

Bellefonte, Pa., March 29, 1907.

Knives Are Tiny Saws. Knives, no matter how carefully sharpened, are little saws. The grinding away of the steel, done by the stone, is not an even work, but when the edge gets thin is a process of tearing away tiny bits of steel by the grit of the stone. This tearing makes the teeth. A fine stone makes fine teeth, a coarse stone coarse teeth. A carving knife used on meat is sharpened on a coarse stone or a steel and has coarse teeth, although its edge is thick. Its action in parting the meat is more that of a saw than a fine wedge. No matter how soft it may be it will not cut easily unless it is drawn over the meat and not simply pressed down. A razor, however, with its paperlike edge, will cut into flesh with a simple pressure. It is a wedge dividing the fibers of flesh just as a wedge of iron divides the fibers of the log it splits. But a razor is a saw, too, only as it is ground on the finest stones and later finished

with a leather strap, its teeth are very

fine indeed-hundreds and hundreds to

the inch of blade.-C. H. Claudy in St.

Origin of Curtain Calls. The first curtain call took place on the evening of Feb. 26, 1743. On that memorable evening Voltaire's "Me: rope" was performed for the first time in Paris. The author was known to the Paris public, but nothing that they had seen of his had pleased them so much as "Merope," and the enthusiasm found expression in noisy demands to see the author. In a letter Voltaire says this of the incident: "They dragged me out and led me by force to the box occupied by the Duchesse de Villars and her daughter-in-law. The whole theater seemed to have gone mad-all shouted to the duchesse to kiss me. The noise became so great that the lady finally obeyed. So I was, like Alain Chartier, publicly kissed, but he was asleep, while I was wide awake." Now authors answer similar calls by appearing before the curtain. They gain in so far that they can be seen better by their audience, but they must dispense with the duchesse's kiss-at least in public.—Berliner Tageblatt.

Pronunciation of "Theatre." If "theatre" was originally written "theater" in English, has its pronunciation also varied among the orthodoxthat is to say, was there ever a time when correct speakers said "theayter," as many of the incorrect still do? There is no direct evidence in verse of a serious kind for such pronunciation so far as we know. Shakespeare certainly pronounced the word as we do now, says a London journal. But since "theayter" does really represent a long "a" of the original Greek and Latin it is not easy to understand how the vulgar could have blundered on to it of their own accord. It would have been more comprehensible if they had turned an orthodox "theayter" into "theater," just as the second "a" in "Amasis" goes too often popularly shortened now. The French language has had to mark the length of the "a" in "theatre" by giving it a rather irregular circumflex

Luck In Falling. luck will now and then play a chap," said a prominent physician recently. "Take, for instance, the breaking of bones in one's body. Did you ever stop and think how very many hard and high falls a man can have, light tatoes once touched by frost are ruined. on rocky ground with half his body twisted under the other half, so to speak, and come off with not even a scratch? Then, again, a fellow will just trip over his own foot and, falling to the ground, break a leg or an arm. A good many will say it all depends on how one alights, but that seems to have absolutely nothing to do with it, as I have seen a man alight in a certain way from a high fall and never injure himself, and then again have I seen a second chap alight in the same identical way and break a leg and an

Diplomatic Reticence. The social reformer was paying a visit to the convicts in the penitentiary and asking them various ques-

arm."-Columbus Dispatch.

"And what are you doing here, my friend?" he said to a good looking man in the shoeshop. "Making shoes," was the reply that

discouraged any further inquisition in that direction.

The father of Tom Corwin, the famous Kentucky statesman, orator and wit, felt that he was too poor to make a scholar of more than one child of his large family, and so the elder brother, Matthias, was kept at school and Thomas placed at hard work on the farm. The breaking of a leg proved a happy incident in the life of the boy, as the enforced confinement gave him time for devotion to his beloved books. and he committed a Latin grammar to memory. Upon his recovery he again importuned his father to send him to school and, meeting a refusal, deliberately broke his leg the second time that he might have leisure to study. His heroic determination to learn resulted in his being placed in the same institution attended by his brother, where his natural ability and great industry gathered a thorough knowledge of the best English literature and a fair acquaintance with the Latin classics.-Ohio

Why Horses Shy.
The horse shied at a piece of white paper, and the rider tumbled off into

the mud. "It is well for the world," said an automobilist, smiling, "that it is ceasing to use the horse for a servant. The horse is a half blind giant, with the mind of a baby. No wonder, then, that when we trust out lives in his keeping he is apt to go back on us.

"His main trouble is his eyes. So poor is the horse's sight that he mistakes a bank of snow for a fierce white beast. A mud puddle at his feet is a yawning chasm. A shadow flung across his path is a black terror seeking his life; hence the weakminded, nearsight ed, powerful horse goes through life beside himself with fear. He is no more to be trusted than a maniac, and, like a maniac, he sees a monster awaiting him at every corner. Yet we get on his back, fools that we are."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

How Clouds and Fogs Differ. Clouds are bodies of moisture evaporated from the earth and again partially condensed in the upper regions of the air. Fogs differ from clouds only in one respect-they come in contact with the surface of the earth while clouds are elevated above our heads. When the surface of the earth is warmer than the lower air the vapor of the earth, being condensed by the chill air, becomes mist or fog. But when the lower air is warmer than the earth the vapor rises through the air and becomes cloud. Fog and mist differ in this respect-that mist is a fine rain, while fog is vapor not sufficiently condensed to allow of its precipitation in

The Fata Morgana. The most singular aerial phenomenon is the fata morgana, a sea mirage seen off the coast of Calabria and between Italy and Sicily. It presents the phantoms of cities, houses, temples, palaces and ships, sometimes in their proper position, sometimes inverted, occasionally at an angle. The phenomenon has been known for many ages and formerly occasioned great and widespread alarm, being regarded as an evil omen that betokened some general and severe calamity.

Curious Effects of Frost. An egg expands when it is frozen so much that the increased bulk breaks the shell. Apples, on the contrary, contract to such an extent that a full barrel will shrink until the top "It's a peculiar thing the tricks that layer will be a foot below the chime. When the frost has been slowly and carefully drawn out they again assume their normal size and appearance. Apples can be transported when the mercury is 20 degrees below zero. Po-

> An Easier Trip.
> "The president of this road," remarked the man in the corner of the smoking compartment, "is one of those old fashioned railroaders. He began as a brakeman. Instead of riding over the line in a private car to inspect it, he walks over it." "I don't blame him," declared the man who was making his first trip on the road.—Cleveland Press.

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ment. -"and I have been taking a cigar out of his case every day for the last three months. Well," she went on, "I've got a hundred now, and I'll give them to him for a birthday present." - Ex-

Cash Better Than Time.

"Have you a few moments to spare?" "Young man," said the capitalist severely, "my time is worth \$100 an hour, but I'll give you ten minutes." "If it's all the same to you," thoughtfully replied the visitor, "I believe I would rather take it in cash."-Ex-

Over There. "And, best of all," said the boastful American, "we have no titled aristocracy to support over here." "No," replied the foreigner, "but you have a good many titled sons-in-law to support over there."-Judge.

"There are some people who believe that the whole human race will be saved," said an old lady, "but for my part I hope for better things."

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