

IN ARCADY.

Not a movement, not a murmur in the wind; Not a bird-note, not a whisper in the air; Not a fancy, not a feeling in the mind...

A PASSAGE AT ARMS.

The man from Africa did not think much of the professor. From his place at little Mrs. Arran's right hand he some times included the scientist in a casual glance...

promised that he would think about it. It was a blow to him that Mrs. Arran had been so easily shaken in her resolves, and a long dormant battle spirit was beginning to move within.

man as a means of bringing her too forgetful scientist more certainly to her side. —Chambers' Journal.

Origin of Mt. Vernon. In the war between England and Spain in 1739 history records "how we, as colonists of the mother country, tendered our sympathy and support."

Toistol and Slumming. Tolstoi had for neighbor in the country Turgenieff until the latter's imprisonment and exile. It was Turgenieff who first made Tolstoi's writings known in the West...

Facts for the Curious. About 20,000 English ships entered the 19 free harbors of China in 1896. They carried only English goods.

Fishing for Sponges.

How They are Sighted and Brought up From the Water.

The sponges of commerce and the dried specimens of other species are not the actual animals, but merely the skeletons, or framework, that which constitutes their vital parts is removed in preparing them for market.

Sponges do not have the power of motion possessed by most animals; they are nearly always attached to submerged objects. Since it is impossible for them to go in search of food, they can grow only in places where there is plenty of food such as they require.

They are more active in fresh than in still water, and die in a short time if exposed to the air. The surface of a living sponge is covered with minute pores, through which water is imbibed, carrying with it both the air and the organic particles necessary for the support of life.

Skillful and Artisanal Carving Done by the Native Artisans in India.

An official report issued in India under the name of the Agricultural Ledger, concerning artistic work in bison and buffalo horn in that country.

Do Fishes Sleep?

This question was addressed to Eugene G. Blackford, formerly Fish Commissioner of New York State.

Humor at the Altar.

Some funny stories are told about the marriage service. One of them relates how an altar could not be induced to repeat the responses.

Once When Joe Jefferson Inquired in More Than a Stage Sleep.

While he was playing "Rip Van Winkle" at Chicago, Jefferson once went into the theatre very much exhausted by a long day's fishing on the lake.

Gladstone as a Preceptor.

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The Nearer World.

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Charms and Luck.

More than half of the men I know wear in their pockets some sort of talisman in their pocket some sort of talisman...

He Hired the Whole Circus.

"Times," said Senator Sorgum, reflectively, "ain't like they used to be. There's too much formality. We're getting to wear the first thing that's done when a good old fashioned impulse asserts itself to tie some red tape around it and choke it off."

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