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Its Stunted Tree Forms and Its Petrified Forests.

In places in the Colorado desert are stream beds where perhaps once in several years heavy rains in distant mountains will cause water to flow for a short time. In these dry water courses several varieties of stunted tree forms are often found. The desert willow, which resembles the willow with which we are familiar, though smaller in size; the val verde, or green tree, a tree which is a bright green from trunk to tip of limb in every twig, and the ironwood, so dense in fiber that it turns an ax's edge, are the principal varieties. They are rarely above twenty feet high and, like all desert vegetation, have not a leaf.

They are apparently outcasts from the two great tree divisions, deciduous and citrus, for they have leaves neither to lose nor to keep. These may be called the living dogs of the tree family. We will find here also the

Not far from the mountain range we will come upon the remains of what were once extensive forests of gigantic trees, now turned to stone and lying as they fell centuries ago. The great trunks, perfect in grain, knot and bark fiber, cumber the ground in tangled confusion in those places which have been protected from the drifting sand, giving evidence that what is now a desert was once upon a time a tropical wilderness.—Travel Magazine.

Over Seventy-eight Miles an Hour Has Been Recorded.

Interesting facts about waves were given by Dr. Vaughan Cornish in one of his lectures. In the north Atlantic, he said, waves had been measured, the largest of which was somewhat more than forty feet high, with a length from crest to crest of 560 feet. It was in the southern Indian ocean that waves attained their fullest development, and they had been measured there with a length of 780 feet.

In the Atlantic it had been found that waves attained a speed of thirtyeight miles an hour in a wind of about forty-four miles an hour. Speaking of to eat only the things from which one the swells in the waves that run freely on the surface of the sea after the that one must eat in the way that wind has ceased, Dr. Cornish said that during a storm in December, 1898, he recorded breakers near Bournemouth which moved at sixty-seven miles an hour and had a length from crest to crest of 1.900 feet. In February, 1899, he observed breakers on the same shore which had a speed in deep water of not less than seventy-eight and a half miles an hour.-London Family

When Kissing Was Costly. The case of the people against line, heard by the governor of New Haven colony in council on May day, 1660, indicates the attitude toward unlicensed kissing in those times. It appeared that Jacob Murline and Sarah Tuttle had been caught kissing each found one of the most wonderful rivother. Jacob tried to throw the blame on Sarah, saying he thought she had "with intent let fall her gloves." Sarah denied the intent. Jacob then admitted that he "tooke her by the hand and they both sat down upon a chest, but whether he kyssed her or she kyssed him he knows not, for he never thought of it since until Mr. Raymond told him that he had not layde it to heart as he ought." The stern governor, after duly lecturing the guilty parties on the enormity of their offense, decreed that "the sentence therefore concerning them is that they shall pay either of them a fine of 20 shil-

lings to the colony."

Khartum owes its existence to an oriental form of treachery. When Khedive Mohammed Ali invaded the Sudan in 1820 he marched triumphantly to Shendi, where his troops were entertained at a banquet by the submissive natives. But while the khedive's high officials were seated at the feast they shared the fate of the viands and were themselves reduced to funeral baked meats. Full of fury, the army fell on Shendi and demolished it. Marching south, the invaders reached the junction of the Blue Nile and White Nile. With the conqueror's instinct they recognized that the strip of land, with its few fishermen's huts of straw, formed ideal strategical

Khartum.

Sudan organism. Doubling Up. A boy of eight years was asked by his teacher where the zenith was. He

headquarters, so Khartum finally grew

into the most sensitive part of the

replied. "That spot in the heavens directly over one's head." To test his knowledge further the teacher asked:

"Can two persons have the same zenith at the same time?"

"They can."

"If one stand on the other's head."

Taxing the Language.

Daughter—Mamma, can't I have a little money for shopping this morning? Mrs. Malaprop-No. dear; there's the taxes to pay, and I expect the taxidermist around any moment.-Boston Transcript.

The Value of Art.

De Friend-What is that picture intended to represent? De Artist --Board and lodging for six weeks.--Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Learning is ever in the freshness of its youth, even for the old .- Aeschylus.

Respond to Bive Eyes.
"Every little while physiologists come to the front with some advantage accruing to people who have blue eyes," said the city salesman. "Well, I discovered a point that they have never mentioned. A jeweler told me. He is manager of the jewelry department of a big store. I applied to him for a situation for my wife's cousin. "'What's the color of her eyes?' he

"'Brown,' I said. "'Bring her down and I will take a look at her,' he said, 'but I am afraid she won't do. People with a certain shade of blue eyes make the best jewelry salesmen. Many customers who buy jewelry want some one to try it on so they can get the effect of the stones when worn. There is something about deep blue eyes that brings out the best lights to most jewels. Take notice and you will find that twothirds of the jewelry salesmen in New York have blue eyes."-New York

Stingy Queen Bess.

Every one who ever aid anything for Queen Bess seems to have been left with a bad debt on his books. So we find an unfortunate John Conley writing to Sir Robert Cecil that for the last two years he had been suitor for £100 for "beeves for the army" and complaining that "unless some order be taken I shall be undone." Sir Edward Hastyngs, after spending his life in serving the queen, had to pawn his wife's jewels and beg her majesty "to bestow something upon me in this my latter age." So badly was the fee: that beat the armada provisioned that Francis Drake had to seize at Plyth outh ninety bags of rice, and the unfortunate owner, after ten years' waiting, was refused payment, "rice being an extraordinary victual not allowed for the navy." Nor did common soldiers fare better. The chief anxiety of all Elizabeth's ministers ought. in her view, to have been how to save most money .- London Telegraph.

Eating For the Love of It. Pawlow has given epicureanism in eating strong scientific support, and many of Horace Fletcher's ideas find orthodox justification. The first rule of dietetic conduct, according to Fletcher. is to eat only when one is hungry and anticipates enjoyment. He also teaches gives the greatest sensual pleasurethat is, by thorough chewing and tasting; also serenity of mind. pleasant surroundings at a meal, congenial friends, pleasurable conversation-in fact, everything that adds to enjoyment aids digestion. In other words, the process of digestion furnishes a beautiful illustration of the influence of mind upon matter. The inspiring stimulus is not mechanical, but psychic. The preliminary essential to the orderly assimilation of food is the keen desire for it.—McClure's Magazine.

A Paradoxical River. On the African shore, near the gulf of Aden and connecting the lake of Assal with the main ocean, may be ers in the world. This curiosity does not flow to but from the ocean toward inland. The surface of Lake Assal itself is nearly 700 feet below the mean tide, and it is fed by this paradoxical river, which is about twentytwo miles in length. It is highly probable that the whole basin which the lagoon partly fills was once an arm of the sea which became separated therefrom by the duning of loose sand, The inflowing river has a limited volume, being fullest, of course, at high tide, and has filled the basin to such an extent that evaporation and supply exactly balance each other.

His Maternal Grandma. A devoted father after a day's absence was met by his two little sons. "Have you been good boys?"

"Have you been good boys?" "No, papa: I called grandma a bad word." said five-year-old, turning scar-

"Is it possible? What did you cal! your grandma?"

"I called her a human being." The father, with a mighty effort, maintained his gravity and closed the scene decorously. "I must forgive you for once, but remember if you ever call your grandmother a human being again I shall have to spank you."

Stated a Fact. "Do you see the horizon yonder where the sky seems to meet the

earth?" "Yes, uncle." "Boy, I have journeyed so near there that I couldn't put a sixpence between my head and the sky."

"Oh. uncle. what a whopper." "It's a fact. my ind. I hadn't one to

put."-Pearson's Weekly.

An Unnecessary System. "You ought to have a burglar alarm system in your house," said the electrical supply agent. "so that you will be awakened if a burglar raises one of

the windows or opens a door at night." "No burglar can get in here while we are peacefully sleeping?' replied Mr. Newpop. "We are weaning our baby." -Chicago Record-Herald. Notable Exceptions.

Mrs. Bloobumper-Yes. everybody is always ready to give advice. Bloobumper-There are exceptions. "Are there?" "Yes; doctors and lawyers."

The lessons of life are lost if they do not impress us with the necessity of making ample allowances for the im mature conclusions of others.

The Fat Woman's Ring. The woman showed a fat finger in whose folds of flesh was imbedded a plain gold ring.

"How much will you let me have on "I can't tell until you take it off so I can weigh it," he said. She tugged at the ring. It wouldn't

come off. "Can't you get it off for me?" she

The pawnbroker threaded a needle needle and slipped it head first under the ring toward the hand. Then he wound the long end of the thread tightly and evenly around the finger almost to the pail. That done, he took the needle and unwound the thread from the base of the finger out. and as he unwound the ring slipped off. He weighed the ring.

"Two dollars," he said. "That won't do me any good," said the woman. "I can get \$3 any place

He returned the ring. "She didn't really want to pawn it," he said. "She just wanted somebody to take the ring off. A jeweler would have done it the same way, but he would have charged something."-New

Mythical Creatures of Japan.

York Sun.

The Japanese believe in more mythical creatures than any other people on the globe, civilized or savage. Among them are mythical animals without any remarkable peculiarities of conformation, but gifted with supernatural attributes, such as a tiger which is said to live to be a thousand years old and to turn as white as a polar bear. They also believe in a multitude of animals distinguished mainly by their size or by the multiplication of their members. Among these are serpents 800 feet long and large enough to swallow an elephant, foxes with eight legs, monkeys with four ears, fishes with ten heads attached to one body, the flesh of which is a cure for boils. They also believe in the existence of a crane which, after it has reached the age of 600 years, has no need of any sustenance except water.

Blamed the Last One.

A man who from all appearances had dined well, but not wisely, bought a ticket at the box office of a theater where a farce was being produced in German. The man settled comfortably back in his seat, smiling at the pretty stage setting and evidently prepared to enjoy an evening of pleasant diversion. After a time be began to look worried and leaned forward in his

"Strangest thing ever sperienced," he A few minutes later he left the thea-

brushed it aside. "Guess that last pointless "copperas."-London Chronwent to my head. Can't under- icle. stand a blamed thing them people a-sayin'. I'm goin' home to bed."-Philadelphia Times.

Extravagant Mourning.

Pepys' diary has this on the mourn ing customs of the time: On Sept. 22, 1660. when there was mourning for what is known as "St. Vitus' dance." "came one from my father's with a black cloth coat, made of my short cloak, to walk up and down in." The problem of mourning for men must those days, when ordinary masculine costume was less somber. On this occasion Pepys records seeing "the king dance again, to be again exhausted, in purple mourning for his brother." There is one mourning extravagance of the early eighteenth century which would scarcely commend itself-the soles of the shoes used to be blacked. -St. James' Gazette.

The Two Occasions.

At a Scotch temperance meeting an old man, scarcely celebrated for his sobriety, arose and after addressing the audience upon the desirability of moderation in all things, remarked: "My friends, there's just twa occa-

sions when I tak' whisky." There was a chorus of "Ahs!" in the audience, when he continued. "I only tak' whisky when I hae haggis for dinner, and the only other occasion when I tak' whisky is when I hae no baggis for dinner."

Suspicious.

It was down in the market district. "What this country needs is plenty of bone and sinew." said the tall one. "Yes, and plenty of grit and sand," echoed the short one. "By the way. what business are you in?"

"Oh, I'm a butcher. And you?" "Wb-er-1 distribute strawberries when they arrive from the southern markets."-Chicago News.

The Human Mind.

Slow in forming, swift in acting; slow in the making, swift in the working; slow in the summit, swift down the other slope. It is the way of nature and the way of the human mind. -Anthony Hope.

Precocious In Spots. Bobby-Do I have to go to school, mother? Mother-Of course, Bobby. Bobby-Why, mother, I heard you tell father last night that I knew entirely

too much.-Detroit Free Press.

The Unknown Great. "My tooth hurts like Sam Hill!" "Who the Dickens is Sam Hill?" "Well, who in Sam Hill is Dickens?" -Toledo Blade.

Be neither ignorant nor careless with respect to the future.-Vergil.

Saving Time or Time Tables. To most people, especially when they

are on the road, time is money, but time tables are not convertible into cash. In the pages of "Through Savthis ring?" she said to the pawnbroker. age Europe" Harry De Windt gives a curious and amusing experience on a Russian railway some years ago. The patience of the Russians is in marked contrast with the impatience of American travelers. All Russians have a rooted antipathy to fast railway travel, if one may judge from an incident with strong linen thread, soaped the which occurred some years ago when I was travelling across the Caucasus from Batoum to Baku. We had reached a tunnel, at the entrance of which the train waited for at least twenty minutes.

> "There is something wrong." I re marked to a fellow passenger. "Oh. no," he replied: "we are only making up the time. This tunnel was recently made to avoid a long bend round a range of hills, and as it now cuts off several miles a short delay is necessary so as to fit in with the sched-

uled time. "But surely we should save time by going on," I urged.

"Perhaps so." said my friend. "But then, you see, they would have to alter all the time tables."

Form of Divorce In Old Rome. In the earlier period of the Roman republic divorces were quite unknown and were rare right up to the time of the Sullan wars. In the old days the husband and wife who wished to separate appeared for the last time before the common bearth, a priest and priestess being present. As on the day of marriage, a cake of wheaten flour was presented to the husband and wife, but instead of sharing it between them they rejected it. Then, instead of prayers, they pronounced formulas of a strange, severe, spiteful character, by which the wife renounced the worship and gods of the husband. From that moment the religious bond was broken, and, the community of worship having ceased to exist, the marriage without further ado was forever dissolved .- New York American.

Floral Etymology.
"Primrose" is one of those words that have shown popular association to be stronger than etymology. It has no real connection with the rose, but is the old French "primerole" and. anyhow, means only the "prime" or first flower (more or less) of the year. Our language has insisted upon making "roses" of all sorts of flowers. We have the tuberose, which is only "tuberosa," tuberous, and the rosemary, which is "rosmarinus," dew of the sea. On the other hand the "rose" has been dropped readily enough in cases where popular fancy could not see the flower. The alchemists called ter. At the door the ticket taker of- green vitrioi "rose of copper." "cuprirosa." In French this became "coupe-"Nope; don't want it," he said as he rose," but English wore it down to the

The Dancing Mania. The "dancing mania" of the middle ages came on the heels of the great plague known as the "black death." It was some sort of nervous disease and is now supposed to have been King Charles' brother, the Duke of It began in the year 1374 at Aix-la-Gloucester, he "bought a pair of short Chapelle and spread all over Germany. black stockings to wear over a pair of the Netherlands and Italy. The dansilk ones for mourning." Next day cers formed circles hand in hand and appearing to have lost all reason, continued dancing, regardless of the bystanders, for hours together until in their wild delirium they fell to the have been greater than it is now in ground in sheer exhaustion. Panting and foaming at the mouth, they would suddenly spring up and begin the and so on until they died. The mania

> The Twelve Jurymen. A prisoner is tried by twelve of his fellow countrymen. This custom is a thousand years old, and we get it from the vikings. The vikings divided their country up into cantons, which were subdivided into twelve portions, each under a chieftain. When a malefactor was brought to justice it was usual for each chieftain to select a man from the district over which he ruled and compel him to try the prisoner, the verdict of these twelve men being declared by the judge to be final.

involved millions of people

Made Her Mad.

"I thought I overheard you and your wife quarreling a little while ago. What was the trouble?"

"She brought home a new hat, and after putting it on she turned to me and said she didn't believe it was be-

"Well?" "I agreed with her."-Chicago Record-Herald.

A One Sided Rule. Once when P. T. Barnum was taking tickets at the entrance of his circus a man asked him if he could go

in without paying. "You can pay without going in," said Barnum, "but you can't go in without paying. The rule doesn't work both ways."

Not by Exclusion. He-I had a hard time getting a

good wife. She-Goodness: Have you been mar ried several times? "Oh. no. But I courted my present one six years."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Usually the Way. Mamie-She is trying to keep her marriage a secret. Maud-How do you know? "She told me so."

To forgive a fault in another is more sublime than to be faultless oneself .-

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