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Sports in a Nutshell
 The sport of angling has been described as a line with a worm at one end and a fool at the other.
 This is not correct. The fools who go in for angling are not at an end. Neither are the worms.
 In early times anglers generally employed live bait. In the time of Jonah it was used for whales, though there is no record of any great catch. Probably it never had a fair trial, for the fishermen lost their profit by throwing their bait overboard in disgust.
 The first historical mention of the game of billiards is in the following striking lines from the Persian:
 The ball no question makes or eyes or noses,
 But, player or less as strikes the player, goes;
 But he who whispers audible asides,
 He knows about it all, he knows, HE knows.
 What can avail your highfalutin talk,
 Your champion cue, the color of your chalk,
 If your opponent thinks it is the game
 To pot the white and leave a double bank?

The game of billiards was known in Egypt, though the Pharaohs were more in favor of pyramids. Potiphar was the first player of note, but his fame was eclipsed later by Mark Antony and Cleopatra. Billiards was introduced into England by the Lombardy bankers, who displayed the three balls as a sign over their doors.
 The first historical example of a cycle was that known as the cycle of Cathay. This was used by the Chinese for racing against time. Time won.
 According to the "Cyclopaedia Britannica," machines were unknown in the Ring, or circular track, till the introduction of the Wagnerian cycles.
 Among the latest developments is the three-speed gear, which enables the cyclist to go simultaneously backwards, forwards, and sideways at three times the legal rate.
 Cyclists invariably take a back seat, excepting when riding tandem. Then they sit one in front of the other or one behind the other, according to the build of the machine.
 Football can be played in two ways, according to the handling code, and according to the footing code. The handling code always requires more players, and the footing generally requires more spectators.
 The idea of the game is simple. In the handling code the players aim at getting an oblate spheroid to penetrate the superficial area of a vertical plane bounded on two sides by perpendiculars, on the third by a horizontal, and on the fourth by heaven.
 In the footing code the object is to get a round ball into a square hole. The games are played between two sides and a referee who is armed with a whistle. This he wets after a match, with the help of the winning side. In the event of a draw the referee is removed by a draw.
 The earliest reference to football in history was when Robert Bruce, the Scottish International, scored six tries against England.
 Most sportsmen are enthusiastic gardeners, not only on account of the vigorous exercise, but also on account of the speculative chances which the pursuit affords.
 The sporting odds in favor of a sixpenny packet of apple seed, or whatever it may be growing up into apples, are about equal to those of the rankest outsider romping home first at 100 to 1. And the excitement is spread over a longer period.
 Gardening is essentially an outdoor game, and, as such, differs in many particulars from indoor pursuits which seem to be related to it. Thus, while indoors many first-class gardeners negotiate peas with a knife, they would never, out of doors, think of using anything but a fork.
 Horse-racing is called the sport of kings, after Richard III, who once remarked, "A horse is a horse, my kingdom for a horse," and never smiled again. He was subsequently discovered with a broken crown in the last ditch.
 The object in a horse-race is to get there first, but in spite of this even the slowest horses are frequently backed. There are three degrees of betting: bet, better, bust.
 Before a jockey is announced as a winner he is required to weigh out, and his example is followed by people who have forgotten to put their money on his horse.—Tit-Bits.

Coal Powder.
 "Atomized" coal—different from merely "powdered" coal because very minutely divided—is a new product that is finding important uses.
 It is used for making a high-grade paint and also as a substitute for lampblack in the manufacture of ink. Another valuable employment for it is in "facing" foundry molds, to give the surface a smooth finish in preparation for castings.

Calico Forbidden.
 Calicut, the storm-centre of the Indian riots in Malabar, gave a new word to the English dictionary by the cotton-stuffs originally exported there, and known as "calico."
 It was calico from Calicut that caused serious trouble in England two centuries ago, when the Spitalfields weavers went about assaulting anyone whom they saw wearing the Indian cotton goods, which they feared, not without reason, would injure their own trade.
 Consequently an Act of Parliament was passed forbidding the use of calico under a penalty of £200. Nowadays Calicut exports more teak and sandalwood than calico.

Exit Columbus?
 Did Columbus really discover America?
 The question has arisen as a result of the germination after thousands of years of seeds of the moon flower obtained from a bridal wreath found on the head of the five-thousand-year-old mummy of an Egyptian princess.
 Questions on the subject of the seeds were addressed to the secretary of the Royal Botanic Society by a correspondent who declared that these seeds had grown and flowered.
 The answer of the curator was that the story was an improbable one. The moon flower is a native of tropical America, and for a wreath of it to have been found on the head of an Egyptian princess of that time would mean that America must have been discovered by the Egyptians 4,600 years before Columbus.

Whale-Spotting From the Air.
 A group of adventurous British airmen is about to demonstrate how airplanes may be used to advantage by whaling companies for whale-spotting. It is believed that the advantages of aerial spotting would greatly augment the efficiency of whaling fleets and in this manner more than compensate for the expense of the air service.

A YOUNG OLD LAND.
 New Guinea is One of the World's Ancient Spots.
 New Guinea, second largest island on the globe, occupies the paradoxical position of being at once the oldest and youngest spot on the earth. There are found animals that roamed centuries ago, when ferns grew to the size of giant trees and glaciers were making valleys, and there too is one of the few unexplored portions of the world.
 Thirty-six years ago Great Britain, Holland and Germany divided the island on paper, and with the exception of a few trading posts on the coast little change has been made. The portion formerly held by Germany has been placed under the control of Australia. The interior is still held by wild tribes which bear a strange resemblance to the Negroes of Africa and their origin is a mystery. The Papuans, as the natives are called, are Ethiopian in almost every characteristic—wooly hair, flat noses and thick lips, while the natives of the adjacent islands are Malayan.
 The Papuans seem to have a weakness for elevated homes. In the northern and eastern portions of the island they build their houses on piles and in the southeastern part they live in rude huts in the trees. While undeniably savage, head hunting and cannibalism are still practiced there. The natives have the virtue of cleanliness to a marked degree. Bathing with them is almost a part of their religion, and they believe the spirits of the departed are as much addicted to water as the living. This belief accounts for the carefully made paths which lead from every grave in a tribal cemetery to the water. The living have made smooth the way of the dead to the bath.
 The area of the island is close to 300,000 square miles and supports a population estimated at 1,000,000. If New Guinea could be superimposed on the United States with its southeastern point at Norfolk, Va., it would extend across Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota, its Canadian border not far from the Montana line. At its greatest width it would extend from the northern end of Lake Michigan to a point just south of Terre Haute, Indiana. Virtually the only portion of the island known is the coastal region and is, of course, tropical in character, as the equator is only about twenty miles off its northernmost point.
 The animal life in New Guinea is strange to western eyes and represents a fauna of bygone ages. All of the native animals are marsupials, having pockets, like the opossum of North America, and many of them lay eggs, like birds. In the number and beauty of its birds the island is without a rival. One of the most beautiful members of the feathered family native to the island is the gorgeous bird of paradise. Bird skins form one of the chief items of export from the island.

A Bomb You Can Steer.
 A "dirigible bomb," that can be steered toward the target by wireless after being let fall from an airplane, is the novel invention of Elmer A. Sperry.
 Ordinarily, when bombs are dropped from aircraft, the chances of a miss are great. The speed and altitude of the plane or balloon have to be taken into account, and the wind also. Obviously it would be of utmost advantage if the path of descent of the gravity projectile could be changed at will while it was falling.
 The Sperry dirigible bomb carries a parachute, which, unfolding as it starts to drop, not only slows the rate of its descent, but incidentally serves as a "drag-rudder." By tilting this drag-rudder in one direction or another the bomb's path of descent is controlled.
 As the projectile starts to fall a second and very tiny parachute is liberated from the top of the bomb to support vertically a wire that serves the purpose of an antenna. It is by the help of this antenna that the man in the airplane is enabled to operate the radio apparatus carried in his machine as to alter at will the angle of the drag-rudder. While the bomb is going down he circles about and steers it by radio. All he has to do to make the bomb turn this way or that is to turn a handle connected with his radio sender in the desired direction. Thus the bomb is made to land exactly where it will do the most good—meaning, of course, the most mischief.

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