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It is known that the Buddhistic monks or bonzes in order to move the hearts of their coreligionists, will inflict the severest bodily chastisement upon themselves, and even mutilate their members. Their fanatical zeal and their desire to enter into the bliss of the Nirvana at times drives them even to suicide. On the island of Patu is found a high cliff from which those priests and monks who are ambitious to attain the holiness of Buddha hurl themselves into death. Others seek to secure the same end by ascending a funeral pyre which they set on fire with their own hands. The majority of the bonzes consist of men who become clerics against their will. As children of poor families, they are sold into the monasteries to be educated for the priesthood. Sometimes, however, Chinamen enter the order, and these are the ones who, as a rule, furnish the candidates for self-cremation. Several years ago announcement was made that on a certain day a young priest from the cloister of "the mount of the spirits" would burn himself alive. The faithful of both sexes who desired to attend the ceremony were urged to be present in good time, and were asked not to forget to bring something along as a gift to the zealous ecclesiast. When the multitude arrived at the cloister, another bonze, jealous of the attention and gifts secured by his colleague, declared that he would burn himself alive and hastened to make his preparations. Two piles of wood were erected, one on each side of the temple, so that those who could not get a good view of the one ceremony could do so of the second. During the hours preceding the ceremony, the candidates for death were surrounded by their relatives and friends and a curious crowd of outsiders who had come to ask of them their influence in the world above. Magnanimously both promised to aid all in their power, permitted themselves to be venerated as true Buddhas, and thereby increased the finances of the cloister materially. Finally, the first of the two ascended the pile, erected in the shape of a tent, and lighted it with his own hands, using an ordinary match. Until the flames and smoke made it impossible any longer to behold the monk, he could be seen in the flames, singing a sacred hymn and beating the time with a skull carved out of wood. An hour later the second candidate for death made his debut. He had closely watched his predecessor and coolly entered his own tent of death, and passed through the ordeal as the other.

The ashes and bones of the two were carefully gathered and deposited in the cloister of Wen-Chao, where they are preserved as sacred relics.—Milwaukee Germania.

The Repose of Plants.

Almost every observant child is aware of the fact that many plants fold up their petals or close up their leaves on the approach of darkness. The difference in the appearance of plants under such circumstances is remarkable. Scientists tell us that sleep is quite as necessary to plants as to animals, or at least periods of repose during which the raveled thread of exertion may be knitted up. A Norwegian experimenter was led to investigate the sleep of plants and to find out how much repose and what sort was most necessary for their well being. He subjected bulbs and twigs to the vapor of chloroform with the result that the plants showed the most remarkable subsequent developments. If it be true that chloroform takes the place of natural sleep in plants, the relation between plant and animal life in this particular must be very unlike. Sleep is supposed to be a gradual restorer. An anaesthetic produces a state simulating death. If, as medical science tells us, a very high grade of recuperative power is an evidence of great vitality as its absence is a mark of deterioration, is it proper to conclude that the temporary trance of bulbs and plants caused by chloroform may indicate that their vitality is far in advance of that of the human family?

Laws of Medes and Persians.

Several references are to be found in the Scriptures relating to the laws of the Medes and Persians. The phrases which have become so familiar to Bible and other readers regarding the unchangeableness of these laws are taken from the Books of Esther and Daniel. When the enemies of Daniel were afraid of his popularity they formed a conspiracy against him, obtaining an idolatrous decree, which Daniel was accused of breaking. They pressed the king to sign the decree, saying, "Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is that no decree or statute which the king established may be changed." It is not to be understood from this, however, that a royal decree was in every sense irrevocable or beyond the possibility of modification or repeal, but rather that edicts could not be capriciously altered, and that the despot was bound and regulated by past decisions and precedents. How a decree could be neutralized, even though it could not be reversed, is shown in the Book of Esther.

LADY OF THE STONE AGE.

What One Looked Like After Her Countenance Was Reconstructed.

From Germany comes the statement that two remarkable attempts have been made to reconstruct the countenance of persons who lived in prehistoric times. Prof. Kollmann, a distinguished surgeon and anthropologist of Basle, was the last who attempted this feat. Being a gallant man, he selected a lady for the purpose of the experiment. She lived during the stone age, at a place near where Auvernier, near Neufchatel, now is. Either by accident or design her skull was broken before she had reached her thirtieth year, and her body was laid to rest at the bottom of a lake, near her home. This curious human fossil was discovered a short time ago, and Prof. Kollmann at once determined to reproduce, as far as possible, the features of this mysterious lady of the lake. Her skull was in an excellent state of preservation. The first act necessary was to reconstruct the head, and this he did by placing thin layers of clay or other soft material around the skull until the proper size and shape was reached. The next step was to gain an idea of how much flesh there was originally on the head and face, and to this end he experimented on the skulls of several women who had just died. He inserted a needle here and there in the faces, in order to ascertain the thickness of the flesh in each place. He thus obtained some idea of the manner in which the flesh may have clothed the head and face of the lady of the lake. Among the corpses on which Prof. Kollmann experimented was that of a young woman whose skull was exactly like the stone one. The professor did his work with extreme precision, making exact measurements of the flesh on the face of various corpses and only reproducing in plaster on the stone face the exact amount and thickness of flesh which were necessary. He portrays the lady of the lake as a rather modern looking young woman, with a small face, a broad forehead, a nose somewhat turned up, and lips thick and ruddy. Soon after Prof. Kollmann had completed his work, Prof. Merkel made a similar experiment on the skull of a man which he found in the graveyard at Rosdorf, near Goettingen. This skull is not as old by several thousand years as the one reconstructed by Prof. Kollmann. The face as reproduced by him is that of a sturdy peasant about 50 years old. The remarkable fact about it, however, is the wonderful resemblance which it bears to the very faces of the peasants living in that district today. Those who have seen it say that it is exactly the same type of face, and that it is a proof of the permanence and purity of race.—New York Herald.

BLONDES AND BRUNETTES.

In Germany the Former Number Nearly One-Third of All Women.

The German Anthropological society has been collecting statistics relative to the comparative frequency of the blonde and brunette types and their distribution through the German empire. The observations were confined to school children, 6,000,000 of whom have been examined. For purposes of classification only those that had blue eyes and fair hair and skin were counted as blondes, and those whose eyes hair and skin were all dark, as brunettes. All others (for example, children with dark eyes and light hair or with blue eyes and dark hair and skin) were put in a third, or "mixed" class. In the empire as a whole, the blondes were found to number 31.8 per cent., the brunettes fourteen per cent., and the mixed types 54.2 per cent. In some districts the preponderance of the blonde element was much more marked—especially in a part of the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, where there were only four per cent. of pure brunettes. The effect of the brunette Roman element was marked distinctly in the southern and southwestern parts of the empire. Near Worms and Speyer one often sees faces which strongly suggest those of central Italy or Roman statues and paintings.

The Bear Came Out.

Harry Paige's Sacandaga Park bear, upon which money was wagered that it would or would not come out of its hut on Candlemas Day and decide the old tradition as to the length of winter, surprised its watchers Thursday by appearing, of its own accord, at the mouth of its den five days after the calendar date. For a month the bear has hibernated, and its only response to repeated prods was a grunt. It had not eaten anything during the thirty days, but gladly accepted a large quantity of cake from the owner. A photographer on the scene took pictures of Paige and the bear together, and bruin, whether he saw his shadow or not, returned to his hut and again fell asleep. Those interested in the bear's exploit are hesitating between the belief that the calendar is wrong or that the bears have lost caste as weather prognosticators.—New York Sun.

The Trail of the Sleuth.

First detective—That was a very neat piece of work. How did you guess that man was a woman in disguise? Second detective—I asked him why he was sitting there and he said "because."—New York Press.

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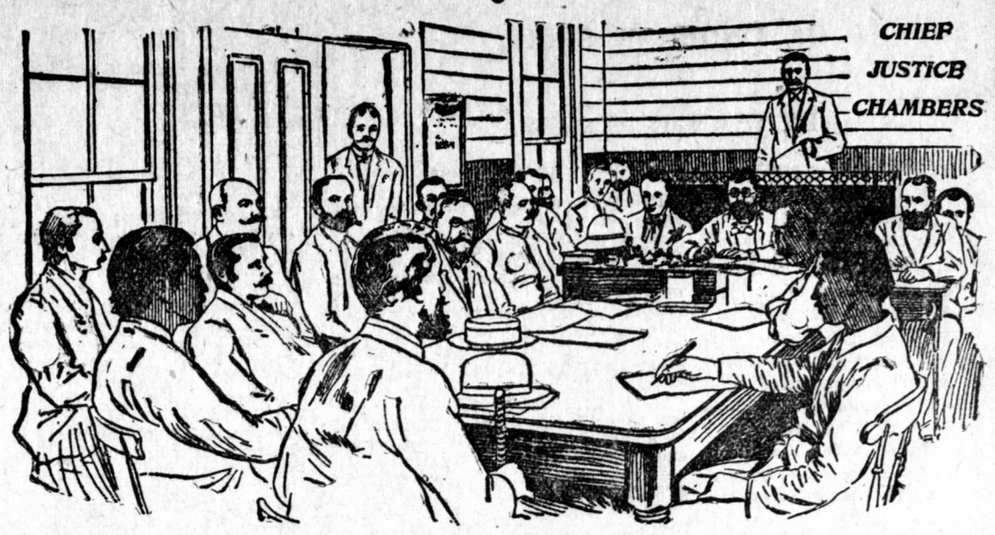

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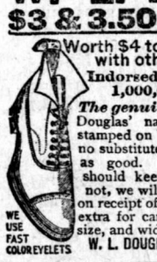

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