

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

FIVE MINUTES SELECT READING.

Summary of Foreign, Domestic, and War News.—Italy, Concise and Pointed. ...

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The Origin of Coffee.

It is well known that the coffee plant is not indigenous in Arabia, but was imported from Abyssinia at a date which cannot be accurately given.

The Medinese and faithful Meccans laid their turbanned heads together in the public places when first they heard the news; a pious sheik in Auen was the first to drink the "black juice" as a sort of public spectacle.

A Wonderful Lake.

A wonderful subterranean lake has just been discovered in the Allegheny valley, near the town of Freeport. It lies beneath a large hill, which has been re-embowed with the old coal pits and salt wells.

Discovery of a Soldier's Skeleton.

An interesting discovery took place recently at Andermatt, in the Canton of Uri, by some workmen who were excavating near the old church, well known to tourists.

Horribly Polite.

Mr. Baron Graham was one of the Judges who sat on the English Bench in the early part of this century. He was distinguished for his remarkable politeness, and for having sentenced more unfortunate human beings to death than any other Judge who ever presided at the County Assizes.

A Help for the Deaf.

A young lady of Millford, Mass., whose auricular nerves are so imperfect as to make the aid of an audiphone, the dentophone, and similar instruments, of no practical benefit, has discovered a method of hearing by communication with the muscles of the throat of the person talking.

Home the Best Place for Invalids.

The New York Sun compiles from the Continent the opinions of a physician about the curative powers of nature. The physician concludes that it is better for a consumptive to stay at home, where he can be comfortable, than subject himself to the discomfort of hotel life, or to the greater inconvenience of a camp.

Fish Eating Quadrupeds.

In all the colder regions of Europe, says a French writer, cows and horses near the sea coast occasionally vary their diet by eating fish. Some horses which about a century ago were taken from Iceland to Dunquerque were fed during the voyage, as well as during their stay at Dunquerque, on nothing but salt fish.

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Advice to Barbers.

Don't talk. Refrain from colloquializing. If you have anything to say, don't say it. Do not talk. Keep your mouth shut. Do not indulge in conversation. Say nothing.

Asia's Floating Garden.

Among the most remarkable illustrations of human energy are certainly the floating gardens of Kashmir, in Eastern Asia, the more so that they are the work of an essentially indolent population. For their creation an expanse of water about nine miles in circumference had been utilized, on which masses of weeds, grasses and aquatic plants grow and become intertwined and entangled.

The Girl for Your Money.

A physician writes to young men as follows: My profession has thrown me among women of all classes, and my experience teaches me that the Creator never gave man a greater proof of His love than to place woman here with him. My advice is—go and propose to the most sensible girl you know.

"Are we going to have a hard winter?"

asks an exchange. Well, it depends a great deal on circumstances. If your credit is bid with your local coal dealers and your wife has traded away your only overcoat for a chrome of a "Midsommer Reverie," the outlook for you is pretty rosy.

ALL SORTS.

Barbed wire fencing has fallen ten per cent. in price within the last three months. Cows have got so they use it for a hair brush.

In a Livingston, Montana, court a defendant in a case of assault and battery said: "Yes, I licked him, and I'll lick him again!" And the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

It is solemnly asserted by a Southern newspaper that there is a calf in Virginia which "eats chickens carnivorously." This, however, even if true, is less remarkable than if the calf were to eat chickens herbivorously.

Near Bismarck, Dakota, three thousand buffaloes were slain in one day recently by one thousand Sioux Indians. The red man occasionally equals the English hunting tourists in the wanton destruction of game; but it can be said of them in extenuation that they are untutored.

It having been printed in an English journal that many rich families in London prefer boarding in hotels to keeping house, an American newspaper adds, "No wonder; it gives them opportunities to converse with the clerks."

More than seventy-five million copies of a certain spelling book have been sold in America, it is asserted, and all of them contained that absurd monosyllable of six letters which becomes a word of two syllables when one-third of its letters are taken away—plague.

Pittsburgh has a two-headed cow. The heads are both at one end of the "critter," hence ladies need not fear meeting it if it should get on a rampage. There will be no trouble to tell which way it is going to run. If the heads had been put on, one at each end, it would be a plaguey uncertain piece of furniture on a raid. All this cow lacks to make her perfect is an ice cream freezer for summer use.

A young lady stepped into the office of a Cincinnati newspaper and said: "I would like to subscribe to your paper."

"Certainly, miss," was the polite response. "For a year or six months?"

"Oh, no! only for a week," she replied.

And then she exclaimed: "I only use them for button-holes, and a week's papers last a long time."—Philadelphia Call.

M. Mignot, Mayor of Rouleux, one of the few remaining survivors of the "Grande Amee," has just died at Ambray, in France. He was born in 1790, and in 1830 was Lieutenant of engineers, taking part in the campaign in Co. Many after the terrible retreat from Moscow. He followed the dizzy fortunes of Napoleon, until the restoration of the Bourbons, when he entered, retaining his rank, into the Royal Guard. He died several millions of francs.

A family living near De Soto, Ill., have a coon, three years old, which was caught when still blind. An old cat at once took charge of and cared for it as if it were one of its own little ones. Now the coon takes care of itself, although the cat continues to feed it with mouse and rat dainties. The children in the house have taught the coon any number of little tricks, such as begging for a biscuit, patting its paws about one's neck. Her couch at night is on the dining room lounge, and she shares that with the dog, who allows none of his kind to approach or annoy her, and is almost as devoted as the cat.

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