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**SPAN OF LIFE LENGTHENED**

No Doubt That the People of Today Live Longer Than Did Their Ancestors.

When reading of people who lived long years ago and especially when reading about the length of their lives, we are told that in the old days people lived longer than they do now. Some of the early historical records speak of single individuals who lived hundreds of years. There is great doubt as to whether these statements are founded on fact. In thinking about this we must first take into consideration that these records of long ago were recorded at a time when man had no accurate idea of the actual passage of long periods of time such as a year. They did not have our calendar as a basis for figuring at all. Learned men now tell us that the actual age of men who lived at the time these records of great ages were recorded probably lived shorter lives than we do now, and that what they recorded as a period of one year was probably a much shorter period than one year.

It is true beyond the question of a doubt that the people of today live longer on an average than people who lived ten, twenty or more years ago, observes the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. In other words, the average period of life has increased steadily. This is due to the fact that we have taken greater care of our bodies; have improved the conditions in which we live, and made them more sanitary; have learned to fight and check and eradicate diseases which only a few years ago we could not prevent people dying of when they once contracted them, and we know from the records which we keep that actually people live longer on the average today than only a few years ago, and it is safe to say that they live longer now on the average than at any time in the world's history.

**STRICT ETIQUETTE IN CHINA**

Matter of Tea Drinking a Thing of Much Importance in the Flowery Republic.

The etiquette observed in tea drinking in China is very curious. If a lady asks you to drink tea with her—and especially if the tea be sweetened—you can count yourself as well received and much liked. If she does not like you, the tea is bitter, and report has it that in cases of this sort drainings are often used. After one sip of such tea the unliked visitor makes a prompt exit!

When making a call, if the servant should bring in a cup of tea there is no need to take any particular notice of it. Allow the servant to place it where he likes near you, and continue your conversation as though nothing had happened. If your business is pleasant and agreeable to the mistress or the master of the house, he or she will pass the beverage to you; if not, you are expected to leave it untouched, otherwise you are likely to have a quarrel on hand, and a Chinese quarrel—either with a man or a woman—is unpleasant.

**Ancient Asbestos.**

There was a winding sheet of amianthus in the Vatican library, soft and pliable in the hand, showing indications of ignition upon one corner. The cloth, however, did not suffer. This burning is taken as showing that some combustible fiber had been intermingled. Marco Polo, in the thirteenth century, reported a cloth which the natives of territory now included in Russian Siberia claimed as having been made of salamander skin.

Marco Polo satisfied himself, so it seems, that he had to do with a mineral substance. In fact, he found out something as to its manufacture. In this same general region of country asbestos is today known to exist.

We are not to regard asbestos as a single, definite mineral. Nor are we to understand that there is a fixed chemical constitution. Certain forms of hornblende and serpentine, if fibrous, are regarded as asbestos.

**Fully Qualified.**

They were arguing about qualifications for successful careers, and a famous playwright, who was one of the party, maintained that the stage offered the easiest opportunities for beginning. As some doubt was thrown on this claim, he produced a letter from a man who wished to be engaged for his new play, which was about to be produced. The letter ran as follows:

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**Scotland's River System.**

If there be one place north of the Tweed where, at a single glance, one may view and comprehend the chief river system of Scotland, Stirling is that place. From this point one notes the main streams, the affluents, and the gathering of the waters, which make the Clyde, the Forth and the Tay. He can then realize how great and important in the political and economic history of Scotland has been that great central valley, which stretches from the North sea to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean.—William Elliot Griffis, in "Bonnie Scotland."

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4. Make permanent the present temporary rates for toll and long distance service within the State of Illinois.

A copy of the proposed schedules may be inspected by any interested party at the office of this Company in Highland Park.

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