

BOTANICAL WONDERS

Madake, a Japanese species of bamboo, grows to a height of 40 feet.

The flower stalk of the Adam's needle bears from 200 to 400 flowers in a season.

The kernel of the snake nut, a Brazilian oddity, looks exactly like a coiled serpent.

Every head of red clover consists of about 60 flower tubes, each of which contains an infinitesimal quantity of honey.

A curious shaped plant growing in Arizona and other desert regions of the great southwest is called "Our Lord's candle-stick."

The leading botanists of the world are unanimous in the opinion that plants grow faster between 4 and 6 o'clock a. m. than at any other time.

Bishop Culver, in his pamphlet entitled "A Million Pounds Sterling For a Black Flower," says that no perfectly black flower has ever been produced.

Seven hundred and sixty-two different kinds of plants have been found within the arctic circle. Ninety-five per cent of them are pale or absolutely colorless.

Roses discovered in tombs containing Egyptian mummies often have their colors perfect, even though some of those thus found must be over 3,000 years old.—St. Louis Republic.

ANIMAL FACTS.

The wolf is more cunning than the fox.

The elephant is almost as amphibious as the hippopotamus.

Wild birds do not sing more than eight or ten weeks in the year.

The common house sparrow flies at the rate of 92 miles per hour.

Naturalists who have investigated the matter say that a bat's heart is aided by the "rhythmic contraction of vein in the wings."

The leopard is the most meanly treacherous of all beasts, and the trainer never turns his back on one if he can possibly avoid so doing.

Reamur says that each thread of what we call a "spider web" is composed of about 5,000 separate fibers, and that it would take 27,648 full grown spiders a year to spin a pound of such silk.

DUSKY LIL.

Maybe Queen Lil will be present at the inaugural ball.—Baltimore American.

The visit of Liliuokalani to this country has no serious import. She simply dropped over to do a little Christmas shopping.—Kansas City World.

Queen Lil ought to understand that it is now everlastingly too late. It would be impossible to get her crown on straight with a derrier.—Book Island Argus.

The revival of "The Lily of Killarney" at one of our theaters may be intended as a delicate tribute to the visit of the ex-queen of Hawaii.—Boston Herald.

Ex-Queen Lil still regards herself as the heir to Hawaii's political fortunes and wouldn't mind having this country act as a kind of heir restorer.—Philadelphia Times.

The Sabbath Day.

Those who devote the day wholly to pleasure, as so many are doing at present, or even wholly to rest, make a grave mistake. God has set apart the Sabbath in a large degree and a special sense for worship, for study and meditation on holy things, for united as well as private prayer and praise, for Christian intercourse and holy deeds. It hurts a soul never to worship thus. But God means the day to be also one of real and refreshing rest. How this may be sought and enjoyed is one of the vexed questions. The only safe answer to it is to try to keep the heart warm with love for Jesus Christ and to regulate conduct on the Sabbath as you think He would in your place. And as for others, let them decide for themselves, and do not blame them if their conclusions do not coincide with your own. A Christ-like and Christ-rewarded Sabbath-keeping never involves or allows dictation.

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H. M. DAVISON,
City Clerk.
City Clerk's Office, City Hall,
December 15th, 1897-31.

KING OF THE BUMS.

Once a Hotelkeeper in Waterloo—Now Buried in Chicago.

Edmund G. Brown, better known as "Brownie, the King of the Bums," is dead. He died in Chicago. Brownie for years has been well known in the 1st ward politics, where he gained an international reputation in connection with the book "If Christ Came to Chicago," written by W. T. Stead, the London editor. When Mr. Stead came to Chicago and announced his intention of writing a book he looked around for a man familiar with the slums and one who could give him valuable pointers on that phase of life in Chicago. He chose Brownie, who proved to be a valuable assistant to him. For years Brownie had been known on the "levee." He was a habitue of every resort in the "tenderloin" district.

Brown was born in Middleton, near Montreal, Canada, 40 years ago. His father was a wealthy grain dealer and gave him the advantages of a college education. Soon after leaving college young Brown went to Watertown, N. Y., where he assumed the management of the St. Lawrence Hotel. About this time the elder Brown died, leaving his son \$25,000.

In three years the young man had spent the fortune. In 1881 he came to Chicago and put up at Walsh's lodging-house, No. 326 Clark street. He was without money, but because of his dress and education he was given the title of "king of the bums." He at once became active in politics, and since then has been a power in the 9th and 19th precincts.

His death is said to have been directly due to the inordinate use of cigarettes.

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THE CAR WINDOW.

It Resisted the Efforts of the "Strongest Man," But—

They were talking about car windows. It was in the smoking car of one of the Atlantic City express trains, and the man with the Trichonopolis had just sat down, after a ten minutes' wrestle with a blind that wouldn't budge the sixteenth of an inch, despite his frantic efforts. The man with the five-cent straight had just finished telling the story of how he had broken his wrist one day last summer in trying to oblige a lady who wanted her window raised, which, he said, was why he always rode in smokers now, when the man with the Spanish hand-made broke in and said: "I'll never forget the time I was traveling through Wisconsin last winter. It was a trip full of incidents, and one of the most impressive of them all was the battle a half-dozen of us had with a shade in one of the car window frames. It was an innocent-looking, harmless sort of thing, and it had the delicate appearance of a sickly child. Yet there wasn't a man in the crowd who could pull it down to shut out the blinding sun. We yanked it, and jerked it, and banged it until we were thoroughly enraged and exhausted, and it never budged. Finally one of the number said he'd fix the blamed thing, and he went out into another car. Presently he returned with a big, thick-set man with a determined air, whom he introduced as Herr Rocks, the famous strong man. This athletic gentleman walked up to the shade and, placing one hand upon it, gave a firm pressure. It didn't move and he put the other mighty hand upon it. Still it remained intact. Then he looked surprised and gave the thing a vicious tug. But it seemed to be a component part of the side of the car, so firmly was it imbedded in its frame. Well, this strong man pulled and hauled until the perspiration rolled off him in a stream, and the wooden shade didn't seem to mind it a bit. He asked a few of us to go into the baggage car with him, and we did. He unpacked a big box there and rolled out a lot of iron chains and balls, and big dumb-bells. With the assistance of some of the train hands we got these into the car. The strong man fastened his chains onto the obstinate shade, and with a mighty effort attached one of the dumb-bells to it. It didn't move a speck. Another and another of the weights he fastened to that delicate-looking piece of pig-headed cabinet work, until, gentlemen, would you believe it, 1,100 pounds were pendant from the thing and yet it didn't show a sign of the strain. We took the weights off and just about that time the colored porter came along. We told him we'd give him \$5 if he'd have the shade pulled down or torn out, and, you may believe me or not, but, gentlemen, he walked over to it, put one finger on it, and down it came as smooth as wax. How do I account for it? Well—

But just then the conductor yelled "Atlantic City!" and the explanation was lost in the scramble to get out into fresh air.—Philadelphia Record.

Where is the north polar continent that once figured on the maps? It is not so long ago that the renowned geographer, Petermann, believed he had good reason for faith in its existence. The pole was probably in this continent, and he thought that towering rocks near Bering Strait, now known to be an island, might be one of the termini of the great land mass. Faith in this theory has gradually weakened the farther men penetrated into the "White North," and now Nansen has thrown a flood of light upon the question. The ocean depths he has found to the north of Franz Joseph Land and Spitzbergen, the disappearance of animal life in that region, the structure of the ice, which is plainly formed at sea and not on land, and the free movement of the ice masses driven, as they are, in any direction by the prevailing winds, point inevitably to the conclusion that the man who reaches the north pole will probably find no land there, but a deep sea instead, covered by closely packed and drifting ice.—McClure's Magazine.

Interesting Relics.

Among the fragments of Egyptian papyrus at Dublin eighty lines or parts of lines of Homer's "Iliad" have been identified from books 4, 8, 21, 22 and 25 out of a manuscript of the third century before Christ's, before Homer had been put into shape by the critics of Alexandria. In the eighty lines thirteen do not exist in the "Iliad" as we have it. Professor Mahaffy asserts that the Alexandria scribes took great liberties with the text, and that if an early edition of the "Iliad" turns up in Egypt, there will be an addition in quantity of fifteen per cent to what we have.

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