

Barbers in Europe.

"A sure way to break yourself of the habit of going to a barber shop to get shaved is to travel in Europe," said a man who has traveled. "I remember that when I first went to Europe I thought that I would never be able to learn to shave myself and that I was helpless so far as this was concerned. I didn't finish my trip through Europe before I took up shaving, and now I shave myself all the time. The barber shops in Europe, except in England and a few of the larger cities, are the worst of their kind in the world. There are no modern conveniences and mighty little of a sanitary nature. The chairs are uncomfortable, and the barbers are indifferent about how they shave you or what they do with you. They place a big bowl in your lap, and when they have finished with you the supposition is that you will wash your own face in the bowl. There is none of the little luxuries we have over here in the way of bay rum, witch hazel, hot towels, hot water, etc. The American barber shops are the neatest and cleanest in the world, without exception."—Washington Star.

Mexico's Hot Pepper Sellers.

The hot pepper seller of Mexico is a merchant who derives his livelihood from the fact that the Mexican must have his peppers, whatever else he may deny himself. They are brought to his door by the countryman, or he may go to the market place and find them spread out for sale on matting. The market man, while dressed inexpensively as far as his bodily garb is concerned, wears in nearly every instance an elaborate head covering.

Some of these Mexicans own hats that cost as much as the rest of their wardrobe. The pride of the white man in his panama is not to be compared to that of the Mexican in his sombrero. It is a racial characteristic which finds its counterpart in the apron of the Portuguese onion seller. Her occupation may be lowly, but her apron might be that of a woman of higher degree. Plush edged with fur is not uncommon.—Everybody's Magazine.

The Lilies.

Two thousand years ago it was supposed that water lilies closed their flowers at night and retreated far under water, to emerge again at sunrise. This was Pliny's view, and it was not impeached until the English botanist John Ray, in 1688, first doubted its veracity.

The great lily of Zanzibar, one of the grandest of the lily family, opens its flowers, ten inches wide, between 11 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon. They are of the richest royal blue, with from 150 to 200 golden stamens in the center, and they remain open four or five days.

It is not generally known that there are lilies that have nocturnal habits—night bloomers as well as day bloomers. They are very punctual timekeepers, too, opening and closing with commendable regularity.

Cats Fond of Olives.

"I have often wondered if all cats like olives," remarked a German town woman who is very fond of the feline tribe. "All mine do, and I have six. Olives are usually an acquired taste with the human race, but cats seem to take to them naturally; at least mine do. An olive will set any one of them into paroxysms of joy. They will leave milk or fish or any other article of food for it, purring and rolling over it much as though it might have the intoxicating effect of catnip before they finally eat it. I have often tried olives on other cats in the houses of friends and have found them equally appreciative, only they prefer their olives cut up into pieces."—Philadelphia Record.

Glassmaking in Japan.

The art of making glass was introduced into Japan about 150 years ago by a Hollander, who settled at Osaka. For several generations the knowledge of the process was confined to a single family, and it was not until about 1879 that the employment of coal instead of charcoal and the construction of brick chimneys enabled the manufacturers to introduce improvements which placed the industry on a substantial basis. Osaka has continued to be the center of the industry and now manufactures for export besides supplying the home demand.

Usually Easy.

"Oh, we've got an easy thing this time," said the confidence man who had been prospecting for a victim.

"Sure?"

"Oh, positive! Why, I've rounded up a fellow who thinks he's too smart to be 'done' by any one."—Chicago Post.



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Apple Tapioca Pudding. Cheese.
Coffee.

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Oranges.
Boiled Rice. Sugar and Cream.
Fried White Fish. Potato Balls.
Graham Gems. Coffee.
DINNER.
Celery Cream Soup.
Roast Goose. Apple Sauce.
Stuffed Onions. Mashed Potatoes.
Oyster Salad. Waffles.
Orange Jelly. Mince Pie.
Coffee. Nuts.
SUPPER.
Cold Roast Goose. Saratoga Chips.
Preserved Fruit. Cream Cake.
Cocoa.

Apple Tapioca Pudding.—To a half-cupful of tapioca, add one and one-half pints of cold water; let it stand on the fire until cooked clear, stirring to prevent burning, sweeten and flavor with nutmeg. Pour the tapioca into a deep baking dish, in which have been placed six or eight pared and cored apples, bake until the apples are done; serve cold with cream.

Sidney Smith's Winter Salad.
Two large potatoes, passed through kitchen sieve,
Unwonted softness to the salad give;
Of mordant mustard add a single spoon—
Distrust the condiment which bites too soon;
But deem it not, though made of herbs, a fault
To add a double quantity of salt;
Three times the spoon with oil of Lucca crown,
And once with vinegar procured from town.
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The pounded yellow of two well-Let onion atoms lurk within the bowl,
And, half-suspected, animate the whole;
And lastly, on the favored compound toss
A magic tea-spoon of anchovy sauce.
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Though ham and turkey are not boiled enough,
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