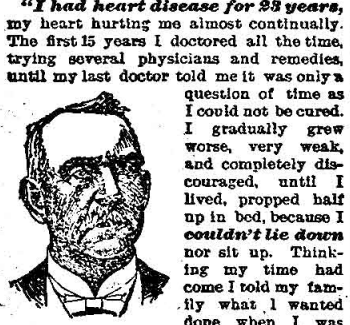


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NATURAL YEAST.

A Strange Discovery Recently Made in California.

It is a Fermenting Substance Which is Superior to the Kephir-Yeast Found in the Caucasus Regions.

A species of yeast closely resembling the kephir found in the regions of the Caucasus mountains has been discovered in California, says a San Francisco letter to the New York Tribune.

The original kephir-yeast, known to scientists as Kern's milk-ferment, is found in the Caucasus regions, and is called by the natives kephir, kiaphir, kefir, or kephir.

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The American kephir, in the process of fermenting milk, does not cause the milk to sour, in the ordinary sense. The mixture is acid, but no coagulation takes place.

THE HOLE SHUTS UP.

A Novel Way of Protecting Vessels from Cannon Shots.

The Danish government, which is active in perfecting its small but powerful fleet, has given a practical demonstration of the value of cellulose as a defense against the entrance of water, following the piercing of a ship of war by a projectile.

Origin of Weaving. Weaving appears to have been practiced in China more than one thousand years before it was known in Europe or Asia.

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GAME BIRD NOTES.

How the Brilliant songsters are killed. For the taxidermist.

A group of field gunners sat in a gun store discussing the scarcity of game when a newcomer entered. "I have just been around among the taxidermists," he said, "and I have been making inquiries about the song birds and the other birds celebrated more for beauty of plumage than their game qualities."

The gunners present did not agree with the speaker. Said one: "The unlawful shooting of song birds is still pursued by men and boys about Baltimore. The bird-mounters may get their skins from the east, but the goods are first shipped from here."

Anther said that the "cote" if it were a favorite warbler of the suburban resident, has become a rare bird. The English sparrow is probably his worst enemy, but many of them grace the tops of ladies' hats.

"The gunners said that while exercising their dogs in the spring they had frequently met men and boys with bags of song birds and plumage birds. Many of the species, they said, were migratory, but the pirates had no scruples against killing native specimens."

When one of the birds is killed the taxidermist first kills the bird by a blow on the head with a hammer, then he reaches in and pulls out the brain, leaving the bird in a state of insensibility.

A WARM SALUTE.

How a Jew about 77 finished an Argentine.

Good men, honest in their own belief and tolerant of those of others, can usually find some ground of sympathy. Alexander S. Merrill, a missionary in the east, one day at Gibraltar had a long conversation with a Jew on the subject of Scriptural traditions.

Clarissa—He kissed you, did he? Edith—Yes. C—Then you were mistaken in your estimate of him, after all. E—How so? C—Why, you said the other night that he was a man of excellent taste.

It has been frequently asserted that a prolific cause of baldness among men is their habit of wearing hats in their offices and other places of business.

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"Papa, why do we wish people a good-bye?" "But not a good-bye?" "Yes, because that but necessary."

VANITY HARD TO DOWN.

The Greatest Trial of Female Prisoners in Their History.

An extract from a past number, being asked the other day to describe some of the characteristics of the female prisoners, the warden said that one of the things that struck her most forcibly was the way in which the persons and warden of women prisoners remained strong within most of them to the last.

The wearing of prison uniform is a great blow to them. Few of them, when they enter, seem to expect that they would have to take off their ornaments and wear the ugly convict garb, and the plea for a ribbon or a ring more plentifully than they would for food.

"I remember the case of one woman in particular," said the speaker, "who managed to excite and sustain the envy of nearly all her companions in misfortune by keeping her short black hair shining with oil. How she did it, she would not say, but finally I took me to getting used to let her soap get perfectly dry. Then she would carefully skin off the grease that had risen to the top and use it on her hair. Then she drank her soup. Try to drink cold soup yourself, and you will be able to appreciate the sacrifice she made for vanity's sake."

"Another woman managed to rouse her checks, or which the prison life was setting in, in a very able par. This caused even more stir than the oil had, and when coaxing failed to draw her secret from her, the other prisoners made charge of favoritism again, and she was obliged to let the rosiness of her cheeks have private eyes denied to others."

"To do this she had to have a look-alike something permitted by the rules. And yet she had one piece of ordinary glass with a black ring behind it for quicksilver. When I found it on her bed, I examined it that week before she had subjected herself to punishment by breakfast of a pane of glass. With a piece of the broken pane she had constructed this primitive mirror, in which she got a distorted view of her features that did not give her great comfort, though why it should not rather depress her spirits to look at herself in such clothes and with crumpled hair, I never could understand."

The oldest literature records the passion for gambling. From the rudest savage at the bottom of the scale to the price of Wates at its top, the world is passionately fond of gambling in some way. The Indian was a gambler before he knew the use of alcohol; the Chinaman before he knew the use of opium; the ancient Greeks, the Hebrews, the Romans, the Egyptians were all veteran gamblers because they were drunkards because, as we argue, the gambling instinct grew out of the primitive passion of avarice and the desire to dodge labor and live by violence when you can; by fraud when you cannot; by force when you cannot do either.

Do not eat at night if you would study to the best advantage. If you want to fill your brain, do not fill your stomach at the same time. Rest your head and exercise your muscles gently for an hour or two after eating before settling down to your books. Then when your hours are over, take a walk in the open air, take a quick sponge bath and go to bed with your stomach empty if you would seek restful sleep to fit you for the mental exercises of another day of study.

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Close by, or Into.

A Wisconsin secular paper contains the following good story. Our Baptist friends must be delighted with it, and it really teaches a good lesson, viz: The absurdity of merely textual argumentation.

One who does not believe in immersion for baptism was holding a protracted meeting, and one night preached on the subject of baptism. In the course of his remarks he said: "Some believe it necessary to go down into the water, and come out of the water baptized."

He carried this idea out fully, and in due season and style closed his discourse, when an invitation was given to any who felt so disposed to rise and express their thoughts. Quite a number of the brethren arose and said they were glad that they had been present on this occasion; that they were well pleased with the sermon they had just heard, and felt their souls greatly blessed.

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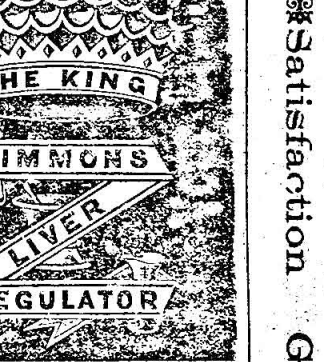
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