

ROTH INSECT AND PLANT.

Cousul Jones Sends a Curiosity From China.

The Department of State has just received from Consul Jones at Chinkiang, China, a small bottle containing some specimens of the curious fungus that grows out of a species of caterpillar, literally transforming the animal into a vegetable and causing the unhappy insect to serve the purpose of a root.

It is the larva of a kind of moth, and, when the cold of winter approaches, it makes its way down into the soil to the depth of three or four inches. There it is attacked by this remarkable disease and regularly sprouts, sending up a long shoot, which appears and fructifies above the ground like any mushroom, forming spores for the purpose of its own reproduction.

The natives of Thibet and in the provinces of Hupoh and Szechuan go about looking for this fungus in the neighborhood of a certain sort of myrtle trees, where only it is to be found. They dig up such specimens as they discover and make them into little bundles, tied with red thread. In this shape they are sold as a medicine, which is esteemed if possible more highly than the famous ginseng, being considered a powerful curative agent for diseases of the throat and lungs.

Thus prepared for market they look like diminutive bulrushes, each having for its root the mummy of a caterpillar. Now, this fungus has no other method of growing than the one described. Therefore the fructifying top—that is above ground scatters its spores around under the scarlet-flowered myrtles on which the caterpillars feed.

The Origin of Ice Cream.

Philadelphia has contributed a great deal to the interesting history of this country. It has done so much that it would doubtless be a place of conspicuous importance were it not that its best years were long ago and only their remembrance lingers.

Even this surfeit of rich honors does not satisfy the Philadelphia pride, and a paragraph now making the rounds of the press asserts that the Quaker city can claim the origin of the public benefaction popularly and ungrammatically styled "ice-cream."

To those who eat ice-cream its history is not so much moment as itself and the price charged for it. But if Philadelphia did make the first dish no one will deny her another medal equal in size and luster to all her others.

It was on a street car. Two lady friends were chattering away as only ladies can.

"Oh! I'm to have some new diamonds!" suddenly exclaimed one. "Is it possible?" "Yes. My husband is going to make \$5,000 all in a lump next week, and he says I may have \$500 to put into diamonds."

"Dear me! Is it a speculation of his?" "Yes. There's a man who wants to sell him a piece of Woodward avenue property for \$15,000, and he can turn his bargain over to Mr. Blank for \$5,000."

"How nice!" "The — it is!" growled a man across the aisle below his breath. "So it's her husband who is after my lot, and he can sell it to Blank for \$5,000 more. I rather guess not, old man—not this year! I'll hop off and hunt up Blank and have his option a half an hour."—Free Press.

Hard on the Squeehawk! Man. City Watchmaker—Who repaired your watch the last time? Customer—A watchmaker down to Squeehawk; he said he demagnetized it. City Watchmaker—He should have said he demoralized it.—Jewelers' Weekly.

CARL HERTZ, a San Francisco magician, now exhibiting in London, amazes and mystifies large audiences by the novelty of his tricks. One of the most admired illusions is to drop eggs into a tub of water, from which ducks immediately arise and swim about.

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A Germ Disease. The phlegm that is coughed up is those parts of the lungs which have been gnawed off and destroyed.

These little bacilli, as the germs are called, are too small to be seen with the naked eye, but they are very much alive just the same, and enter the body in our food, in the air we breathe, and through the pores of the skin. Thence they get into the blood and finally arrive at the lungs where they fasten and increase with frightful rapidity. Then German Syrup comes in, loosens them, kills them, expels them, heals the places they leave, and so nourish and soothe that, in a short time consumptives become germ-proof and well.

The great French orator, Berryer, never wrote his speeches. The substance of his legal arguments and of his addresses in the Chamber of Deputies was carefully studied, but his eloquence was spontaneous. He spoke as the heart dictated, and wit, grace, and force of expression seldom failed him.

Beside his recorded speeches, which are models of impassioned eloquence and forcible argument, many characteristic utterances are quoted by his biographers.

He was impatient of political insincerity. He was a Royalist, but he had nothing but scorn for those who were Royalist only when policy dictated their course.

A man who had renounced his Royalist principles under the Empire, said to him that he was "still true to the King at heart."

"To be true to the King, you must first be true to yourself," was Berryer's stern reply.

But Royalist though he was, when he defended one of Napoleon's generals after the restoration, he had the generous feeling and the courage to say:

"The King should not gather the dead from the battle-field to carry them to the scaffold."

After one of his speeches in the Chamber, a member who with a change of Governments had changed his principles, exclaimed:

"There is nothing so hateful as the cynicism of a revolutionist!"

"There is something worse," was Berryer's instant and crushing reply; "it is the cynicism of an apostate!"

When he addressed the bar of Paris at the fete given in honor of the fiftieth year of his membership of that body, he was overcome with emotion, and tears rolled down his cheeks.

He did not find the situation awkward or embarrassing, but said, as soon as he could command his voice:

"My friend M. Favre advised me to put on paper the few words I intended to speak to-day. His notes would be of no use to me; I could not see to read them."—The Nation's Companion.

He Was a Rebel Dog.

The publication of the statement that the Germans are training dogs for war recalls the fact that a soldier of Col. Bowen's regiment in the Confederate army had a large dog which invariably accompanied him on any duty whatever and was as good as a companion. The dog was as ardent a rebel as his master, and somehow or other seemed to have a preternaturally quick nose for a blue coat.

When the man was on picket duty his dog was always nosing about some distance in the front, and if there were any Federals within half a mile he would find them out and bark. He never ventured to attack them, but, like a cavalryman, took to the rear when an engagement was in progress, but after the battle was over he would reappear.

The man was finally killed while on the picket line by going to a spring after water in spite of the warnings of the dog, and the men of the regiment tried to keep the animal but he went away. He had no esprit de corps. His devotion was purely personal to his master.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Now They Test Flour. An incident occurred in the flour trade that created considerable amusement on 'Change recently.

The Jewell Milling Company had been showing a West India shopper several samples of fine city mill flour, which failed to suit him. When they inquired at last, in despair at their failure, what he wanted anyway, he replied: "I want a flour that will stick on the wall when the darkeys sample it, as that is the way they test their flour in the West Indies."

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