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CATHERINE THE GREAT.

An Odd Woman Was This Empress of the Russians.
A recent writer says of Catherine the Great, empress of Russia from the year 1762 to 1796:

"She rose at 6 and lit her own fire. Her table was ideally simple. From the reproach of overeating and overdrinking she was free. Though she could not sing a note, she and Prince Dashkoff, who could sing no better, occasionally performed in a concert. A sudden burst of the most exalted and ridiculous discordant tones was the consequence, one seconding the other, with scientific shrugs and grimaces of musicians. From this perhaps she passed to a cat concert and imitated the purring of a cat in the most droll and ludicrous manner, always taking care to add appropriate, half comic, half sentimental words, which she invented for the occasion, or else, spitting like a cat in a passion, with her back up, she suddenly boxed the first person in her way, making up her hand into a paw and mewing outrageously."

When playing whist one night Catherine could not get her page to answer the bell. "After she had rung twice, again without effect, she left the room, looking faggery, and did not reappear for a considerable time. The company supposed that the unfortunate page was destined to Siberia or at least the knout. As a matter of fact, Catherine on entering the antechamber found the page, like a bet, busy at whist. "When the bell rang he happened to have so interesting a hand that he could not make up his mind to quit it. Now, what did the empress do? She dispatched the page on her errand and then quietly sat down to hold his cards until he should return."

THE AGRA DIAMOND.

Old Manner in Which It Was Smuggled Out of India.
Like many other diamonds, the Agra diamond has had adventures. It gets its name from the fact that it was taken at the battle of Agra in 1526 by the Emperor Baber, who was the founder of the Mogul empire in India. The Marquis of Donegal was in Agra in 1857, when the diamond was taken from the king of Delhi. Donegal was at the time engaged as secretary and belonged to the same regiment as the young officer who obtained possession of the diamond. It was resolved among them to smuggle it home to England rather than give it up and to share in the loot money. The question arose how were they to get it home.

No one seemed able to hit upon a method that would be likely to meet with success until the last evening previous to the departure of the regiment. During the course of dinner the youngest subaltern suddenly jumped up and said: "I have it. We will conceal the diamond in a horse ball and make the horse swallow it." This met with general approbation, a ball was secured, the ball scooped out, the diamond inserted, the end stoppied up and the horse made to swallow it.

When the regiment reached the port of embarkation the horse was taken ill and had to be shot. The diamond was taken from his stomach and brought over to England. It was subsequently sold to the Duke of Brunswick, and since then it has been recut from a forty-six carat stone to thirty-one and a half carats in order to get rid of the black spots in it, and it is the most perfect and brilliant diamond of a rose pink color.

Andrew Johnson's Writing.
The letters of President Taylor are rare, but perhaps those of Andrew Johnson are the rarest, as he did but little of his own writing. His son conducted most of his correspondence and signed his father's name to the letters. It is related that one reason why President Johnson wrote so little was owing to an accident which happened to him when he was working at his trade as tailor. One day a tailor's heavy iron goose fell on his arm, so injuring that member that he found it extremely difficult to indulge in penmanship thereafter. Andrew Johnson was the poorest writer among the presidents as well as the rarest. His handwriting was very much of a scrawl and can scarcely be deciphered by the average reader.

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Real Estate Transfers.

June 1st.
D. S. B. Johnson Land Co. to Albert T. Rutledge se qr of sec. 17-147-60. \$1380.

Albert T. Rutledge to Otto G. Arneson and Carl E. Talmadge se qr of sec. 17-147-60. \$2080.

June 3.
C. T. Whidden and wife to William Glass nw qr of 14-146-61. \$3000.

June 5.
Sheriff of Griggs Co. to Thore J. Odegard ne qr of sec. 13-148-59. \$438.

June 6th.
Sealer Simpkins to George A. Pratt se qr of sec. 26-147-59 \$3500.

June 7th.
D. S. B. Johnston Land Co. to County of Griggs 67-100 acre on so. side track, Binford. \$100

Charles W. Nicoll to Cussions Milling Co. lot 18 blk. 52 \$50. Cooperstown.

George H. Condy to Carl Steinborn se qr of sec. 2-145-60 \$1760

Wilhelm Anderson to Knud Thompson sw qr of 14-146-60 \$2400

June 8th
Hans S. Peterson to Otto Pritz lot 11 blk 4 \$230 Binford.

June 10th.
Cora E Johnson to George Newberg blocks 12 and 13 \$350 Cooperstown.

United States to Andrew Anderson se qr of sec. 1-148-61 \$4.

Ole Edland to Lisa Edland e 1/2 of sec. 8-144-59 \$1.

United States to William Robinson se qr of nw qr and ne qr of sw qr and lots 2 and 3 of sec. 4-146-59.

June 12.
Andrew H. Berg to Albert Richford n hf of sec. 9-147-59 \$780.

H. M. Terhune to Charles P. Fredendoll and J. B. Koppenhaver e hf of sec. 32-145-60 \$9800.

Trees.
Trees have about them something beautiful and attractive even to the fancy, since they cannot change their places, are witnesses of all the changes that take place around them and as some reach a great age they become, as it were, historical monuments, and like ourselves, they have a life, growing and passing away, not being inanimate and unvarying, like the fields and rivers. One sees them passing through various stages and at last, step by step, approaching death, which makes them look still more like ourselves.—Humboldt.

Cutting Off the Nose.
In some parts of the world, especially Italy and India, it has been customary to employ removal of the nose as a form of punishment, sometimes judicial, but chiefly as a mode of carrying out private revenge. Especially in some districts of India it is considered a suitable form of punishment for a husband to inflict on a wife whose conduct he does not approve. Among the Romans this penalty was not at all rarely inflicted both by the law and by private animosity.

Indian Twins.
Indian twins are a great curiosity, for it is said that Indians never permit twins to live. Twins, in their belief, are heralds of impending evil, for a great many years ago the abduction of beautiful twin daughters by members of a distant tribe was the cause of war and great loss of life. Hence, probably, originated the practice of killing Indian twins as soon as they are born.

Did His Best.
She—After six weeks of married life, Arthur, I have reached the sad certainty that you do not love me. Arthur—My dear! She—it's no use protesting. You should have married some credulous, stupid girl! Arthur—Well, darling, I did my very best.

Just a Loan.
"Don't beg; the world owes you a living," said the prosperous citizen to the mendicant. But he was staggered by the reply: "All right, sir; lend me a trifle till it pays up."—New York Herald.

His Anxious Query.
Young Wife—I don't like that cooking school teacher at all. She has neither patience nor consideration. She's actually cruel! Husband—Great snakes! She doesn't really make you eat the things, does she?
True goodness is like the glowworm in this, that it shines most when its eyes except heaven are upon it.—Hara

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ROAD 5,000 YEARS OLD.

Scenes Along One of the Most Ancient Highways in the World.
The road from Homs to Hama runs almost due north, a straight white line cutting across the green fields. It is one of the oldest routes in the world. Caravans have been passing along it for at least 5,000 years, just as we saw them—long strings of slow moving camels with their bright colored bags of wheat.

One could almost imagine that Pharaoh was again calling down the corn of Hamath to fill his granaries against the seven years of famine. But even here the old things are passing. Just beyond the long line of camels was a longer line of fellah women, their dirty blue robes kilted above their knees, carrying upon their shoulders baskets of earth and stone for the roadbed of the new French railway.

The carriage road is French, too, and a very good road it is. Some men were repairing it with a most ingenious roller. It was a great round stone, drawn by two oxen and having its axle prolonged by a twenty foot pole, at the end of which a barelegged Arab was fastened to balance the whole affair. If the stone had toppled over the picture of the Arab dangling at the top of the slender flagstaff would have been worth watching.

All along the ride we were reminded of the past. It is a fertile soil, but the very wheatfields are different from ours. Only a few yards in width, they are often of tremendous length. I hesitate to commit myself to figures, but it is certain that the thin green fields would stretch away in the distance until lost over some little elevation. At one place the road was cut through a hill honeycombed with rock tombs which the haj said were Jewish.

Every now and then we passed a tall, or great hemispherical mound, built up of the rubbish of a dozen ruined towns, for even as late as Roman times this was a well cultivated and populous country. There is now no lumber available for building purposes, and in a number of villages the houses are all built with conical roofs of stone.

When the rock happens to be of a reddish tinge the houses remind one of nothing so much as a collection of Indian wigwams. Where the stone is white, as at Tell el Biseh, it glitters and sparkles like a fairy city cut out of loaf sugar.—Scribner's Magazine.

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PAUL'S WALK.
A Favorite Promenade in the Old Days in London.
In the old days, especially during the reigns of James I. and Charles I., the nave of St. Paul's cathedral was popularly known as "Paul's walk," because it was the favorite promenade of wits, gallants and fashionable idlers, who met there to gather or retail the latest news.

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The nave and body of a cathedral or church were then regarded as much less sacred than the chancel, and this explains, if it does not excuse, the fact that they were often given over to all kinds of profane and secular uses.

Dying of Famine.
is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, Cearloss, Md., "after trying different medicines, and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me." Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at H. H. Bateman's drug store, price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free.