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A Picture That Jarred the Nerves of French Art Patron.

M. Durand, a French picture buyer of a century ago, had little wisdom as a critic, and his ambition, compounded equally of childlike vanity and genuine benevolence, was to figure as a patron of youthful genius.

One of the earliest commissions h bestowed was upon a young artist who selected for his subject a scene of classic mythology, in which the assembled gods were depicted upon Mount Olympus. When it was finished M. Durand was invited to the studio to inspect it. His face clouded as he gazed

"Young man," be declared, "you have not treated me fairly. It is true I do not pretend to know everything about art, but I am not a fool, and I know that gods and goddesses should be no less noble than kings and queens. These people of yours are not even aristocrats! Madame, my wife, does not pretend to be a fine lady, yet when I put my two hands around her waist it is by an inch only that they fail to meet, and as for Juliettte, my daughter, she is as siender as a needle. Look now at that big, clumsy woman in a loose gown who you say is queen among the gods! She has no figure at all. She is all the way down the same. Pouf! Call ber a lady and a goddessshe who is without stays and without waist! Mme, and Mile. Durand would make a mock of her. your Juno! Pouf! She is a peasant, a pillow, a pig!"

Nevertheless he was convinced by infinitely tactful explanations that the wasp waist was unknown in classic antiquity, even to goddesses. It was with proud complacence that he finally accepted the picture and the knowledge that the sovereign lady of Mount Olympus had never attained the heroic compression achieved by Mme. and Mile. Durand.

A GEOLOGIC PHENOMENON.

Raised Beaches and Caves of the Island of Arran.

The island of Arran is one of those places on the west of Scotland where the geologic phenomenon known as a "raised beach" is very apparent. All along the coast there are evidences that the land has been considerably elevated at some period of the world's history. One of these proofs is the presence of caves of various sizes formed by the action of the waves in the past, but which are now well above the present high water mark. The farmers use some of the larger | decided a number of years ago to decaves as shelters for sheep in stormy

In a remote corner of the island one of these caves has been converted into and indestructible. For this pu a human habitation, where a family of several persons dwell in absolute seclusion. Their occupation is the gathering of whelks, an employment which is said to afford but a precarious livelihood. As the gathering of the shellfish can only be done at low water and as the fishers have no boat or other occupation, they have ample leisure to enjoy the pure air and bask in the sun-

Except for the drip from the face of the high rocks above, which is skillfully diverted, the cave is absolutely dry. The interior is shaped like a tristand upright and move about inside. Besides the beds and cooking utensils, the cave contains many articles of vahomelike appearance. The apology for entrance, through which the smoke finds its way outside. - Wide World Magazine.

Obituary Gems.

When John Sherman of New Haven, preacher, mathematician, almanac maker and father of twenty-six children, heard of the death of his good friend Jonathan Mitchell, a Harvard pastor, he explaimed (after due thought and many poetic pangs):

Here lies the darling of his time. Mitchell expired in his prime, Who four years short of forty-seven Was found full ripe and plucked for.

When Thomas Dudley, father of the first American poetess, Anne Bradstreet, came to his deathbed, says the South Atlantic Quarterly, he showed where his daughter had received ber surprising gift by composing such fare

well lines as: Dim eyes, deaf ears, cold stemach shew My dissolution is to view. Eleven times seven near lived have i. And now God calls I willing die.

Got it Exact.

"Why is it that the butcher always sends me more meat than I order, never by any chance less?" complained a young housekeeper to her husband. "Let me give him an order," said he,

and, stepping to the telephone, he called up the market. "Send me two pounds of porter house," he ordered, "and, say, if you

can't cut two pounds make it a pound and a half." He got the two pounds by the next

delivery .- New York Sun.

A Fearsome Order. She-Dear me, I hope the man at the next table is not a fighter, but his order sounds like it! He-What was it? She-He told the waiter to bring him a club sandwich and something to drink with a stick in it.-Baltimore American.

plied, "If I had all the work in the

True. An Irishman on applying for relief and being told to work for a living re-

world I couldn't do it."

KILLING THE UMPIRE.

Essential Part of the Great

Game of Baseball. According to bleacher law, there are three particularly justifiable motives for doing away with umpires. An umpire may be killed-first, if he sees it to adhere to the rules and make a decision against the home team at a close point in the game; second, an umpire may be killed if he sends a member of the home team to the bench when the player in question has done absolutely nothing but call the umpire names and attempt to bite his ear off (an umpire has no business to be touchy); third (and this is a perfect defense against the charge of murder), an umpire may be killed if be calls any batter on the home team out on strikes when the player has not even struck at the balls pitched. That the balis go straight over the plate has nothing to do with the case.

There is ample proof at hand to show that killing the umpire is a distinctively American sport. Other countries have tried baseball, but they have not tried killing the umpire. That is probably the reason why they have not waxed enthusiastic over baseball, for baseball without umpire killing is like football without girls in the grand stand. It simply can't be done That foreign countries know nothing about our king of outdoor sports was indicated forcibly when in the fall of 1909 the Detroit team made a trip to Cuba under the management of Outfielder McIntyre. In the entire series of twelve games with the Havana and Almendares nines not one single objection was made by either the Cuban players or the silent Cuban spectators to a decision of the umpires. The Americans did not know what to think of it-until they counted up the gate receipts at the end of the series. Then they realized that in their own country it is the delight in killing the umpire rather than the pleasure in watching the game that draws the tremendous crowds through the turnstiles. - George Jean Nathan in Harper's Weekly.

MEASURES OF LENGTH.

Light Waves and the Wonderfully Ac-

curate Interferometer. the bureau of weights and measares at Sevres, France, the standard meter of metal, which is the standard length of the world, is kept carefully in an underground vault and is inspected only at long intervals. In Great Britain similar care is exercised in guarding the standard yard measurement. As it was possible for these metal standards to be destroyed or damaged in the course of time, it was termine the exact length of the standards in wave lengths of light, which would be a basis of value unalterable the instrument known as the interferometer was invented. This instrument represented the highest order of workmanship and the greatest skill of the best opticians of the world. A series of refracting plates were made, the surfaces of which were flat within one-twentieth of a wave length of light, with sides parallel within one second, representing the utmost refinement of optical surfaces ever attempted.

With the interferometer perfected, the attempt was made to make the angle, the floor forming the base. Save wave length of some definite light an at the sides there is ample room to actual and practical standard of length. For over a year scientists worked to secure this result, and experiments finally showed that there were 1,553,rious kinds, giving the interior quite a 1641/2 wave lengths of red cadmium light in the French standard meter at a fireplace is some way back from the 15 degrees centigrade. So great is the accuracy of these experiments that they can be repeated within one part in two millions. So inconceivably small is such a possibility of error that should the material standard of length be damaged or destroyed the standard wave length of light would remain unaltered as a basis from which an exact duplicate of the original standard could be made.-Chicago Record-Her-

The Elizabethan era gave vogue to the button and buttonhole, two inventions which may fairly be regarded as important, since they did much to revolutionize dress. The original button was wholly a product of needlework, which was soon improved by the use of a wooden mold. The brass button is said to have been introduced by a Birmingham merchant in 1680. It took 200 years to improve on the method of sewing the cloth upon the covered button. Then an ingenious Dane hit upon the idea of making the button in two parts and clamping them together with the cloth between

Dissatisfied.

The haughty looking woman upo whose features the dermatologist had been working for more than two hours sneered when she glanced in the mirror. "I certainly thought you knew your business," she snapped. "but you have not even given me fair treat-

The man shrugged his shoulders. "If you had wanted fair treatment you should have been more explicit," he retorted. "I thought from what you told me that you wanted brunette.' Chicago News.

Brave as a Boy. Weigler-I see that Gausler has been given a medal for bravery. Matchleyette-Well, he probably deserved it. He always was brave. I remember when he was a boy that he was the only one in the neighborhood who would go to his mother when she beckoned with one hand and held the other behind her back.-Chicago News. Two Dimensional Vision.

Most people do not know that they both eyes in one plane instead of having them one on each side of the head. If the latter obtained no one could tell that an object had more than two dimensions until experience and the sense of touch educated the brain to it. Any one can try it for himself. Shut one eye and look at different objects. They appear flat. With binocular vision two views of each object are obtained and neither is exactly like the other, so the idea of depth comes in.

The most easily shown example of the difference is as follows: Take a ring and hold it about two feet from the eye. With one eye closed it will take at least five trials to thrust a pencil through the ring, whereas with both eyes open it can be done on the first trial.

All animals with eyes on opposite sides of the head labor under this disadvantage, as do all insects. It is called two dimensional vision, as the idea of depth is not possible. All this is on account of the image thrown on the retina of the eye being in only two dimensions,-Philadelphia Press.

Woodcarvers of Burma.

The woodcarvers of Burma are the most skilled in the world. They select and cut the best logs along the Irawaddy river in the dry season, and these are thrown into the shrunken stream. There they lie until the fresh ets of the rainy season lift them and bear them down to the populous cities below.

Then huge elephants are employed to drag the heavy logs frem the stream and take them to the sawmills. They are then worked up into timbers suitable for the woodcarvers. The carvers use the figure of Buddha or some other emblem concerning the Buddhistic worship in the greater part. The details are worked out in a

Sterns of boats are carved in an elaborate manner, and some of them would be worth a fortune in this country. The prow of the boat is usually ornamented with a figurehead of very elaborate carving. The art of wood-

carving is handed down in the families in Burma, the children being ought to be very thankful for having taught by their fathers. - Wichita

Trial of a Dead Man. Mr. Christopher Hare's book on "Charles de Bourbon, High Constable of France." mentions the strange trial which succeeded the close of that turbulent career. He had died in conquering Rome, which his leaderless soldiers straightway sacked. For this crime it was necessary to find a scapegoat, so "on July 26, 1527, in the presence of King Francois I., on his seat of justice, assisted by the peers of France and the assembled chambers, Jean de Surie, first usber of the court, called Charles de Bourbon three times -at the bar of the parliament, at the marble table and at the marble steps -and then reported that the said De Bourbon had not appeared. The sentence was drawn up, then solemnly read out: 'The connetable de France. dead, was condemned, his goods returned to the crown, and the door of his palace by the Louvre was painted lines of the falling rain .- St. Nicholas.

A Realistic Picture.

A still life by Jan van Huysen in the museum at The Hague was injured, but it is believed that the perpetrator was neither vandal nor thief. The picture represents a basket of fruit on which a number of insects have gathered. On a pale yellow apple, which is the centerpiece in the cluster of fruit, is a large fly, painted so true to nature, so say the officials of the gallery, that the canvas was injured by some one who endeavored to "shoo" it and brought his cane or hand too close to the canvas. "A tribute to the painter's genius," says the letter recording the fact, "for which the work had to suffer."

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