

LIFE OF THE SUN.

Old Sol's Heat Will Warm the Earth For Millions of Years.

The reason why the sun retains its heat in spite of the quantity that it gives out is explained by the fact that heat is generated by the fall of particles toward its center.

According to estimates made, 30,000 years will pass before the solar radius diminishes enough to produce an effect appreciable by the most delicate instruments.

Radium, which emits heat spontaneously and without cessation, is present in the sun. One gram of radium frees enough heat in one hour to raise a grain of water from the temperature of ice to the temperature of boiling water.

SUNFLOWERS.

Their Pith Makes Fine Interlining For Battleship Armor.

The most remarkable use to which the sunflower has been put is in the construction of battleships. The stalk of the plant is very pithy, and even when compressed into blocks this pith is capable of absorbing a tremendous quantity of water.

Another little known use of the sunflower is in the manufacture of cigars. There is not a part of the plant that is without commercial value.

When the Immortals Nodded.

The French papers have made much of a slip by M. Emile Faguet in his oration before the academy. The academicians rendered to Caesar more than was Caesar's, for he gave the "fighter and writer" credit for a line which belongs to Cato.

What Gold Beaters Can Do.

Gold beaters by hammering can reduce gold leaves so thin that 282,000 must be laid upon each other to produce the thickness of an inch, yet each leaf is so perfect and free from holes that one of them laid upon any surface, as in gilding, gives the appearance of solid gold.

The Wrong Market.

Mrs. Newlywed—Have you any nice slumps this morning? Butcher—Slumps? What are they? Mrs. Newlywed—Indeed, I don't know, but my husband is always talking about a slump in the market, and I thought I should like to try some.—Philadelphia Record.

Plenty.

Wife—But we shall not begin our married life with a secret, shall we, dearest? "No, darling," he murmured: "there's plenty of time."

Worse Luck.

Fatigued Philip—Did the lady t'row bollin' water on y. 1807? Wandering Walter—Worse'n dat, Phil, worse'n dat. It was soapuds.—Toledo Blade.

BRUIN'S BANQUET.

It Was Long Drawn Out and Only Whetted His Appetite.

THE FINISH WAS EXCITING.

After the Pork Course Gave Out a Dessert of Cold Lead Ended the Feast, and the Unwilling Host Vowed Never Again to Fool With a Bear.

A teamster in the employ of one of the big tanneries in the west had a laughable yet trying adventure with a bear while on his way from the woods with a load of bark.

The teamster laughed and tossed out a second piece, which Bruin devoured, and then he posed again. But the teamster wanted the rest of his dinner himself and paid no attention to the shaggy intruder.

The bear ventured near and finally climbed up the load of bark at the hind end of the wagon. The man was unpleasantly surprised at this movement of Bruin's, as he was wholly unarmed.

The teamster started the mules onward, but knew that he could not hope to escape with his heavy load of bark. An idea struck him. He would coax the bear on by feeding the lunch to him until they should come to a friend's house a mile or two along the road.

The teamster sat on the bark, facing backward, his big dinner bucket at hand. When the bear came up with the wagon and threatened to climb upon the load the teamster tossed out a piece of pork.

The next slice fell butter side down, and the bear ignored it. Boiled eggs and cheese fared the same. Bruin wanted pork. The teamster dealt this out in small bits, which failed to satisfy, and the bear was growing ugly and aggressive.

At length the teamster saw his friend at work in a field and called to him to run for his gun. The man seemed to realize the state of the case and set off on a dead run for his house, a quarter of a mile distant. But the supply of pork was out before he returned, and the poor teamster was in a sorry plight.

The bear climbed upon the load. The teamster tossed him the last piece of pork and then jumped from his wagon and tore down the road. Bruin, probably thinking that the teamster was fleeing with a stock of coveted pork, started after him.

The friend had come at last. The teamster rose and looked round. There lay his late pursuer in the road, dead. The teamster declared that never again would he fool with a bear.—Harper's Weekly.

They Bumped.

A true happening which has been made the subject of a cartoon occurred at a fashionable golf club near London. A young man interested in golf solely for the sake of the social atmosphere one day decided to play a round. So he sauntered leisurely down to the caddy house, where he met a certain peppery lord.

Tongue Could Tell.

"Last night, George, you told me you loved me more than tongue could tell, and, oh, George, that wasn't true!" "Why, darling, what do you mean?" "I mean that it wasn't more than my little brother's tongue could tell. He heard it all!"

All patterns are sure to be followed more than good rules.—Locke.

Thackeray's Mistakes. Thackeray probably wrote the prettiest and most legible hand of any distinguished author. But the master of the easiest and most flexible style in English fiction occasionally made careless and irritating slips.

The Fruit Cuckoo. The Indian fruit cuckoo, which, like all members of the cuckoo family, lays its eggs in the nests of other birds and thus avoids the trouble of hatching them, is said to exhibit a great deal of strategy in dealing with crows, its natural enemies.

self on a perch near a crow's nest and sets up a great racket. The crows immediately rush out to attack him, and he takes to flight with them in pursuit. The hen meanwhile slips into the nest and deposits an egg. Sometimes the crows return before the egg is laid, and then the intruder gets a trouncing.

A Link With Primitive Times. All ceremonial maces at court, in parliament, of learned societies and municipal bodies, field marshals' batons, gold and silver sticks, etc., are descended from the heavy fighting sticks and clubs of primitive savages. The chiefs always had the best carved clubs, which were the symbols of prowess and authority.

Also the Whale. A Kansas fisherman declares that a catfish will pur like a tomcat when it is stroked the right way. Did he ever try stroking a German carp and hearing it sing "Ill le, hi lo?"—Kansas City Star. And did he ever stroke a whale and hear it spout?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Every man has a fair turn to be as great as he pleases.—Collier.

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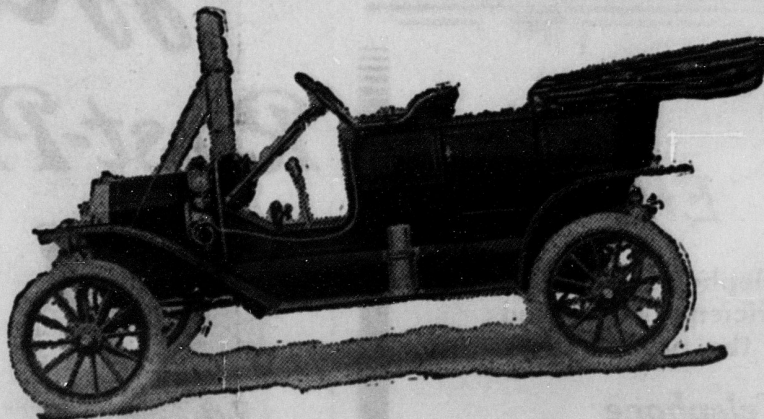
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