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### CAMELS OUTDONE. freatures That Go For Extended Periods Without Drinking.

Other creatures than the camel are able to get along for extended periods without drinking. Sheep in the southvestern deserts go for forty to sixty days in winter without drink, grazing on the green, succulent vegetation of that season. Peccaries in the desert of Sonora live in little dry hills where there is no natural water for long periods. They cannot possibly find water-In fact, for months at a time. The only moisture they can obtain comes from toots and the fruits of cacti, but the most extraordinary case is that of the pocket mouse, one of the common rodents of the desert. This little creature, by the way, has a genuine fur lined "pocket" on the outside of its cheek. When it is hungry it takes food from this pocket with its paw, just as a man would pull a ham sandwich from his pocket. One of these mice has been kept for three years with no other food than the mixed bird seed of commerce. During this period it had not a taste of ither water or green food. Other experimenters have found, in fact, that these mice in captivity refuse such reats, not seeming to know that water s good to drink. The bird seed put before this mouse contained not more than 10 per cent of moisture, which is less than is necessary for digestion. Stuff so dry as this cannot even be swallowed until it is moistened by saliva. Yet this remarkable mouse gave nothing but his time to the interests of science. He suffered nothing in health or spirits during his captivity .-Brooklyn Eagle.

#### SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS

#### The Help They May Afford to Slow and Indifferent Talkers.

At no time more than when a thought is struggling toward expression should a friend bear with a friend's infirmities. A deep sympathy should be poured out with lavish affection about the one who is seriously striving to say some real thing. In this atmosphere of patient, sympathetic intelligence the inept word, the crude phrase, the wholly inadequate expression will be enabled to do their work, and the thought transference will be effected; the thought will be safely lodged in the mind of the other, slightly bruised in transit, but intact and intelligible. With an "I know what you mean," "Exactly," or "Go on; I understand," much help may be rendered, and at last when the thinker of the thought has placed his friend in possession and by reason of this effort has entered into fuller possession of it himself, the conversation is in a way. to begin. Then lavish upon the elaboration of the thought all the beauties that can be

## ODORS IN THERAPEUTICS. Perfumes and Their Use In the Prac-

tice of Medicine. Odors, whether agreeable or dis-

agreeable, are not causes of disease in the sense generally taken. They may disorder certain healthy functions by impairing nervous energy, by diminishing wholesome respiration and thus creating a predisposition to attack by disease.

Severe faintness is sometimes observed to overcome persons upon their entrance into a room in which tuberoses are kept. Headache is often produced by the odors emanating from the honeysuckle, lily, rose of Sharon or carnation. The odor of betony in flower is said to have caused intoxication in those who gather it. The making of linseed decoctions and the triturating of roses, pinks, walnuts or colocynth are often accompanied by attacks of syncope.

Attempts have been made to utilize odors in therapeutics. The odors of vanilla and heliotrope are credited with possessing a soothing influence over persons subjected to attacks of nervousness. The use of toilet water in the form of a spray will often restore those exhausted with the cares of business, social or domestic duties. In the east the use of perfume is considered a purifier, though we look upon it merely as a luxury. It is asserted that those who are employed in laboratories where perfumes are made or among growing flowers are healthy to an extent exceeding those not so employed .--Medical Record.

## MUSIC'S MIGHTY REALM.

In It There Is but a Single and Universal Speech.

"In the mighty realm of music there is but one single speech." Music forms the universal language which, when all other languages were confounded, the confusion of Babel left unconfounded. The white man and the black man, the red man and the yellow man, can sing together, however difficult they may find it to be to talk to each other. And both sexes and all ages may thus express their emotions simultaneously, for in virtue of the power of the ear to distinguish side by side those differing but concordant notes which make up harmony there is not only room, but demand, for all the qualities of voice which childhood, adolescence, maturity and old age supply. Thus a love of music is much more frequent than a love of painting or sculpture, and you will reach the hearts and touch the feelings of the majority of mankind more quickly by singing them a song than by showing them a picture. In truth. the sensitiveness of the ear to melody and to harmony is so great that we not only seek to gratify it when bent upon recreation, but even in the midst of the hardest labor we gratify

Queer Little Blunders. From an account of the Doncaster (England) Art club's annual exhibition

it if we can.-London Catholic Times.

## THE DEVIL'S CODE.

#### Legend of a Monk, Satan and a Quick Night's Work.

Stockholm's public library contains a wonderful work which is called "The Devil's Code" and which, in addition to its extraordinary name, is said to be the biggest manuscript in the world. Every letter is most beautifully drawn. and the magnitude of the work is so great that it seems impossible for any ingle monk to have done it.

The story of the origin of the manuscript, however, not only gives it as the work of one man, but also states it to be the work of a single night. The story runs as follows:

"A poor monk had been condemned to death, but was told mockingly by his judges that if he was able to copy the whole 'Code' between darkness and dawn he would be saved. Relying upon the impossibility of the task, those who sentenced him furnished him with the original copy of the 'Code,' with pen, ink and parchment, and left him. "Death must have been as little liked in the middle ages as it is now, for the monk, forgetting the hopelessness of his task, commenced it. Before long, however, he saw that he could not save his own life by such weak exertions and, fearing a cruel and horrible death, he invoked the aid of the prince of darkness, promising to surrender his soul if he were assisted in the task.

"The levil kindly obliged by appear ing on the spot, accepted the contract and sat down to the work, and next morning 'The Devil's Code' was finish ed, the monk being found dead. The copying clerk from the infernal regions presumably fled away with the poor man's soul as soon as the wicked compact was finished." - Pearson's Weekly.

#### Embarrassing.

A New York judge, speaking of a mistake that had been made, said: "It might have been embarrassing-as embarrassing as the position of a young man of Toledo whom I heard about the other day. He had been calling now and then on a young lady, and one night as he sat in the parlor waiting for her to come down her mother en tered the room instead and asked him in a very grave, stern way what his intentions were. He turned very red and was about to stammer some incoherent reply when suddenly the young lady called down from the head of the stairs, 'Mamma, mamma, that is not the one!"

#### Remembered the Text.

A little Topeka girl came home from church the other day and was asked what the minister's text was. "I know it all right," she asserted. "Well, repeat it," her questioner demanded. "Don't be afraid and I will get you a bedquilt," was the astonishing answer Investigation proved that the central thought of the sermon had been, "Fear not, and I will send you a comforter.' -Kansas City Journal.

#### Nurses and the Clergy. A prominent London clergyman, in referring to the fact that the tendency to encourage the visitation by the cler-

gy of the sick in acute cases is less than it was, remarked that "this is probably one of the results of the more careful system of modern nursing, which lays stress on the importance of keeping the sickroom quiet. The old idea was that the friends of the sick person should be allowed to crowd into the room Now the nurse shuts them out, with good results in the main. The nurse has, therefore, become an exceedingly powerful force in regulating the arrangements of the modern household when there is illness in the home, and it often practically rests with her, more than with the doctor, to determine whether the patient shall be visited by the parish priest."

Curious Chinese Playing Cards. A pack of Chinese playing cards is a genuine curiosity. They are generally printed in black on thin cardboard, the average width and breadth being about that of the finger of a human being. In some cases they are only half an inch broad and about three and a half inches in length. The length, no odds what the size, is always at least six times that of the width. Some of the packs have queer representations of our "kings," "queens" and "knaves" stamped upon them in black. Others are decorated with the figures of animals, birds and fishes. Those used by mandarins and high officials bear only fig-

He Had Been There.

ures of mythological creatures.

The clergyman was holding a chilgowns." dren's service at a continental resort. During the lesson he had occasion to catechise his hearers of the unjust steward steward?" he asked. A had arrived from Engl before, held up his ha

man, sir," he replied, cent look on his face, a basin."-London Glob

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Cordiality is the least expensive and farthest going of all commodities, and its practitioners represent our best successes. It is the key which unlocks the social and business doors, bringing men closer together, helping them to better work together, lightening their burdens and changing the twilight of trouble into the sunlight of happiness.-"Gumption," by N. C. Fowler, Jr.

To Do Good. It is an eternal and inevitable condition that to do good we must be good. When any one is a truly good man, then even if he takes no part whatever in holy wars against the sin of the world his mere unconscious influence becomes a blessing to others.--Woman's Life. Life is to be fortified by many friend-

ships. To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.-Syd. (Formerly of Bellefonte,) ney Smith.

If olive oil congeals in freezing weather, it is a sign that it is adulter ated with lard. Very few bottles of so called olive oil will stand this simple test-in fact, we seldom get the pure thing, and, if we did, the chances are that we could not eat it. At least, that was the experience once upon a time of one woman who used a great deal of mayonnaise dressing upon her table and had supposed that she doted on olive oil. An Italian friend bestowed upon her a flask of the peculiarly green fluid. To her surprise, not one of her family, herself included, could bear its taste. There was a tang to it which showed them that they had never eaten olive oil before and that they never wanted to eat it again. So they gave the flask away.-New York Telegram.

Pure Olive GIL.

#### Thackeray's Apology.

Thackeray once wrote in a note to a friend, alluding to an incident occasioned by one of his articles in Punch: "I thought over the confounded matter in the railroad and wrote instantly on arriving here a letter of contrition and apology to Henry Taylor for having made what I see now was a flippant and offensive allusion to Mrs. Taylor. am glad I have done it. I am glad that so many people whom I have been thinking bigoted and unfair and unjust toward me have been right and that I have been wrong, and my mind is an immense deal easier."

A Great Idea. "My new play is sure to make a hit," said the great actress. "It gives me an opportunity to display twenty new

"Gracious!" exclaimed her friend "How many acts?" one of them the ker's."-Philadel-

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commanding talift of Providence n to us. They rise expected. They eems disposed to produce them, or at least to call them forth.-Burke.

Evolution. "There is an old proverb that a man becomes what he eats." "Then I suppose all the cannibals will be missionaries in time."--Cleve-

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woven out of words - precision, balance, music-but let us, dear lovers of language, remember to be discreetly gentle and listen with averted glance while the thought is still in negligee .--Atlantic.

#### The Cellars of Bordeaux.

The cobwebs will seem to an impres sionable visitor the noblest things in the Bordeaux cellars. Some of them look like thick pile curtains, somber in hue, of course, but famously suggestive of warmth. And with even only a derate imagination one may go to and fro among the barrels fancying the pendent shapes overhead are dusky stalactites instead of the airy next to nothing as they really are. If you hold your candle high enough you may shrivel a few yards of the fabric. But that were truly a shocking deed of vandalism, for, though no layman can understand why this dismal tapestry is reverenced as it is, his ignorance will not be held sufficient excuse for his crime.-Chambers' Journal.

Marriage by Proxy.

In Tiolland, says a Scotch paper, marriage by proxy is allowed. This is the so called "marriage by the glove" and is usually put in practice by a Dutchman who is sojourning abroad and, wanting a wife, is too poor or too far off to return home for one. In such a case he writes home to a lawyer, who selects one conformable to the requirements of his client. If the gentleman approves he next sends the lawyer a soiled left hand glove and a power of attorney, which settles the business. A friend marries the woman by proxy, and she is thereafter promptly shipped off to her new home.

#### What a "Hurricane" Is.

"Hurricane" is the old Spanish name for a West Indies cyclone, but it is used by modern meteorologists to designate a long continued wind of extreme violence. In Beaumont's scale the different winds are classed as "light," "gentle," "fresh" and "strong" breezes. The next is a "stiff" breeze, then a "strong" wind and then we strike the "gales." The "gales" run through three or four classes, the last merging into the "hurricane,"

It Happened In Vineland. "Shay, off'sher," the man with the liquid burden remarked to the policeman, "shee all 'em houses runnin' by?" "Sure," replied the policeman good umoredly, "I see them."

"Well, when num'r six-twent'fi' comesh 'long shtop it, caushe 'at's mine!" — Philadelphia Ledger.

Duty stands for the most part close at hand, unobscured, simple, immedi-ate. If any man has the will to hear her voice, to him is she willing to enter and to be his ready guest.-Francis Peabody.

also goes in for portraiture. In hitting off her father's head her intentions are good, but the execution lacks very much in artistic finish."

In the London Mail's description of a parade in honor of the king of the Hellenes the reporter said: "The soldiers, clad only in their scarlet tunics, presented an unpleasant contrast with the warmly clad members of the police force.

From the windows of a British tailor: "We have cleared a Scotch merchant's remains of high class overcoatings at a big reduction."

Not a Born Forger.

The indorsement of checks is a very simple thing, but, as the following story will show, it, too, has its difficulties: A woman went into a bank where she had several times presented checks drawn to Mrs. Lucy B. Smith. This time the check was made to the order of Mrs. M. J. Smith-M. J. were her husband's initials. She explained this to the paying teller and asked what she should do

"Oh, that is all right," he said. "Just indorse it as it is written there." She took the check and, after much hesitation, said, "I don't think I can make an M like that."

Hair. Animal hair differs in construction from that grown on a human head. In human hair the upper skin is smooth and thin. The circular section is comparatively broad, forming the main part of the hair shaft. It is striped in appearance and carries the color matter. The tubular part is thin, extending to about one-fifth and certainly not more than to one-quarter of the entire width of the hair. Animal hair also consists of three parts, but these are differently constructed, the tube often filling the entire hair.

#### The Real Need.

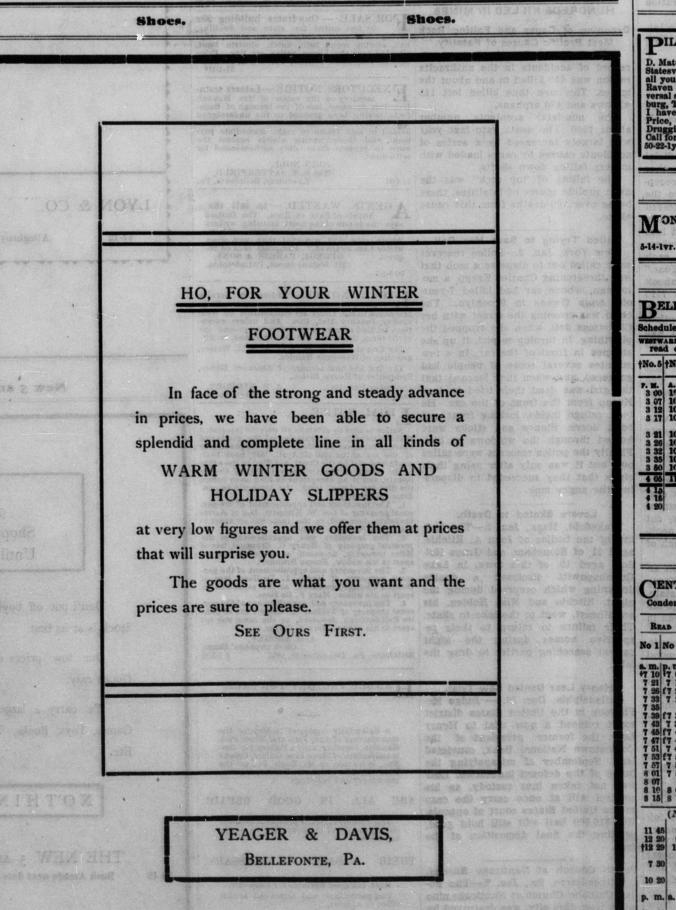
"He said he would lay the earth at my feet," said the sentimental girl. "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "It sounds good, but it is not practical. You already have the earth at your feet. What you want is a three or four story house over your head."-Washington Star.

#### Why He Loved Her.

Minister — Bobby, do you love your teacher? Bobby (six years old)—Yes, tir. Minister-That's right. Now tell me why you love her. Bobby-Be cause the Bible says we must love our enemies.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

#### What Distinguishes Man.

The difference between man and the so called "lower animals" is that he alone cooks his food and wears artificial clothes. And these are the two that injure his health!-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.



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