

A Useful Tree.
The cocoa palm is the most useful on earth. Fresh water is procured from the nut before it is ripe, a single drop of clear water, almost pure, for a little sugar; the nut, when ripe, is very nutritious; the milk from the nut is the good substitute for coffee; the green; wine is made from the sap and flower stalks, and its fermentation and distillation produces rum and brandy; the nutsheels furnish oil; and from the fibers are made all sorts of clothing, textile fabrics, and even the sails, ropes and cordage of ships; its juices furnish ink, and its leaves pens and paper. *Louis Globe-Democrat.*

There Are No Chinese Cripples.
Nobody ever sees a deformed or maimed Chinaman. When a deformed child is born he is promptly put out of the world. When an adult Chow is maimed he is generally put out of the world also. No one save the other knows exactly how it is done, but the general impression is that he is surrounded to hang himself or himself to fall into a waterhole. When a serious happens to a Mongol generally kills himself shortly afterwards, which probably means that a portion of his countrymen sit upon his head until he is extremely Chinese suicides are curious and are often worth investigating.

A Song Wins a Battle.
Instances are recorded where the tide of battle was turned by a song. In the case of November 6, 1762, the French under Dumouriez entered the Austrians at Jemmapes, Belgium. The day was going dead against the French when Dumouriez called out to the front and raised the Marseillaise. Forty thousand voices instantly took up the chorus, and in the magic of the battle song, the French rallied and fell so furiously on the Austrians that the tide of battle was completely turned and victory won for defeat.

Spring's Immense Earnings.
Henry Irving, who has just completed a professional visit of twenty weeks in this country, is reported to have received about \$600,000 in gross receipts during that time. It is said no other actor in a similar time taken in such a large sum of money. It is considered that during the winter people have felt the pinch of hard times this array of figures furnishes material for a good deal of thought. In this connection it is worth noting that the bulk of winter patronage does not come from wealthy.

A Strange Custom in China.
Among the Lolos in Western China is a custom for the bride on the morning to perch herself on the highest branch of a large tree, and the older females of her family climb on the lower limbs, armed with spears. When all are duly stationed, the bridegroom clambers upon the tree, and on all sides with blows, pushes pinches from the dowagers, and it is said he has broken through their hands and captured the bride that he is desired to carry her off.

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