

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.

They are apparently outcasts from the two great tree divisions, deciduous and citrus, for they have leaves neither to lose nor to keep.

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.

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 Atlantic it had been found that waves attained a speed of thirty-eight miles an hour in a wind of about forty-four miles an hour.

When Kissing Was Costly. The case of the people against Murline, heard by the governor of New Haven colony in council on May day, 1690, indicates the attitude toward unlicensed kissing in those times.

A Paradoxical River. On the African shore, near the gulf of Aden and connecting the lake of Assal with the main ocean, may be found one of the most wonderful rivers in the world.

His Maternal Grandma. A devoted father after a day's absence was met by his two little sons.

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

An Unnecessary System. "You ought to have a burglar alarm system in your house," said the electrical supply agent.

Notable Exceptions. Mrs. Bloombumper—Yes, everybody is always ready to give advice.

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 Blue Eyes.

"Every little while physiologists come to the front with some advantage accruing to people who have blue eyes," said the city salesman.

"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.

Stingy Queen Bess. Every one who ever did anything for Queen Bess seems to have been left with a bad debt on his books.

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.

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.

Extravagant Mourning. Peppy's diary has this on the mourning customs of the time: On Sept. 22, 1660, when there was mourning for King Charles' brother, the Duke of Gloucester.

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:

Suspicious. It was down in the market district. "What this country needs is plenty of bone and sinew," said the tall one.

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.

Preocious in Spots. Bobby—Do I have to go to school, mother? Mother—Of course, Bobby.

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.

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 this ring?" she said to the pawnbroker. "I can't tell until you take it off so I can weigh it," he said.

"Can't you get it off for me?" she asked. The pawnbroker threaded a needle with strong linen thread, soaped the needle and slipped it head first under the ring toward the hand.

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

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 York Sun.

Mythical Creatures of Japan. The Japanese believe in more mythical creatures than any other people on the globe, civilized or savage.

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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.

"There is something wrong," I remarked 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 scheduled 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."

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