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INDIANS READY TO WORSHIP.

Simple Tricks Made Them Think the White Men Gods.

Even as late as the year 1805 there were Indians on the North American continent who had never seen or heard a gun, had never seen tobacco smoke and were capable of worshipping the white men who controlled these wonders. The Rev. A. G. Morley tells of some of the adventures of Simon Fraser, who has stamped his name on Canada. Father Morley writes as follows: "On landing at Lalie Stuart Fraser's men, to impress the natives with a proper idea of their wonderful resources, fired a volley with their guns, whereupon the whole crowd of Indians fell prostrate to the ground. To allay their fears and make friends tobacco was offered them, which on being tasted was found too bitter and acrid to swallow. Then, to show its use, the crew lighted pipes, and at the sight of smoke issuing from their mouths the people began to whisper that they must come from the land of ghosts, since they were still full of the fire wherewith they had been cremated. Pieces of soap were given to the women, who, taking them to be cakes of fat, set upon crunching them, causing foam and bubbles in the mouth, which puzzled both the actors and bystanders. All these phenomena, however, were soon explained away, leaving no suspicion in the native mind, but a most profound admiration for the foreigners and their wares."

THE FALL OF METEORITES.

Scientists Assert Hundreds Drop in the Course of a Year.

The total of 634 meteorites was known up to 1903, of which there were 182 from and only 74 stones in the western hemisphere, and 299 stones and only 79 from in the eastern hemisphere. The records show only the fall of 550 of these meteorites, dating back to the fifteenth century. Prof. Berwerth of Vienna, despite this small number of known specimens, calculates that 900 meteorites must fall to the earth each year, not counting shooting stars that disappear in the atmosphere, and that 55 of these at least should come under observation. Prof. Berwerth finds that meteorites have been chiefly recorded in civilized countries, but that in many instances they are more numerous in the unsettled districts, and that they have an especial affinity for mountainous areas.

Remedy for Muscular Fatigue.

In formic acid Dr. Clement of the French Academy of Medicine claims to have discovered a wonderful remedy for muscular fatigue. He combines it with bicarbonate of soda to save the stomach from distress.

Matta's Chief Industry.

Incense-making gives employment to about two-fifths of the population of Matta. Silk is the chief material used, but of late years cotton has been much in demand. The art is handed down from family to family.

Cattle Bring High Prices.

At a sale of shorthorn cattle in the capital of the Argentine Republic, national prices were recently paid for Scottish shorthorns; £1,610 was given for Newton Stone, a Montgomery-bred bull.

Gen. Tracy's Queer Hand.

Some time during the year before Gen. Tracy was appointed secretary of the navy and went to Washington to live, the Tracys had in their Brookline home an Irish servant girl who was something of a character. Tall, rawboned and muscular, cross-eyed and freckled, she was not much to look at, but her dignity was not to be trifled with. Unable to read or write, her ingenuity in evading the admission to her employers, one day when the members of the family were all away from the country she received a telegram from the general, and, taking it to the grocery store, she said to the proprietor, whom she knew well:

"Tom, there's just one word in this telegram I can't make out. The general does write such a queer hand."—New York Times.

Little Known Degree.

John Morley has been given the degree of L. D. by Edinburgh university, but the author of the "Life of Gladstone" will not use the distinction, nor will his friends "doctor" him. He already possessed the degree, anyway, and besides his elder brother was a Dr. Morley. Most public men are chary about making use of complimentary honors. But Sir Archibald Geikie tells about a Scotchman who was not so modest. The latter tucked the initials "L. F. P." on to the name he emblazoned on his visiting cards. "What does it mean?" his friends asked him. "Well, I saw it was the right thing to have the letters," he answered, "and as I didna ken what a' the fowles' letters meant, I thought I would put just L. F. P. It means 'Latit' from Paisley!'"

Japanese vs Scientists.

"No eastern nation is more strongly represented than are the Japanese in the English journals of science," says the London Lancet. "They possess an undeniably strong faculty for original research, and they combine this faculty with a sharp-sightedness as to the possibility of the practical application of the fruits of research. The Japanese chemist outstrips the power of originality of the English chemist and the practical invention of the German. There are several distinguished Japanese chemists who are fellows of the English Chemical Society, who were elected to their fellowship on account of their contributions to original science."

How Long Does a Tree Live.

Have you any idea what is the average length of a tree's life? Information has gathered by the German forestry commission assigns to the pine tree 200 years as a maximum length of life, 125 years to the silver fir, 275 to the larch, 245 to the red beech, 270 to the spruce, 160 to the birch, 170 to the oak, 145 to the chestnut, and 120 to the poplar. The heart of the oak begins to rot at about the age of 200 years. Of the holly it is said there is a specimen 300 to 350 years in existence near Awdley, Hampshire, in Germany.

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