THE ODD CORNER

The Mountain Climber.

With axe and rope and staff he dares the ascent
Well over wall, precipitous and high
Far up the snowy peak invades the sky,
Belted with cloud; and, as his gaze is bent
Toward the summit, eager and intent,
He weighs his perilous task; and then, with eye
And hand alert, toils upward steadily,
Until he stands victorious and content.
So do thou climb, O soul! the steep of life,
Attempting ever some diviner height
Above the lower levels of the world;
Up, counting not the effort nor the strife!
Up, where the peak is flushed with rosy light!
Beneath, far down, shall doubt and fear be hurled.
—Charles Goff.

Floating Prairies.

A curious phenomenon, known as prairies tremblantes, or floating prairies, prevails in Southern Louisiana, and is responsible for much damage during the annual overflow of the Mississippi river. All along the gulf coast the large border of land floats on the surface of the water. The land is made by fallen timber and grasses. It gradually accumulates earth and becomes in the course of time sufficiently firm to support bushes and even trees; but the soil is only three inches or a little less thick, and below it is the water, upon which it floats on account of its light ness. Occasionally pieces of trembling prairie are detached and become floating islands. There are quite a number of these islands, floating from side to side, being frequently carried at a rapid rate by the breeze, trees acting as sails to catch the wind.

Soldiers on Ski.

The Norwegian government has lately been setting soldiers in marching order to travel for several consecutive days on ski. The result has been to show that the military ski-runner of ordinary proficiency can travel over snow in fair condition just about as far as soldiers in marching order can move over ordinary roads free from snow. For several days the average distance was about seventeen miles.

The idea of ski-running, and of all forms of movement over snow and ice, is so associated with speed in our minds that it is difficult not to feel a sense of disappointment at this relatively poor rate of progress; but it is to be remembered that it is made over country where the soldier in his common footgear would make practically no way at all.—Country Life.

Tibetan Customs.

Kawaguchi Ke-Kai, a Japanese priest, who journeyed into Tibet, in describing the customs of the people says that as a substitute for soap the men ordinarily anoint their faces with butter instead of washing them. The combination of the butter with the natural secretions of the skin gives the countenance a lustrous black polish. The females do not use butter in this way, but boil down chips of toeha wood, which is a species of mahogany, and with the resinous wax thus obtained, usually of two tints, black and red, they color their cheeks in a fashion that they doubtless believe renders them exceedingly attractive to the Tibetan males.

Smuggler's Clever Trick.

Smuggling from Geneva into France used to be carried on at a great rate. Alexandre Dumas tells how Beaute, a famous watchmaker of that city renowned for his skill in smuggling, got the better of the Count de Saint Cricq, King Louis Philippe's director of customs, who was traveling as a detective. The count bought 20,000 francs' worth of jewelry on condition that it should be delivered free of duty in Paris. When he went up to his bedroom on arriving at the French capital he found his purchases on the dressing table. Beaute had bribed the count's valet to stow them away among his luggage.

Extraordinary Lakes.

On the Mangishlak peninsula on the Caspian Sea there are five small lakes. One of these is covered with salt crystals, strong enough to allow a man and horse to cross the lake on foot. Another is as round as any circle and of a lovely rose color. Its banks of salt crystals form a setting as white as snow to the water, which not only shows all the colors from violet to rosy red, but from it also rises a perfume as of violets. Both the perfume and the color are the result of the presence of seaweed.

Queer Underclothes.

Esquimaux women wear the most curious kind of underclothing, its peculiarity being that it is made of the skins of birds. These skins before being sewed are chewed well by the women in order to make them soft. About a hundred skins are required to make a shirt, and the labor of chewing the skins which form their garments is quite enough to account for the massive, well-developed jaws of Esquimaux women.

Set of Valuable Dishes.

Mrs. Freelon Starbird of West Farmington, Me., has a whole set—the blue rosebud pattern—of old-fashioned dishes. They have been in her family for more than 100 years. They were given by an old aunt to her grandmother at the age of four years, in 1794. She has many old pieces, among the rest a pewter platter. Not only one left from a set which went into bullets in 1812.

Offended Telephone Girl.

Herr Baltazal, a well-known sportsman in Vienna, is being sued for damages by a telephone exchange girl, whom, in the course of a dispute over the telephone, he had, in heated language, accused of not speaking the truth.

Has Bible Printed in 1516.

A Rockland, Me., woman, Mrs. Elliott Stone, owns a Bible which was printed in 1516. It came to her from the family of Gov. Bradford, of whom she is a lineal descendant.

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FLORIDA PHILOSOPHY.

Worry is a sleepless hag that never dies.

The envious always disparage everything.

A mighty soul knows how small the man is.

Nearly every great joy is purchased by some pain.

Digressions are often the brightest sunshine of life.

Sweet as the siren's tongue are the words of sympathy.

That which is within one's grasp, yet unobtainable, makes our greatest sorrows.

Never let a noble mind and a tender heart despair. Life holds too much that is sacred and true.

The man who thinks himself the people's superior to find out that the people soon look upon him as a small man.

Brush away the tears—smooth out the wrinkles—take a new grip upon life and turn your steps into the future and crown them with a royal diadem.

The greatest praise a human being can receive is that constancy is like the stars, and that the pledges of life are kept to the individual as true as they are to their spheres.—Florida Times Union.

SAYS THE MARRIED MAN.

The larger-hearted a man, the smaller his jurisdiction.

Women in love are subject to "changes" without notice.

I can tell the caliber of a woman by what she hasn't got on her hat.

Some few women are good listeners. I caught one once with her ear at the keyhole of my door.

There are women unmarried to-day who had their matrimonial campaign mapped out years ago.

Salvation is free, but, nevertheless, some women I know would expect trading stamps with it.

Since they excised that word "obey" out of the marriage clause it doesn't seem to make any difference.

I am not naturally timorous, but, whenever I see a woman with a roving eye, I dodge, instinctively.

I was a peacemaker in a domestic strife once. Since that time the man has three times borrowed money from me.

Sometimes, when I grow languid and feel the need of stirring up, I envy that fellow across the street who has a nagging wife.

A grave-looking woman has just entered the house. I'll bet there'll be a subscription list for something passed around at the dinner table.—New York Telegraph.

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