Rundle unveiled at Worthing an obelisk to the memory of the twenty-six residents who lost their lives in the South African war.

Leeds Corporation Tramway Committee have decided to give all drivers who avoid accidents a bonus of a halfpenny per hour in addition to their wages, payable quarterly.

The first mention made of the use of coal as a fuel is in the records of the Abbey of Peterborough, in the year 805 A.D., where is found an entry for twelve cartloads of "fossil fuel."

A visitor named Churchill was riding along the esplanade, Scarborough, when his horse bolted and leaped over a bank thirty feet deep. Singularly enough both rider and horse escaped serious injury.

A woman was remanded in London recently, charged with stealing a box containing £115, the savings of an aged London flower-seller, which the latter had been in the habit of keeping under her bed.

The report of the Postmaster-General for the year ending March 31, 1903, shows that the Post-office made a net profit of £4,186,872 during the year. There were 2,579,500,000 letters delivered and 488,900,000 postcards.

A distressing accident occurred at Filey, near Scarborough, a huge mass of cliff weighing about four tons, falling on the beach and crushing to death the six-year-old son of Mr. Fred Dixon, a civil engineer, of Harrogate.

Downhills Park, twenty-six acres in extent, has been opened at Tottenham as a public recreation ground. It was acquired at a cost of £31,-150, and adjoins an estate on which the L. C. C. intends to build dwellings for forty thousand persons.

A Kentish farmer has adopted a novel and, he says, a most effectual method of putting a stop to the depredations caused in his orchard by the birds. He has had a number of cats stuffed, and fixed them in various life-like attitudes among the branches of his trees.

At Sherborne recently Sergeant-Major Beatty, 1st Royal Dragoon Guards, drill instructor of B squadron, Dorset Yeomanry, was found shot through his head. A rifle in a vise, with a cleaning rod and other apparatus near by, showed that he had been engaged in rifle cleaning.

Owing to the great increase of traffic proposals are being made for the removal of the costers from High street, Whitechapel, and Middlesex street. When the new northern approach to Tower Bridge is completed Middlesex street (Petticoat lane) will become the direct route from north to south.

The surveyor to the Dorking Rural District Council recently reported that a builder about whose work he had to complain had sent him a communication on the matter, and enclosed in a separate envelope was a five-pound note. A motion in favor of prosecution was lost at a meeting of the council, one member remarking that the enclosure might have been a mistake.

An English exchange says: "Indignation has been expressed at Hastings at the sentence passed last Tuesday of one month' hard labor upon a lad for kissing a girl of fourteen at a fete on Bank Holiday. Mr. Freeman Thomas telegraphed to the boy's father that he had communicated with the Home Secretary, who was at once sending down to make enquiries into the case."

The German hop-growers who have been visiting the English hop districts have paid a gratifying tribute to the methods employed by their British rivals. "We have come to the conclusion," remarked one of them, "that hop-growing in England is carried on in a more scientific manner than in Bavaria, which is our great hop district. We have been particularly impressed by the English method of treating the soil and dealing with the weeds which affect the hops, and we shall carry away with us many useful suggestions."

Lord Salisbury was at the head of the state for a longer period than any other man in our time. Next to Lord Salisbury's record in this respect—namely, 5,001 days—comes that of Mr. Gladstone, with a total period of service of 4,498 days, Lord Palmerston following with a total of 3,434 days, and Lord Beaconsfield standing fourth with 2,528 days. Lord Melbourne's total period of office amounted to 2,492 days, Lord John Russell's 2,803, Sir Robert Peel's 1,876, Lord Derby's 1,382, Lord Aberdeen's 774 and Lord Rosebery's 486.

MONOTONOUS WORK.

A man entered a watchmaker's, and stood hesitatingly about for some time. At last he hedged up towards the counter with the following request:

"I say, could one of you fellows go out in the country about five miles and repair a watch?"

"Why cannot the watch be brought here?" was the reasonable reply.

"Well, you see, it's this way," said the farmer. "The watch belongs to a sick man, and he has to have it beside his bed so as to tell when to take his doses."

"Then the watch must be going all right," said the jeweller.

"Yes the watch runs, 'cause the feller makes it run. He says he's getting tired of poking the wheel with a pin, and wants one of you fellows to come and put it straight."

"I wish, Susan," said a fond mother to her new nursemaid, "that you would use a thermometer to ascertain if the water is the right temperature when you give baby his bath." "Oh," replied Susan, cheerfully, "don't you worry about that. I don't need no thermometer for baby. If the little 'un turns red the water is too hot; if he turns blue, it's too cold, and there you are."

"Think of it, my dear," said Mr. Closefist, laying down his newspaper, "there are more than five hundred million dollars in circulation in this country?" "Is that so?" replied his wife, cheerfully. "Well, judging from the difficulty I always experience in getting you to give me a dollar I thought there wasn't more than five or ten dollars in the world."

Aunt Jane—"What are you petting that dog for? Don't you know that it belongs to the Wigginses? You know you said you hated the whole lot of them." Tom—"Yes, but I forgot the dog when I said that. Somehow, he differs from the rest of the family."

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"Does your wife do much fancy work?" "Fancy work? She won't even let a porous plaster come into the house without crocheting a red border round it and running a yellow ribbon through the holes.'j

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