

A Few Hints for Those Who Enjoy This Most Delightful Hospitality.

To those who entertain guests at dinner the following suggestions may be of some use.

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A WONDERFUL MINE.

The "Mountain of Gold" Recently Developed in Australia.

A "Mountain of Gold" is the title which has been given to the great Mount Morgan gold mine, situated in Central Queensland, which is paying at the rate of over a million a year in dividends.

Gordon sold the freehold to the Messrs. Morgan for £640, or £1 an acre. They discovered gold in 1882, and in that year formed a partnership, in which they held the mine, while Messrs. T. B. Hall, W. Hall, W. H. D'Arcy and W. Pattison, who are now four of the principal proprietors, held the second half.

Leaving Rockhampton shortly after 6 o'clock in the morning, the traveller is deposited at a roadside station at about 7 o'clock, and a rough breakfast is to be obtained at the Mount Morgan Hotel, where the coach starts for Mount Morgan.

After a drive of between two and three hours, through the bush, including the treacherous and almost impassable roads of the Razorback, to which every particle of machinery for Mount Morgan had to be brought, we reached the newly-formed township.

Under this process the ore is first crushed by powerful machinery and reduced to fine sand. It is then roasted in furnaces, and when cooled is placed in the chlorination barrels and subjected to the action of chlorine gas, which dissolves the gold, and it flows out in a fluid, the color of sherry, into large vats.

The gravestone which now marks the last resting of John Bright, in the Friends' graveyard at Rochdale, is remarkable for neatness and simplicity, and just in keeping with what he desired should be placed as the head of the grave of his late wife.

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LONDON'S EPIDEMIC OF 1837.

Awful Scenes at the Cemeteries and Hospitals.

"In 1837—the year of Queen Victoria's accession—England suffered from an epidemic of influenza so virulent and widespread that it gave rise to a genuine panic, and for a while almost threatened a paralysis of business," says the *Full Mail Gazette*.

"So general were the effects of the epidemic that at the War Office, the Admiralty, the Navy Pay Office, the Stamp Office, the Treasury, the Postoffice and other Government departments, the greater number of clerks were prevented from attending to their daily vocations.

"It was on the following Sunday (the 20th) that London realized to the full the extent and devastating nature of the influenza epidemic which had been so carefully chronicled, 'had a high day in the metropolis, and perhaps in the memory of the oldest inhabitant such a scene has not been witnessed.

"In St. Pancras and St. Giles' churchyards the scenes were truly awful and even disgusting to the feelings. The burial ground in the former had more the appearance of a ploughed field; furrows from a gloved that lay all over the place.

"This epidemic seems not only to have proved destructive in its own natural form, but at Guy's Hospital, in the wards where a free circulation of the air existed, it ran, in many cases, into bronchitis and pneumonia, and even induced severe symptoms of typhoid or yellow fever.

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ABOUT PIPES.

A Pipe Fancier on the Manufacture and Care of Meerschaums.

The meerschaum, says a well-known expert, comes to the workman in all kinds of shapes and sizes, and he makes the most of the piece in his hand according to his skill.

"A new pipe should never be smoked out during the raging of the cholera in 1832 and 1833. In the worst cases the number of deaths far exceeded the figures of any return made in the course of the previous thirty years.

"A business man of Detroit, whose office is on Woodward street, relates this singular experience in the *Free Press*: 'I wanted a \$10 bill changed, and as I was alone I stepped to the door and called a little newsboy whom I had frequently employed to run on errands, and told him to carry it to the nearest store, and get it changed for me.'

"I did not change my mind when a week had passed. I did not know where he lived, or who his associates were, and no return was made. I trusted him, and could easily believe that he had been run over or made away with than that he had stolen the money.

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A STORY OF THE DAY.

A Thread 115 Miles in Length Spun from a Single Pound of Cotton.

The 7th of January is a day in which the elderly maidens, who are sometimes called spinsters, should take a peculiar interest.

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A SAD STORY.

Why Governor Curtin Has a Kindly Feeling for Tramps.

"I do not believe in encouraging beggary," said Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania, "but when a hungry man calls at my door, he isn't going away unsatisfied.

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"Scotty!"

(By John Imrie.)

Yes, ca' me "Scotty" if ye will, For sic' a name ca' ye nae fill, O' a nick-name just tak' yer fill, I'm quite content wi' "Scotty!"

To be a Scot is nae disgrace, Maist folk can trust a guid Scotch face, He's nae new to us, he's auld and true, The honest, faithful "Scotty!"

He's tentive baith to kirk an' mart, To friends he's a true an' hard to part, In life's great race he needs nae start, "A' wi' me o' doo," says "Scotty!"

So Not Scandal. "He that uttereth a slander is a fool."—Prov. x, 18.

Indian Surgery. Peculiar Sutures Improvised from Black Ants' Heads.

Nervous Children. I want to say a word about nervous children. Never scold or make fun of them.

Some of Stanley's Discoveries. Besides his geographical discoveries Mr. Stanley will make some interesting contributions to the anthropology of the countries he has just visited.

They Went Together. "Wife—I bought you a beautiful smoking jacket to-day, and oh, such a lovely box of cigars."